

The Class of 2030
**WHITE COAT
CEREMONY**

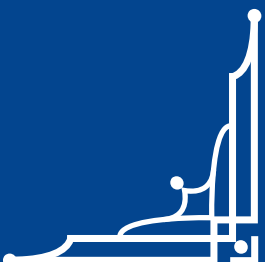
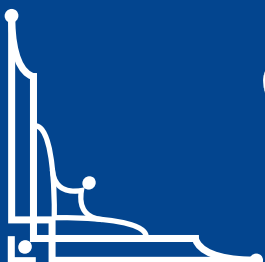
Drexel University College of Medicine



AUGUST 7, 2026



DREXEL UNIVERSITY
College of
Medicine



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, also known as the Physician’s Pledge, the contemporary successor to the 2,500-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 more 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

NATIONAL ANTHEM

OPENING REMARKS

Charles B. Cairns, MD

Walter H. and Leonore Annenberg Dean, College of Medicine

Senior Vice President of Medical Affairs and

Senior Vice President, Drexel Health Operations, Drexel University

Professor of Medicine and Emergency Medicine

Leon McCrea II, MD, MPH

Deborah J. Tuttle, MD and John P. Piper, MD Vice Dean for Educational Affairs

Associate Professor of Family, Community and Preventive Medicine

WELCOME FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Quin Liu, MD '04

President, Alumni Association

MUSICAL WELCOME FROM DOCTOR'S NOTE

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Brian R. Kane, MD

Division Chief of Family Medicine, Tower Health

Assistant Professor of Family, Community and Preventive Medicine

ROLL CALL OF THE CLASS OF 2030

Homaira Azim, MD, PhD

Associate Professor of

Neurobiology & Anatomy

Meera Harhay, MD

Professor of Medicine

Ernest Leber, MD

Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine

Esther Chernak, MD, MPH

Professor of Medicine

Brian Murphy, PhD

Professor of Pharmacology & Physiology

Haviva Goldman, PhD

Professor of Neurobiology & Anatomy

ADMINISTRATION OF THE PHYSICIAN'S PLEDGE

Steven Rosenzweig, MD

Director, Office of Engaged Humanities and Health Advocacy

Professor of Emergency Medicine

CLOSING REMARKS

Charles B. Cairns, MD

Drexel University College of Medicine

Evelyn Abraham	Sofia Tanvir Chodri	Judah D. Grant
Yousef Abu-Saymeh	Michael Choe	Sydney N. Gregg
Hanyeh Afshar	Karina Choi	Kathryn Gruber
Raiyan Ahmed	Jackson Tyler Church	Emily Guerra
Zoya Ahmed	Anthony Ciano Marques	Sonal Gullapalli
Ahmad R. Al Zubaidi	Christine Brown Cooke	Aman Gupta
Jean Paul Aoun	Isabella Cortes	Navya Gupta
Alexa Danyelle Aquino	Natalie Coury	Kiley Haberkorn
Cara Baboyan	Brandon S. Cox	Kevin J. Halim
Seungkuk John Baek	Hannah Beth Cuvellier	Elissa Madeline Hall
Amneet Singh Bagga	Hiba Dadabhoy	Rania Hammami
Hana Bagheri	Mary Catherine Davidson	Dhruv D. Hardikar
Emily Baghrmian	Kireeti Devarakonda	Malini Harinath
Charlotte C. Baker	Shanmayee Devarapalli	Isabela A. Haskell
Anjali Bandi	Larkin Dhillon-Richardson	Rami Hassan Hemadeh
Giulia M. Barbella	Hyun Sung Do	Marcus Herceg
Antonio Mark Barinaga	Melinda T. Don	DeMarcus J. Hill
Ana Barreira	Kai Jin Doran	Moirra Hilton
Victoria Berbano	Jay Doshi	Aiden Hoffman
Anisha Bhandari	Pranavi Dulam	William Francis Honaman
Karan Bhullar	Adam Elkadi	Erin Hong
Olivia Katherine Bigham	Rafef Elsaid	Tina Yi-Ting Huang
Yesha Biney	Kimberly M. Espinoza	Anwar Fadi Hussein Agha
Goniola Bode	Nauroz Farhan	Alex Iacovelli
Michelle Irene Bojalad	Sonya Wang Feng	Camille Morgan Ianno
Rithraj S. Bondili	Britney Swirri Fonmedig	Faraz Idrees
Samantha J. Borenstein	Emily Karan Forand	Ifeoma Chiamaka Iloka
Sarah Ngoc-Tram Bui	Neil Gade	Maryam Ismail
Alexis N. Cacace	Abhishek Ganga	Joseph N. Jabbour
Cindy Y. Chang	William Garvin	Siddhartha Jaggi
Frederick Hyunbin Chang	Anushka Gattu	Ridhima Jain
Rachel Jansey Chau	Makayla Diane George	Vishista Jain
Emily L. Che	Julie S. Gokhale	Shivani Shobhana Ashish
Claire Chen	Julien Goldstick	Jajoo
Kyra J. Chen	Carl Isaiah Siron Gonzales	Sarah Janney
Zachary K. Cheung	Galina Gordon	Anya Jayanthi
Ellia Chiang	Shreeya Gounder	Brianna G. Jean-Baptiste

