



THE UNIVERSITY *of* NORTH TEXAS  
HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER *at* FORT WORTH

# 2021 White Coat Ceremony

**System College of Pharmacy**  
**School of Health Professions**  
**Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine**

August 20, 2021 • 9:00 am  
Will Rogers Memorial Center Auditorium  
Fort Worth, Texas

# 2021 White Coat Ceremony

## PROCESSIONAL

### NATIONAL ANTHEM\*

### WELCOME

Charles Taylor, Pharm.D.  
Provost & Executive Vice President, Academic Affairs

### PRESENTATION OF THE MARY E. LUIBEL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Michael R. Williams, D.O., M.D., M.B.A.  
President

### INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT SPEAKERS

S. Suresh Madhavan, Ph.D., M.B.A.  
Dean, System College of Pharmacy

J. Glenn Forister, Ph.D., PA-C  
Dean, School of Health Professions

Frank A. Filippetto, D.O., C.P.P.S., F.A.C.O.F.P.  
Everett Endowed Professor & Dean, Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine

### STUDENT SPEAKERS

Noemie Kanene (Class of 2022)  
System College of Pharmacy

Rachel Catherine Barr (Class of 2023)  
Physician Assistant Studies

Prince Thomas (Class of 2023)  
Department of Physical Therapy

Kendrick Lim (Class of 2023)  
Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine

### PRESENTATION OF WHITE COATS

#### SYSTEM COLLEGE OF PHARMACY OATH

Meredith Howard, Pharm.D., B.C.P.S  
Associate Professor, Pharmacotherapy

#### PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT OATH

America McGuffee, M.P.A.S., PA-C  
Assistant Professor, Physician Assistant Studies

#### PHYSICAL THERAPY OATH

Myles Quiben, P.T., Ph.D., D.P.T., M.S.  
Chair and Professor, Physical Therapy

#### OSTEOPATHIC OATH

Frank A. Filippetto, D.O., C.P.P.S., F.A.C.O.F.P.  
Everett Endowed Professor & Dean, Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine

\* Audience please stand and silence all electronic devices.

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## CLOSING REMARKS

### RECESSIONAL

#### GRAND MARSHAL

April Wiechmann, Ph.D.  
Chair of the Faculty Senate

#### SOLOIST

Erica Simmons, M.M.  
UNT School of Music

#### FACULTY COATERS

##### System College of Pharmacy

Dorette Ellis, Ph.D.  
Abigail Hulsizer, Pharm.D.  
Megan Wesling, Pharm.D.

##### Physician Assistant Studies

Lauren Dobbs, M.M.S, PA-C  
Vic Holmes, PA-C, M.P.A.S, Ed.D.  
Kenya Samuels, PA-C

##### Department of Physical Therapy

Leslie Ayres, P.T., D.P.T., C.C.S.  
Mindy Brummett, P.T., D.P.T., O.C.S.  
Kenneth Miller, P.T., D.P.T.  
Brandy Schwarz, P.T., D.P.T., Ed.D., O.T., M.B.A.

##### Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine

##### Advisory Colleges

#### Beyer College

LaKiesha Crawford, M.D.  
Jan Jowitt, A.G.N.P  
Brittany Love, D.O.  
Damon Schranz, D.O.

#### Everett College

Yein Lee, D.O.  
Chris Medina, D.O.  
Dante Paredes, D.O.  
Nancy Tierney, Ph.D.

#### Richards College

Jeff Beeson, D.O.  
Michael Carletti, D.O.  
Meaghan Nelsen, D.O.  
Sajid Surve, D.O.

#### Elko College

Val Agena, D.O.  
Sandra Davis, M.D.  
Shane Fernando, Ph.D.  
Katrina Roop, D.O.

#### Luibel College

Didi Ebert, D.O.  
Lesca Hadley, M.D.  
Janet Lieto, D.O.  
April Wiechmann, Ph.D.

#### Zachary College

Clifton Cage, D.O.  
Bryn Esplin, J.D.  
John Gibson, M.D.  
Chris Rheams, M.D.

CONGRATULATIONS  
**Dr. Albert H. Olivencia-Yurvati,**  
2021 RECIPIENT OF THE  
**Mary E. Luibel Distinguished Service Award**



Established in 1993, the **Mary E. Luibel Distinguished Service Award** is bestowed upon those who have exceptional personal commitment and long-standing dedication to the advancement of the osteopathic profession. The recipient shall be of the highest character and integrity and a caring individual who lives by the precept that service to others is life's highest calling. *Mary E. Luibel* was the wife of TCOM co-founder and chairman *George J. Luibel, D.O.*

A trailblazing surgeon and passionate educator, **Albert H. Olivencia-Yurvati, D.O., Ph.D., DFACOS, FICS, FAHA** is a 1986 graduate of the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine at The University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth. He completed his internship and general surgery residency at Tulsa Regional Medical Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma and served as Chief Resident his final year.

He then went on to complete an additional residency in cardiothoracic and vascular surgery at the Deborah Heart and Lung Center, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School at Browns Mills, New Jersey, where he served as Chief Resident.

Board certified by the American Osteopathic Association in general surgery, and cardiothoracic and vascular surgery, Dr. Yurvati was a practicing surgeon for more than 25 years. One of his greatest accomplishments included pioneering a surgical breakthrough where he identified the Xiphoid Process, a cartilage structure at the tip of the breastbone, as the source of mysterious pain for many patients and developed a way to treat it.

