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*The faculty, administrators, and staff
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wish to extend their congratulations to the
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WHITE COAT
CEREMONY

2024

October 6, 2024
10 a.m.

Carnesecca Arena

WHITE COAT Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony is a symbolic rite of passage for students of the healing arts. For the pharmacy student, it signifies the professional relationship with other colleagues who provide health-care services.

This ceremony reaffirms the academic community's support of the educational process that prepares future health providers for practice. On this day, students pledge their commitment to the profession of pharmacy and the health of the patients they serve.

Contributing to the care and healing of others is a privilege and a responsibility. The white coat worn by each pharmacy student is more than a familiar lab coat: it is a cloak of caring, compassion, and service.

PLEDGE OF PROFESSIONALISM

As a student of pharmacy, I believe there is a need to build and reinforce a professional identity founded on integrity, ethical behavior, and honor. This development, a vital process in my education, will help ensure that I am true to the professional relationship I establish between myself and society as I become a member of the pharmacy community. Integrity must be an essential part of my everyday life and I must practice pharmacy with honesty and commitment to service.

To accomplish this goal of professional development, I as a student of pharmacy, should

DEVELOP a sense of loyalty and duty to the profession of pharmacy by being a builder of community, one able and willing to contribute to the well-being of others, and one who enthusiastically accepts the responsibility and accountability for membership in the profession.

FOSTER professional competency through lifelong learning. I must strive for high ideals, teamwork, and unity within the profession in order to provide optimal patient care.

SUPPORT my colleagues by actively encouraging personal commitment to the Oath of Maimonides and a Code of Ethics as set forth by the profession.

INCORPORATE into my life and practice, dedication to excellence. This will require an ongoing reassessment of personal and professional values.

MAINTAIN the highest ideals and professional attributes to ensure and facilitate the covenantal relationship required of the pharmaceutical caregiver.

The profession of pharmacy is one that demands adherence to a set of rigid ethical standards. These high ideals are necessary to ensure the quality of care extended to the patients I serve. As a student of pharmacy, I believe this does not start with graduation; rather, it begins with my membership in this professional college community. Therefore, I must strive to uphold these standards as I advance toward full membership in the profession of pharmacy.

Developed by the American Pharmaceutical Association Academy of Students of Pharmacy/American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy Council of Deans (APhA-ASP/AACP-COD) Task Force on Professionalism on June 26, 1994

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WHITE COAT Ceremony

Lillianne Nguyen-Davis

Rafid Sarker

Aaron Tsoi

John Niewinski

Aleksandra Sarzynska

Samantha Vazquez

Riley Obach

Johanna Schilling

Maliha Wahdud

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Yong Wu

Jason Palulis

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Chanel Phan

Miriam Sheikh

Anna Yacoub

Omar Qawasmi

Janella Shimunova

Ting Yi Yang

Nimah Rahman

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Michael Ye

Raveena Ramnauth

Harmanpreet Singh

Ilana Yeshchenko

Kshrija Rawat

John Stravalle

Angela Yin

Jade Ren

Elan Suleman

Muskan Yousaf

Troy Robert

Angela Sun

Gianluca Zgombic

Daisy Rodrigues

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Namita Sajan

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Masiath Samiha

Tung Tran



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Kaitlyn Hu	Kelly Lam	Fajr Malik
Shahzaib Huda	Kenise Lam	Muhammad Mansoor
Yujin Huh	Teresa Lam	Philip Anthony Marbid
Michael Isakov	Nicholas LaRocca	Laniya Martin
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Program

“THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER”

WELCOMING REMARKS

Joseph M. Brocavich, Pharm.D.

*Senior Associate Dean of Pharmacy Program, and
Associate Clinical Professor,
Department of Pharmacy Practice
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INVOCATION

Rev. Hugo M. Medellín, C.M. '05C

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Melissa Somma McGivney, Pharm.D., FCCP, FAPhA

*Associate Dean for Student Success and Professional Initiatives,
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PRESENTATION OF WHITE COATS

Tina A. Caliendo, Pharm.D., BCGP, BCACP

*Associate Professor, Pharmacy Practice
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Aaron Muth, Ph.D.

