

Double White Coat Ceremony Initiates Classes of 2025 and 2024



Left: Class of 2024

Right: Bryan C. Markinson, DPM ('81), ABPM, FASPM

August 26th's White Coat Ceremony, which would normally celebrate just the incoming class (2025), this year also included the Class of 2024; the now-second years didn't don their white coats last year due to a pandemic-forced ceremony cancellation. While the Class of 2024 counts 84 students, the Class of 2025 includes 103 students. This double ceremony followed the double welcome cruise held earlier in August, which also sought to make up for the pandemic-cancelled boat trip last summer for the 2024 students.

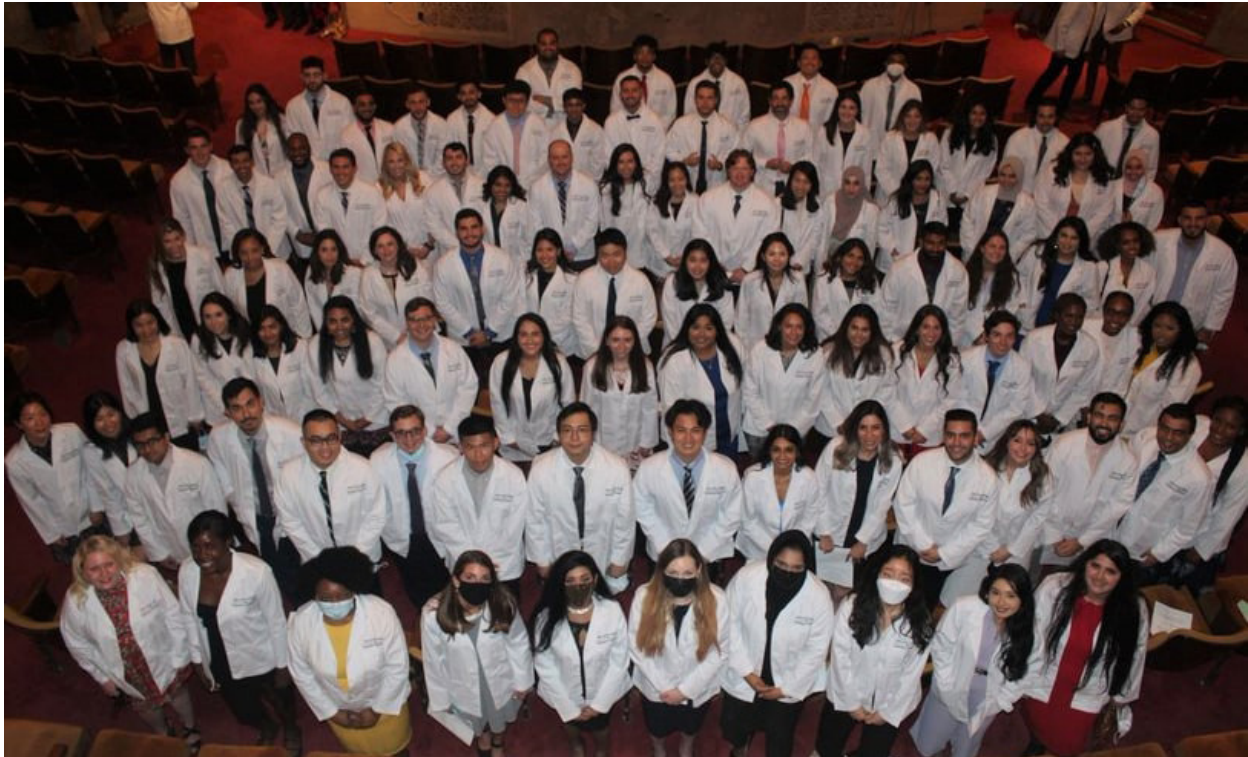
The double ceremony was held before an audience of family members, staff and faculty for both classes at the New York Academy of Medicine. Speakers included Lisa Lee, Dean for Student Services and Enrollment Management; Michael Trepal, DPM ('81), Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean; and Provost Patricia E. Salkin, JD, who is Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs at Touro College and University System, and Provost of the Graduate and Professional Divisions at Touro College and NYCPM.

William Stallings (2023), the current Student Association President and Keith Crenshaw (2022), now the former Student Association President addressed the students – Mr. Crenshaw focused on the Class of 2024 while Mr. Stallings spoke to the Class of 2025. Both past and present Presidents strove to assure their respective Classes that they deserve to be in their seats, about to receive their white coats, quelling any doubts or anxieties. While Mr. Crenshaw spoke about how "the white coat represents a transition into medical education and the journey to earn your long white coat as a physician," Mr. Stallings outlined for the first-year students some survival strategies for the four tough years ahead, including looking out for each other. He also noted that "you are the class that is rising out of the despair that was created by the COVID-19 pandemic. You are the class that will reshape what medical education will be..."

The keynote address was given by Bryan C. Markinson, DPM ('81), ABPM, FASPM, an adjunct professor at NYCPM and Associate Professor in The Leni and Peter W. May Department of Orthopedic Surgery at Mount Sinai, a member of the Department of Dermatologic Surgery there, and Team Member, Melanoma and Skin Cancer Unit in the Tisch Cancer Center at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai.

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Class of 2025

A highly successful alumnus who has had what he calls “a gloriously rewarding 40-year career” that is far from over, Dr. Markinson delivered an address that was by turns aspirational, informative and inspirational. He urged the students to get their new coats dirty, figuratively dirty, from “immersing yourselves into the intense study of all that a patient in foot pain may seek your expertise for.” He urged them to wear it out (again, figuratively) so that their future patients will know that [they] are “dedicated, knowledgeable, capable.” He also urged them to take the coat off from time to time; that is, to take care of themselves both physically and mentally.

Dr. Markinson recently received a Lifetime Achievement Award and was inducted into the PM Podiatry Hall of Fame at the APMA Annual Scientific Meeting. (Read about Dr. Markinson’s honor in Footprints, March-April 2021). https://www.nycpm.edu/newsEvents/Vol8No3-4_003.pdf

After the speeches, both classes crossed the stage to don their white coats for the first time and then recite the Hippocratic Oath also for the first time.

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A New Award for a Graduating Senior

Following the ceremony, Dr. Markinson informed Deans Lee and Dr. Trepal that he will create and fund an annual Dr. Bryan C. Markinson Award for a graduating senior who will be identified by college faculty and administration to have demonstrated extraordinary interest in podiatric dermatology, with projects, publications, etc. taken into consideration in addition to grades. The award will be presented at graduation.