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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 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 applications of basic biologic truths to the healing arts and to develop the principles of osteopathy which were first enunciated by Andrew Taylor Still.
Congratulations to you - the UMDNJ-School of Osteopathic Medicine Class of 2011! I am very proud of each one of you for achieving this milestone. I hope you look back on your time at UMDNJ-SOM with fond memories of student life, your fellow graduates, the faculty, learning and ultimately earning your Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree. Although graduation is often associated with the end of your efforts, this is truly a beginning in many ways. You are entering a new stage of your life where you will apply your unique skills to relieve suffering and always, continue to learn. Regardless of the discipline or area of medicine you aspire to practice, be passionate about learning and most importantly, committed to healing.

You have embarked on your medical career during the most extraordinary time in the history of medicine. Not only will you benefit from having received your medical education and training at the nation’s finest osteopathic medical school, but you will also benefit from the abundance of research, invention, and technology that is available today to eradicate disease and prevent illness more effectively than ever.

Remember always, no drug can replace the empathy and healing hands of a well-trained, attentive and dedicated osteopathic physician. Also remember, each time you see a patient, you reaffirm the great oath you took at Convocation calling for you to respect and safeguard each patient you encounter. I know that you have been fully prepared to meet every challenge and possess the knowledge and skills to achieve all of your goals of becoming great physicians.

The tremendous commitment and involvement in our school by our growing alumni demonstrates their appreciation for how SOM has prepared them for their career in medicine, as well as their belief in the excellence yet to come at UMDNJ-SOM. It has been my privilege and honor to have been afforded this opportunity to serve you.

On behalf of the administration, I welcome you to the Alumni Association and trust that you will always consider yourself an important part of of the UMDNJ-SOM family.

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"Let your mind start a journey through..."
...a strange new world.”
Erich Fromm
“Let's face it, friends make life a lot more fun.”
Charles R. Swindell
"You better cut the pizza into four pieces because I'm not hungry enough to eat six."

Yogi Berra
“Success is not a place which one arrives, but rather the spirit with which one undertakes and continues the journey.”

Alex Noble
“None of us is as smart as all of us.”
Ken Blanchard
"If you obey all the rules, you miss all the fun."

*Katherine Hepburn*
“It’s been a pretty fun ride, to tell you the truth.”
R. Lee Ermey
“Babies are such a nice way
to start people.”  Don Herold
“Hear no evil, speak no evil...
...and you'll never be invited to a party.”

Oscar Wilde
“Let the workers organize.
Let the toilers assemble.”

John L. Lewis
“The physician should not treat the disease, but the patient who is suffering from it.”

Maimonides
“I’m glad I did it, partly because it was worth it...
...but mostly because I shall never have to do it again.”

Mark Twain
“Joy is not in things, it is in us.”

Richard Wagner
“The surest way to make a monkey of a man is to quote him.”
Robert Benchley

“It’s pretty clean; it’s not like you’re in there pounding feces.” - M

“Sex is like playing the piano...you get better with practice.” - O

“Muscles are shellfish.” - J

“Does anyone in the class have epilepsy, because we are going to use a strobe light for this presentation?” - E

“AAARRRGHHHHH!” - A

“We need to go down to 5 north, 6th is an anti-pushup floor.” - I

“Be on time.” - B

“So now...” - F

“Stop the dumbness!” - H

“Muscles are shellfish.” - J

“Ask about GTP in biochemistry is like reading the bible and asking who Jesus Christ is.” - L

“Point and shoot.” - N

“COXSACKIE!!” - K

“Don’t check a cremasteric reflex on girls!” - C

“Build me a neoplasm.” - D

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“Don’t Stop Believing. Hold on to that feeling...”
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“The future depends on what we do in the present.”
- Mahatma Gandhi

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SF fortune cookie “Nature, time and patience are the three great physicians”

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“For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.”
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"...the highest forms of understanding we can achieve are laughter and human compassion."
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“Success” To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded!” - Ralph Waldo Emerson

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“If you can’t explain it simply, you don’t understand it well enough.” - A. Einstein
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“Fundamentally, the marksman aims at himself!” - Zen in the Art of Archery

Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts:
and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. - Psalm 139

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Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans.
Keep interested in your own career, however humble,
it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.
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People may forget what you said,
people may forget what you did,
but they will never forget how you made them feel...

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- Psalm 37:23-24

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I stumbled upon an article written about Eleanor Roosevelt entitled “Finding the Courage to Face Your Fears”. She said, “You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face”. Words I try to live by. Mom, my only wish is that you could be here now to share in the joy of this accomplishment and see how much I’ve grown. I hope that I have made you proud.
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Osteopathy is a science. Its use is the healing of the afflicted. It is a philosophy which embraces surgery, obstetrics, and general practice. An osteopath must be a man of reason and prove his talk by his work. He has no use for theories unless they are demonstrated.
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“The whole word steps aside for the man who knows where he is going.”
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“Brick walls let us show our dedication” - Randy Pausch

“At a cardiac arrest, the first procedure is to take your own pulse” - Samuel Shem

“There is sufficiency in the world for man’s need but not for man’s greed.” - Gandhiji
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Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will direct your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

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If you can dream it, you can do it. -Walt Disney

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“The character that takes command in moments of crucial choices has already been determined. It has been determined by a thousand other choices made earlier in seemingly unimportant moments. It has been determined by all the little choices of years past - by all those times when the voice of conscience was at war with the voice of temptation - whispering the lie that it really doesn't matter. It has been determined by all the day-to-day decisions made when life seemed easy and crisis seemed far away - the decisions that, piece by piece, bit by bit, developed habits of discipline or of laziness, habits of self-sacrifice or of self-indulgence, habits of duty and honor and integrity - or dishonor and shame. Because when life does get tough, and the crisis is undeniably at hand - when we must, in an instant look inward for strength of character to see us through - we will find nothing inside ourselves that we have not already put there.”
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“When we have the opportunity to help anyone, we should do it.” (Galatians 6:10)

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“All who have accomplished great things have had a great aim, have fixed their gaze on a goal which was high, one which sometimes seemed impossible.” - Orison Swett Marden

“The difference between the possible and the impossible lies in a person’s determination.”

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Dear Classmates,

It feels like just days ago we had our White Coat Ceremony, but we have spent the last four years on a long journey to become physicians. The sugar train had it twists and turns, but ultimately we managed to arrive at our last stop – CONGRATULATIONS! WE MADE IT!!

At times our school work and rotations made us feel alone, but thankfully we are all blessed with the support of family members, friends, and loved ones. Throughout this journey we shared many personal milestones as a class – having formed new relationships, becoming engaged, getting married, having children and persevering through the passing of loved ones. We experienced many good times, and a few bad, together that in the end formed life-long friendships that we will treasure forever.

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Sincerely,

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