

WELCOME TO THE



College of Pharmacy
& Health Sciences

Doctor of Occupational Therapy 2029 Blue Coat Ceremony

Friday, August 21, 2026 | 3:00 p.m. | Sheslow Auditorium | Drake University

Coating ceremonies have been a symbolic milestone for Drake University College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences students since 1988. For OTD students, the blue coat honors the pioneers of the profession, who wore slate blue uniforms when they served in WWI. These ceremonies mark the beginning of a journey for Occupational Therapy students as they transition into the professional program. The students will receive their traditional white coats and name tags and read the Occupational Therapy Pledge of Professionalism with their cohort before their families and friends.



I. WELCOME

Dr. Erik Maki

Dean, College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences

II. REMARKS

Ally Anderson

*2028 Doctor of Occupational Therapy
Candidate*

III. INTRODUCTION OF STUDENTS

Dr. Charles Phillips

Associate Dean of Curriculum and Assessment

IV. PRESENTATION OF BLUE COATS

Dr. Charles Phillips

Associate Dean of Curriculum and Assessment

Dr. Ashley Murray

*Assistant Professor of Occupational Therapy,
2025 Teacher of the Year award recipient*

Dr. Rachel Allen-McHugh

*Associate Professor and Chair-Elect,
Occupational Therapy*

Dr. Erik Maki

Dean, College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences

Marshal: Dr. Michael Nelson

Assistant Dean for Student Affairs

V. PLEDGE OF PROFESSIONALISM

Dr. Mara Jaupon

Occupational Therapist, Drake OTD Alum

VI. CONCLUDING REMARKS

Dr. Erik Maki

Dean, College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences

VII. RECEPTION

Levitt Hall (upstairs)

COAT RECIPIENTS, DONORS & MENTORS

Coated by Faculty Mentor Dr. Rachel Allen-McHugh

Nicholas Hall | Donated by Christine Urish

Lauren Muller | Donated by Ron & Linda Snow

Marissa Rushton | Donated by Greg & Cecilia Johansen

Faculty Mentor Dr. Deanna Baceleos

Allison Carbee | Donated by Lynn & Fred Fotis

Taylor Stuecker | Donated by Christine Urish

Coated by Faculty Mentor Dr. Ashley Murray

Samantha Freerksen-Henning | Donated by Erik & Jenifer Maki

Meghan McGuill | Donated by Patty & Tod Kumbera

Levi Riesberg | Donated by Christine Urish

Kennedy Scott | Donated by Erik & Jenifer Maki

Faculty Mentor Dr. Jamie Rognes

Abby Fogarty | Donated by Marcia & Daniel McGowan

Jamie Hserwahhei | Donated by Christine Urish

Marilyn Porras | Donated by Craig & Ellen Mandel

Heidi Schwendemann | Donated by Christa & Jim Westholder

Faculty Mentor Dr. Christine Urish

Samuel Divis | Donated by Greg & Cecilia Johansen

Bryn Gruber | Donated by CoraLynn & Matthew Trewet

Arabella Mishek | Donated by Lynn & Fred Fotis

Marissa Robertson | Donated by Christa & Jim Westholder

Maya Semmelman | Donated by Greg & Cecilia Johansen

Thalia Theibault | Donated by Ron & Linda Snow