CLASS OF 2016 OATH

I swear by the things that are sacred to me, before my family, my friends, my colleagues, and my patients, that I will keep the following oath:

I will honor the trust that society has placed in me by using my education for the good of all patients. I will uphold the autonomy of my patients and treat them as partners in their healthcare decisions through education and open communication.

I will recognize the humanity of my patients by remaining sensitive to the individual cultural, spiritual, and emotional needs of each one. I will advocate for all patients, with a mind towards sustainable and just healthcare for every human being.

I will honor the teachers and physicians before me by emulating their high standard of professionalism and continuously expanding my knowledge. I will give back to the profession through teaching, mentoring, and fostering innovation.

I will value and cherish the opportunity to be part of a greater team. I will foster a collegial atmosphere that promotes respect, accountability, and the sharing of ideas among all healthcare providers.

In the community, I will act as a leader and advocate, engaging with local and global community leaders, patients, and providers. Cognizant of the social, economic, and political circumstances of our time, I will champion improvement of healthcare access both locally and around the globe.

I will treasure the love and support of family and friends during my hardships, and I will hold these relationships as sacred bonds.

I will approach the rest of my career in medicine with the awe I experienced while seeing my first patient. I will strive to restore this reverence to those who have lost it.

I vow to remain humble. Aware of my own limitations, I will invite my colleagues to provide support and guidance. I will treat myself with compassion, remembering that healing others requires me to be healthy, both in body and mind.

With this oath, may I enjoy the privilege of practicing the sacred art and science of medicine.