



**School of Medicine  
Greenville**

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

**CLASS OF 2027**

# **White Coat Ceremony**

**FLUOR FIELD**

**Sunday, September 24 | 3:00 pm**

**945 South Main Street  
Greenville, SC 29601**





**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE GREENVILLE**

**CLASS OF 2027**

Veronica Able-Thomas  
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Ellie Bisese  
Camryn Briggs  
Sarah Brown  
David Bu  
Victoria Burgess  
Evan Case  
Emilio Costilla  
Brittany Champoux  
Kim Comport  
Makayla Cook  
Haven Curtis  
Austin D'Addario  
JD Dawson  
Kenan Delbridge  
Abigail Donato  
Andrew Doty  
Erin Dozier  
Emily Duckworth  
Ryan Ellis  
Keith Epps, Jr.  
Kathleen Fallon  
Ashleigh Farmer  
Nathan Faulstich  
Jillian Florez-Bhandari  
Delaney Foster  
Ambrasia Fuller  
Andre Gagliano  
Neelo Gandhi  
Logan Gardner  
Burns Gaskins  
Kendall Gassman  
Joshua Germany  
Bricen Ghent  
Sarah Goncher

Melfry Gonzalez Andujar  
Evan Gossett  
Hanes Grafe  
Patricia Greene  
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Savannah Heitmann  
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Katy Howey  
Kyle Jardim  
KB Jernigan  
Conner Johnson  
Leilani Johnson  
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Zech Karsana  
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Ronnie Keel  
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Brittany Kothari  
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Sean Lippincott  
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Kelsey Stroud  
Whitney Sussman  
Karl Swiger  
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Connor Thompson  
Emilie Uffman  
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Daniel Vasquez, Jr.  
Yash Verma  
Hampton Warner  
Cameron Whitacre  
Rachel White  
Joshua Wiggins  
Devin Wilkerson  
Victoria Wilson  
Jeffrey Woodward  
Caroline Wright  
Campbell Yates

# **ORDER OF EXERCISES**

## **PRESIDING**

Marjorie Jenkins, MD, MEdHP, FACP  
Dean, USC School of Medicine Greenville  
Associate Provost, University of South Carolina  
Chief Academic Officer, Prisma Health–Upstate

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Jonathan Gleason, MD  
Executive Vice President and Chief Clinical Officer  
Prisma Health

## **WELCOME**

Leah Robinson, PhD  
Associate Dean for Student Affairs

## **INVOCATION**

The Reverend Margaret Harouny, MDiv.  
Spiritual Care Coordinator, Division of Palliative Care

## **OPENING REMARKS**

Marjorie Jenkins, MD, MEdHP, FACP

Jonathan Gleason, MD

Caroline Wright  
Class of 2027 President

## **INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

Phyllis MacGilvray, MD, FAAFP  
Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

# **ORDER OF EXERCISES cont.**

## **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

Natalie Bikulege-Baum, MD  
Assistant Program Director  
Chief Resident, Prisma Health–Upstate  
Pediatrics Residency  
USC School of Medicine Greenville Class of 2020

## **PRESENTATION OF STUDENTS**

Leah Robinson, PhD

## **DONNING OF WHITE COATS**

April Buchanan, MD, FAAP  
Associate Dean for Medical Education

Shanu Kothari, MD  
Jean and H. Harlan Stone, MD Chair of Surgery  
Prisma Health–Upstate  
Professor, Surgery

## **ADMINISTRATION OF OATH**

Caroline Wright

## **CLOSING REMARKS**

Phyllis MacGilvray, MD, FAAFP

## **RECESSIONAL**

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## **FACULTY MARSHALLS**

**Jennifer T. Grier, PhD**  
Associate Professor  
Biomedical Sciences

**Anna Blenda, PhD**  
Professor  
Biomedical Sciences

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Presented by: Mr. Jeff Brown

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Presented by: Ashley Trexler, MD

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Presented by: Dean Marjorie Jenkins and Mr. Stephen Jenkins

## **First Decade Scholarship**

*Victoria Wilson*

Presented by: John W. Gilpin, MD

## **Dalkin Family Scholarship**

*Hanes Grafe*

Given by: Dr. and Mrs. Alan Dalkin

# CLASS OF 2027 WHITE COAT OATH

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We pledge to honor you all through our performance and dedication - not only during our medical training but throughout our careers and lives thereafter.

We will seek to embody the best in all who have helped provide us with this opportunity to live out our dream.

We will not lose the curiosity and love for learning that you have instilled in us. We vow to never forget where we came from, always prioritizing our relationships with those we love.

## **To our staff, peers, and fellow healthcare professionals...**

We commit to creating an inclusive space that promotes continuous growth and interdisciplinary collaboration.

We will cultivate a present, supportive, and dependable network that prioritizes open communication. While moments of conflict may be inevitable, we will make an active choice to assume good intentions and extend grace.

We will maintain the utmost respect towards all healthcare team members, recognizing each role as critical to patient care.

As leaders in the field, we commit to providing strong and reliable mentorship to our peers, welcoming feedback and striving to continuously improve ourselves and those around us.

## **To our community...**

We vow to continuously learn and understand your diverse culture and medical needs. We will consider historical events and current barriers to better aid and empathize with you.

We commit to advocate for the health of our community, especially those affected by poverty, disability, and injustice. To do this, we will partner with other professionals and organizations to provide accessible resources and amplify undervalued voices.

As physicians, we pledge to be leaders in our community to promote positive change in healthcare for current and future generations.

## **To our patients, who will entrust us with their well-being...**

We pledge to acknowledge the innate human dignity, infinite value, and autonomy of each individual as cardinal to our practice. We will lead each encounter with humility, listening intentionally to understand you.

We seek to build trusting partnerships, providing purposeful and holistic care that encourages you to become a participant in your own healing. Above all, we commit to advocating for you and your loved ones by echoing your voices through our actions and prioritizing individuality in your care.

## **To ourselves...**

We recognize and accept the immense privileges and responsibilities bestowed upon us as physicians in training. We vow to never forget our purpose as physicians: to heal and not to harm.

We promise to practice humility by being receptive to criticism and the wisdom of our mentors. We will strive to maintain honesty with ourselves by challenging our implicit biases and recognizing our privileges.

We acknowledge that we will face hardships and will accept them as opportunities for growth. Throughout our journey, we vow to live by the same advice we give to others in order to truly be present for ourselves and our patients.

We, The University of South Carolina School of Medicine Greenville Class of 2027, take this oath, promising to uplift each other, our colleagues, our communities, our patients, and above all, do good.



**TRANSFORMING  
MEDICINE  
ONE DOCTOR  
AT A TIME**



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