Class of 2030

Melissa B. Jennings	Elijah Liu	Rohin Van Nguyen
Jasmin Jerry	Samantha Loan	Michaela Niceforo
Kelsey L. Jian	Justin P. Lofaso	Krysta Nichols
Blessed Jimoh	Alessandra Marie Loffredo	Sreenidhi Nidamanur
Derek Johnson	Annie W. Lu	Luke Daniel Nolan
Akhilesh Jonnalagadda	Titan Lytle	Ugochukwu Okolie
Rachel Jordan	Monica Madya	Modesola Shekina Olaniyi
Alissa Kalyan	Sara Gabrielle Mahdi	Carissa Noelle Owens
Barbara Kania	Amjot Kaur Malhi	Kurtay Ozuner
Jay Kannan	Esa Rhee Malik	Aayush Pagaria
Hersh Fieldstone Kanner	Kyla Manja	Suleiman Ahmed Panja
Akemi Karamitsos	Simrat Mann	Saima Pasha
Daniel C. Kass	Manik V. Masanam	Sohil Patankar
Navleen Kaur	Christopher Masiello	Aashna Patel
Ariel J. Kaylovov	Erin M. McKay	Adarsh Patel
Dallin Kelly	Alice McTavish	Eeshani Patel
Alisha Tariq Khan	Olivia K. Meader Yetter	Harni Patel
Talia Kidder	Elizabeth J. Mealiea	Krish Patel
Nathan Kim	Aastha Mehta	Nishi Patel
Puroom J. Kim	Vartan Mikayelyan	Parth Patel
Elizabeth Renee Korn	Kathleen Mina	Vanshika Patel
Anika Kumar	Sasha L. Mochocki	Virali Patel
Baradhi Kumar	Samhita Irani Modak	Brielle A. Pennente-Fantauzzi
Neelesh Kumar	Obaid Al-Rehman Mohsin	Logan Perri
Kaiser Kurexi	Alisha Zahraa Mokhal	Gentian Pervana
Rachel Sophia Kwan	Simone B. Monteiro	Aneeka Phadnis
Alexandra Kyriakakis	Zoe Moon	Nhi H. Pham
Ryan Lam	Zoë Moreland	Jhané Phanor
Victoria Lam	Scott Morford	Noah A. Pogonitz
Muna Latipova	Patri-ca N. Morgan	Srihari Prabu
Jeannie Victoria Lee	Viola Mrruku	Nikita Prasad
Skylar Lewis	Emily H. Mun	Morgan T. Puglisi
Maria Carmela Leyba	Joanna Vanessa Muñoz	Milind Pulugurra
George Li	Iqura Naheed	Jaden Samari Queen
Kameron Liberman	Meghana Nair	Tasneem Qurashi
Alexandra Lin	Taylor Newville	Priya Maria Rai
Kuan Lin	Anton Nam Nguyen	

