

## THE OATH

Please use this space to add your school's oath to  
compassionate patient care.

## HISTORY OF THE CEREMONY

The White Coat Ceremony is designed as a rite of passage to emphasize the importance of compassionate patient care at the very start of training.

In addition to reciting the oath, students come forward during the ceremony to be "cloaked" before family and friends in the iconic white coat that signifies their status as healthcare professionals.

The White Coat Ceremony was initiated in 1993 at Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians & Surgeons by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation. Arnold P. Gold, MD, a Columbia professor, believed that the oath to compassionate patient care taken by new physicians at the end of medical school came too late. Today, nearly every medical school in the United States, hundreds of nursing schools, and many other health profession schools participate in this tradition of humanistic care.

## DR. ARNOLD P. GOLD

*1925-2018*

Arnold Perlman Gold was a world-renowned pediatric neurologist, a professor at Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians & Surgeons for 58 years, and a master diagnostician who became an international leader and advocate for humanism in healthcare. He died on January 28, 2018, in New York City at the age of 92. His legacy lives on in the work of the Gold Foundation. Learn more at [gold-foundation.org](http://gold-foundation.org).

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# White Coat Ceremony

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AND/OR LOGO GOES HERE



MONTH XX, 2018  
LOCATION

# Program

DEAN'S WELCOME..... Dean Name  
*Title Goes here*

STUDENT WELCOME ..... Student Name  
*Title Goes here*

“OPTIONAL SONG” ..... Performers  
*Optional line here*

WHITE COAT CEREMONY SPEAKER.....Name  
*Title goes here*

## PRESENTATION OF WHITE COATS

*Name of cloaker*

*Name of cloaker*

## OATH TO COMPASSIONATE PATIENT CARE

Class of 20XX

“OPTIONAL SONG” OR PERFORMANCE..... Performers

CLOSING MESSAGE .....Name  
*Title Goes here*

RECESSIONAL.....Class of XXXX

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## CLASS OF 20XX

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