White Coat Ceremony

Sunday, August 28, 2016
9:00 a.m.

Lander Hall Auditorium
Oath of a Pharmacist

I promise to devote myself to a lifetime of service to others through the profession of pharmacy. In fulfilling this vow:

I will consider the welfare of humanity and relief of suffering my primary concerns.

I will apply my knowledge, experience, and skills to the best of my ability to assure optimal outcomes for my patients.

I will respect and protect all personal and health information entrusted to me.

I will accept the lifelong obligation to improve my professional knowledge and competence.

I will hold myself and my colleagues to the highest principles of our profession’s moral, ethical and legal conduct.

I will embrace and advocate changes that improve patient care.

I will utilize my knowledge, skills, experiences, and values to prepare the next generation of pharmacists.

I take these vows voluntarily with the full realization of the responsibility with which I am entrusted by the public.

The White Coat

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 beginning 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 ceremony, performed on behalf of the twelfth class of the College of Pharmacy, represents what has become a valued tradition at Touro University California.
The Touro College and University System is the largest Jewish-sponsored educational institution in the United States. Founded in 1970 as a small men’s college, Touro has expanded broadly since its inception and today educates over 18,000 students across 29 schools in four countries. Touro University California is part of the Western Division of the Touro College and University System.

Touro University California faces San Pablo Bay on historic Mare Island, which was established in 1854 as the first permanent Navy installation on the West Coast. Under the leadership of Commander David G. Farragut, Mare Island began a long history of shipbuilding. The only U.S. battleship ever built on the West Coast, the California, was launched from Mare Island in 1919. Other achievements include building a platform on the vessel, Pennsylvania, which permitted the first carrier landing of an airplane, and converting the Navy’s first vessel to run on oil rather than coal.

The federal government closed the Mare Island Naval Station in 1996. Three years later, Touro College signed a 13 year lease and moved the College of Osteopathic Medicine, founded in 1997 in San Francisco, to Mare Island. The 44 acre Mare Island property provided the opportunity for significant programmatic growth and the additions of the Colleges of Education & Health Sciences, and Pharmacy. In March 2010, Touro College purchased the Mare Island property and formalized a long term commitment to provide professional education in Northern California.

Touro University California has the vision of providing inspirational teaching and scholarship, transformative leadership, and exemplary service. The mission of the university is to provide graduate and professional educational excellence in the fields of Health Sciences, Public Health, and Education. The TUC learning experience is student-centered, enriched by focused research and scholarship, and prepares professional for rewarding lives in service to others both locally and around the globe.
Pledge of Commitment

As I embark upon my studies at Touro University California College of Pharmacy, 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.
Program

Welcome
Rae Matsumoto, PhD, Dean

Invocation
Rabbi Elchonon Tenenbaum

Greetings from the University
Shelley Berkley, JD, Senior Provost and CEO

Message to the Class of 2020
Richie Duenas, PharmD, Mercury Pharmacy, Vallejo CA

Presentation of Students
Nathalie Bergeron, PhD
&
Adrian Palisoc, PharmD, BCPS

Pledge of Commitment
Marilyn Hopkins, PhD, Provost and COO

Pharmacist’s Oath
Debra Sasaki-Hill, PharmD
Associate Dean for Clinical & Professional Affairs

All guests are invited to attend a light reception following the ceremony in the Gymnasium.
Keynote Speaker

Richie Duenas, PharmD
Class of 2009

Richie Duenas, PharmD, is the owner of Mercury Pharmacy’s two locations in Vallejo and Fairfield, and the Administrator of the 340B federal Drug Discount Program for Solano County Health and Social Services. Dr. Duenas is a patient advocate and volunteer for Faith in Action, a community organization whose goal is to advance the quality of life of seniors and those living with disabilities.

Dr. Duenas’ interests include the advancement of the pharmacy profession, 340B entity/pharmacy compliance and processes, discovering unique practice niches, application of technology systems to independent community practice, and simplifying trans-Pacific OTC import registrations with the FDA.
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Class of 2020

Roua Aboukhadijeh                Vivian Dao
Dustin Adams                     Derrick Dorsey
Karla Aguirre                    Zeynab Durrani
Brianna Aguirre                  Jenny Ear
Runa Akahoshi                    Pasha Faith
Anna Akiyama                     Ahmad Ghabadi
Shams Al-Rawi                    Laleh Hajhosseini
Sheida Amadeh                    Megan Handel
Samantha Antonio                 Hoa Hang
Amir Asadollahi                  Fatima Hernandez
Cheuk Ling Au                    Jeff Hsiao
Selvana Awadallah                Andy Huang
Lola Bae                         Jimmy Huang
Katelyn Baker                    Michelle Huang
Carlo Barroso                    Manpreet Kaur
Ketan Batta                      Heeju Kim
Carlos Bejarano                  Patrina Kim
Varinder Bhatia                  Jae Kug
Ran Bi                           Gyntech Kuk
Xuan Bi                          Eric Lai
Nathaniel Calloway               Megan Lauzon
Sarah Carpio                     Wan Lee
Mindy Chen                       Adam Lin
Bryan Chiem                      Jacob Long
Christina Choy                   Alejandro Lopez-Castillo
Katelyn Dang                     Tony Lotte
Minh Dang                        Christie Lowe
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Hang Nguyen
Jesse Nguyen
Julia Nguyen
Marilyn Nguyen
Uyen Nguyen
Miri Nissan
Bryan Okereke
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Susan Pancurak
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Tishzly Resuello
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Cynthia Yee
Chun Sum Yeung
Denise Yeung
Caleb Yu
Ivy Yu
Bailey Yuan