

CLASS OF 2028

KCU WHITE COATING GUIDE

COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE



Essential Information for Your
2024 KCU White Coat Ceremony



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registering for
the ceremony

how to register

All incoming students must **REGISTER FOR THE WHITE COAT CEREMONY**

Your registration form must be submitted no later than
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2024.

We cannot make exceptions to any deadlines.



requesting an excused absence

All incoming students requesting an excused absence need to fill out the **EXCUSED ABSENCE REQUEST FORM**.

- Requests for excused absences will be reviewed and approved by the deans.
- Requests for an excused absence are due by **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2024**. We cannot make exceptions to any deadlines.
- Students will be notified of approval or denial of their excused absence request no later than **FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2024**.



ticketing

Each incoming student is guaranteed FOUR (4) tickets to the ceremony.

- Once all registrations are completed, we will distribute the remaining tickets equitably to students who request more than four.
- Everyone attending the Ceremonies **will** need a physical ticket to enter the venue.
- Tickets will be distributed at the mandatory rehearsal for students. Rehearsals will take place on campus during orientation.





the day of

parking & accessibility

Parking is available at both venues; however, please read below for important differences between the options for your venue.

ACCESSIBLE PARKING: ADA-designated parking spots are located close to building access points and are available on a first-come, first-served basis at both venues, as is an ADA drop-off area.

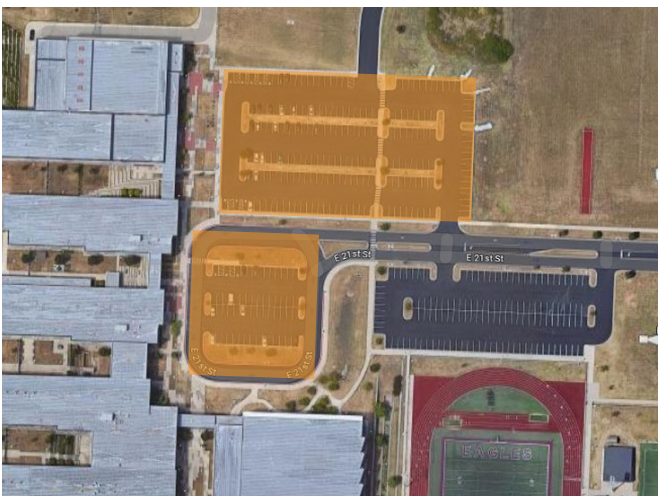
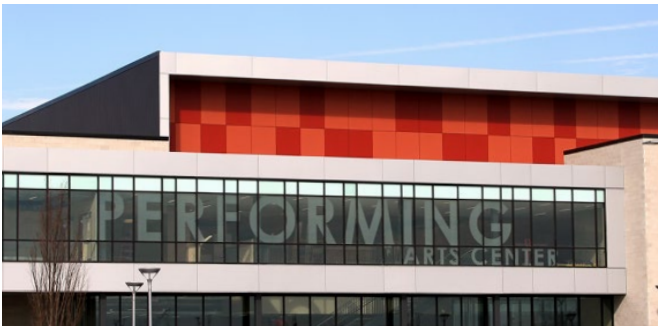
joplin

Joplin High School Performing Arts Center

2104 Indiana Avenue
Joplin, MO 64804

Parking lots located in front of the Joplin High School Performing Arts Center and the main entrance to the high school are free for all vehicles.

However, we encourage carpooling for both you and your guests as parking spaces are limited.



