

OHSU SCHOOL OF MEDICINE  
WHITE COAT CEREMONY SCRIPT

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## WELCOME REMARKS

Good afternoon. I am Dr. Tracy Bumsted, associate dean for undergraduate medical education at Oregon Health & Science University.

It is my distinct pleasure to welcome you to the White Coat Ceremony for the OHSU School of Medicine entering Class of 2018 and the J.S. Reinschmidt Lecture.

Today, we are excited to celebrate the formal transition of these students into the OHSU School of Medicine.

Let me give you a quick picture of this entering class.

- This year, you number 139 students.
- 66 of you are women, about 47 percent of the class
- 82 percent of you are Oregonians
- All of you have significant experience in the health care sector already, along with additional accomplishments in a broad array of other fields from international affairs to the sciences, engineering to the arts, and more.

You are an outstanding group of individuals. We are already proud of each and every one of you, and we are fortunate to have you as our 127<sup>th</sup> entering class, the first students in our newly transformed, **YourMD** medical school curriculum! This is an AWESOME day for all of us!

I remember when I was sitting in your seat, during my own White Coat Ceremony at the University of Utah Medical School. I was filled with plenty of emotions – happiness, excitement, nervousness, fear of the

unknown, but above all, hope about the future. While that was 18 years ago, it really doesn't seem that long ago!

I want to have you recall something I spoke to you about on Monday – during my first talk to you about Beginnings.... And that is, to start....**right now**...with the end in mind. Think about your desired outcome, when everything is said and done, what does success look like for YOU? If you can visualize the FUTURE you....

- you as a seasoned physician....
- you serving society by caring for patients, comforting...and sometimes curing....
- you as a life-work balance Ninja,
- you as a fulfilled and joyful friend, partner, parent....
- you as an ambassador for innovation and master improvement specialist...

even if right now all of those future you's are like those pixelated pictures of Mona Lisa you saw on Monday, trust that your journey will lead you to your crisp, clear, and obvious end that you had in mind all along.

Now, none of us who have ever taken this journey you are about to embark upon have done it without the support, guidance, and wisdom of others. The transformation from student to physician truly does take a village.

All the students sitting in this auditorium today have also arrived at this point buoyed by the guidance, love, and support of others, many of whom are in this audience. These people believe in you, as do we. As medical students, you'll continue to rely on that personal support in the

years to come.

Students, please join me in thanking your parents, siblings, relatives, friends, life partners, neighbors, teachers, loved ones, pets and other well-wishers for providing support to you, the next generation of physicians.

(Applause)

I would like to take a moment to acknowledge a special guest in the audience today.

Mrs. Maxine Reinschmidt, wife of Dr. J.S. “Dutch” Reinschmidt. We are delighted she is here. Please join me in welcoming Mrs. Reinschmidt.

(Applause)

Now it is my pleasure to introduce our first speaker, Dr. George Mejicano. Dr. Mejicano is our senior associate dean for education, where he oversees the entire educational portfolio for the OHSU School of Medicine.

Dr. Mejicano earned his medical degree from the University of Illinois in 1990. After finishing his post-graduate clinical training at the University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics, he is board-certified in both internal medicine and infectious diseases. He is currently a professor of medicine in the Division of Infectious Diseases at OHSU.

Dr. Mejicano is a dynamic and sought-after speaker who has given many national and international presentations related to medical education. He has served on the board of directors of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education and is the councils’ recipient of the

Robert Razkowski "Hero Award."

Dr. Mejicano has been at OHSU just 2 short years, and has completely transformed the School of Medicine's educational mission across the entire continuum of Undergraduate Medical Education for medical students, Graduate Medical Education for resident physicians, Graduate Studies for scientists in training, and Continuing Professional Development for practicing physicians. Prior to his arrival, Dr. Mejicano served as the associate dean for continuing professional development at the University of Wisconsin.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. George Mejicano.

(George gives School Welcome)

(George introduces the Reinschmidt speaker)

(Dr. David Barnard gives Reinschmidt Lecture)

Thank you, Dr. David Barnard, for those wonderful remarks and for your service to the School of Medicine.

Students and guests: It is now time for the coats!

I would like to ask Dr. Molly Osborne, associate dean for student affairs, to help lead our coating procedure. I would also like Senior Associate Dean Mejicano to join me up front here to welcome the new students as they receive their white coats.

As each student steps forward, Dr. Osborne will coat and I will introduce them. In order for the audience to be able to hear about each student,

I ask that you hold your applause until the very end.

(Coating)

Congratulations Class of 2018!

Now it is my pleasure to introduce Dr. Mark Kinzie, who is a clinical associate professor in the Department of Psychiatry at OHSU. Dr. Kinzie serves as our MD program Preceptorship Director, as well as the psychiatry residency program director. Dr. Kinzie is also an Alum! He is a 1999 OHSU graduate in our MD program, as well as our PhD program in Neuroscience. He is an active clinician, and also serves as the Associate Director of the Intercultural Psychiatric Program as well as one of three psychiatrists who lead the Resident Physician Wellness Center. Please welcome, Dr. Kinzie who will lead us in the Oath of Geneva, which can be found on page 8 of your program.

(Dr. Kinzie leads oath)

## CLOSING REMARKS

I would like to thank all our speakers this afternoon for sharing their words of wisdom. For each of you in the Class of 2018, I hope these words reinforce what a true honor it is to be in medical school and what an amazing and rewarding journey you have ahead of you.

Now, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the hardworking Undergraduate Medical Education staff for their incredible work in ensuring this glorious day, and all of the medical student orientation activities have run so smoothly. I would especially like to thank:

- Kathy Hollosy, in collaboration with Jenna Wilson from Portland State University, for putting this ceremony together.
- Debbie Melton, Director of UME Administration, and the Admissions team of Assistant Dean, Cindy Morris, and Lori Servin, Kathy Bao, and Katy Guertin-Davis, for getting the students from the application process to where they are today.
- Shelley Engle, Carolyn Zook, Laura Foran with her Teaching Services team for their work at the Transition to Medical School Orientation activities.

I would like to invite all Undergraduate Medical Education staff to stand. Audience, please join me in thanking them.

(Applause)

Students, Dr. Molly Osborne will now escort you out, as it is now time to proceed to the Stott Center Patio outside for refreshments.

To all audience members, please wait in your seats until the entire class has exited the auditorium before leaving.

We invite everyone to join us for a reception on the patio of the Stott Center outside this auditorium. Congratulations and thank you for joining us today.

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