

## *Pledge of Professionalism*

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### Preamble to the Pledge of Professionalism

The University of Mississippi, School of Pharmacy strives to be internationally recognized for leadership and innovation in education, research, professional service, and delivery of pharmaceutical care. In the pursuit of this vision, our work as students, faculty, administrators, and staff is guided by a set of core values that define what we as a community consider to be vital to our School. These core values are: collaboration, creativity, excellence, knowledge, leadership, learning, social responsibility and professionalism. Each member of The University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy must recognize that these core values are beliefs that unite all of the members of the School in a common purpose regardless of differing roles or functions. As a new member of this community you are expected to pledge to uphold these shared values in the performance of all our activities.

With this pledge, you also recognize that you are joining a profession. The pharmacy community is composed of students, faculty, practitioners, scientists, and allied pharmaceutical industry professionals, and it demands adherence to a set of principles and standards. These high ideals are necessary to ensure the quality of care extended to the patients you serve either directly through patient care or indirectly through allied professional activities.

As a member of the pharmacy community, you must believe there is a need to build and reinforce a professional identity founded on integrity, ethical behavior, and honor. Integrity will be an essential part of your everyday life, and you will be expected to pursue all academic and professional endeavors with honesty and commitment to service. The development of this professional identity is a vital process in your education, and in your personal and professional growth. It will signify your commitment to the covenant between health professionals and a society that entrusts those professionals with their care.

### The Pledge of Professionalism

I believe that my professional development begins with enrollment in this academic community and continues for a lifetime. Therefore, I will strive to uphold this pledge from this day forward.

To accomplish this goal of professional development, as a member of The University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy community, I pledge to:

ACCEPT the responsibility for my education and become an independent or active learner.

FOSTER professional competency through life-long learning. I will strive for high ideals, teamwork, and unity within the profession in order to provide optimal patient care.

DEVELOP a sense of loyalty and duty to the profession by contributing to the well-being of others and by enthusiastically accepting the responsibility and accountability for membership in the profession.

SUPPORT my colleagues by actively encouraging personal commitment to the standards as set forth by the profession.

DEDICATE my life and practice to excellence. This will require an ongoing assessment of personal and professional values.

MAINTAIN the highest ideals and professional attributes to ensure and facilitate the covenant that exists between patient and pharmaceutical caregiver.

I voluntarily make this pledge.

## The University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy White Coat Ceremony

August 11, 2011

7:00 p.m.

Gertrude C. Ford Center for  
the Performing Arts



## 2011 White Coat Ceremony

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### Welcome, Introductions and Comments

*Dr. Barbara G. Wells*  
Dean, School of Pharmacy

### Welcoming Remarks

*Ms. Kara Jumper*  
President Elect, School of Pharmacy Student Body

### Comments

*Dr. Noel E. Wilkin*  
Associate Provost  
Professor of Pharmacy Administration  
Research Professor, RIPS

### Recitation of the Pledge of Professionalism

*Dr. T. Kristopher Harrell*  
Past President, Mississippi Society of Health Systems Pharmacists

### Signing of the Pledge of Professionalism and Presentation of the White Coats

*Dr. Marvin C. Wilson*  
Associate Dean, Academic and Student Affairs  
assisted by:

*Ms. Teresa Chenault, R.Ph.*  
District Coordinator for North Mississippi and Memphis, TN

*Dr. Stacy McIntyre*  
District Coordinator for Central and South Mississippi  
Kroger Corporation

*Platform Party*

### Concluding Remarks

*Dean Wells*

### Reception

*Foyer*

## Entering Professional Students

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Kelly Antici  
Drew Arnold  
Jordana Baker  
Elizabeth Barrett  
Carlos Black  
Lauren Byrd  
Emily Carrell  
Stephanie Carroll  
Roy Cheng  
Kelsey Cissell  
Dillon Clark  
Crystal Clinton  
Meredith Cole  
Katie Conely  
Kayla Creel  
Christa Curtis  
Shea Davis  
Joannah Derrick  
Brooke Engle  
Ashlei Evans  
Jentry Fairchild  
Anna Claire Freeman  
Lacey Gilmore  
Bradford Goodwin  
Amanda Green

Brittany Gross  
Whitney Gross  
Ashley Hale  
Paul Hanley  
Jessica Hanson  
Kayla Hawkins  
Matthew Heath  
Brooke Hester  
Huy Hoang  
Jennifer Hockings  
Samantha Holmes  
Ashleigh Howell  
Brenden Jackson  
Laura Johnson  
Amanda Jones  
Paul Krantz  
Riley Krus  
Carrie Landers  
Mary Laughlin  
Julie Lawson  
Joseph Lee  
Josh Mathis  
Justin Mathis  
Johnna McDougal  
Kayla Morelock

Catherine Murphree  
Melissa Newman  
Jimmy Nguyen  
John Nguyen  
Linh Nguyen  
Laney Owings  
Elizabeth Page  
Sonal Patel  
Kayla Peeler  
Gracie Pittman  
Ramata Sakhanokho  
Hannah Sarvich  
Katie Shackelford  
Anne Marie Sharpe  
Amber Smith  
Wesley Sparkmon  
Thomas Spradling  
Hien Tang  
Chris Tapper  
Ashley Willard  
Lacey Williams  
Monica Woods  
Brandy Wrenn

## The White Coat Ceremony

The white coat is a universal symbol of the health care professions. It identifies the wearer as a member of a highly trained team of individuals who have devoted themselves to the healing arts.

The donning of the white coat also signifies the acceptance of responsibility for assisting their fellow man in improving and maintaining his or her health status.

The White Coat Ceremony has been instituted at The University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy as a way of formally initiating students into their professional academic training. It also is a visible expression of the serious nature of that endeavor as they work toward becoming members of the health care team.