Dr. Yurvati returned to TCOM in 2002 as a faculty member and was appointed Chairman of Surgery in 2008. Last year, he moved into his full-time role as TCOM's Director of Medical Education where he immediately became an invaluable member of the leadership team working through the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. He also remains a Distinguished Fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons, the International College of Surgeons, and the American Heart Association. He is the first osteopathic physician to be a Visiting Professor at the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow, Scotland.

Dr. Yurvati has received multiple national and international awards recognizing his passion for excellence and ongoing commitment to providing outstanding health care. Just a few of his most recent awards include:

- 2011: HSC President's Award for Clinical Excellence
- 2012: Clyde Gallehugh, D.O., Memorial Award
- 2013: Orel F. Martin Medal, American College of Osteopathic Surgeons
- 2016: Guy D. Beaumont Jr., FACOS Award of Academic Excellence, American College of Osteopathic Surgeons
- 2021: HSC's Mary E. Luibel Distinguished Service Award

Throughout his illustrious career, Dr. Yurvati has remained focused on the future of health care having received or co-investigated more than \$2.5 million in grants from high-profile funders such as the National Institutes of Health, NASA, U.S. Department of Defense and the Osteopathic Heritage Foundation. Additionally, he has published more than 90 peer-reviewed articles, three book chapters, and numerous abstracts.

An outstanding ambassador of the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Yurvati and Sharon, his wife of 46 years, have created a legacy within TCOM that will influence future generations of osteopathic physicians. We are eternally grateful for all he has accomplished in the field of osteopathic medicine and his support for TCOM.

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P H A R M A C I S T O A T H

I PROMISE TO DEVOTE myself to a lifetime of service to others through the profession of pharmacy. In fulfilling this vow:

I will consider the welfare of humanity and relief of suffering my primary concerns.

I will apply my knowledge, experience and skills to the best of my ability to assure optimal outcomes for my patients.

I will respect and protect all personal and health information entrusted to me.

I will accept the lifelong obligation to improve my professional knowledge and competence.

I will hold myself and my colleagues to the highest principles of our profession's moral, ethical and legal conduct.

I will embrace and advocate changes that improve patient care.

I will utilize my knowledge, skills, experiences and values to prepare the next generation of pharmacists.

I take these vows voluntarily with the full realization of the responsibility with which I am entrusted by the public.

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# PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT OATH

I PLEDGE to perform the following duties with honesty, integrity, and dedication, remembering always that my primary responsibility is to the health, safety, welfare, and dignity of all human beings:

I recognize and promote the value of diversity and I will treat equally all persons who seek my care.

I will uphold the tenets of patient autonomy, beneficence, non-maleficence, justice, and the principle of informed consent.

I will hold in confidence the information shared with me in the course of practicing medicine, except where I am authorized to impart such knowledge.

I will be diligent in understanding both my personal capabilities and my limitations, striving always to improve my practice of medicine.

I will actively seek to expand my intellectual knowledge and skills, keeping abreast of advances in medical art and science.

I will work with other members of the health care team to assure compassionate and effective care of patients.

I will uphold and enhance community values and use the knowledge and experience acquired as a PA to contribute to an improved community.

I will respect my professional relationship with physicians and other members of the health care team.

I recognize my duty to perpetuate knowledge within the profession.  
These duties are pledged with sincerity and on my honor.

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P H Y S I C A L T H E R A P I S T O A T H

AS I ENTER THE PROFESSION to practice as a  
physical therapist,  
I solemnly and willingly pledge the following upon my honor:

I will accept full responsibility for the roles, obligations  
and actions of the physical therapist.

I will place the interests and needs of the patients above my own.

I will demonstrate respect, compassion and empathy for  
all individuals by advocating on their behalf.

I will consistently use current knowledge by embracing  
advancement, by challenging mediocrity and by promoting  
high standards for practice, education and research.

I will engage in excellence of care by collaborating  
and communicating effectively with colleagues, with other  
professionals, and most importantly, with the patient.

I will steadfastly adhere to high ethical principles, professional  
standards and all rules and regulations that govern  
the physical therapy profession.

I will provide physical therapy services with humility to benefit  
patients, serve the profession and positively influence society.

Thus, I accept the responsibilities that accompany the practice of  
physical therapy by freely binding myself to this oath.



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O S T E O P A T H I C O A T H

I DO HEREBY AFFIRM my loyalty to the profession I am about to enter.

I will be mindful of my great responsibility to preserve the health and the life of my patients, to retain their confidence and respect both as a physician and a friend who will guard their secrets with scrupulous honor and fidelity, to perform faithfully my professional duties, to employ only those recognized methods of treatment consistent with good judgment and with my skill and ability, keeping in mind always nature's law and the body's inherent capacity for recovery.

I will be ever vigilant in aiding the general welfare of the community, sustaining its laws and institutions, not engaging in those practices which will in any way bring shame or discredit upon myself or my profession. I will give no drugs for deadly purposes to any person, though it be asked of me.

I will endeavor to work in accord with my colleagues in a spirit of progressive cooperation and never by word or by act cast imputations upon them or on their rightful practices.

I will look with respect and esteem upon all those who have taught me my art. To my college I will be loyal and strive always for its best interests and for the interests of the students who will come after me.

I will be ever alert to further the application of basic biologic truth to the healing arts and to develop the principles of osteopathic medicine as taught by my profession.

In the presence of this gathering I bind myself to this oath.



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