



The Class of 2028
**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

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 DEAN

Charles B. Cairns, MD

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WELCOME FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Meghan Berkenstock, MD '11

President, Alumni Association

MUSICAL WELCOME FROM DOCTOR'S NOTE

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Eugene P. York, MD

Clinical Professor of Medicine

ROLL CALL OF THE CLASS OF 2028

Hwyda A. Arafat, MD, PhD

Professor of Medicine

Dana Peterson, PhD, MA, MEd

Professor of Neurobiology and Anatomy

Linda M. Console-Bram, PhD, MS

*Associate Professor of
Pharmacology and Physiology*

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Caitlin A. Howe, PhD

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Neurobiology and Anatomy*

ADMINISTRATION OF THE PHYSICIAN'S PLEDGE

Steven Rosenzweig, MD

Professor of Emergency Medicine

CLOSING REMARKS

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Doctor's Note

Drexel University College of Medicine's A Cappella Group
Singing "Best Day of My Life" by American Authors

Performers: Immanuelle Azebe-Osime, Shrilakkshmi Babu, Taylor Carbine, Kathryn Chang, Sarah Dabre, Sophie Geagan, Joshua Heidenreich, Jason Kim, Bobby Kroma, Jacyn Lo and Joelle Park
Ceremonial music performed by Symphony in C

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.

The 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 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.

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.

