

White Coat Ceremony

This ceremony is part of the initiation of new health professions students; it is a time when they are "cloaked" with their first white lab coat. This ritual, held in the presence of faculty, administration, and family members, helps students become aware of their responsibilities as healers from the very first day of their training. The ceremony encourages them to accept the obligations inherent in their scope of practice: to be excellent in science; to be compassionate; and to lead lives of uprightness and honor. Today's tenth annual ceremony marks what has become a valued tradition here at WesternU.

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Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of California

is honored to donate the white coats to the class of 2010. A College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific and a Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of California patch will be provided for the coats.

The Arnold P. Gold Foundation

is a public, not-for-profit organization dedicated to fostering humanism in medicine. The funds raised by the Foundation are used for projects related to this mission and include support of white coat ceremonies throughout the nation.

WesternU is indebted to the Arnold P. Gold Foundation for donating the "Humanism in Medicine" pins for the new students.

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**Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine
Class of 2010**

Tenth Annual White Coat Ceremony

**First Baptist Church of Pomona
586 N. Main Street
Pomona, CA 91768**

**Saturday, August 12, 2006
10:30 a.m.**

Welcome

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Class of 2010

Pledge of Commitment

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Closing Remarks

Clinton E. Adams, DO

Pledge of Commitment

As I embark upon my studies at
Western University of Health Sciences, I will:

Enter into a relationship of mutual respect with my professors
and my colleagues to enhance the learning environment and to
gain the knowledge, skills, and attitudes of a competent and
compassionate health care professional;

Accept responsibility only for those matters for which I am
competent, maintain the trust expected of a health care
professional, and never take advantage of the relationship
I have with patients;

Show compassion and respect for all others;

Set worthy examples in the application of humanistic principles
in my relationships with patients and others within the
health care community;

Work toward improving my sensitivity and skills in human
interaction, understanding, and respecting the differences among my
patients and colleagues;

Value the knowledge and wisdom of the health care professionals
who have preceded me in the profession, and endeavor to contribute
to the humanistic tradition and philosophy;

Recognize my weaknesses and strengths and strive to develop
those qualities that will earn the respect of my patients, my
colleagues, my family, and myself;

Continue learning throughout all the days of my life.