



Kansas City
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COLLEGE OF
OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

THE WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Class of 2030

JOPLIN HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
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OUR MISSION

Kansas City University is a community of professionals committed to excellence in education, research, patient care and community service while:

Improving the well-being of the communities we serve.

OUR VISION

Changing health care for good.

OUR VALUES

EXCELLENCE

Striving for quality, integrity and innovation

EQUITY

Supporting an inclusive and collaborative environment

EMPATHY

Caring for our students, our colleagues and our community

NATIONAL ANTHEM

WELCOME

W. Joshua Cox, DO, FACP

*Interim Provost, Executive Dean of the College of Osteopathic Medicine
& Vice Provost for Medical Affairs*

REMARKS

Member of Kansas City University Leadership

Kenneth Heiles, DO, FACP dist.

Joplin Campus Dean of the College of Osteopathic Medicine

STUDENT GREETINGS

Angelina Prakash, OMS II

*Joplin Campus Executive President of the
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KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Karen F. Evans, DO

*Family Medicine Practitioner at LMH Health Primary Care
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Chair and Associate Professor of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine

Curtis King, MD

Interim Vice Chair of Primary Care

John Paulson, DO, PhD

*Interim Dean of the College of Health Professions, Chair of Primary Care
& Associate Professor of Family Medicine*

Bruce Williams, DO, FACOFP *dist.*

Associate Dean of Clinical Education

THE OSTEOPATHIC OATH

PRESENTATION OF THE CLASS OF 2030

THE OSTEOPATHIC OATH

I do hereby affirm my loyalty
to the profession I am about to enter.

I will be mindful always of my great responsibility
to preserve the health and the life of my patients,
to retain their confidence and respect
both as a physician and a friend
who will guard their secrets with scrupulous honor and fidelity,
to perform faithfully my professional duties,
to employ only those recognized methods of treatment
consistent with good judgment and with my skill and ability,
keeping in mind always nature's laws
and the body's inherent capacity for recovery.

I will be ever vigilant in aiding in the general welfare
of the community, sustaining its laws and institutions,
not engaging in those practices, which will in any way,
bring shame or discredit upon myself or my profession.

I will give no drugs for deadly purposes to any person,
though it be asked of me.

I will endeavor to work in accord with my colleagues
in a spirit of progressive cooperation,
and never by word or by act cast imputations upon them
or their rightful practices.

I will look with respect and esteem
upon all those who have taught me my art.

To my college I will be loyal and strive always for its best interests
and for the interests of the students who will come after me.

I will be ever alert to further the application
of basic biologic truths to the healing arts
and to develop the principles of osteopathy,
which were first enunciated by Andrew Taylor Still.

KCU FACTS

KCU is the largest medical school in Missouri.

KCU is the leading producer of physicians for Missouri and the second-leading producer for Kansas.

Nearly 12,000 physicians and scientists nationwide earned their degrees at KCU.

KCU is home to a College of Osteopathic Medicine, College of Dental Medicine, College of Biosciences and College of Health Professions located on two Missouri campuses – Kansas City and Joplin – to serve the region and beyond.

