

The Dental Student's Oath

As I begin my clinical education for the profession of Dentistry, I pledge the following:

To uphold the highest standards of professionalism by demonstrating compassion, empathy, and sound judgment in the treatment of my patients and in my interactions with colleagues. I will remember that I am working with human beings first and foremost.

To demonstrate excellent leadership through my interactions with my patients, my fellow students, and my community. I will gracefully accept leadership opportunities presented to me.

To uphold the highest of professional ethics by doing what is right and just in my interactions with patients, classmates, and the community at large. I will remember that dental education and the practice of dentistry is a privilege and not an entitlement.

My dedication to this education and career will be exemplified in my commitment to learning all that I can, treating my patients with kindness, and always maintaining honor and integrity.

I promise to maintain the dignity of this profession by promoting the principles of patient autonomy, nonmaleficence, beneficence, justice, and veracity.

All this I pledge with pride as I pursue the education that will lead to the honor of entering into the profession of dentistry.

Marquette University School of Dentistry

White Coat Ceremony



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History of the White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was founded in 1993 by Dr. Arnold Gold, a teacher and pediatric neurologist at Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons. While attending that year's commencement exercises, it became clear to Dr. Gold that the recitation of the Hippocratic Oath, whereby students accept the obligations of the medical profession, came four years too late. Students of the medical profession are bound by at least some of the same professional commitments that bind all doctors, and Dr. Gold felt that a ceremony affirming the new status of these students, as well as emphasizing the expectations and responsibilities appropriate for the medical profession, was necessary. These feelings served as the impetus for Dr. Gold's foundation to begin the advocacy and sponsorship of the White Coat Ceremony.

There are several essential components present in a White Coat Ceremony. Among them is an official welcome from the Dean, faculty, and other senior members of the school and the professional community, and the swearing of an oath, in the presence of family and friends, indicating the student's intention and willingness to assume the obligations and responsibilities of their chosen profession. Additionally, each student is presented with a ceremonial white coat by a mentor figure, representing their belief in this student's ability to carry on their profession.

Since its inception in 1993, the tradition of the White Coat Ceremony has spread beyond the walls of medical schools, and now takes place in dental schools, pharmacy schools, and other health professions schools worldwide. The White Coat Ceremony tradition began in 2007 at the Marquette University School of Dentistry. That tradition continues tonight.

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History of the Marquette University School of Dentistry

Marquette University School of Dentistry began as the Dental Department of the Milwaukee Medical College on September 26, 1894. On that day, there were 9 faculty members, 30 students, and a clinic consisting of 16 chairs.

In 1907, the Milwaukee Medical College affiliated with Marquette College, a Jesuit liberal arts school in the city of Milwaukee. With the addition of the Medical College's four academic units—medicine, dentistry, nursing, and pharmacy—Marquette College became Marquette University, and the future of the School of Dentistry was secured.

The School of Dentistry moved to its 16th Street location in 1923. That building housed a 150-chair clinic that was later expanded to 167 chairs, and earned the reputation as “the largest dental clinic under one roof” in the world. That clinic, together with its diagnosis laboratory, was praised as a pioneering effort in dental education, and attracted dental educators nationwide to Marquette.

The School of Dentistry moved into its current facility in 2002. With this change of venue, the School also introduced a new patient-based, student-centered curriculum that has continued Marquette's reputation as a leader in dental education.

Throughout the last 125 years, Marquette University School of Dentistry has been housed in three different buildings, provided over 3 million patient visits throughout Milwaukee, the state of Wisconsin, and the world, and graduated over 8500 dental professionals.

Tonight, we welcome the Class of 2023 as they join the rich history of Marquette University School of Dentistry.

Order of Events

Welcome	<i>Dr. William Lobb</i>
Invocation	<i>Rev. John D. Laurance, S.J.</i>
History of the School of Dentistry	<i>Chante Parker President, Class of 2022</i>
History of the White Coat Ceremony	<i>Emily Schuler President, Class of 2021</i>
Introduction of Honored Guests	<i>Dr. Thomas Reid</i>
Introduction of Guest Speaker	<i>Dr. William Lobb</i>
Keynote Address	<i>Dr. Leo E. Rouse Dean and Professor Emeritus Howard University College of Dentistry</i>
Presentation of Students	<i>Dr. William Lobb Dr. Thomas Reid Anthony Acuna President, Class of 2020</i>
Dental Student's Oath	<i>Dr. Joseph Best</i>
Blessing of the Hands	<i>Rev. John D. Laurance, S.J.</i>
Closing Remarks	<i>Dr. William Lobb</i>
<i>Reception to Follow</i>	
<i>Robert J. & Judith M. Sullivan Atrium, School of Dentistry</i>	
<i>Music by the MUtet</i>	