

Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine

White Coat Ceremony



September 17, 2022

2 p.m.

About KYCOM

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Mission. The mission of the Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine (KYCOM) is to provide men and women with an osteopathic medical education that emphasizes primary care, encourages research, promotes lifelong scholarly activity and produces graduates who are committed to serving the health care needs of communities in rural Kentucky and other Appalachian regions.

History. In September 1993, Chad Perry, a prominent attorney from Paintsville, and his wife, Judy Perry, conceived the idea of creating an osteopathic medical school in the Appalachian region of Eastern Kentucky. Together with a group of visionary leaders that included former Kentucky governor, the Honorable Paul Patton, and local businessman, Burlin Coleman, they began to investigate the possibility of a school in Eastern Kentucky. These leaders believed that creation of an osteopathic medical school was the best way to help alleviate the shortage of primary care physicians in rural Eastern Kentucky. According to Chad Perry, his support of the development of an osteopathic medical school for this region arose from the fact that osteopathic physicians “tend to stay in rural areas and in family practice.”

White Coat Ceremony. It is now common practice among most U.S. medical schools to conduct a white coat ceremony to initiate medical students into the medical profession. White represents purity, healing and the professional ideals of the medical profession that focus on compassionate caregiving. The long white coat is the quintessential symbol of a physician and conveys to patients and the public the wearer's identity as a physician. The short white coat indicates the wearer's status as a medical student or student doctor. The white coat ceremony tradition among medical schools was led by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation in 1993 to promote humanism in medicine. The Gold Foundation provides a gold pin to our student doctors to wear on their white coats to symbolize commitment to providing compassionate and competent patient care. As a further initiation into the osteopathic medical profession, the KYCOM White Coat Ceremony traditionally includes recitation of its version of the osteopathic medical profession's Pledge of Commitment.

The Class of 2026 will be coated by

Tara Von Mach, OMS II
President, KYCOM SGA

Jasmine Hedayati, OMS II
1st Vice President, KYCOM SGA

Ceremony Program

Prelude Music.....	Phillip Todd Westgate, D.M.A. Professor of Music, University of Pikeville Pianist
* Academic Processional.....	Class of 2026 Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine
Invocation.....	Haley Osborne, OMS II President, Christian Medical Association Class of 2025
Welcome	Joe E. Kingery, D.O., MBA, FACOFP, FAAFP Dean, Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine Class of 2006
Greetings from the University	Burton J. Webb, Ph.D. President, University of Pikeville
Introduction of Platform Party.....	Lori Werth, Ph.D. Provost, University of Pikeville
Remarks & Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Dr. Kingery
Keynote Address.....	Frederick A. Stine VI, D.O., MHA Pediatrician, Pikeville Medical Center Co-Medical Director, Mettu Children's Hospital Adjunct Clinical Professor of Pediatrics KYCOM Class of 2017
Greetings from the Student Body.....	Tara Von Mach, OMS II President, KYCOM Student Government Association Class of 2025
White Coat Presentation	Malgorzata Simm, Ph.D., M.Sc., FCM Associate Dean of Biomedical Sciences Professor of Microbiology & Immunology
Greetings from Kentucky Osteopathic Medical Association	Selena Raines, D.O., MPH Secretary, Kentucky Osteopathic Medical Association KYCOM Class of 2015
Greetings from KYCOM Alumni Association	Anthony T. Yonts, D.O. Specializes in Internal Medicine & Pediatrics, Hazard, Ky. KYCOM Class of 2003
Pledge of Commitment	Laura Griffin, D.O., FAAO Associate Dean for Osteopathic Principles and Practices Integration Professor and Chair, Department of Osteopathic Principles and Practices
Closing Remarks	Dr. Kingery
* Recessional	Class of 2026
* Audience please stand, if able.	

Frederick Stine VI, D.O., MHA



The keynote speaker for the ceremony will be KYCOM alum Frederick Stine VI, D.O., MHA, Pikeville Medical Center pediatrician, co-medical director for the Mettu Children's Hospital and adjunct clinical professor of pediatrics at KYCOM.

Stine received his master's of health administration at Western Kentucky University, his doctor of osteopathic medicine degree at KYCOM and completed his residency at East Carolina University Brody School of Medicine (BSOM), where he was chief resident.

Prior to his roles with Pikeville Medical Center and KYCOM, Stine was a teaching faculty member for BSOM and resident liaison for the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). Stine still serves as a member of the Resident Education Committee for BSOM for the Department of Pediatrics, honorary program mentor for AAP and BSOM and resident liaison for the KYCOM Alumni Association.

In addition to his leadership roles, Stine has received several awards and distinctions, including but not limited to Student Doctor of the Year, The Dean's Award and the Dr. John A. Strosnider Leadership Award at KYCOM. Stine also completed a year-long fellowship with the North Carolina Medical Society that provided a critical framework for healthcare management based on economics, finance and leadership development.

