

## ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Corey L. Hartman, MD, FAAD is the founder and medical director of the Skin Wellness Dermatology in Birmingham, Alabama. He is also assistant clinical professor of Dermatology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine Department of Dermatology. A native of New Orleans, Dr. Hartman attended Emory University graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. After earning a doctorate of medicine from Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee, he completed an internship in Internal Medicine at Tulane University Medical Center and a residency in Dermatology at the University of Alabama School of Medicine. Dr. Hartman is certified by the American Board of Dermatology and is a fellow of the American Academy of Dermatology and the American Society for Dermatologic Surgery.

During his training, Dr. Hartman traveled to study at UCLA and Howard University, where he was an apprentice with experts in cosmetic procedures for all skin types. This knowledge has provided the basis for expertise in tailoring dermatologic surgery and cosmetic procedures that are safe and effective for patients from many diverse backgrounds and participates in clinical trials to further this work. Dr. Hartman has a special interest in Dermatologic Surgery, Injectables, the latest in Laser technology and specializing in treating skin of color. He is internationally recognized as an expert on injectable fillers, neuromodulators, hyperpigmentation and social media in dermatology and frequently speaks at meetings around the world on these topics. He serves on the boards of many organizations and companies including Editorial Board of the Journal of the AAD, Board of Directors of the Skin of Color Society, Dermatology Times, Men's Health Magazine, Galderma Aesthetics, Allergan Aesthetics and Revision Skincare.



# Class of 2026 White Coat Ceremony

The Cal Turner Family Center

Friday, April 12, 2022

10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

**PROGRAM**

**Invocation . . . . . Rev. Robin Kimbrough, JD, MDIV**  
*OMBUDS, Chaplain and  
Special Advisor to the President on United Methodist Affairs*

**Greetings . . . . . James E.K. Hildreth, PhD, MD**  
*President and Chief Executive Officer  
Meharry Medical College*

**Nelson Adams III, MD**  
*Chair, Board of Trustees*

**Digna S. Forbes, MD**  
*Interim Dean, School of Medicine  
Professor, Department of Pathology*

**Keynote Address . . . . . Corey L. Hartman, MD, FAAD**  
*Assistant Professor, Dermatology  
University of Alabama School of Medicine  
Meharry Medical College '02*

**Presentation of White Coats . . . . . LaMonica Stewart, PhD**  
*Interim Associate Dean,  
School of Graduate Studies & Research  
Professor, Biochemistry, Cancer Biology,  
Neuroscience & Pharmacology*

**Oath of Commitment . . . . . Theodora Pinnock, M.D.**  
*Associate Dean, Student Affairs and Admissions  
Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics*

**Closing Remarks. . . . . Dr. Pinnock**

*Meharry Medical College, School of Medicine would like to thank The Arnold P. Gold Foundation, Dedicated to Fostering Humanism in Medicine, for providing the gift of the Humanism in Medicine Lapel Pins.*

**CLASS OF 2026**

Achebe, Emmanuella  
Ademisoye, Samuel  
Adu-Kyei, Diandra  
Afzali, Mishgan  
Akinbamowo, Oladeji  
Alamgir, Nafisa  
Alapati, Avani  
Alocozy, Lilly  
Alexander, Oliver  
Allen, Alexis  
An, William  
Andrews, Courtney  
Anyakoha, Don  
Ariwodola, Oluwatosin  
Armstrong, Jennifer  
Asimama-Duruaka, Echezonachi  
Atkinson, Azaria  
Atkinson, Jheanelle  
Atkinson, Jheneal  
Baako, Precious  
Batey, Gernie  
Belledent, Teresa  
Benjamin, Samantha  
Bernatowicz, Elizabeth  
Billups, Tiana  
Bishay, Marinia  
Boles, Nia  
Bordenave, Madison  
Boyd, Tenesha  
Brown, Austin  
Brown, Michael  
Buatsi, Senanu  
Campbell, Courtney  
Campbell, Kadae  
Caro, Orlane  
Chatmon, Glynn  
Chi-Ukpai, Chinanu  
Cohen, Dierra  
Creighton, Pierce  
Dada, Oluwademilade  
Davis, Dasane

Davis, Stanton  
Duncan, Ashley  
Ekeanyanwu, Rebecca  
Ekeanyanwu, Ikenna  
Ekechukwu, Gabriel  
Flewellen, Cristen  
Ford, Braylan  
Gaines, Imani  
Gainor, George  
Gandhi, Richa  
Girgis, Sandy  
Goode, Shelby  
Gopichand, Christian-Michael  
Griffin, Brianna  
Haregot, Alexander  
Henry, Latifah  
Hite, Maria  
Jamal, Sara  
Jannah, Khadijah  
Jenkins, Steffany  
Johnson, Jordan  
Kaimenyi, Michelle  
Kaira, Hatib  
Kamrani, Bayan  
Kirpal, Bhonesa  
Kotey, Emmanuel  
Lee, Alexandria  
Louis-Jacques, Karl-Stephane  
Low, Jonathan  
Lowe, Aaron  
Mapombo Choupa, Sacha  
Martin, Ariana  
Mayo, Kiah  
Mazyck, Jacob  
Michael, Kirolos  
Miles, Veronica  
Mitchell, Jordan  
Mullings, Otto  
Munshi, Sabah

