

# *White Coat Ceremony*

HELD ON THE NINETEENTH OF SEPTEMBER  
IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE



HONORING STUDENTS IN THE

## *College of Health Sciences*

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT – CLASS OF 2027  
DOCTOR OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY – CLASS OF 2028  
DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY – CLASS OF 2027

## *College of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery*

DOCTOR OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE – CLASS OF 2029

## *College of Osteopathic Medicine*

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## **DES MOINES UNIVERSITY**

Founded in 1898, Des Moines University Medicine and Health Sciences comprises three colleges offering 10 graduate degrees in medicine and health sciences. The programs share a collective strength — a collaborative campus community where students and faculty come together in the pursuit of knowledge.

We share a singular mission to improve lives in our global community by educating diverse groups of highly competent and compassionate health professionals.

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The university gratefully acknowledges the Maurice J. Schwartz, D.O., Class of 1933, and Elliott R. Schwartz, D.O., Class of 1973, Endowed Fund, our alumni and individual donors for the contribution of the white coats for today's ceremony.

## **PHOTOGRAPHY**

Each student will be photographed by Grad Images during the ceremony. Photos will be available for purchase through the Grad Images website at [www.gradimages.com](http://www.gradimages.com).

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## **REMARKS**

Robert Loch, Ph.D., M.B.A., CNMT, *Associate Dean Clinical and Student Affairs*

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### **Physical Therapy Program**

Steven Mather, Ph.D., P.T., ATC/L, OCS, *Reader*

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# *College of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery*

## **REMARKS**

Kevin Smith, D.P.M.'95, Ph.D., FACFAS, *Dean*

## **DONNING OF WHITE COATS**

John Bennett, D.P.M., FACFAS, *Reader*

# *College of Osteopathic Medicine*

## **REMARKS**

David Connett, D.O., FACOFP (*dist.*), *Dean*

## **DONNING OF WHITE COATS**

Jennifer Beaty, M.D., and Mark LeDuc, D.O.'02, *Readers*

## **WHITE COAT CEREMONY OATH**

## **CLOSING REMARKS**

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# *College of Health Sciences*

## PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT CLASS OF 2027

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Ashley Archer	Emma Johnson
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Lexie Elise Balkema	Alexis Klein
Rayna Barrett	Maddie Kohl
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Elizabeth Bierman	Karsyn Lamm
Rachel Black	Kallista Larson
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Kaitlyn Christensen	Anna Lindstrom
Melissa Daniel	Addison Menke
Savanah Dehart	Bryn Miller
Roxy Denton	Taylor Milroy
Isabelle Devnich	Brennan Moran
Paige Dickey	Emma Nierengarten
Sophia DiMonte	Rachel Norris
Hannah Doup	Samantha Och
Courtney Dull	Morgan Peterson
Cole Fondie	Abigayle Lin Reith
Laura Frank	Ramona Rowbotham
Derek Golwitzer	Elizabeth Runneberg
Sarah Grochala	Mia Scanlan
Taylor Hansen	Abigail Schammel
Morgan Haughey	Nicholas Schneider
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Kate Helgeson	Madison Tupa
Rachel Hickey	Brooklynn Nicole Wagoner
Brinley Jase Horras	Kaden Westergaard
Tessa Huff	Lauren Wrage
Rebecca Marie Irvine	

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# *College of Health Sciences*

## DOCTOR OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY CLASS OF 2028

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Olivia Bell	Marie Vernon Porto
Breanna Bengel	Morgan Pulido
Emma Bolton	Bella Raymond
Mary Brown	Jeremy Reinier
Alexis Crook	Jaelyn Rivera
Alysen Dexter	Kaeli Ross
Lauren Isabelle England	Kenlin Mae Schmitt
Spencer Finch	Mia Schulte
Chloe Gallegos	Lauren Shirk
Gabriela Garcia Medina	Amanda Shulman
Sydney Hodapp	Pryce Smith
Katelynn Kerber	Katherine Stevens
Sasha Koenig	Madelyn Stott
Kora Kolln	Devin Todd
Brooke Krysa	Julianne Van Arnum
Anna Lammers	Kathryn Vortherms
Drew Lulf	Libby Wedewer
Hannah Miller	Luke Westfield
Maddie Niemeier	Sarah Wiles
Justice Ouverson	Breanna Williams
Samuel Overton	Sar Win
Heather Parr	Maya Wright
Jenna Pogemiller	

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## DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY CLASS OF 2027

