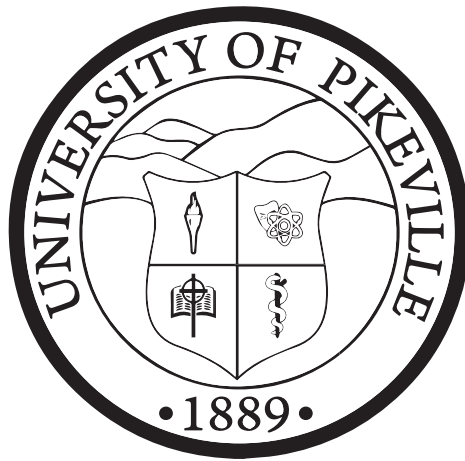


Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine

# White Coat Ceremony



September 16, 2023

2 p.m.

# About KYCOM

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## Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine

**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.

# Ceremony Program

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Prelude Music.....	Phillip Todd Westgate, D.M.A. Professor of Music, University of Pikeville Pianist
* Academic Processional.....	Class of 2027 Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine
Welcome .....	Joe E. Kingery, D.O., MBA, FACOFP, FAAFP Dean, Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine Class of 2006
Greetings from the University and Invocation .....	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.....	Juanita Fraan Hughes, D.O. KYCOM Class of 2006 KYCOM Alumni Association Board President
Greetings from the Student Body.....	Syed Zain Ali, MPH, OMS II President, KYCOM Student Government Association Class of 2026
White Coat Presentation .....	Malgorzata Simm, Ph.D., M.Sc., FCM Associate Dean of Biomedical Sciences Professor of Microbiology & Immunology
Coating of Students.....	Maleshea Hopkins, D.O. Associate Dean of Clinical Affairs  and Syed Zain Ali
Greetings from Kentucky Osteopathic Medical Association .....	Sarah Crawford, D.O. President, Kentucky Osteopathic Medical Association
Greetings from KYCOM Alumni Association .....	Frederick A. Stine, VI, D.O., MHA Vice President, KYCOM Alumni Association KYCOM Class of 2017
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 2027

\* *Audience please stand, if able.*

# Juanita Fraan Hughes, D.O.

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The keynote speaker for the ceremony will be KYCOM alum Juanita Fraan Hughes, D.O. Hughes is a family medicine physician at Quantum Health Care in Hazard, Ky. Her main practice focus is managing chronic diseases in the outpatient setting. She recently joined the group after working ten years for the University of Kentucky Department of Family and Community Medicine. There, Hughes worked as a teaching physician in the hospital and outpatient settings. In 2022, she was promoted to associate professor in the department.

Hughes is from Gilbert, W.Va. She traveled to Alice Lloyd College in Pippa Passes, Ky., in 1998, where she met her future husband and graduated with a bachelor's of science in 2002. Hughes then went on to the Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine for her Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree and graduated in 2006.

Due to a love for rural medicine and the people of Appalachia, Dr. Hughes chose to pursue a career in rural family medicine. She attended the University of Kentucky East KY Family Medicine Residency Program in Hazard, Ky., and graduated in 2006.

She has been married to her husband, Jamie, for 20 years. They have two beautiful daughters together. Mallory is 15, and Autumn is 5. Hughes and her family live in Hindman, Ky., where Jamie is the pastor of the Lighthouse Baptist Church, and she is the leader of the youth group. Together, they feel that they are making a difference in their community.

In her free time, Hughes enjoys playing tennis, practicing karate and spending time with her family.

