

White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation (APGF) as a way to welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the Ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency.

The first White Coat Ceremony took place in 1993 at the Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons. Grants from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in 1996 and 1997 made widespread advocacy of the White Coat Ceremony possible.

Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or similar rite of passage takes place at 97% of AAMC-accredited schools of medicine in the United States and Canada, as well as at osteopathic schools of medicine and at schools in 13 other countries. At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, the president of the hospital, or other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession. The cloaking with the white coat—the mantle of the medical profession—is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring. It is a personally delivered gift of faith, confidence and compassion.

To capitalize on the success of this widely hailed program and its positive impact on compassionate patient care, The Arnold P. Gold Foundation and AACN are supporting expanding the White Coat Ceremony to nursing.

In 2014 the APGF partnered with the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) to provide support for piloting of the White Coat Ceremony at 100 nursing schools. Following the pilot program, The Arnold P. Gold Foundation and AACN are planning 2015 to be the inaugural year for the nationwide rollout of the White Coat Ceremony to a larger number of nursing institutions. The specially designed pin will serve as a visual reminder of the students' oath and commitment to provide compassionate and high quality care.

The American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) is the national voice for university and four-year college education programs in nursing. Representing more than 750 member schools of nursing at public and private institutions nationwide, AACN's educational, research, governmental advocacy, data collection, publications, and other programs work to establish quality standards for bachelor's- and graduate-degree nursing education, assist deans and directors to implement those standards, influence the nursing profession to improve health care, and promote public support of baccalaureate and graduate nursing education, research, and practice.



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Hampton University School of Nursing 2nd Annual White Coat Ceremony



The Arnold P. Gold Foundation (APGF) and the
American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN)

Thursday, September 10, 2015 @ 11:00 a.m.

Student Center Ballroom

Hampton University

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.

Honorees

JOSEPH LAWRENCE AGAPITO*
MARIUS AGBAM*
INDIA BRACEY*
RAMESHA BRIDDELL*
GIAVANNI BURSTION
TAYLOR CLARK
TIFFANY DEMASE*
SANTIA FEEMSTER
SHANICE JACKSON
SAMANTHA JENKINS*
JELISSA LITTLE*
CAMI LOUDERMILK*

REBECCA MERRILL*
MARLA MILLER CHONG*
GENESIS MORGAN
SYMONE MULLINGS
CARLA PENNYCOOKE*
NAOMI PITT
KARLA QUEIROZ*
ANTONIA SMITH
CASSANDRA STAMBAUGH*
JESSICA TATE*
TIERRA TRACY
REYNAYUKA VALBRUN

Program

Terry Wright, MSN, RN*
Assistant Professor
Presiding

Welcome

Tinnikka Robertson-Jones, MSN, RN
Instructor

Introduction of the Speaker

Maria Holmes, MSN-Ed, RN
Assistant Professor

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Barbara Cross, PhD, APRN-BC
*Veterans Administration Medical Center
Polytrauma Clinical Support Team
VHA Mentor Fellow I*

Cloaking of White Coats & Presentation of Pins

**Mrs. Norma Bergey*, Ms. Rosalyn Gardiner*,
Mrs. Sibena Samuel-Harris and Mrs. Robin Ward***
Foundations of Nursing Instructors

Recitation of Oath

Ms. Rosalyn Gardiner* and Tinnikka Robertson-Jones
Student Nurses Association Faculty Advisors

Remarks

Dr. Hilda Williamson, EdD, RN, FNP
Interim Dean, School of Nursing

Reception for students and invited guests