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

Class of 2027

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 Jésus 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

Class of 2027 Michael B. Hocker, M.D., M.H.S.

Recitation of Profession of Values

Karina Y. Zamora

Class of 2027 Student, School of Medicine

Ringing 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.