Meharry Medical College
School of Dentistry
White Coat Ceremony

Dental Class of 2025
Dental Class of 2024
International Dental Class of 2023
International Dental Class of 2022

Cal Turner Ballroom
27 August 2021 • 1:30pm-4:30pm
Program

Procesional
Class of 2025 and Class of 2024
International Class of 2022 and International Class of 2023

Presiding
Valencia McShan, DDS, MA
Assistant Dean, Student Affairs

Invocation
Robin H. Kimbrough, JD, MDiv
Chaplain and Special Advisor to the President for United Methodist Church Affairs

Greetings
James E.K. Hildreth, PhD, MD
President and Chief Executive Officer
Meharry Medical College
Cherae Farmer-Dixon, DDS, MSPH, MBA, FACD, FICD,
Dean, School of Dentistry
Andrea Hayes, MA, CAE
Executive Director, Tennessee Dental Association
Anthony Carroccia, DDS, MAGD, ABGD
Trustee, Tennessee Dental Association

Occasion
Valencia McShan, DDS, MA
Assistant Dean, Student Affairs

Presentation of White Coats and Dental Oath
Gerald Davis, DDS, MA
Associate Dean, Academic Affairs

Words of Wisdom
Jasmine Clyde, President, Class of 2022
Alexandria Cobb, Vice President, Class of 2022

Closing Remarks
Dean Farmer-Dixon

Benediction
Robin H. Kimbrough, JD, MDiv

Recessional
Dental Class of 2025

Micah Armstrong
Marcello Baptiste
Monica Bean
Matthew Beard
Dorothy Beauzil
Zoe Beckworth
Christian Boone
Larekia Brown
Phillip Brownlee
Jacob Carter
Charlie Cook
Amber Cooke
Alexis Copeland
Alicia Cumberlander
Micheal Curry
Joshua Delaney
Ryan Elliott
Kayla Ellis
Danielle Epps
Ivey Frazier
Michael George
Heaven Graham
Aaliyah Gray
Aerial Griffin
Kristin Hall
Destiny Harris
Mariam Hawaz
Janika James
Chaunice Johnson
Karmen Jones
Lauren Jordan
Kandyce Kirt
Alan Lee
David Lyons Jr
Osrica Alva Persis Mclean
Orlyne Megouang Fah
Helana Mikhaeil
Jerome Neal
Philip Nguyen
Onyeka Oguagha
Michael Okoro
Raena Patterson
Alyse Pearson-Bryant
Newton Perez
Cherrelle Perkins
Jada Pierre
Avona Rios
Dilan Rutland
Jodine Seide
Taylor Shaw
Brooklyn Sims
Kristin Smith
Taylor Swett
Erika Taylor
Gregory Taylor
Tamera Thomas
Nathalie Tombo
Tina Tran
Faren White
Louis Williams
She’Neka Williams
Dental Class of 2024

Tara Abbott
Amanda Adams
Azizat Adediran
Blossom Amechi
Ayuong Arop
Mallori Ashford
Keyshawn Astin
Beshoy Aziz
De’Quincy Bingham
Destini Black
Kayla Brown
Shamika Bryson-McAuley
Dontrell Carpenter
Lashunda Collins
Kayla Copeland
Teosha Craighead
Allexis Culton
Lauren Davis
Victoria Davis
Cadette Deneville
Marlene Dontsop
C’Vaeo Edwards
Christine Estimé
Cameryn Faulkner
Lauren Gaddis
Alicia Guy
Jarrett Harper
Savanna Harrison
Faraj Hasan
Aisha Jenkins
Megan Johnson

Brianna Jones
Julian Jones
Marrisa Lee
Paris Little
Kaitlyn Logan
Cameron Mahone
Jasmine Marks
Michael McKinnie
Ashleigh McQuirter
Michala Mercer
Kareem Moustafa
Vivian Nelson
Sheream Reed
Melissa Romain
Amiin Samatar
Selvia Sargious
Jonathan Seay
Adeoluwa Sijuwola
Jazmine Stubblefield
Lauryn Taylor
Shavon Tucker
Dean Turner Jr.
Anjelica Tyrell
Iyamilet Vargas Alvarez
Bianca Vekima
Jazmyne Walker
Malik Walters
Jeremiah Warren
Robert White
Nyle Wilson
Munira Yusuf
International Dental Class of 2023

Idil Abdullahi Farah Asseyr
Larimar Gonzalez
Poornima Gopalakrishnan
Rupinder Heir
Kamalpreet Khinda
Palak Kothia
Anoop Nandanoor
Krishna Patel
Alci Rodriguez Fernandez
Aditi Sheth

International Dental Class of 2022

Sadaf Ahmed
Ahmed Albayatti
Archana Avhale
Swati Bisht
Rani Devi
Sarah Elamin
Rima Gandhi
Amrit Pal
Hiren Patel
Alina Rayamajhi
Dental Oath of Commitment

I, (student state name) as a new member of the Meharry Medical College family, will accept the responsibilities and opportunities that have been afforded to me as a dental student.

I understand that my primary responsibility as a dental student is to obtain all knowledge and experiences of the academic program that are presented to me. I pledge to learn all that I can and to be completely prepared for all classes and examinations at all times.

I accept the challenge to strive for superior excellence didactically.

I will respect my fellow classmates, faculty, and staff and the administration. I ask that my classmates be attentive to my well-being as I will be to theirs. I acknowledge my obligation to support and sustain the honor and integrity of the profession. I will present myself as a professional at all times, both in and outside of the academic environment. I will live out the student honor code throughout my dental matriculation, understanding that this is preparing me for the health professional that I am training to be.

Now being admitted to the family of dentistry, I pledge myself to the service of humanity, my patients, my community, and my future profession. I will use my skills to serve all in need, with openness of spirit and without bias. The health and well-being of my patients will be my first consideration.

All this I pledge with pride in my commitment to the profession and as a Meharry Medical College, School of Dentistry student.

I take this oath freely and upon my honor.
Meharry Medical College, School of Dentistry gratefully acknowledges the Arnold P. Gold Foundation for its support of this White Coat Ceremony. The Arnold P. Gold Foundation has generously provided each dental student with a “Humanism” label pin. The Gold Foundation logo featuring a golden Mobius loop which symbolizes the continuous bond of trust, respect and communication that connects healthcare professionals with their patients when humanism is at the core of healthcare.

Congratulations!