The White Coat Ceremony
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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2023
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Friday, September 8, 2023
Royce Hall
Today I begin my training to become a physician; a noble profession dedicated to the preservation of life and prevention of human suffering.

From this day forward I will be different, recognized as a healer. I pledge myself to the value of human life.

I do not enter this pathway alone. Society provides schools and faculty. Teachers and peers assist in my education. Important individuals support me.

Among those attributes that are respected in physicians, I will treasure compassion, empathy, and honesty.

I will learn to preserve life by promoting health and by treating individuals who are ill.

I will remember always that within each human life is a person who can feel pain, as well as comfort and happiness.

I will treat my patient not only as an individual but also as a member of a family and society.

I will respect the dignity of everyone I help and will hold private and in confidence all that patients report to me.

I will be honest with patients and their families, with teachers and peers, and will never tolerate deception or fraud.
I will be honest with myself to know my strengths and abilities, to recognize my limitations, and to seek help when necessary.

I will believe in myself, for it is that foundation that allows me to believe in others—from mentors and peers to patients, their families, and friends.

I will always strive to do my best and work continually to improve my knowledge, abilities, and understanding.

I will be a teacher to those who follow me, and to my patients, and my community.

My relationship with patients and colleagues will not be affected by race, religion, nationality, financial or social status, or sexual orientation.

In being true to this oath, I will preserve the finest traditions of medicine and science, and enjoy and conduct my life, my profession, and my art to the fullest.

Written in 1995 for the first White Coat Ceremony at UCLA by Alan G. Robinson, M.D. and Neil H. Parker, M.D.
INTRODUCTION

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Awards

The Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award

Jane Yanagawa, M.D.
Associate Professor, Thoracic Surgery

Excellence in Teaching with Humanism

Residents and Fellows Award

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