



College of Dental Medicine | Class of 2029
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

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Capitol Theatre
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Salt Lake City, UT 84101

ROSEMAN UNIVERSITY
OF HEALTH SCIENCES



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OFFICIATING

Dr. Rachel Tomco Novak, *Associate Dean*

NATIONAL ANTHEM

GREETINGS FROM ROSEMAN UNIVERSITY

Dr. Jeremy Wells, *Chancellor of South Jordan Campus*

WELCOME TO THIS GATHERING OF LIFELONG COLLEAGUES

Mr. Spencer John, *Class of 2027 President*

INTRODUCTION OF THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Frank Licari, *Dean, College of Dental Medicine*

BECOMING A PROFESSIONAL

Dr. Robert Faiella, *Past President, American Dental Association*

PRESENTATION OF THE WHITE COATS

Dr. Jeremy Godderidge, *Associate Dean*

Dr. Jonathan Fairbanks, *Assistant Dean*

Dr. Ryan Jones, *Assistant Dean*

Mr. Jonathan Mack, *Assistant Dean*

Ms. Alicia Baddley, *Director*

ADMINISTRATION OF WHITE COAT PLEDGE

Dr. Clark Dana, *Associate Dean*

Mr. Jacob Manwaring, *DSA Vice President*

Mr. Brady Summers, *DSA Treasurer*

Mr. Spencer John, *Class of 2027 President*

Mr. Matthew Anderson, *Class of 2027 Vice President*

EXPECTATIONS & CLOSING REMARKS

Dr. Frank Licari, *Dean, College of Dental Medicine*

WHITE COAT CEREMONY DESCRIPTION

Dentistry, along with other health care professions, has adopted the White Coat Ceremony to signify a meaningful milestone in the educational process. Since the middle of the 19th century, the white coat has been the standard attire of the medical profession. Explaining the origins of the White Coat Ceremony, Dr. Valerie A. Jones of the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons writes:

“The white coat is a universal symbol of the medical profession...The white coat reminds physicians of their professional duties, as prescribed by Hippocrates, to lead their lives and practice their art in uprightness and honor. In accord with this sentiment, the Arnold P. Gold Foundation of Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons initiated in 1993 a ‘White Coat Ceremony’ that has been adopted by many U.S. medical schools.”

Colleges of dental medicine have adopted this ritual which marks the student’s transition from the study of preclinical sciences to the study and practice of clinical health sciences. Integral to the three-year course of study at Roseman University of Health Sciences College of Dental Medicine are focused courses in Ethics and Professionalism that begin in the first week of classes and extend across the curriculum. Speakers at the Ceremony will instill the time-honored values of the dental profession. Faculty members and dentists in attendance, acting on behalf of the dental profession, are invited to present white coats to members of the Doctor of Dental Medicine Class of 2029. All the students then recite an oath affirming their commitment to the highest practices of dental medicine. Clothed in the white coat, the student now embarks with all health care professionals upon a lifetime of patient care.

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THE WHITE COAT PLEDGE

By becoming a member of the Health Care Professions and while preparing to become a Doctor of Dental Medicine, I solemnly pledge:

- 1. To conduct myself with the highest ethical and moral standards consistent with the American Dental Association Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct, and in conformity with my own values and Personal Principles Statement.*
- 2. I will strive to make ethical decisions based on the principles of Emotional Intelligence.*
- 3. I will be diligent in my pursuit of academic excellence and professional mastery.*
- 4. I will devote my time and my energies to acquiring comprehensive dental knowledge and the appropriate surgical skills necessary to expertly serve the public to whom I will be accountable, and to bring honor to myself and to the profession.*
- 5. I accept the premise that my primary responsibility is to the patients whom I will serve. My goal is to establish and maintain relationships based on honesty, respect, and fairness.*
- 6. I promise to behave professionally and to focus my efforts on treating dental disease and restoring oral health to all who place their trust in me, regardless of circumstance or background.*
- 7. I further pledge to develop others as Lifelong Colleagues, to abide by Roseman University's Honor Code, and to help those with whom I associate become the best they can be.*
- 8. I will respect the experience and expertise of my educators and mentors, and will seek their guidance and counsel. As a student, I will never approach a clinical situation unsupervised, knowing that providing care to patients is a privilege and is available only under the auspices of my supervisor's license.*
- 9. Therefore, let all come to me safe in the knowledge that their total health and well-being are my primary concern and consideration.*
- 10. All this I solemnly promise as a commitment to myself, my family, my professional colleagues, Roseman University, and the community that I serve.*

OUR COMMITMENTS

- 1. Lifelong Colleagues: We make each and every interaction reflect a sincere desire to develop each other as lifelong colleagues.*
- 2. Honor Code: I will not lie, cheat, steal, nor disrespect others and will uphold all professionalism standards befitting a healthcare provider.*
- 3. To Each Other: I commit to help you become the best you can be at what you do & celebrate your successes.*