

## White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony was initiated on August 20, 1993, at the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. Grants from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in 1996 and 1997 made future and widespread advocacy of this celebratory and solemn event possible. Currently, a White Coat Ceremony or similar rite of passage takes place at more than 90 percent of schools of medicine and osteopathy in the United States, as well as at all four medical schools in Israel.

The Arnold P. Gold Foundation White Coat Ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care for the patient as well as scientific proficiency.

In addition to a white coat, each LLU School of Medicine student receives a pin depicting The Gold Foundation's "Humanism in Medicine" logo. The School of Medicine expresses appreciation to The Arnold P. Gold Foundation for providing the pins.

### Faculty Coaters

Deborah Carritte, MD  
*Assistant Professor, Anesthesiology*

N. Lennard Specht, MD  
*Assistant Professor, Medicine*

Bonnie Chi-Lum, MD, MPH  
*Associate Professor, Preventive Medicine*

Shirley Tan, MD  
*Assistant Professor, Medicine*

Alexandra Clark, MD  
*Head, General Pediatrics*  
*Assistant Professor, Pediatrics*

Tamara Thomas, MD  
*Dean, School of Medicine*  
*Professor, Emergency Medicine*

David H. T. Kim, MD  
*Assistant Clinical Professor, Medicine*

Denise Townsend, MD  
*Assistant Professor, Medicine*

Scott Nelson, MD  
*Associate Professor, Orthopedic Surgery*

Shammah Williams, MD  
*Assistant Professor, Medicine*

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# *Class of 2025*

*White Coat Ceremony*



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*Thursday, July 29, 2021, 5:30 p.m.*  
*Loma Linda University Church*  
*Loma Linda, California*

## Program

Prelude	Daniel Rogstad, MD, PhD <i>Assistant Dean, Basic Science Education</i> <i>Assistant Professor, Medicine</i>
Welcome/Opening Prayer	Sarah Roddy, MD <i>Associate Dean, Admissions and Recruitment</i> <i>Associate Professor, Pediatrics and Neurology</i>
Special Music	<i>As the Deer</i> <b>Martin Nystrom</b> <b>Arr. Kenneth Choi</b> Kenneth Choi SM Class of 2024
Introduction of Speaker	Tamara Thomas, MD <i>Dean, School of Medicine</i> <i>Professor, Emergency Medicine</i>
Address	Shammah Williams, MD <i>Assistant Professor, Medicine</i>
Introduction of Faculty Coaters	Tamara Thomas, MD
Receiving of Coats	Amy Hayton, MD <i>Assistant Dean, Student Affairs and Wellness</i> <i>Assistant Professor, Medicine</i> Henry Lamberton, PsyD, MDiv <i>Associate Dean, Student Affairs</i> <i>Associate Professor, Psychiatry and Religion</i>
LLUSM Physician's Oath	Tamara Thomas, MD
Consecration Prayer	Tamara Shankel, MD <i>Senior Associate Dean, Medical Student Education</i> <i>Associate Professor, Medicine and Pediatrics</i>

## *The Physician's Oath* *Loma Linda University School of Medicine*

### **Before God these things I do promise:**

In the acceptance of my sacred calling,

I will dedicate my life to the furtherance of Jesus Christ's healing and teaching ministry.

I will give to my teachers the respect and gratitude which is their due. I will impart to those who follow me the knowledge and experience that I have gained.

The wholeness of my patient will be my first consideration.

Acting as a good steward of the resources of society and of the talents granted me, I will endeavor to reflect God's mercy and compassion by caring for the lonely, the poor, the suffering, and those who are dying.

I will maintain the utmost respect for human life. I will not use my medical knowledge contrary to the laws of humanity. I will respect the rights and decisions of my patients.

I will hold in confidence all secrets committed to my keeping in the practice of my calling.

I will lead my life and practice my art with purity and honor; abstaining from immorality myself, I will not lead others into moral wrongdoing.

**May God's kingdom, His healing power and glory be experienced by those whom I serve, and may they be made known in my life, in proportion as I am faithful to this oath.**