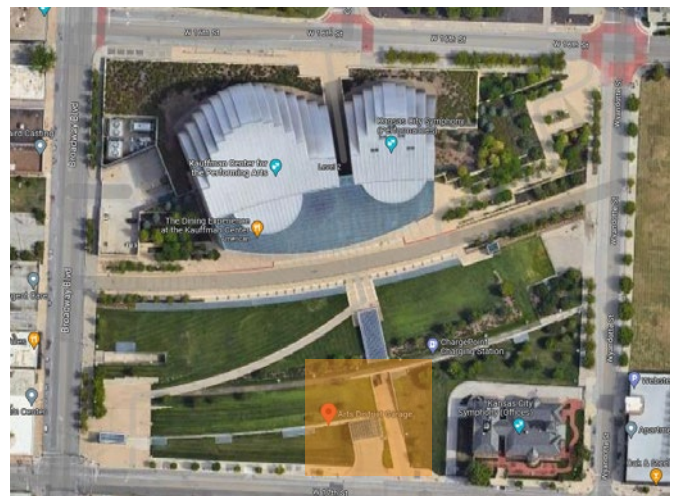
kansas city

Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts

1601 Broadway Boulevard
Kansas City, MO 64108

*Paid parking is located in the Arts District Garage. Each student will receive a **parking pass valid for free parking for one vehicle**. All additional vehicles will be charged \$16/vehicle upon entry.*

*Please note that **motorcycles are not permitted** in the Arts District Garage due to safety regulations.*



arrival at the venue

You must be at the venue at least one hour before your Ceremony start time.
We are on a very tight schedule. Be on time as there isn't room for delay.

JOPLIN

Student Arrival: **12:00 PM**

Ceremony Starts: **1:00 PM**

KANSAS CITY

Student Arrival: **4:00 PM**

Ceremony Starts: **5:00 PM**

Please leave purses, bags and other belongings with your family.

We do not have a way to secure these items during the Ceremony, and you will not have room to store them at your seat.



seating

STUDENTS

- Seats will be reserved for incoming students.
- Students will sit in alphabetical order by last name.

GUESTS

- Doors will open to guests one hour before the Ceremony.
- Seating is on a first-come, first-seated basis.
- Please remind your family and guests to be in their seats at least 10 minutes before the Ceremony is scheduled to begin.

JOPLIN

Doors Open: **12:00 PM**

Guests in Seats by: **12:50 PM**

KANSAS CITY

Doors Open: **4:00 PM**

Guests in Seats by: **4:50 PM**

ACCESSIBLE SEATING

- Both Joplin High School and Kauffman Center offer accessible seating options for patrons with disabilities.
- KCU Student Ambassadors will be available to assist your guests in finding seating.





the ceremony

attire

Business attire is recommended for the White Coat Ceremony.

- Suit jackets/sport coats are not recommended, since you will ultimately be wearing your white coat.
- Be mindful of your shoes. Flip flops, clogs, loose fitting shoes or very high heels are not recommended.
- Be sure to bring your white coat with you **ironed and unbuttoned**.

Lapel Pin Placement

Pins should be affixed to the left lapel of your white coat from top to bottom:

- *MAOPS lapel pin*
- *Arnold P. Gold button lapel pin*

You will get these pins when you pick up your tickets.

If you wish to wear any additional pins, provided they are relevant and appropriate, you may affix them to the right lapel of your white coat.



the white coating

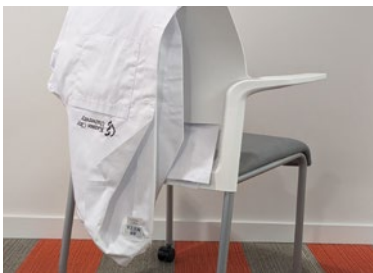
Your white coat holds great significance as a symbol of acceptance into the practice of medicine. Here are the basic steps to ensure you prepare and carry it appropriately:

On stage, student doctors must have their white coat unbuttoned and neatly folded over their right arm with the **Kansas City University** embroidery facing out. To do so easily, prepare your coat in advance:

STEP 1: When you arrive at your seat: unbutton your coat then fold it in half with the sleeves pressed against each other and the University logo facing you; fold the sleeves to the back then place your coat over the back of your chair. The University logo and your lapel pins should now be facing the back of the venue.

STEP 2: When you stand to queue: pick your coat up off the chair and place it over your right arm so that the University logo is facing outward. **Double check that you have unbuttoned your coat.**

STEP 3: Walk as directed while keeping your coat on your right arm with the sleeves neatly folded underneath and the University logo and your lapel pins facing outward.



