



## **College of Allied Health Professions**

Professionalism Ceremony

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## **History of the White Coat**

The Professionalism Ceremony is a rite of passage for students in the College of Allied Health Professions to begin their professional program or clinical encounters with patients. The ceremony focuses on professionalism, encompassing the concepts of ethical behavior, compassionate care, and service to others. During this ceremony, we give students their first white coat and they recite an oath to remind them of the high standards expected of them.

The reception of the white coat is an acknowledgement by the student of a unique privilege and responsibility to enter the lives of patients in a special and honored way. The white coat conveys an unspoken message that the wearer is dedicated to the highest principles of respect, competency, service, and integrity.

The White Coat Ceremony, first introduced in 1993, has since become a tradition at medical schools throughout the US. Several other professional groups also utilize the ceremony as a way to convey the principles of professionalism to students beginning their health care education.

# College of Allied Health Professions

## Professionalism Ceremony

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WELCOME .....	Amber Donnelly, PhD, MPH, SCT(ASCP) Associate Dean for Student Affairs
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KEYNOTE ADDRESS .....	H. Dele Davies, MD Interim Chancellor, University of Nebraska Medical Center
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CLINICAL PERFUSION .....	Scott Sanderson, MPS, CCP, LP Program Director
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MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING .....	Stephanie Vas, MA, RT(R)(CT)(MR), MRSO Program Director
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RADIOGRAPHY .....	Ashley Balliet, MEd, RT(R)(M) Program Director
PLEDGE OF A HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL.....	Led by Michael Dutt, MHPTT, RT(R)(MR) CVIT Program Coordinator
CLOSING REMARKS.....	Amber Donnelly, PhD, MPH, SCT(ASCP) Associate Dean for Student Affairs

## **Keynote Speaker**

**H. Dele Davies, MD**

**Interim Chancellor**

**University of Nebraska Medical Center**



*H. Dele Davies, MD, serves as the interim chancellor of the University of Nebraska Medical Center. In this role, Dr. Davies is responsible for all aspects of campus leadership, program quality and operations, including six colleges, a graduate studies program, two degree-granting institutes, the professional staff and faculty of more than 6,000, and 4,500 health professions students. Initially appointed as vice chancellor in 2012, he was promoted in 2017 to senior vice chancellor, with expanded responsibilities and direct oversight of all UNMC colleges and a health sciences library. He has served as dean of graduate studies since joining UNMC.*

*Prior to joining UNMC, Dr. Davies served as professor and chair of the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine Pediatrics and Human Development Department. Before that, he was director of the Child Health Research Unit at Alberta Children's Hospital in Calgary, Canada, and the Child Health Research Institute at the University of Calgary.*

*Dr. Davies has received numerous prestigious awards during his career for his research, teaching, mentorship and community service. Since 2006, he has been recognized annually as a member of the Best Doctors of America, is a fellow of both the Infectious Diseases Society of America and Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society, and a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha National Honor Medical Society, the Society for Pediatric Research and the American Pediatric Society.*

*Dr. Davies has more than 250 publications in peer-reviewed journals related to his research on infectious diseases topics, several book chapters and other scholarly publications, and numerous presentations at national and international meetings.*

*Dr. Davies earned his medical degree from the University of Toronto Temerty Faculty of Medicine and a master's degree in epidemiology from the University of Toronto Dana Lana School of Public Health. Dr. Davies also holds a master's degree in health care management from the Harvard School of Public Health. He is specialty-trained in pediatrics and pediatric infectious diseases from the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto.*

*Dr. Davies has conducted research and developed health pipeline programs that have been supported by over \$24 million in funding either as principal investigator, co-principal investigator or co-investigator from several agencies including the National Institutes of Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research. Dr. Davies was named as one of the top 2% researchers in his field based on citation metrics by a 2022 Stanford University Study.*

## **Clinical Perfusion**

*Clinical Perfusionists run a complicated machine that works like a person's heart and lungs. This keeps a person alive while their heart is stopped for open-heart surgery. The perfusionist also runs equipment that saves and cleans blood during operations. The program is 21 months, leading to a Master of Perfusion Science degree.*

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James Matthew Compton  
Christian Eisenhauer  
Boden Joseph Halvorsen  
Cameron N. Harper  
Riley A. Hestermann  
Alyssa Hickerson  
Andrew Charles Linnebur

Madison Metinie Mao  
William L. McLaughlin  
Abigail C. Meyer  
Taylor Christine Moore  
Lauren Nicole Onestinghel  
Nishad Pandya  
Jenna E. Parfeniuk  
William Joeseph Scavuzzo  
Will Joseph Sydzyik

## **Diagnostic Cytology**

*Cytologists perform microscopic examinations of specially stained slides of human cells from sites throughout the body for the early diagnosis and treatment of disease. The program is 16 months, leading to a Master of Diagnostic Cytology degree.*

### Nebraska Medicine (Nebraska)

Victoria Alexandra Buchcik  
Michael Joseph Deja  
Autumn Hebert Delahoussaye  
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Ashley McCauley  
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Elsbeth A. Peterson  
Oliver Ted Wellington

### BayCare (Florida)

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Marlie Fistick

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Alexis D. Ruiz

### Unity Point (Iowa)

Nikolas Stipanicev

### West Virginia University Medicine (West Virginia)

Tongju Guan  
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## **Diagnostic Medical Sonography**

Sonographers use sophisticated equipment that directs high frequency sound waves (ultrasound) into areas of a patient's body to generate images for diagnostic purposes. The program is 12 months, leading to a Bachelor of Science in Medical Imaging & Therapeutic Sciences degree or Post-Baccalaureate Professional Certificate in Diagnostic Medical Sonography.

