

We, the Class of 2015, come together with our deepest hopes and aspirations for the future. Our journeys to this point have shaped who we are individually, may these words now become our common mission.

We vow to acknowledge the human condition and all of the complexity that it entails. May we remain cognizant of the challenges of the patient experience and the importance of compassion and empathy in the process of healing. As public servants, we aim to communicate with our patients and their families in a culturally and spiritually sensitive manner. Our patients will be treated as members of our families and will be valued for who they are and the lives they lead. Amidst the rapid advances in medicine, may we not forget to make patients our partners in healthcare; not just to heal, but also to teach and provide comfort.

Thank you for trusting us in the most intimate moments of your lives.

Every healthcare provider will be viewed as an equal and integral part of the team. As physicians, we pledge to listen to and respect all colleagues' input, acknowledging when it is best to lead and when it is better to follow. We look forward to the progress that collaboration and integrated knowledge brings to the field of medicine. May we show respect to those who have paved the road of knowledge on which we currently walk, promising to extend this path for those who will follow us.

Thank you for establishing the standard of care that we strive to uphold.

Voicing our shared belief in the importance of service to our community, we pledge to work toward elimination of health disparities and to be advocates for the underserved. We recognize the extraordinary responsibility with which we have been entrusted. May we lead our community to a healthier future through education, prevention of disease and mentoring of future generations.

Thank you for allowing us to serve you.

Our families and friends will be continually acknowledged for their role as our foundation. We will remain grounded by them, not deviating from the values that they have instilled in us. The love and support that has been shown to us will serve as a model for how we treat our patients. May we continue to remain present and attentive in our relationships, with respect for their value in our lives.

Thank you for the sacrifices you have made to support us; this journey was not taken alone.

We vow to exemplify that which we ask of our patients: to persevere, to maintain harmony and health in all aspects of our lives, and to make responsible decisions. Acknowledging that we are human and make mistakes, we aim to embrace and overcome the challenges we face. As we grow as physicians, we pledge to remain insatiably curious, constantly seeking self-improvement through introspection and lifelong learning. We strive to remember, in moments of doubt and cynicism, the passion and optimism that inspired us to practice medicine.

For all of this, may we remain ever grateful.

Thank you,