



COLUMBIA

COLLEGE OF  
DENTAL MEDICINE

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CLASS OF 2025  
WHITE COAT CEREMONY



## PROGRAM

### WELCOME

**Dana Wolf, DMD, MS '05**

Senior Associate Dean for Predoctoral Academic and Student Affairs  
Associate Professor of Dental Medicine at CUMC, Division of Periodontics

### INVOCATION

**Rev. Dr. Ian Rottenberg**

Dean of Religious Life

### GREETINGS

**Christian S. Stohler, DMD, DrMedDent**

Professor and Dean, College of Dental Medicine  
Senior Vice President, Columbia University Irving Medical Center

**Kenneth M. Catandella**

Senior Executive Director, Columbia Alumni Association and University Relations

**Abraham Chahine, DDS '09**

President, Association of Dental Alumni

**Nicole Pallas and Mark Prakash**

Orientation Chairs

### PRESENTATION OF WHITE COATS

### HIPPOCRATIC OATH - ADAPTED

**Letty Moss-Salentijn, DDS, PhD**

Vice Dean, Curriculum Innovation and Interprofessional Education  
Edward V. Zegarelli Professor of Dental Medicine in Anatomy and Cell Biology,  
Division of Foundational Sciences

### BENEDICTION

**Rev. Dr. Ian Rottenberg**

### CLOSING

**Dana Wolf, DMD, MS '05**

## THE COLLEGE OF DENTAL MEDICINE AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Columbia University was founded in 1754 as King's College by royal charter of King George II of England. It is the oldest institution of higher learning in New York State and the fifth oldest in the United States. King's College organized a medical faculty—now the College of Physicians & Surgeons—in 1767 and was the first American medical school to grant the MD degree. The school suspended instruction during the American Revolution and reopened in 1784 as Columbia College, later to become Columbia University in 1896 in recognition of the development of graduate faculties. Today, the institution is officially known as Columbia University in the City of New York.

Recently, the College of Dental Medicine celebrated the 100th anniversary of its establishment at Columbia University. Although the school traces its roots back to 1852, it was in 1916 that the university established its own school of dental education in recognition of dental medicine's place within the health sciences. Shortly thereafter, the new Columbia University dental school absorbed both the New York Post-Graduate School of Dentistry and the New York School of Dental Hygiene. In 1923, it was joined by the New York College of Dental and Oral Surgery to form the School of Dental and Oral Surgery of Columbia University. In January 2006, the School of Dental and Oral Surgery was renamed the College of Dental Medicine to better reflect its close ties to medicine.

In the early 1920s, Professor William J. Gies of the Columbia Biochemistry Department established the International Association for Dental Research, the first organization devoted exclusively to dental research. In 1926, Professor Gies prepared a report for the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching asserting that oral health is inextricably linked to overall health and best taught in an academic medical setting. The report sparked a transformation in the field and dental schools throughout the country followed Columbia's lead in strengthening adherence to the basic educational principles and objectives laid out in Gies' report.

## THE COLLEGE OF DENTAL MEDICINE AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

The Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center (now Columbia University Medical Center) a joint venture of the medical school and Presbyterian Hospital, opened in 1928 at its present location and was the nation's first institution to combine teaching, research, and patient care. In addition to the medical and dental schools, CUMC encompasses Columbia's public health and nursing schools, as well as New York Presbyterian Hospital, The Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital and the New York State Psychiatric Institute. Leveraging its position within a world-class academic medical center at an Ivy League university, the College of Dental Medicine advances dentistry's practice, teaching, and scientific research.

### WHITE COAT HISTORY

The white coat, a symbol of knowledge, compassion, and the professional interest of the healthcare practitioner, serves as a guidepost in the doctor-patient relationship. It reflects the serious purpose at hand and permits patient and doctor to meet in a trusting relationship in which the patient's health is foremost. The white coat donned today is a cloak of compassion and an honor to wear. It is symbolic of entry into the health profession and is to be worn with respect and humility.

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Brian Ro	
Katherine Roman	

## OATH FOR THE PROFESSION

### **AS A MEMBER OF A HEALTHCARE PROFESSION:**

**I SOLEMNLY PLEDGE** to dedicate my life to the service of humanity;

**THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF MY PATIENT** will be my first consideration;

**I WILL RESPECT** the autonomy and dignity of my patients;

**I WILL MAINTAIN** the utmost respect for human life;

**I WILL NOT PERMIT** considerations of age, disease or disability, creed, ethnic origin, gender, nationality, political affiliation, race, sexual orientation, social standing or any other factor to intervene between my duty and my patient;

**I WILL RESPECT** the secrets that are confided in me, even after the patient has died;

**I WILL PRACTICE** my profession with conscience and dignity and in accordance with the recognized standards of care;

**I WILL FOSTER** the honor and noble traditions of the healthcare professions;

**I WILL GIVE** to my teachers, colleagues, and students the respect and gratitude that is their due;

**I WILL SHARE** my knowledge for the benefit of the patient and the advancement of healthcare;

**I WILL ATTEND TO** my own health, well-being, and abilities in order to provide care of the highest standard;

**I WILL NOT USE** my knowledge to violate human rights and civil liberties, even under threat;

**I MAKE THESE PROMISES** solemnly, freely, and upon my honor.