Neal, Camille  
Nwokoye, Nmesoma  
Nyenwe, Emmanuel  
Nzenkue, Kevin  
Obot, Joan  
Oliver, Darryll  
Ofosu, Emmanuel  
Patel, Pooja  
Pierre, Zachary  
Potter, Taylor  
Rao, Mallika  
Raufu, Ifedolapo  
Reeves, Glenn, Jr.  
Ritter, Hannah  
Salah, Haneen  
Salisu, Omobosola  
Scott, Edgar  
Scotton, Stacey  
Shalby, Abanoub  
Sornabala, Daisy  
Suggs, Anthony  
Summers, Charles  
Tate, Asha  
Thanawalla, Mikhail  
Titanji, Bosung  
Turicos, Juan  
Ude, Nnaemka  
Ugwueke, Grace  
Veerappan, Devi  
Walker, Selwyn, Jr.  
Walker, Michael  
Warmahaye, Hanad  
Watson, Jamila  
Weiskopf, Lucille  
White, Maranda  
William, Beshoy  
Woodard-El, Kameron

## **The White Coat Ceremony**

Welcome to the White Coat Ceremony at Meharry Medical College, School of Medicine. Through this ceremony, in the presence of family, first year students will learn the necessity of balancing excellence in science with compassionate patient care. This ceremony helps identify the characteristics of the complete doctor and provides a contract for professionalism and empathy in medicine. This event is designed to establish a psychological contract for medical students to stress the importance of caring as a significant aspect of curing.

The Class of 2026 will be seen in their monogrammed white coats and will hear an inspiring message by Corey L. Hartman MD, FAAD, Assistant Professor Dermatology, University of Alabama School of Medicine.

This rite of passage is sponsored by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation, a not-for-profit organization that is dedicated to fostering humanism in medicine. Students will also recite an oath of commitment that clearly articulates a student physician's responsibilities to his/her patients.

## **The Arnold P. Gold Foundation**

The Arnold P. Gold Foundation is a public not-for-profit organization dedicated to fostering humanism in medicine. It was established in 1988 by Drs. Arnold P. Gold and Sandra O. Gold, along with several colleagues at the Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center and College of Physicians and Surgeons and dedicated to community leaders and philanthropists. The goal of the Foundation is to influence the way physicians are trained from the very first day of medical school, throughout their four years of medical training, as well as during internship and residency programs.

Enthusiasm for this event has spread quickly, and today, deans and administrators at more than 94% of medical schools throughout the country have contacted the Gold Foundation to request funding to help them establish a White Coat Ceremony at their respective Schools. The Gold Foundation raises funds to continue developing, implementing, expanding and replicating many innovative ideas and programs created to accomplish its mission.

The Foundation has received significant support from many individuals and several major foundations, including The Russell Berrie Foundation, The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, The Tow Foundation, The Josiah Macy, Jr. Foundation and the Newark Beth Israel (NBI) Healthcare Foundation. Additional information is available from the Arnold P. Gold Foundation at (201) 567-7999.

## **Meharry Medical College**

Meharry Medical College has maintained a tradition of excellence in healthcare education and the delivery of healthcare services to the underserved and underrepresented individuals since its inception in 1876.

Established as the Medical Department of Central Tennessee College by the Freedman's Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the College was founded as part of the society's efforts to educate freed slaves and provide health care services to the poor and underserved. The first individual contribution to the school was made by Samuel Meharry and his brothers. Their initial gift was matched by the Methodist Episcopal Church and the department was formally opened on October 13, 1876.

Over the years, Meharry has expanded in depth and diversity, and the College has grown stronger and more deeply committed to its goal of providing the best in healthcare and education. It has risen to the occasion during the pandemic in providing testing, volunteers in vaccine trials and administering of the vaccine in its home community. Perhaps, the institution's greatest contribution to healthcare is that over 50 percent of its graduates practice primary care medicine in underserved urban areas and rural communities.

## **The Oath of Commitment**

**(Read in unison)**

As I begin my career as a student physician here at Meharry Medical College, I make this commitment, I will . . .

Accept nothing other than the full pursuit of excellence for myself in this my chosen career.

I will hold inviolate the trust and confidence that patients extend to me as a student physician. I will always respect patients as persons and protect patient autonomy, elevate patient welfare above all other concerns, and treat all persons with compassion and dignity. I will treat all those who seek my help with humanism and compassion.

I will offer to my fellow students any help or assistance that is within my power to give, should they require it, and extend to them the same respect and trust that I wish to be shown to me. I will safeguard and nurture a culture of integrity and trustworthiness at Meharry Medical College and in our profession by encouraging my peers to act ethically and by responding appropriately.

I will conduct my personal and professional life with total integrity. I will be trustworthy and act with integrity in all spheres of professional life: academics, patient care, clinical research, and professional relationships;

I will not cheat, plagiarize, use unauthorized materials, misrepresent my work, falsify data, or assist others in the commission of these acts; and enter into a mutual relationship of trust and respect with those who teach me, recognizing that their aspirations for me are inevitably greater than those I have for myself.

I will continue the pursuit of new knowledge throughout the whole of my life if I am to be among the best in my profession.