

THE CLASS OF 2024

# WHITE COAT CEREMONY

DREXEL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

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In the tradition of Woman's Medical College of  
Pennsylvania and Hahnemann Medical College

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*History of*

# THE WHITE COAT CEREMONY

The White Coat Ceremony was established in 1993 by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University. It was designed to encourage a renewed focus on compassion among future generations of physicians.

Wearing their white “cloaks of compassion,” entering students take the Declaration of Geneva’s Physician’s Pledge, the contemporary successor to the 2500-year old Hippocratic Oath, for the first time in the presence of family, friends, faculty, board members, administrators and alumni affirming their commitment to the professional duties of physicians and the ethical principles of the medical profession they have now joined. Taking the Pledge at the beginning of their education makes the students aware of their responsibility from the very first day of their training, not just to ‘take care’ of their patients but to ‘care’ for them.

## *Program*

### OPENING REMARKS

Valerie Weber, MD

Deborah J. Tuttle, MD and John P. Piper, MD  
Senior Vice Dean for Educational and Academic Affairs  
Professor of Medicine

### WELCOME FROM THE DEAN

Charles B. Cairns, MD

Walter H. and Leonore Annenberg Dean, College of Medicine  
Senior Vice President for Medical Affairs  
Professor of Emergency Medicine

### WELCOME FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Claudia S. Plottel, MD, MCP '84  
President, Alumni Association

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Steven Rosenzweig, MD

Director, Office of Community Engagement  
Professor of Emergency Medicine

### ROLL CALL OF THE CLASS 2024

Pamela Duke, MD

Professor of Medicine  
Associate Director of Clinical Skills & Professionalism

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Vice Chair for Medical Education  
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Caitlin A. Howe, PhD

Assistant Professor of Neurobiology and Anatomy

Adrienne Willard, MD

Associate Professor of Medicine

### ADMINISTRATION OF THE PHYSICIAN’S PLEDGE

Amy C. Fuchs, MD

Senior Associate Dean for Student Affairs  
Associate Professor of Medicine

### CLOSING REMARKS

Charles B. Cairns, MD

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## THE PHYSICIAN'S PLEDGE

*AS A MEMBER OF THE MEDICAL PROFESSION:*

*I SOLEMNLY PLEDGE to dedicate my life to the service of humanity;*

*THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF MY PATIENT will be my first consideration;*

*I WILL RESPECT the autonomy and dignity of my patient;*

*I WILL MAINTAIN the utmost respect for human life;*

*I WILL NOT PERMIT considerations of age, disease or disability, creed, ethnic origin, gender, nationality, political affiliation, race, sexual orientation, social standing, or any other factor to intervene between my duty and my patient;*

*I WILL RESPECT the secrets that are confided in me, even after the patient has died;*

*I WILL PRACTICE my profession with conscience and dignity and in accordance with good medical practice;*

*I WILL FOSTER the honor and noble traditions of the medical profession;*

*I WILL GIVE to my teachers, colleagues, and students the respect and gratitude that is their due;*

*I WILL SHARE my medical knowledge for the benefit of the patient and the advancement of healthcare;*

*I WILL ATTEND TO my own health, well-being, and abilities in order to provide care of the highest standard;*

*I WILL NOT USE my medical knowledge to violate human rights and civil liberties, even under threat;*

*I MAKE THESE PROMISES solemnly, freely, and upon my honor.*

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## History of Drexel University College of Medicine

Drexel University College of Medicine represents the legacies of two historic medical schools: Hahnemann Medical College and the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania. As their proud successor, the College of Medicine upholds enduring values: commitment to educational opportunity; excellence in basic science and clinical preparation; dedicated mentorship; and the innovative spirit of revolutionary institutions.

Hahnemann was established as the Homeopathic Medical College of Pennsylvania in 1848, to provide standardized training in the emerging system of medicine called homeopathy, linked to a foundation in orthodox medical science and practice. It was renamed Hahnemann Medical College in honor of Samuel Hahnemann, the founder of homeopathic medicine. The school welcomed students of all backgrounds. By the late 1920s, the homeopathic focus was gone, but the attention to excellent student preparation lived on. Hahnemann became a nationally known academic medical center and a leading provider of subspecialty care, particularly for cardiovascular disease.

The Woman's Medical College, the first medical school in the world for women, was founded in 1850 as the Female Medical College of Pennsylvania. Providing educational opportunity to a diverse cohort of women was its hallmark. Woman's Med trained physicians who practiced all over the world, creating a corps of impressive female clinicians and scientists to serve as faculty and leaders in medicine. After 120 years, the school became co-educational in 1970 under the name Medical College of Pennsylvania, or MCP. MCP won renown for educational innovation and research, including in women's health, and continued to advance the standing of women scientists and physicians.

Our legacy schools were brought together by Allegheny Health, Education and Research Foundation, based in Pittsburgh, which acquired first MCP and then Hahnemann University, as well as their hospitals. The two medical colleges were combined and in 1996 took the new name Allegheny University of the Health Sciences. When Tenet Healthcare Corporation acquired the hospitals in 1998, a nonprofit – MCP Hahnemann University – was created to take over the merged medical schools.

Drexel University, a historic institution in its own right, assumed management of this new academic entity. The medical school became Drexel University College of Medicine in 2002.

Like MCP and Hahnemann, Drexel University had its roots in the provision of opportunity. Financier Anthony J. Drexel founded the Drexel Institute of Art, Science and Industry in 1891 to offer practical education to men and women without regard to socioeconomic status, race or religion. The institute evolved into a university known for excellence in engineering and technology and for its cooperative education program – one of the first of its kind and among the most highly regarded in the nation. With the addition of schools of medicine, nursing and public health, Drexel entered the ranks of the top 100 research universities in the country.

In the medical school, exponential growth in the doctoral, master's and professional programs led to the creation in 2013 of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and Professional Studies within the College of Medicine.

As a leading college in a vibrant urban university, our medical school benefits from and enhances Drexel's place on the national, and increasingly international, stage with a heritage of innovation, inclusiveness and excellence that goes back more than 165 years.



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