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White Coat Ceremony

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The University of Nevada School of Medicine will hold its third annual White Coat Ceremony **Thursday, August 6, from 5 – 7 p.m. in the Hall of Fame Room in Lawlor Events Center**, with a reception immediately following the ceremony. Each member of the incoming medical school class will be presented with a white coat, symbolizing acceptance of the responsibilities of the medical field.

The new class will be welcomed by fourth-year medical student Andy Papez and Dr. Cheryl Hug, who is assistant dean for admissions, will present the class. Dean Robert M. Daugherty will give a short address to the class and then he, Dr. Cheryl Hug, Dr. Tracy Veach, and second-year medical students Jennifer Frankovich and Dominic Ricciardi will make the presentation of the white coats and pins. Finally, Dr. John Fildes, who was the school's 1998 Outstanding Clinical Professor, will lead the recitation of the Oath of Geneva and make closing remarks.

By taking part in this meaningful ritual at the beginning of medical school, student-physicians become more aware of their professional responsibilities. The ceremony impresses upon them the primacy of the doctor/patient relationship, and encourages them to be compassionate as well as competent.