# KYCOM Class of 2027

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James Adkins  
*Williamsport, Kentucky*

Hasibah Ahmed  
*Rochester Hills, Michigan*

Jillian Aldrich  
*Louisa, Kentucky*

Madhu Ammisetty  
*Pikeville, Kentucky*

Soham Apte  
*Glen Allen, Virginia*

Anna Askren  
*Butler, Kentucky*

Supreet Atwal  
*Sacramento, California*

Erika Auner  
*South Lyon, Michigan*

Yusuf Baggia  
*Glen Ellyn, Illinois*

Samer Basha  
*Rochester Hills, Michigan*

Humza Bashir  
*Endicott, New York*

Breanna Bohart  
*Fishers, Indiana*

Sindhuja Borra  
*Canton, Michigan*

Aaliyah Brown  
*Pompano Beach, Florida*

Hashir Bukhari  
*Rochester Hills, Michigan*

Alicia Camacho  
*Winter Springs, Florida*

Luke Camden  
*Ft Mitchell, Kentucky*

Dakota Cantrell  
*Wise, Virginia*

Austin Carter  
*Kingsport, Tennessee*

Thomas Caudill  
*Pippa Passes, Kentucky*

Rafah Chaudhry  
*Windermere, Florida*

Abby Collins  
*Salyersville, Kentucky*

Cassandra Craig  
*Tinley Park, Illinois*

Elizabeth D'Angelis  
*Ransomville, New York*

Bradley Danner  
*Argillite, Kentucky*

Anna Davis  
*Lexington, Kentucky*

Gina DeAngelis  
*Canton, Michigan*

Jonah Dennis  
*Amelia, Ohio*

Safwan Didar  
*Warren, Michigan*

Hunter Dittman  
*West Sunbury, Pennsylvania*

Jacob Doman  
*Springville, Utah*

Ashlyn Dull  
*Rockton, Illinois*

Zachary Dyer  
*Miamisburg, Ohio*

Omar Elkhodiry  
*Brooklyn, New York*

Abdul Enayah  
*Crown Point, Indiana*

Amiel Farshadmand  
*Great Neck, New York*

Farheen Fatima  
*Lombard, Illinois*

William Fleniken  
*Pikeville, Kentucky*

Pritha Gangapur  
*Northville, Michigan*

Thomas Gerhardstein  
*Lexington, Kentucky*

Ahmad Ghamlouche  
*Dearborn, Michigan*

Abigail Gilmore  
*Dewitt, Michigan*

William Hachmeister  
*Satellite Beach, Florida*

Ashley Hamby  
*Louisville, Kentucky*

Madeleine Hamilton  
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*Morehead, Kentucky*

