

MEDICAL HUMANITIES

Oath of Professionalism

Case Western Reserve University Class of 2018

The White Coat Ceremony has become a tradition at US medical schools—a rite of passage marking the beginning of the academic year and an opportunity to welcome another class of students to the medical profession.

As we welcomed the incoming class of 2018, the Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine held this event at Severance Hall on July 13, 2014. For our future physicians, this is the culmination of a month of study and reflection on the meaning of becoming a physician. As I read the Oath of Professionalism composed by this year's freshman class, I am proud of our WR2 Curriculum and the purposeful inclusion of a values-based agenda for the beginning of medical training.

I hope that *Forum* readers will feel as I do—inspired by the words, optimistic about the future of our profession, and confident in the knowledge that such thoughtful students will soon become our colleagues.

—Karen Horowitz, MD
Forum Editor

We, the entering class of Two-Thousand Fourteen, now embark upon our journey to become physicians who practice with integrity, altruism, and cultural competence.

To our patients:

We promise to listen to your story; to heal with empathy and compassion; and to care while curing. We will respect your individuality and protect your right to flourish. We will nurture an environment of mutual trust.

To our colleagues:

We promise to be exemplars of our profession, dedicating ourselves to research, discovery, and life-long learning. We will collaborate across disciplines

and be worthy of our peers' respect. We will humbly commit ourselves to high ethical standards. We promise to be resilient in the face of adversity and confront challenges with courage.

To our community:

We promise to be your advocates and allies, honoring human agency and dignity. We appreciate the social and personal identities of all people and the barriers that may accompany them. We commit ourselves to overcoming these injustices. We pledge to lead inside and outside the hospital walls, providing equal and sustainable care for all.

We will practice and propel the art and science of medicine. Our role as healers begins now.

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