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School of Medicine

White Coat

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Class of 2027

Saturday, July 29, 2023



Order of Program

Welcome and Introduction to Ceremony

Leonel Vela, M.D., M.P.H.

Senior Associate Dean, Education Resources

Professor, Department of Family and Preventative Medicine

Chair, Department of Population Health and Biostatistics

Chief Physician, Community Health Partnerships and Outreach

Student Processional

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National Anthem

Presentation of Platform Guests

Leonel Vela, M.D., M.P.H.

School of Medicine Dean's Address

Michael B. Hocker, M.D., M.H.S.

Dean, UTRGV School of Medicine

Senior Vice President, UT Health RGV

Welcome Messages on behalf of the Office of Education Affairs

Sambandam Elango, M.D., F.A.C.S., M. Med Ed.

Associate Dean, Education Affairs

Chair, Department of Medical Education

Professor, Medical Education & Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery

Maria de Jesús Muñoz, M.D.

Associate Dean, Clerkship

Director, Clinical Skills

Associate Professor, Family and Community Medicine

Presentation of Keynote Speaker

Michael B. Hocker, M.D., M.H.S.

Keynote Speaker

Everardo Cobos, M.D., F.A.C.P.

Chair, Department of Internal Medicine

Professor of Internal Medicine

Presentation of Students and Cloaking of White Coats

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Michael B. Hocker, M.D., M.H.S.

Recitation of Profession of Values

Karina Y. Zamora

Class of 2027 Student, School of Medicine

Ringling of the Bell

Erik Hinojosa

Class of 2027 Student, School of Medicine

Closing Remarks and Instructions

Leonel Vela, M.D., M.P.H.

Student Recessional

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Announcer:

Carlo Tamayo, Ph.D., Associate Director of Outreach

Prerecorded Processional and Recessional Music by:

UTRGV Wind Ensemble under the direction of Dr. Saul Torres, Assistant Professor.

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The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine gratefully acknowledges the Arnold P. Gold Foundation for its ongoing support and guidance of this White Coat Ceremony. The Arnold P. Gold Foundation has generously provided each medical student in the Class of 2027 with a “Humanism in Medicine” lapel pin.

The Arnold P. Gold Foundation’s mission is to perpetuate the tradition of the caring doctor by emphasizing the importance of the relationship between the practitioner and the patient.

Its objective is to help physicians-in-training become doctors who combine the high-tech skills of cutting-edge medicine with the high-touch skills of effective communication, empathy, and compassion.



Hippocratic Oath

I do solemnly swear, by whatever I hold most sacred: That I will be loyal to the profession of medicine and just and generous to its members. That I will lead my life and practice my profession in uprightness and honor.

That into whatsoever house I shall enter, it shall be for the good of the sick to the utmost of my power, holding myself far aloof from wrong, from corruption, from the tempting of others to vice. That I will exercise my profession solely for the cure of my patients, and will give no drug, perform no operation for a criminal purpose, even if solicited; far less suggest it. That whatsoever I shall see or hear of the lives of all persons which is not fitting to be spoken, I will keep inviolably secret.

These things do I swear. While I continue to keep this Oath unviolated, may it be granted to me to enjoy life and the practice of the art, respected by all, in all times. But should I trespass and violate this Oath, may the reverse be my lot!

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