*Director, M.S. in Biotechnology Program, and
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Jagannath Muzumdar, Ph.D.

*Chair, Pharmacy Administration and Public Health, and
Associate Professor, Pharmacy Administration and Public Health
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PLEDGE OF PROFESSIONALISM

Manuel A. Martis

*Pharm.D. Candidate, Class of 2026, and
President, Drug Information Association, Student Chapter
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CLOSING REMARKS

Anne Y. F. Lin '84P, '86Pharm.D., FNAP

*Dean and Professor
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RECESSIONAL



Code of Ethics for Pharmacists

PREAMBLE

Pharmacists are health professionals who assist individuals in making the best use of medications. This code, prepared and supported by pharmacists, is intended to state publicly the principles that form the fundamental basis of the roles and responsibilities of pharmacists. These principles, based on moral obligations and virtues, are established to guide pharmacists in relationships with patients, health professionals, and society.

I. A pharmacist respects the covenantal relationship between the patient and pharmacist.

Considering the patient-pharmacist relationship as a covenant means that a pharmacist has moral obligations in response to the gift of trust received from society. In return for this gift, a pharmacist promises to help individuals achieve optimum benefit from their medications, to be committed to their welfare, and to maintain their trust.

II. A pharmacist promotes the good of every patient in a caring, compassionate, and confidential manner.

A pharmacist places concern for the well-being of the patient at the center of professional practice. In doing so, a pharmacist considers needs stated by the patient, as well as those defined by health science. A pharmacist is dedicated to protecting the dignity of the patient. With a caring attitude and a compassionate spirit, a pharmacist focuses on serving the patient in a private and confidential manner.

III. A pharmacist respects the autonomy and dignity of each patient.

A pharmacist promotes the right of self-determination and recognizes individual self-worth by encouraging patients to participate in decisions about their health. A pharmacist communicates with patients in terms that are understandable. In all cases, a pharmacist respects personal and cultural differences among patients.

IV. A pharmacist acts with honesty and integrity in professional relationships.

A pharmacist has a duty to tell the truth and to act with conviction of conscience. A pharmacist avoids discriminatory practices, behavior, or work conditions that impair professional judgment, and actions that compromise dedication to the best interests of patients.

V. A pharmacist maintains professional competence.

A pharmacist has a duty to maintain knowledge and abilities as new medications, devices, and technologies become available and as health information advances.

VI. A pharmacist respects the values and abilities of colleagues and other health professionals.

When appropriate, a pharmacist asks for the consultation of colleagues or other health professionals or refers the patient. A pharmacist acknowledges that colleagues and other health professionals may differ in the beliefs and values they apply to the care of the patient.

VII. A pharmacist serves individual, community, and societal needs.

The primary obligation of a pharmacist is to individual patients. However, the obligations of a pharmacist may at times extend beyond the individual to the community and society. In these situations, the pharmacist recognizes the responsibilities that accompany these obligations and acts accordingly.

VIII. A pharmacist seeks justice in the distribution of health resources.

When health resources are allocated, a pharmacist is fair and equitable, balancing the needs of patients and society.

This was adopted by the membership of the American Pharmacists Association on October 27, 1994.

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Hamim Abdullah	Vincent Chen	Sylwia Filonik
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Moniza Awan	Brandon DeSabato	Laura Gilly
Jake Beepat	Robert Diaz	Hannah Gong
Kaouter Benchehida	Irina Dimitrova	Nicholas Guia
Juliana Borzumato	Jacob Eliav	Kyla Hail
Kayla Buffolino	Muhab Elkattawy	Michael Hammack
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Gabriella Cavallo	Alyssa Fennig-Victor	Madison Harvey
Melany Che	Alex Filipkowski	Madeha Hasnu