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COLLEGE OF MEDICINE
Florida Atlantic University

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, August 4, 2017 • 2 p.m.

Join Dean Phillip Boiselle, M.D. at the

WHITE COAT CEREMONY AND RECEPTION

for the Class of 2021 of the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine

Barry and Florence Friedberg Lifelong Learning Center and Live Oak Pavilion
Boca Raton Campus

Invitation to follow

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THE WHITE COAT CEREMONY is a symbolic rite of passage, which welcomes new students to the practice of medicine while elevating the value of humanism as the core of healthcare. In the presence of family and guests, students are welcomed into the community by leaders of the medical school and ceremonially cloaked with their doctor's white coat. Collectively, they stand to take the oath committing them to the profession of healing. By establishing this meaningful ritual at the beginning of medical school, students are aware of their responsibilities from the first day of training. This moving ceremony is intended to impress upon them the primacy of the doctor-patient relationship. It encourages them to enter into a psychological contract in which they accept the obligations inherent in the practice of medicine: to be excellent in science, to be compassionate and to lead lives of uprightness and honor. It is designed to clarify for students that a physician's responsibility is to take care of patients and also to care for patients. The message transmitted is that doctors should care as well as cure.