KYCOM Class of 2026

Naoor Abdallah
Dearborn, Michigan

Andrew AbiRagi
St. Claire Shore, Michigan

Rimsha Afzal
Raleigh, North Carolina

Ceilidh Ahearn
Independence, Kentucky

Afaaq Ahmed
South Setauket, New York

Syed Ali
Miami, Florida

Summer Allahham
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Alexander Alley
Maysville, Kentucky

Marc Allison
Imlay City, Michigan

Kajol Anandani
Old Bridge, New Jersey

Andrew Anderson
West Bloomfield, Michigan

Mohammad Araf
Brooklyn, New York

Mounika Aramandla
Nashville, Tennessee

Ayah Badawy
Queens, New York

Brooke Balla
Huntsville, Alabama

Tajauna Batchelor
Newport News, Virginia

Devin Behjatnia
Los Angeles, California

Matthew Biernat
Elk Grove Village, Illinois

Maxxton Blackburn
Ashland, Kentucky

Christopher Borrero
Miami, Florida

Madison Brown
Economy, Indiana

Victoria Burton
Dublin, Ohio

Justine Casola
Bloomsburg, New Jersey

Evan Caspar
Shelbyville, Kentucky

Tanner Charette
Mayfield, Ohio

Ian Clapp
Morganton, North Carolina

Taylor Conrad
Toledo, Ohio

Jeffrey Cook
Shelbyville, Kentucky

Gabriella Costantini
Hinckley, Ohio

Morgan Courier
Delevan, Wisconsin

Nathan Covello
Tucson, Arizona

Krupal Dholakia
Columbus, Ohio

Daniel Dickerson
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Michael DiCocco
Merrick, New York

Trenton DiFilippo
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Mark Dilai
Webster, New York

Betina Beatrice Dobles
Manila, Philippines

Kelsey Donaldson
Walton, Kentucky

Kloie Doublin
Franklin, Indiana

Camden Doyle
Lakeville, Tennessee

Alexander Dragota
Canton, Ohio

Arielle Drier
Petoskey, Michigan

Thomas Eggleston
Shelbyville, Indiana

Kane Ferguson
Hornbeak, Tennessee

Kriti Gautam
Woodway, Texas

Taylor Gentz
Hastings, Minnesota

Ross Gibson
Pittsburg, Pennsylvania

Kieran Gormley
Auburn, Maine

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Connor Gregory
Maumee, Ohio

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Manchester, Kentucky

Logan Hacker
Manchester, Kentucky

Nicholas Hamed
Zionsville, Indiana

Alivia Hansford
Paintsville, Kentucky

Ibrahim Haque
South Bend, Indiana

Benjamin Hargrave
Salina, Kansas

Allie Hargrove
Royston, Georgia

Ethan Hargrove
Flowery Branch, Georgia

Loryn Hendershot
Chattanooga, Tennessee

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Salyersville, Kentucky

Kimbrionna Hunter
Anderson, South Carolina

Yazan Ibrahim
Orland, Illinois

Rana Imtiaz
Duluth, Minnesota

Wendy Jent
Spotsylvania, Virginia

Chan Kafkalia
Louisville, Kentucky

Suraj Kandoth
Las Vegas, Nevada

Paarth Kansal
Corona, California

Pavithra Kathirvel
Piscataway, New Jersey

Kristina Kaul
St. Louis, Missouri

Ashley Kelner
Johnson City, Tennessee

Bailey Kemme
Louisville, Kentucky

Elizabeth Kenny
St. Louis, Missouri

Fardin Khan
Woodside, New York

Hiba Khan
London, Kentucky

Jasur Khan
Columbus, Ohio

Tania Khan
New York, New York

Aria Khoshjabinzadeh
Reno, Nevada

Andrew King
Cincinnati, Ohio

Kelly Klein
Union, Kentucky

Jacqueline Kowalke
Versailles, Kentucky

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Decatur, Illinois

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Noah Mowbray
Chandler, Arizona

Muzammil Muztar
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New Brunswick, New Jersey

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Louisville, Kentucky

Hera Niaz
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Ashburn, Virginia

Timothy Park
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Oak Lawn, Illinois

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San Antonio, Texas

Abigail Reese
Broadview Heights, Ohio

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William Rogers
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Alexandra Rookey
Suffield, Connecticut

Cassidy Ross
Salt Lake City, Utah

Leeann Samartino
LaVergne, Tennessee

Hamzah Sami
New Hyde Park, New York

Ethan Scammell
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Isabella Schecodnic
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Houston, Texas

Areebah Siddiqui
Chicago, Illinois

Sarabjot Singh
Detroit, Michigan

Kyle Steele
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Versailles, Kentucky

Ashley Wahlman
Somerset, Kentucky

Conrad Walley
Adrian, Missouri

Zohal Wardak
Livermore, California

Jakob Warren
Henryville, Indiana

Hannah Weber
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Nicole Werner
Boone, North Carolina

Cassidy White
Middletown, Ohio

Luke Williams
Louisville, Kentucky

Jack Wilson
Beech Grove, Indiana

Peyton Wilson
Morganfield, Kentucky

Ally Windland
Paintsville, Kentucky

Daniel Yan
Bowling Green, Kentucky

Ling Zheng
New York, New York

Pledge of Commitment

As I embark upon the study of medicine at the Kentucky
College of Osteopathic Medicine, I will:

Enter into a relationship of mutual respect with my teachers and my colleagues to enhance the learning environment and gain the knowledge, skills and attitudes of a competent osteopathic physician.

Accept responsibility only for those matters for which I am competent, maintain the trust expected of an osteopathic physician and never take advantage of the patient-doctor relationship.

Show compassion and respect for all others.

Set worthy examples in the application of humanistic principles in my relationships with patients and others within the Appalachian medical community.

Work toward improving my sensitivity and skills in human interaction, understanding and respecting the differences among my patients and colleagues.

Value the knowledge and wisdom of the physicians who have preceded me in the profession and endeavor to contribute to the osteopathic tradition.

Recognize my weaknesses and strengths and strive to develop those qualities that will earn the respect of my patients, my colleagues, my family and myself.

Continue learning throughout all the days of my life.