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White Coat Ceremony FAQ's

Q: What is the White Coat Ceremony?
<i>A: The White Coat Ceremony is a milestone ceremony that celebrates the beginning of clinical studies for both third year DDS and second year DH students.</i>
Q: When and where is the 2024 White Coat Ceremony?
<i>A: Monday, September 16 from 5-7pm in Leadership Hall in MSTF (685 W. Baltimore Street)</i>
Q: Can I invite my family and friends?
<i>A: Students may invite up to three guests to the ceremony.</i>
Q: What is the dress code for students?
<i>A: Students should wear professional attire. Bring your clothes that you want to wear to the ceremony with you to the SOD that morning! You will not have time to go home to change.</i>
Q: What time should students arrive and where?
<i>A: Students need to arrive to the SOD first floor atrium no later than 4:40 pm for class photos and to line-up for the processional into Leadership Hall.</i>
Q: Do we wear our white coats to the ceremony?
<i>A: No. Bring your UNBUTTONED white coat with you and have it draped over your left arm when you process in and go on stage to be coated. Do not forget to bring your white coat; we will not have extras.</i>
Q: Do my guests need tickets?
<i>A: YES, every guest MUST have a ticket. *Children under two, do not need a ticket.*</i>
Q: Where should my guests park?
<i>A: The closest garage is Pearl, located at 622 W. Fayette Street. There may also be street parking available. For more parking information: https://www.dental.umaryland.edu/patients/driving-directions-and-parking/</i>

Q: Will the ceremony be livestreamed and recorded?

A: Yes! The ceremony will be livestreamed here:

<https://youtube.com/live/ObWqB0tFz7o?feature=share>

A recording of the ceremony will be posted to the UMSOD Office of Student Affairs' website a few days after the ceremony.

Q: Where should my guests go after they have parked?

A: Guests should head directly to the auditorium located at the intersection of Baltimore and Pine Streets. Doors open at 4:30 pm. Important: food, drink and balloons are not allowed in Leadership Hall.

From Pearl Garage to Ceremony:

Exit parking garage onto Fayette Street and turn right on Fayette Street

Turn left onto Pine Street

Follow Pine and cross to the other side of W. Baltimore Street

Turn left onto W. Baltimore Street

Enter the building on your right



Q: Can my guests take photos during the ceremony?

A: There will be a professional photographer taking photos during the ceremony and those photos will be made available to students soon after the ceremony. Guests are permitted to take photos (no flash) but may not stand in the aisles or block other attendees.

Q: Can I get my white coat embroidered with my name?

A: We recommend getting personalization done after the ceremony, where you technically receive your coat.

Q: Can I take photos before the line-up?

A: We recommend taking photos after the ceremony, so that everyone can get lined up and the ceremony can begin on time. The professional photographer will take photos before, during and after the ceremony. Students will receive a link to these photos soon after the ceremony.

Q: What happens after the ceremony?

A: After the ceremony, guests may exit the hall and partake in the light refreshments being offered in the atrium outside of the hall. Students will remain in the auditorium for a couple of minutes to take some group photos. Students will meet their guests in the atrium.