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Hayden Amos	Morgan Kazmierczak
Claire Anniss	William King
Tara Lynn Bierdz	Drake Kinney
Braelynn Boer	Lauren Kirkle
Anna Borisenko	Paige Kisley
Grace Bouley	Payton Kizer
Mckennzie Carey	Paige Kuchel
Nolan C. Carreiro	Katherine May
Maggie Cochrane	Allison McManus
Jordan Daniel	Cassandra McPherson
Hannah Dau	Courtney Meyer
Evelyn De Boer	Wyatt Miller
Alivia Dennler	Madelyn Oldorf
Luke DeWaard	Allison Oswald
Audrey Dillavou	Jacob Peterson
Jacob Dotzler	Tyson Peterson
Kaeley Einck	Josie Richards
Davis Fairchild	Rachel Roggenburg
Tory Feldman	Cade Rohwer
Caroline Fleming	Cate Roth
Mac Kenzie Frame	Jane Rynchek
Emily Geers	Ethan Sabri
Karlyn Glebe	Cassandra Senneff
Brady Glissman	Willa Sickelka
Mikayla Glovik	Karissa Stephenson
Christian Godfredsen	Jake Sterling
Hannah Marie Gooding	Alissa Stiles
Colin Greenwell	Raegen Swanson
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Kassidy Horn	Christian Tighe
Frankie Izard	Olivia Rose Van Meter
Jenna Johnson	Andrew Jon Wilkins
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# *College of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery*

## DOCTOR OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE CLASS OF 2029

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Alexander Adkins	Alexa Morra
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Hudson Barnum	Najmah Nassri
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Matthew Hans	Kelinda Shen
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Abbey Johnson	Bailey Trautman
Tristan Krum	Savannah Trax
Brayden Lott	Vincent Vady
Ashley Lovell	Mandi Kay Warren
Tina Luu	Eli Watkins
Jacob McDaniel	Alexander Wiedemann
Jena Mickey	Olivia Zach

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# *College of Osteopathic Medicine*

## DOCTOR OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE CLASS OF 2029

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Yash S. Agrawal	Emily Colyer
Ayesha Ahmad	Natasha Das
Yousef Alnajjar	Jack Dawson
Ike Appleton	Karen Day
Nathan Ashbaugh	Benjamin Daynes
Maina Atluri	Elijah Diederich
Matthew Axtman	Liam Doherty
Sydney Ballweber	Callahan Domine
Abby Barnes	Alexis Dooley
Ryan Bates	Betsy Caroline DuBose
Joseph Bean	Lillian Duce
Steven Brooks Bendall	Allison Marie Eberhard
Katherine Bergeron	Kaylee Eller
Katrina Bergey	Clare Else
Megan Blair	Arturo Ignacio Espinoza
Kylie Bloch	Jeremy Feng
Tanner Bomstad	Cedric Fierce
Ethan J Borelli	Rachel Ford
Megan Bounds	Alexa Fredericks
Christopher Bozak	Maunika Gandhamaneni
Mitchell Brenner	Abhishek Ganti
Kenan Brodd	Madison Elizabeth Gendreau
Nicholas Brothers	Ben Gillette
Euthimia Bruer	Alexander Gindt
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Nina Carnevale	William Goering
Linden Carter	Samuel Trent Goldberg
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Matt Catchick	Soren Grant
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Sarah Jane Hatton	Jeremiah Tamayo Leonor
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Amaniya Hayat	Rebecca Ann Liebsack
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Eric Heitland	Catherine Litchy
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Ethan Hill	Sandhya Maddali
Jack Hindley	Medha Mageswaran
Natalie Ho	Daniel Mansour
Andrew Dinh Trieu Hoang	Isabel Marciniak
Linh Hoang	Deva Basha Mark
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# *White Coat Ceremony* *Student Oath*

## **OATH ADMINISTERED BY**

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As I begin my medical education at Des Moines University  
Medicine and Health Sciences, I do solemnly pledge that  
my efforts will be focused on the ultimate goal of  
serving my future patients.

Toward this end, I will conscientiously and cooperatively  
work with my peers and professors in learning the art and  
science of medicine.

I will maintain the highest standards of professional conduct.

I will respect the patients whom I will encounter in my  
training as fellow human beings and will do everything in my  
power to preserve their dignity.

I will use my skills to care for all in need with an openness  
of spirit and will value the diversity of patients' experiences,  
cultures and beliefs because it enhances my ability to care for

them and enriches my education.

I will maintain patient confidentiality and be tactful in  
my words and actions.

I will not compromise myself, nor endanger the welfare of  
my future patients, by employing unworthy methods in the  
pursuit of my education.

I pledge to perform to the best of my ability and to engage in  
continuous self-evaluation in an effort to address my limitations.

I will never hesitate to call upon the assistance of others when  
indicated and will strive to develop those qualities that will instill  
self-respect and earn the respect of my patients, colleagues and family.

Knowing my own limitations and those of medicine, I commit myself  
to a lifelong journey of learning how to cure, relieve and comfort  
with humility and compassion.

I pledge to continue to educate myself throughout my career and  
to constantly engage in a critical re-examination of myself as a  
rational, emotional and spiritual human being.

With this oath, I willingly assume the responsibilities of a  
health professions student and hope to long experience the joys of  
learning, caring and healing.

*Adapted from oaths from Michigan State University College of  
Human Medicine, UC Davis Medical Student Pledge of Ethics and  
Icahn School of Medicine.*

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