STEP 1



STEP 2



STEP 3

Student recognition and coating

A cue director will let your row know when it is time to rise and go to the stage. Bring your coat with you as directed above. A KCU staff member will be by the stage to ensure that you are carrying your coat properly.

A KCU staff member will indicate when it is your turn to walk on to the stage and will tell you which faculty coater to go to. **It is very important that you go to the correct faculty coater for photographic purposes. If you go to another faculty coater, you will not be caught on camera.**

When directed, each student will approach the microphone on stage left and state:

“Student Doctor [Your First & Last Name]. [City & State You Are From]. [Your Undergrad Institution]”

If you graduated from the KCU-COB biomedical sciences program, please state that in addition to your undergrad.

After announcing yourself, walk to your designated faculty coater. Continue carrying your coat as directed above.

When you arrive at your faculty coater, extend your right arm, and your coat, to your faculty coater. They will remove the coat from your arm and then assist you in putting it on, beginning with your right arm. You will then insert your left arm into its sleeve in one continuous motion. Once you have been coated, exit the opposite side of the stage down the stairs and return to your seat.



**important
reminders
& faqs**

house rules

No gum, food or drinks are permitted inside the auditoriums.

Students may not use cameras or stop for pictures during the Ceremony.

- Please view the *Event Photography* section for camera rules for guests.

Students may not carry any bags/purses or wear sunglasses.

All cell phones must be turned off during the entire Ceremony.

Both venues are smoke-free/tobacco-free environments, *including vapes*.

