

*The Class of 2029*  
**WHITE COAT  
CEREMONY**

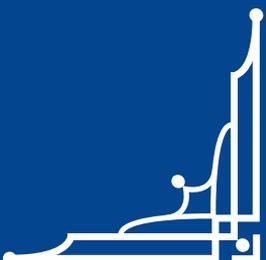
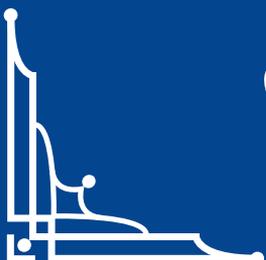
*Drexel University College of Medicine*



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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**

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## **WELCOME FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

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## **MUSICAL WELCOME FROM DOCTOR'S NOTE**

## **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

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## **CLOSING REMARKS**

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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.

# 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.



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## **MUSIC**

### **Doctor's Note**

Drexel University College of Medicine's A Cappella Group  
Singing "Unwritten" by Natasha Bedingfield

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