Class of 2022 Receives White Coats

In a ceremony both solemn and joyous, members of the Class of 2022 donned their new white coats in front of proud families and friends at the New York Academy of Medicine on August 22nd. The 78 first-year students had been welcomed with a Hudson River cruise on the previous Saturday, went through orientation on the Monday, and on Wednesday, slipped into the tangible symbols of the medical profession they seek.

Louis L. Levine, NYCPM President and CEO, welcomed and introduced attendees, noting “We have always cherished our student body; it makes the future of our profession a glowing one.” Of the faculty, he stated, “Without their support, no college can exist.”

Ronald Lowe (2020), President of the NYCPM Student Association, told the freshmen that “the white coat brings incredible responsibility, patients look at you as a physician.”

Keynote Speaker Paul Liswood, DPM (’93), a third-generation graduate of NYCPM, and President of the New York State Podiatric Medical Association, made sure that the students knew that podiatrists are members of a health care team, and that health care reform will provide great opportunities for podiatrists. He talked about what the students can expect to learn, and how podiatrists are well positioned to help an aging population prevent falls and to walk for health. His closing advice to the students: stay positive!

Then the new students lined up to walk to the stage, and walked off wearing their white coats. They recited the Hippocratic Oath for the first time, standing a little taller.
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