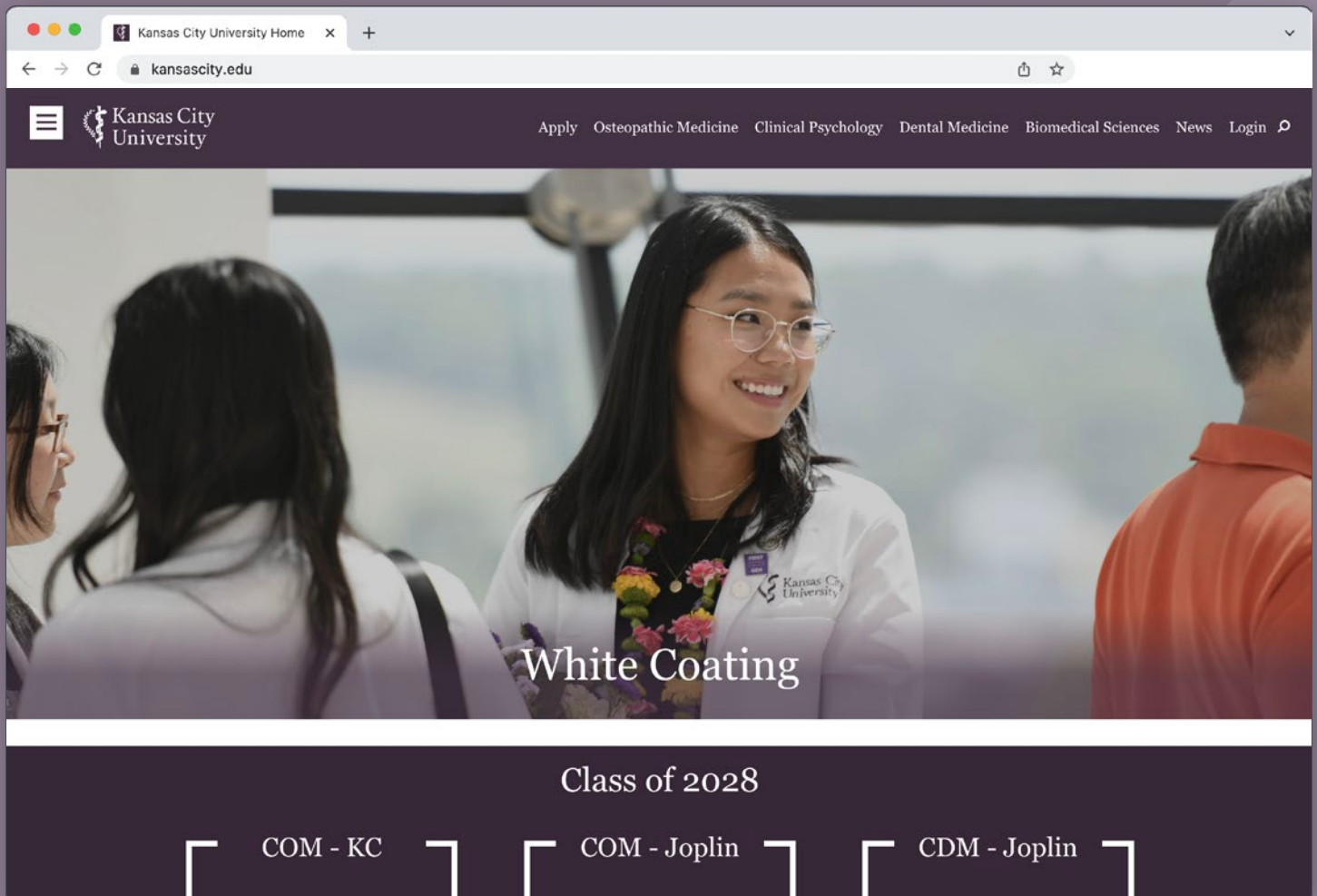


livestream

Family and friends who are not able to attend the ceremony in person will be able to enjoy the Ceremony via our livestream!

The livestream can be accessed on KCU's main webpage or via [this link](#).

Please note that the livestream will not begin until approximately **10 minutes prior to the scheduled ceremony start time.*



event photography

We have an event photographer who will be taking candid photos.

These photos of the audience, arrivals, ceremony, etc. will be available on KCU's website and social media platforms a few weeks after the ceremonies.

We also have professional photographers who will capture you being coated on stage and then take a portrait photo as you exit the stage.

Photos will be available for purchase a few weeks after the White Coat Ceremonies.



Guest Photography Policy

Guests are permitted to take photos provided it does not interfere with the Ceremony, therefore:

- Guests wishing to take photos during the event must **remain in their seats and keep aisles clear**. *Any guests approaching the stage or entering the aisles to take photos will be asked to return to their seats.*
- **Camera flash is not allowed** during the Ceremony as it will negatively impact your professional photos.

Use **#KCUwhitecoating** when you post photos to social!

frequently asked questions (FAQs)

What is the recommended attire?

STUDENTS: Business attire. Suits/sport coats are not recommended as you will ultimately be wearing your white coat. Please be mindful of your shoe selection as you will have to go up and down stairs.

GUESTS: No specified attire, but business casual is recommended.

Are students allowed to have a guest coater for the Ceremony?

No. KCU's White Coating tradition symbolically establishes a professional and personal relationship between incoming students and the KCU faculty who will become their mentors. KCU does not incorporate guest coaters.

Is it mandatory for students to attend the Ceremony?

Yes. Attendance at the White Coat Ceremony is mandatory for all incoming students. If you need to miss this milestone event, you must submit a request for an excused absence [here](#).

Is there a webpage for the Ceremony?

Yes. There is a page on kansascity.edu dedicated to White Coating [here](#).

Will the Ceremony be livestreamed?

Yes. The White Coat Ceremony will be livestreamed and available as a recording on YouTube.

How many tickets will I receive?

Each student is guaranteed four (4) tickets to the White Coat Ceremony in addition to their own seat. During the registration process, students will be able to request additional tickets. Once all registrations are completed, we will distribute the remaining tickets equitably to students who request more than four.

Will my guests need physical tickets?

Yes. Every person attending our White Coat Ceremonies will need a physical ticket to enter the venue.

Where can I pick up the tickets?

Tickets will be distributed at the mandatory rehearsal for students. Rehearsals will take place on campus during orientation.

questions?

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