Class of 2026
White Coat Ceremony
October 14, 2022
1:00 p.m.
Ira Allen Chapel
White Coat Ceremony

For the last quarter-century, the White Coat Ceremony has been a ritual at U.S. medical schools that officially welcomes students into the medical profession and emphasizes the responsibility they carry as they don the traditional physician’s white coat.

Amy Shortt, M. MUS.
University Organist

WELCOME

Christa H. Zehle, M.D.’99
Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education, Professor of Pediatrics

REMARKS

Richard L. Page, M.D.
Dean, Larner College of Medicine, Professor of Medicine

Jason Sanders, M.D., M.B.A.
President and Chief Executive Officer, UVM Medical Group
Executive Vice President for Clinical Affairs, UVM Health Network
Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs, Larner College of Medicine

HUMANISM IN MEDICINE KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Timothy Lahey, M.D., M.M.S.C.
Director of Clinical Ethics, UVM Medical Center
Director of the Department of Ethics, Professor of Medicine, Larner College of Medicine
The 2022 Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award recipient
presented by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation

PRESENTATION OF COATS

Mary Cushman, M.D.’89, M.Sc.
President, UVM Larner College of Medicine Alumni Association
Professor of Medicine and Pathology & Laboratory Medicine

Karen George, M.D., M.P.H.
Associate Dean for Students, Associate Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences

Ellen Kulaga, M.D.
Assistant Dean for Students, Connecticut Campus
Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine

Karen Lounsbury, Ph.D.
Professor of Pharmacology
Level Director of Foundations and Pre-Clinical Assessment

Mariah McNamara, M.D., M.P.H.
Interim Assistant Dean for Students
Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH

Richard L. Page, M.D.

Reception to follow at the Grand Maple Ballroom, Dudley H. Davis Center
The Arnold P. Gold Foundation provides the gift of the Humanism in Medicine lapel pins to each medical student participating in the White Coat Ceremony.

The UVM Office of Primary Care provides each student with a keepsake copy of The Oath.

Larner College of Medicine alumni have written White Coat Notes, messages of encouragement for each medical student tucked in the pocket of each white coat.
The Oath

I swear to fulfill, to the best of my ability, this covenant:

I will respect the scientific gains of those physicians and scientists in whose steps I will walk, and gladly share such knowledge as is mine with those who are to follow.

I will remember that there is both art and science to medicine.

I will pursue the expansion of my knowledge throughout my life for the benefit of my patients.

I will practice medicine with conscience and dignity.

I will respect the privacy of my patients and not judge them.

I will prevent disease whenever I can, for prevention is preferable to cure.

Most especially, I will tread with care in matters of life and death. If it be merely within my abilities to help ease suffering at the end of a life, may I face this awesome responsibility with humility and awareness of my own frailty.

I vow always to act to preserve the finest traditions of my calling, and may I long experience the joy of healing those who seek my help.

Adapted from the Oath of Lasagna of 1964

PROFESSIONALISM AT THE LARNER COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Our Larner College of Medicine community upholds the highest standards of professionalism as we follow our passion for lifelong learning and improvement. We demonstrate professionalism through integrity, accountability, compassion, altruism, and social responsibility. We honor the trust our society has placed in us as stewards of the art and science of medicine, relying on cultural humility, kindness, and respect to guide our daily interactions. We expect all members of our community to embrace these principles of professionalism as we strive to conduct and support patient care, research, and education that are second to none.