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WHITE COAT CEREMONY

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 2025
3:00PM

Program

Welcome and Introduction of
DepartmentsDonald Klepser, PhD
Interim Joseph D. Williams Endowed Dean

“What I Wish I Knew in Your Seat”Morgan Pritchard, PharmD
Pharmacist- Antimicrobial Stewardship, Faith Regional Health Services

“Reflections From a P4”Daniel Kresock
President, College of Pharmacy Class of 2026

Presentation of White CoatsDrew Prescott, PharmD
Assistant Dean for Student Affairs

Chris Shaffer, PharmD
Interim Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

Administration of Pledge
of Professionalism.....Carrie McAdam-Marx, PhD
Associate Dean for Experiential Programs

Closing Remarks..... Donald Klepser, PhD
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Pledge of Professionalism

As a student of pharmacy, I believe there exists a need to build and reinforce a professional identity founded on integrity, ethical behavior, and honor. This development, a vital process in my education, will help ensure that I am true to the professional relationship I establish between myself and society as I become a member of the pharmacy community. Integrity must be an essential part of my everyday life and I must practice pharmacy with honesty and commitment to service.

To accomplish this goal of professional development, as a student of pharmacy, I will:

Develop a sense of loyalty and duty to the profession of pharmacy.

Foster professional competency through life-long learning.

Support my colleagues by actively encouraging personal commitment to the Code of Ethics as set forth by the profession.

Incorporate into my life and practice, dedication to excellence.

Maintain the highest ideals and professional attributes required of a pharmaceutical caregiver.

The profession of pharmacy is one that demands adherence to a set of rigid ethical standards. These high ideals are necessary to ensure the quality of care extended to the patients I serve. As a student of pharmacy, I believe this does not start with graduation; rather, it begins with my membership in this professional college community. Therefore I must strive to uphold these standards as I advance toward full membership in the profession of pharmacy.

I voluntarily make this pledge of professionalism.

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In 1907, Dr. Rufus A. Lyman, a professor and physician in the University of Nebraska College of Medicine, urged the University to begin a pharmacy school. On April 23, 1908, the Board of Regents established a School of Pharmacy within the College of Medicine, and approved the appointment of Dr. Lyman as Director. In 1915, the Nebraska Legislature created the College of Pharmacy as a freestanding college of the University of Nebraska on the Lincoln campus. Dr. Lyman was appointed founding Dean of the College of Pharmacy.

The College moved to the Medical Center campus in Omaha in 1976. At the same time, the College of Pharmacy initiated a new pharmacy curriculum, the Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) Program, becoming only the third pharmacy school in the nation to offer the PharmD as the sole degree of the professional program when the Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy was the principal professional degree offered by all of the remaining 69 colleges and schools of pharmacy. Today, there are greater than 140 accredited U.S. colleges and schools of pharmacy, and the PharmD is the only entry level degree of the profession.

The College's Doctor of Pharmacy Program was granted continued accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education through June 2029.



*“Let there forever be
the creation
of knowledge.”*