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Med school welcomes new students

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On August 12, the incoming Class of 2003 at the University of Nevada School of Medicine was officially welcomed into the medical community and "cloaked" with their first white coats.

The ceremony is a ritual at the beginning of medical school which was established in order to make the incoming students more aware of their professional responsibilities. It impresses upon them the primacy of the doctor-patient relationship; encourages them to accept the obligations inherent in the practice of medicine; and charges them to be excellent, compassionate physicians and to lead lives of uprightness and honor. The message conveyed in this first ceremony of medical school -- which is sponsored by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation, the School of Medicine Alumni Association, and the Office of the Dean -- is that physicians should care as well as cure.

The Class of 2003 is filled with bright and talented young people who have done extraordinary things. It includes an EMT, a literacy volunteer, triathlon and marathon participants, researchers who studied grain beetles and breast cancer, musicians, fire fighters, a movie extra, and a dancer -- all with a desire to help people.

The new class was welcomed by Rafaela Hernandez, Class of 2000; Dr. Jerry R. May, associate dean for Admissions and Student Affairs gave a picture of the class; and the keynote speaker was Dean Robert M. Daugherty, Jr., M.D., Ph.D. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Dr. Kevin D. Murray led the class in recitation of the Oath of Geneva and gave closing remarks.