CLASS OF 2024

White Coat Ceremony

OCTOBER 2, 2020
1:00 PM
The Arnold P. Gold Foundation provides the gift of the Humanism in Medicine lapel pins to each medical student participating in the White Coat Ceremony.

The UVM Office of Primary Care provides each student with a keepsake copy of The Oath.

Larner College of Medicine alumni have written White Coat Notes, messages of encouragement for each medical student tucked in the pocket of each white coat.
For the last quarter-century, the White Coat Ceremony has been a ritual at U.S. medical schools, one that officially welcomes students into the medical profession and emphasizes the responsibility they carry as they don the traditional physician’s white coat. This year, in the midst of the most serious worldwide health crisis in a century, that responsibility carries over to the format of this ceremony, in which students and a small number of faculty and administrators gather in person, physically distanced, and family and friends join in remotely.

**White Coat Ceremony**

WELCOME
Christa H. Zehle, M.D.’99
Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education
Associate Professor of Pediatrics

REMARKS
Richard L. Page, M.D.
Dean, Larner College of Medicine
Professor of Medicine

John Brumsted, M.D.
President and Chief Executive Officer,
University of Vermont Health Network,
Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences

HUMANISM IN MEDICINE KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Anya S. Koutras M.D.
2020 Faculty Recipient of the Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award
Associate Professor of Family Medicine

PRESENTATION OF COATS
Prema R. Menon, M.D., Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Medicine

Lee Rosen, Ph.D.
Interim Associate Dean for Students
Assistant Professor of Psychiatry

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH
Richard L. Page, M.D.
THE OATH

I swear to fulfill, to the best of my ability, this covenant:

I will respect the scientific gains of those physicians and scientists in whose steps I will walk, and gladly share such knowledge as is mine with those who are to follow.

I will remember that there is both art and science to medicine.

I will pursue the expansion of my knowledge throughout my life for the benefit of my patients.

I will practice medicine with conscience and dignity.

I will respect the privacy of my patients and not judge them.

I will prevent disease whenever I can, for prevention is preferable to cure.

Most especially, I will tread with care in matters of life and death. If it be merely within my abilities to help ease suffering at the end of a life, may I face this awesome responsibility with humility and awareness of my own frailty.

I vow always to act to preserve the finest traditions of my calling, and may I long experience the joy of healing those who seek my help.

Adapted from the Oath of Lasagna of 1964

PROFESSIONALISM AT THE LARNER COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Our Larner College of Medicine community upholds the highest standards of professionalism as we follow our passion for lifelong learning and improvement. We demonstrate professionalism through integrity, accountability, compassion, altruism, and social responsibility. We honor the trust our society has placed in us as stewards of the art and science of medicine, relying on cultural humility, kindness, and respect to guide our daily interactions.

We expect all members of our community to embrace these principles of professionalism as we strive to conduct and support patient care, research, and education that are second to none.