Drexel University College of Medicine

Anna Sandhana Ramesh	Nora L. Shepherd	Kaitlyn Elizabeth Wakefield
Priya Rana	Nelson Shi	Andrew L. Wang
Adeshpartap Randhawa	Shannon Shih	Dean D. Wang
Tejis Partha Ranganath	Jacob Shukan	Skylar Wang
Dharani Rathore	Morgan Taylor Sinkfield	Jaela Elizabeth West-Lewis
Sahana Ravishankar	Aditi Sirsikar	Finn W. Whatmore
Rebecca Real	Ryan Smith	Faith M. Wong
Ashmita T. Reddy	Carolyn Soltani	Abhiram Yadlapalli
Norah Elizabeth Mary Reedy	Adam H. Spooner	Benjamin Yarovinsky
Sanjita Rishikesan	Srikar R. Srinivasan	Elisabeth Ashlyne Yeuteuh
Alex Roach	Rebecca R. Starr	Michelle Yung
Abaan Singh Saini	Abby Stephens	Mennal Zafar
Nishanth Sajja	McKenna Ellen Stettler	Brian Zhou
Mihir Sanad	Michael Strauss	Maria H. Zhu
Riya Sanampudi	Maira Suleman	Patrick Zhu
Maya Sanghrajka	Alexandra Noel Sumner	
Ajay Daniel Santiago	Sybaljan Tahirova	
Thomas Villanueva Sauer	Param Thakkar	
Derek Saxman	Harrison Theriault	
Lauren Schleiter	Shelby Elizabeth Thompson	
Sam Schmidt	Sravani Thupili	
Thomas Robert Schmidt	Nicole Nu Ton	
Harrison D. Schwartz	Rosalind Y. Tran	
Gianna Maria Sciole	Ryan Truong	
Andrew Hideki Scott	Sweta Reddy Tummala	
Kamalini Sengupta	Mete Ugur	
Krithika Senthil	Jonah Unthank	
Alexander D. Serper	Hannah G. Van Blarcom	
Ethan Shah	Bianca E. Vazquez	
Manali Shah	Kyle Veksler	
Jaazil A. Shamsi	Julia Marie Viega	
Tejal Sasha Shanker	Jaime Luis E. Villa	
Anjalee Sharma	Emma Michelle Volokhonsky	
Mansi Sharma	Jessica M. Voss	
Nitish Sharma	Smriti Wagle	
Samuel Sharp		

Class of 2030 at time of printing

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.

History of Drexel University College of Medicine

In our third decade as Drexel University College of Medicine, we continue to celebrate its heritage as a college of opportunity, tracing our roots from two forebear institutions: Hahnemann Medical College and the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania. The College of Medicine proudly upholds enduring values: commitment to educational opportunity, excellence in basic science and clinical preparation, dedicated mentorship and upholding the innovative spirit of visionary 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. 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.

Woman's Medical College, the first degree-granting medical school in the world for women, was founded in 1850. Providing educational opportunity to a diverse cohort of women was its hallmark. Woman's Med trained physicians who practiced all over the globe, 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.

Our legacy schools were brought together by Allegheny Health, Education and Research Foundation, based in Pittsburgh. 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, itself an historic institution, assumed management of this new academic entity. The medical school became Drexel University College of Medicine in 2002.

Like MCP and Hahnemann, Drexel University has 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.

In 2019, Hahnemann University Hospital was closed due to the bankruptcy of its owner, American Academic Health System (AAHS). In the wake of the closure, Drexel University and the College of Medicine developed plans for the continued clinical training of our medical students at other affiliated hospitals. St. Christopher's Hospital for Children was sold as part of the same AAHS bankruptcy. Drexel and Tower Health stepped in as co-owners of this storied pediatric hospital to continue its service to the families of northeast Philadelphia and beyond.

The collaboration between Drexel and Tower Health also took the form of an academic affiliation agreement, which resulted in the creation of the College of Medicine at Tower Health in West Reading, Pennsylvania. The four-year regional medical campus opened in 2021.

In summer 2023, the College of Medicine welcomed first- and second-year MD program students at the state-of-the-art Health Sciences Building in University City, near Drexel University's other colleges and schools.

The College of Medicine benefits from and enhances Drexel's place on the national stage with a heritage of innovation, inclusiveness and excellence that goes back more than 175 years.



DREXEL UNIVERSITY
College of
Medicine

Acknowledgements

The white coats and stethoscopes are provided through the generosity of alumni and friends who welcome each student with a note of congratulations.

A special thank you is extended to our leadership donors:

- Robert M. Abbott, MD, MCP '85, and Marian Amy Caplan, MD, HU '81
- Zachary S. Hoffer, MD '08
- Clifford A. Hudis, MD, MCP '83
- Ethan E. Payne, MD '12
- Raza M. Shah, MD '08
- Yolonda Hill Spooner, MD, MCP '97
- John J. Whyte, MD, HU '93

You can help celebrate and support our incoming first-year medical students by making a gift to the [White Coats and Stethoscopes Fund](#). Your generosity will help ensure this meaningful tradition continues for years to come!

MUSIC

Doctor's Note

Drexel University College of Medicine's A Cappella Group Singing
"Vienna" by Billy Joel

Performers:

- | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| • Amelia Shaddinger | • Simon Coroza |
| • Gabriela Godin | • Annie Minor |
| • Anna Tooke | • Ishana Sharma |
| • Ashley Nguyen | • Ayaan Memon |
| • Ishani Doddupla | • Victoria Phan |