

Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry



White Coat Ceremony

in honor of

Dental Class of 2026
International Dental Class of 2024

Cal Turner Ballroom
Friday, August 12, 2022 • 1:30pm-3:30pm

Program

Processional

Class of 2026
International Class of 2024

Presiding

Valencia McShan, DDS, MA
Assistant Dean, Student Affairs, Diversity & Inclusion

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

Nelson Adams III, MD
Chair, Board of Trustees

Cherae Farmer-Dixon, DDS, MSPH, MBA, FACD, FICD
Dean, School of Dentistry

Anthony Carroccia, DDS, MAGD, ABGD
Trustee, Tennessee Dental Association,

Occasion

Valencia McShan, DDS, MA
Assistant Dean, Student Affairs, Diversity & Inclusion

Presentation of White Coats and Dental Oath

Gerald Davis, DDS, MA
Associate Dean, Academic Affairs

Keynote Speaker

Terry Spurlin-Moore, DDS

Words of Wisdom

Adrienne Hoffman, President, Class of 2023
Morgan Josey, Vice President, Class of 2023

Closing Remarks

Cherae Farmer-Dixon, DDS, MSPH, MBA, FACD, FICD
Dean, School of Dentistry

Benediction

Robin H. Kimbrough, JD, MDiv

Recessional

Light reception immediately following in the Cal Turner Center Foyer.



Dr. Terry Spurlin-Moore

Dr. Spurlin-Moore is a native of Detroit, Michigan. She graduated from Michigan State University in 1998 with a Bachelor's degree in Anthropology with a pre-dental concentration. She continued her education at the University of Ghana Legon, West Africa, where she studied History and Anthropology before returning to the United States to pursue her degree in dentistry at Meharry Medical College. Dr. Spurlin-Moore also attended a General Practice Residency program at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Dr. Spurlin-Moore was voted "Top Dentist" from 2016-2020 which was featured in Nashville Lifestyles. Dr. Spurlin-Moore has completed numerous continuing education hours in implantology and cosmetic dentistry. She is a member of the Academy of General Dentistry, Nashville Dental Society, Tennessee Dental Association, and Capital City Dental Society.



Dr. Anthony Carroccia

Dr. Carroccia is from St. Louis, Missouri. He graduated from St. Louis University in 1994 with a Bachelor of Arts in Biology and History. He moved to Nashville, Tennessee to attend Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry. He graduated from Meharry in 1999. Afterwards, he followed family traditions and served in the Army. Dr. Anthony Carroccia served at Ft. Campbell for three years before opening his office in Clarksville where he practices sedation dentistry.

Dr. Carroccia has been on the "Best Dentist in Nashville" list. He was also awarded the Sedation Safety Dentist of the Year Award in 2009, the Lifelong and Learning Service Award, and is a Diplomat of the American Board for General Dentistry. Dr. Carroccia currently serves on the Tennessee Dental Association committee for Anesthesia, Sedation and Scope of Practice as the general dentist representative.

Dental Class of 2026

Neriah Alexander
Ihunna Amugo
Nnamdi Anige
Jade Arthur-Hutson
Chidozie Asiegbunam
Jonathan Baptiste
Dennis Bendana
Lemlem Berta
Lauren Brown
Taylor Brown
Mckayla Butler
Michaela Campbell
Jalah Carter
Yeain Choi
Leylah Coimin
Markez Coleman
Ciarra Collins
Angela Curtis
Jemila Darling
Anniya Davis
Doney Eden
Quaylon Estell
Shania Ferguson
Na'Kita Fordham
Jessica Gates

Michelle Gibbs
Mia Greene
Whitley Hall
Elizer Harris
Kali Harris
Bedru Hassen
Cameron Hassenboehler
Jayvon Hibbler
Aleah Jackson
Jomari Jackson
Rashawn Jackson
Mickayla Jasmin
Blair Jason
Ciara Johnson
Youssef Kamel
Regan Kelly
Bryant Knight
Tyler Lanier
Jadyn Lewis
Kaela Mack
Kyla Marks
Nicole Martes Fernandez
Kianna Martin
AC McGhee

Cherise Miller
Moriah Muhammad
Ogechi Nwokeocha
Miguel Ortiz Gonzalez
Nmachi Osagiede
Charity Rier
Leonard Rowe
Honar Saleh
Abdelrahman Sedik
Kassandra Shaw
Semaj Shelton
Rakel Sherrod
Jeremiah Soliman
Amya Sowell
Aaliyah Stateson
Danielle Turnipseed
Valerie Ukpede
Ugochukwu Uzodinma
Huthayfah Walker
Colby Williams
Deandra Williams
Jelani Williams
Madison Williams
Tatyana Williams
Theodore Williams

International Dental Class of 2024

The International Class of 2024 is the third class of the Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry International Track Program.

The Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry International Track Program is an advanced standing program for dentists who have completed their dental training outside of a Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) accredited U.S. or Canada dental program.

Alla Adam
Celia Anuez Morffi
Azhari Elamin
Namrata Laheri
Apoorva Motupalli

Yumna Noor
Himani Patel
Kinjal Patel
Amees Poshya
Amanda Stetler



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!

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.