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White Coat Ceremony

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UNIVERSITY *of* ARKANSAS  
FORT SMITH®

FEBRUARY 28, 2024

6:00 P.M.

SMITH-PENDERGRAFT CAMPUS CENTER  
REYNOLDS ROOM

# PROGRAM

- PRELUDE.....”LONG LIVE”  
Instrumental version as sung by Taylor Swift
- PROCESSIONAL ..... WHITE COAT RECIPIENTS
- WELCOME ..... Paula Julian PhD, APRN, CPN  
Associate Dean College of Health, Education, and Human Sciences/  
Executive Director of Nursing
- POSTING OF COLORS.....UAFS ROTC COLOR GUARD
- WHITE COAT CEREMONY HISTORY .....LESLIE RYLEE, MSN, RN  
Nursing Instructor, University of Arkansas -Fort Smith
- WHITE COAT CEREMONY SPEAKER .....TAMMY ROGERS, DNP.  
Nursing Instructor, University of Arkansas -Fort Smith

## PRESENTATION OF WHITE COATS

Ekaterina Smith, MSN, RN  
Tess McDonald, MSN, RN

- NAME READER.....Miranda Adamson, DNP, RN  
Nursing Instructor, University of Arkansas -Fort Smith

## OATH TO COMPASSIONATE PATIENT CARE

Led by: - Angie Ha, Jr Class President  
White Coat Recipients

- CLOSING MESSAGE.....Sonia Romero, DNP, RN  
Assistant Executive Director, School of Nursing
- RECESSIONAL..... White Coat Recipients

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## WHITE COAT RECIPIENTS

Jimmy Araujo Kyndel	Keely Burch	Abigail Burcham
Cannon Danika	Daniel Carcamo	Ty Carter
Collins Kristabell	Susana Cruz	Kim Cruz-Chavez
Gonzales Elise Harris	Gabrielle Devero	Alma Flores
Courtney Kitchens	Angie Ha	Lexi Harlan
Hailey Mannon	Emmalee Hibbs	Christian Iradukunda
Reinard Mwofoh	Abigail Langston	Breanna Lee
Kadriana Nichols	Angela Mooney	Avery Moss
Anna Phan	Rachel Myers	Haley Nguyen
Taryn Ridenour	Macy Nobles	Kobe Panis
Christian Smitherman	Elaina Phillips	Olivia Ramsey
Elizabeth Terry	Mayeli Rivas	Hannah Sizemore
Steve Wellein	Bethany Strother	Rylie Sweet
	Hannah Thompson	An Tran
	Payton Woodland	

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## THE OATH

As a Nurse dedicated to providing the highest quality care and services,  
I solemnly pledge that I will:

Consider the welfare of humanity  
and relief of suffering my primary concerns;

Act in a compassionate and trustworthy manner  
in all aspects of my care;

Apply my knowledge, experience, and skills  
to the best of my ability  
to assure optimal outcomes for my patients;

Exercise sound professional judgment  
while abiding by legal and ethical requirements;

Accept the lifelong obligation to improve  
my professional knowledge and competence;

Promote, advocate for, and strive to protect  
the health, safety, and rights of the patient.

With this pledge, I accept the duties and responsibilities  
that embody the nursing profession.

I take this oath voluntarily  
with the full realization of the responsibility  
with which I am entrusted by the public.

## 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.

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