### Baxter Arena

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Leticia R. Cray (General)

Emma Rose Gebhardt (General)

Andi Hendred (Cardiovascular)\*

Grace Marie Hudson (Cardiovascular)

Sarah E. Hytrek (General)

Natalie Koubek (General)

Caitlin Hope Nelson (General)

Carlos A. Valdivia (General)

Kasey Marie Yelick (Cardiovascular)

### Linn-Benton Community College (Oregon)

Abigail Carman (General)

Shenandoah Chante Chick (General)

Samantha Conklin (General)

Abby Jane Sadowsky (General)

## **Genetic Counseling**

Genetic Counselors are trained in genetics and counseling. They teach and support people who might get or have a genetic disease. The program is 21 months, leading to a Master of Genetic Counseling degree.

Cami Rose Bisson

Claire Ella Blake

Joseph W. Flock

Annika Paulsen

Halley Suzanne Stewart

Joshua Laurence Truong

Sarah Tess Williams

Anna Marie Wilwerding

## **Magnetic Resonance Imaging**

Magnetic Resonance Imaging technologists use innovative technologies, such as magnetic fields and radio waves, to create images of the body. The program is nine months, leading to a Bachelor of Science in Medical Imaging & Therapeutic Sciences degree or Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Magnetic Resonance Imaging.

Alex A. Carlson

Makayla Lee Hilker

Asha Kahin

Tailyn Kounnavong

Micaela Lopez Perez

\*In Absentia

## **Medical Laboratory Science**

Medical laboratory scientists (formerly known as medical technologists) perform and interpret complex chemical, biological and molecular laboratory tests that help physicians detect, diagnose and treat disease. The program is 11 months, leading to a Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Science degree. The MLS program starts in May each year, and as such, students have already arrived at their clinical sites.

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Devyn Ostendorf  
Sheila Renteria Salgado  
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Joelle Kay Sanger  
Sophie Em Sayer  
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Emma Corynne Farquhar

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Aneesa Abdul-Hameed

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Thaddeus Isgrigg  
Kaci Kinder  
Lauren Linenbroker  
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Torie N. Scales

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Katie D. Ayer  
Jesse D. Copple  
Eileen Patricia Smith

## **Medical Nutrition**

*Medical nutrition therapists are food and nutrition experts who apply the science of nutrition to the assessment of nutritional status and the treatment of disease. The program is 16 months, leading to a Master of Medical Nutrition degree.*

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Audrey Lynn Arnold  
Maggie Mae Boruff  
Chanel Gonzalez-Jimenez  
Michelle Angelica Hall  
Hannah Marie Harrison  
Kennedy Jones*

*Audra Joyce  
Rebekah Lyn Kleinschmit  
Stephanie Kloucek  
Kirsten Michelle Milam  
Kali Colette Paulson  
Emma Louise Peterson*

## **Occupational Therapy**

*Occupational therapists (OTs) enable people of all ages and abilities to engage in daily life activities they need and want to do. They evaluate and provide occupation-based intervention to compensate, remediate, or prevent injury or illness, and promote health and wellness. The program of study is 33 months, following the completion of a bachelor's degree, leading to a Doctor of Occupational Therapy degree.*

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## ***Physical Therapy***

*Physical therapists (PTs) evaluate and treat patients with movement dysfunction associated with injury or disease, as well as help to prevent conditions that impair movement. The program is 33 months, leading to a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree.*

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## **Physician Assistant**

*Physician assistants (PAs) are medical professionals who diagnose illness, develop and manage treatment plans, prescribe medications, assist with surgery and often serve as a patient's principal healthcare provider. The program is 28 months, leading to a Master of Physician Assistant Studies degree.*

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## **Radiation Therapy**

*Radiation therapists manage radioactive materials and operate sophisticated equipment to administer proper dosages of radiation to a patient's body to treat cancer and other diseases. The program is 12 months, leading to a Bachelor of Science in Medical Imaging & Therapeutic Sciences degree or Post-Baccalaureate Professional Certificate in Radiation Therapy.*

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## **Radiography**

*Radiographers produce detailed diagnostic images of the human body, including tissues, organs, bones and vessels, using X-rays and other modalities. The program is 21 months, leading to a Bachelor of Science in Medical Imaging & Therapeutic Sciences degree.*

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## ***Pledge of a Healthcare Professional***

*From this day forward, I vow to always conduct myself in a manner consistent with the expectations of the profession I have chosen.*

*I will treat my patients, coworkers, teachers and fellow students with respect. I pledge to uphold the highest standards of professional and personal integrity and, through my words and actions, encourage others to do the same.*

*I will hold sacred the professional confidences shared with me, and maintain sensitivity to ethnic or culturally based beliefs. I will enter into professional discussions with an open mind and a collegial spirit.*

*I promise to honor the patients I will serve, and my profession, by striving for the highest level of competence in my discipline for as long as I practice. I will be a contributing member of the community of health professions scholars, and enrich the classroom and clinic with my reasoned ideas and opinions. I will contribute to the professional advancement of others by sharing innovative methods of practice and mentoring those who would gain from my knowledge and experiences.*

*I will abide by the laws and the code of ethics of my profession, and by the Honor Code of the College of Allied Health Professions. I will consistently behave in a way that brings honor upon my College, my University and my discipline.*

*From this day forward, I am a professional, and may my thoughts, words and deeds forever proclaim this fact to the society I pledge to serve.*

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