Evan Hawthorn  
*Tipp City, Ohio*

Connor Hayes  
*Gradyville, Kentucky*

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*Greenwood, Indiana*

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*Magnolia, Texas*

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*Betsy Layne, Kentucky*

Peter Hsu  
*Gettysburg, Pennsylvania*

Logan Hurm  
*Evansville, Indiana*

Kayla Hyme  
*Columbus, Ohio*

Mark Izbrand  
*Denver, Colorado*

Haven Jacob  
*Richmond, Kentucky*

Elizabeth Jacoby  
*VanHornesville, New York*

Sean Jarbo  
*Shelby Township, Michigan*

Mykaella Xenia Javier  
*Asheboro, North Carolina*

James Jones  
*Bimble, Kentucky*

Sayona Jose  
*Brandon, Florida*

Jacob Kahle  
*Kalida, Ohio*

Alexander Kapphahn  
*Elk Grove, California*

Benjamin Keneth  
*Plainfield, Illinois*

Thomas Knopp  
*Lexington, Kentucky*

Merlin Kulangara  
*Bellflower, California*

Parnika Kumar  
*Troy, Michigan*

Connor Kure  
*Auburn, Ohio*

Nikhil Kutwal  
*New Hyde Park, New York*

Margo Lawson  
*Lexington, Kentucky*

Hannah Layne  
*Ashland, Kentucky*

Elizabeth Leach  
*Nicholasville, Kentucky*

Daniel Leung  
*Petaluma, California*

Aaron Lightbody-Cimer  
*Tom Rivers, New Jersey*

Hannah Listello  
*Lake Saint Louis, Missouri*

Ryan Loveland  
*Tierra Verde, Florida*

Elizabeth Lukens  
*Lebanon, Pennsylvania*

Danielle Luzzi  
*Altamonte Springs, Florida*

Emma Martcheva  
*Dayton, Ohio*

Nyle Masoom  
*Pittsford, New York*

Serah Mathew  
*Louisville, Kentucky*

Kylie Maynard  
*Louisa, Kentucky*

Olivia McBride  
*Granite Falls, North Carolina*

Dustin McCarty  
*Salyersville, Kentucky*

Shanna McClung  
*Bowling Green, Kentucky*

Gavin Meadows  
*Kitts Hill, Ohio*

Adhel Christian Medina  
*Dayton, Ohio*

Matthew Meier  
*Altus, Oklahoma*

Noah Mitchell  
*Louisville, Kentucky*

Akul Mitra  
*Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania*

Sana Mitra  
*Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania*

Farah Mohammad  
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Sara Monfalcone  
*La Grange, Kentucky*

Elizabeth Nazeeri  
*Philadelphia, Pennsylvania*

Deesha Patel  
*Chicago, Illinois*

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Niki Patel  
*Woodridge, Illinois*

Rohan Patel  
*Parsippany, New Jersey*

Meenakshi Pattabiraman  
*Louisville, Kentucky*

Lincoln Peixoto  
*Hixson, Tennessee*

Grace Pelagatti  
*Delran, New Jersey*

Mosammat Perveen  
*Jamaica, New York*

Natalie Pinger  
*Alpena, Michigan*

Lorelei Porter  
*Fishers, Indiana*

Donald Price  
*Hebron, Kentucky*

Andrew Prieskorn  
*Brighton, Michigan*

Oneib Qadir  
*Mt. Sinai, New York*

Ayesha Quadri  
*Dallas, Texas*

Jan Quinones Echevarria  
*Hollywood, Florida*

Shahir Rayes  
*Cairo, Egypt*

Rachel Rayl  
*Nashville, Tennessee*

Salah Riyadh  
*Tucson, Arizona*

Giovanna Ruffino  
*Washington, Michigan*

Jessica Sackett  
*Enfield, Connecticut*

Steven Santoro  
*Yorkville, Illinois*

Stephen Sedwick  
*Jacksonville, Florida*

Elshaday Sendek  
*Aurora, Colorado*

Arbaz Sharif  
*Louisville, Kentucky*

Fares Shelbayeh  
*Detroit, Michigan*

David Slone  
*Raccoon, Kentucky*

Alex Smith  
*Northbrook, Illinois*

Alexis Smith  
*Lexington, Kentucky*

Kelly Solak  
*Saint Clair Shores, Michigan*

Ryan Suiter  
*Louisville, Kentucky*

Sydney Svendsen  
*Tallahassee, Florida*

Jeremy Szilagyi  
*Fishers, Indiana*

Belal Tahir  
*Yorktown Heights, New York*

Ahmed Tawfik  
*Chicago, Illinois*

Lauren Thome  
*Waterloo, Iowa*

Kyle Thrasher  
*Marietta, Ohio*

Deniz Turkmenilli  
*Hollywood, Florida*

Uchenna Uduma  
*Tyler, Texas*

Dinesh Velu  
*Memphis, Tennessee*

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*Norfolk, Virginia*

Kunj Vyas  
*Columbus, Ohio*

Emaan Wajid  
*Gainesville, Florida*

Jacob Welch  
*Endicott, New York*

Megan Wells  
*Northern, Kentucky*

Samuel Wiley  
*Chattanooga, Tennessee*

Jerry Winchester  
*Corbin, Kentucky*

Samuel Wood  
*Louisville, Kentucky*

Sreya Yalamanchili  
*Austin, Texas*

Jessica Yorgason  
*Mount Vernon, Indiana*

Eric Zhou  
*Sacramento, California*

# Pledge of Commitment

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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.