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School of Podiatric Medicine

White Coat CEREMONY

Class of 2029

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2026

ORDER OF PROGRAM

Welcome and Introduction to Ceremony
Dustin Prins, DPM, FACFAS, FACHE
Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, UTRGV School of Podiatric Medicine

Student Processional
UTRGV SOPM Class of 2029

National Anthem

School of Podiatric Medicine Dean's Address
Javier La Fontaine, DPM, MS, Med
Dean, UTRGV School of Podiatric Medicine

Presentation of Faculty and Welcome Message
Tyreen Heybeck, DPM
Faculty Chair & Assistant Professor and Academic Program Coordinator for Surgery and Biomechanics

Texas Podiatric Medical Association Address and Speaker
Dr. Isaac Bazan, DPM, FACFAS
Podiatrist, President of TPMA

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Presentation of Students and Cloaking of White Coats
Tyreen Heybeck, DPM
Faculty Chair & Assistant Professor and Academic Program Coordinator for Surgery and Biomechanics

Javier La Fontaine, DPM, MS, Med
Dean, UTRGV School of Podiatric Medicine

Naohiro Shibuya, DPM, MS, FACFAS
Associate Dean of Research, UTRGV School of Podiatric Medicine

Pinning of White Coats
Dr. Isaac Bazan, DPM, FACFAS
Podiatrist, President of TPMA

Recitation of Hippocratic Oath
Tyreen Heybeck, DPM
Faculty Chair & Assistant Professor and Academic Program Coordinator for Surgery and Biomechanics

Ringing of Bell
Karim Matta, 1st Admitted Student of Class of 2029
Joshua Olivares, SGA President-Elect

Closing Remarks and Instructions
Dustin Prins, DPM, FACFAS, FACHE
Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, UTRGV School of Podiatric Medicine

Student Recessional
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PODIATRIC OATH

I do solemnly swear to my God, on my honor, to those who have taught me, and by all things that I hold sacred, that as a practitioner of Podiatric Medicine, I shall abide by the following precepts:

I shall, above all, hold paramount the welfare of my patient, regardless of fee or favor, and I shall neither prescribe nor give any treatment or drug which will be detrimental to his well-being.

I shall endeavor to uphold the dignity of the professional way of life, the aims of which are to render public service.

I shall cherish those who have taught me, holding high their principles and precepts, and I pledge that I shall do everything that I am able to do to promote and to protect the profession of Podiatric Medicine and to aid my fellow practitioners.

In assuming this oath, I hereby dedicate myself in service to the health of humanity, and I hold as my goal the relief of pain and suffering. If I keep this Oath, may I receive God's guidance in the practice of my art, and may I enjoy my life in the respect of all men.

CLASS OF 2029

- **Diego Adobbati**
- **Yahia Al-Qudah**
- **Bethany Beal**
- **Hannah Ceron**
- **Nuvia Cortez**
- **Victor Cosovan**
- **Jaime Cuellar**
- **Caleb David**
- **Katalia Gensler**
- **Daniela Gutierrez**
- **Adamari Hernandez Ramirez**
- **Karen Hernandez**
- **Sheela Jimenez**
- **Simran Kumar**
- **Mobin Marashi**
- **Karim Matta**
- **Anthony Melgar**
- **Sarah Morales**
- **Jackeline Nunez Salgado**
- **Joshua Olivares**
- **Raahim Pathan**
- **Medeline Roy**
- **Nathaniel Schulte**
- **Izz Syed**
- **Sairakshitha Yalla**



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