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Program

Prelude.....”Long Live”
Instrumental version as sung by Taylor Swift

Processional White Coat Recipients

Welcome Sonia Romero, DNP, RN
Assistant Executive Director, School of Nursing

Posting of Colors.....UAFS ROTC Color Guard

White Coat Ceremony HistoryKristin Williams, MSN, RN
Nursing Instructor, University of Arkansas - Fort Smith

White Coat Ceremony SpeakerDawn Watts, MBA, BSN, RN.
CEO Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Fort Smith

presentation of white coats

Leslie Rylee, MSN, RN

Lisa Bailey, DNP, RN

Name Reader.....Davonna Whittenburg, MSN, RN
Nursing Instructor, University of Arkansas - Fort Smith

oath to compassionate patient care

Holly Needham, Evening Cohort Jwpkqr Class President
White Coat Recipients

Student Representative Message.....Meg Sandlin, CEE Class President

Closing Message.....Sonia Romero, DNP, RN
Assistant Executive Director, School of Nursing

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the 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.

history of the ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony is designed as a rite of passage to emphasize the importance of compassionate patient care at the very start of training. In addition to reciting the oath, students come forward during the ceremony to be “cloaked” before family and friends in the iconic white coat that signifies their status as healthcare professionals.

The White Coat Ceremony was initiated in 1993 at Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians & Surgeons by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation. Arnold P. Gold, MD, a Columbia professor, believed that the oath to compassionate patient care taken by new physicians at the end of medical school came too late. Today, nearly every medical school in the United States, hundreds of nursing schools, and many other health profession schools participate in this tradition of humanistic care.

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