CLASS OF 2012 OATH

We, the class of 2012, vow to uphold the following oath…

To our patients, we vow to:

Hold dear the value of altruism that drew us into this field and continue to practice in a selfless manner.

Possess integrity and dependability, and practice medicine with compassion, dignity, and empathy.

Practice with excellence, but have the ability to recognize our own limitations.

Empower our patients, listen to them closely, and have the wisdom to aid them in their goals.

Advocate for patients and remain culturally competent caregivers by reserving respect for our patients’ emotional, physical, and spiritual needs.

To our community, we will:

Act as leaders, balancing our responsibilities to individual patients and the greater society in promoting the health and well-being of all, near our homes and around the globe.

To our colleagues, mentors, and future students, we vow to:

Maintain a high standard of professionalism throughout our careers.

Continue to improve ourselves and adapt to changes in the future of medicine, knowing that we have learned what it takes to be successful in our careers.

Disseminate the positivity of our profession and remember that we do not work alone, but as collaborative members of the healthcare team.

Share our knowledge with anyone who desires to learn, never forgetting that we are also lifelong learners.

To ourselves and our loved ones, we vow to:

Proceed forward into our careers with confidence accompanied by humility.

Remember that to take care of others, we must also take care of ourselves. To take care of ourselves, we must make time for our family and friends, for they provide strength and happiness.

In keeping this oath faithfully, we will go forth and enjoy the privilege of practicing the art and science of medicine.

We will take the wisdom and lessons learned from our time at the Ohio State University College of Medicine with us today and each day hereafter, always remembering the hope, idealism, and enthusiasm for medicine that each of us has this day.