



PNWU-COM White Coat Ceremony





Welcome Class of 2026 to your White Coat Ceremony Rehearsal –

- I am Vicky Koch – Ceremony Lead – please feel free to contact me with questions.
- Ceremony is Friday, May 31st at 3 pm at the Capitol Theatre.
- This Ceremony – takes a lot of people to make it successful – I want to acknowledge a few folks – Please stand - we appreciate the time you are taking to make this day special.
 - Staff Volunteers
 - Faculty Coaters
 - OMS I White Coat Ambassadors
- All the information from today's rehearsal will be available on the White Coat Webpage
- Now I would like to introduce Lynn DeVore, Assistant Director of Student Affairs – I am sure you are familiar with Lynn. Lynn will be walking you through the ceremony, volunteer duties and practice coating and line-up.



Arrive: 2:00 pm

- YOUR WHITE COAT will be at the Capitol Theatre for you to pick up - Cleaned and pressed – Geneva, Joselin and Michon will be assisting with this.
- Enter the Capitol Theatre from the 4th Street entrance (stage door) in the back.
- You have received your Arnold P. Gold Foundation lapel pin, put it on your left lapel above the logo.
- Please keep your personal items to a minimum – leave with family – there will be bins to backstage – to retrieve after ceremony.

Doors open at 2:30 pm for Family and Friends



Line Up: 2:45 pm

- Line up as directed backstage
- Drape your white coat over your left arm (nicely)
- You will then proceed out the door and down the alleyway
- You will be directed to the audience seats, about 34 per row
- Remain standing until entire class has entered
- There will be a program on your seat



Ceremony Begins: 3:00 pm

- Dr. Scandalis, Dean, will open the ceremony and give his welcome message
- Dr. Lawler, President, will speak
- Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees: Mr. John Vornbrock
- Student Speakers (2) Inspirational Thought –Phyll Eier, Class of 2025 and Ben Wohlers, Class of 2026, to recite the Class of 2026 Vision Statement & Class Motto.
- Keynote Speaker: Katheryn Hudon, DO, Assistant Professor and Chief, Division of Pediatrics, PNWU Inaugural Class of 2014
- After Dr. Hudon concludes her speech the coating will begin.
- You will be directed to stand **ONE ROW AT A TIME** and move to the stage, leave your program at your seat, you will not be returning to the same seat



Coating

- You will be instructed to stand (**one row at a time**) proceed as directed to the stairs at the base of the stage
- When prompted, proceed to the podium and announce (speak directly into the microphone):
YOUR FULL NAME, YOUR HOMETOWN, and YOUR UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOL
- Proceed to the center of the stage to be coated
Hint: left arm in coat; right arm in coat; right shoulder back to turn; then shake coater's hand
Left – Right – Turn to Shake Coater's hand
- Feel free to straighten your hair and coat as you proceed to be congratulated by Dr. Scandalis
- **Shake hands** with Dr. Scandalis.



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Exiting the Stage

- After you shake Administrators' hands, exit the stage and go down the stairs.
- There will be someone there to direct you to your row.
- You will not be returning to the same seat.



Ceremonial Oath:

- When all students have been coated Dr. Scandalis will ask you to stand and lead you in the oath.
- OATH IS LOCATED ON THE BACK OF YOUR PROGRAM
- **Read ALOUD with conviction!**
- Dr. Scandalis will conclude the ceremony
- The recessional will begin, platform party, faculty and then the students will file out of the theatre



Tips

- SILENCE YOUR CELLPHONE
- Please refer to the website for proper attire suggestions: Professional dress.
- Put the program as a tent over the seat.
- Unbutton your white coat before being coated
- When coated, put your arms straight back, low by your bum. Try not to turn around
- Keep your personal belongings to a minimum, leave them with your family members
- Wear shoes so you can navigate the stage stairs
- Parking – tell family to arrive early to find parking – 3 lots: Olive Garden, S. Naches Avenue, East Walnut Avenue

NOW IT IS TIME TO PRACTICE!

One row stand and students will practice lining up and being coated.

At the Podium say:

Name

Hometown

Undergraduate School



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Important Volunteers

Leading students in will be:

- Tricia Worthington/Emma Saint-Preux
- Lynn DeVore/Megan Kenner
- Joy Allen/Rylie McGinnis
- Omar Zaragoza/Johan Vilo
- Lisa Brown/Jaime Spawn
- Jan Hernandez-Kubel/Clayton Lauba
- T'Erra Felder/Brendon Yoshino

1st two rows please stand to practice!



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Congratulations

Enjoy the moment, this is a great achievement!



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