

Welcome to the



College of Pharmacy
& Health Sciences

Occupational Therapy Doctorate Blue Coat Ceremony

Friday, August 22, 2025

4:00 pm

Sheslow Auditorium

Drake University



AGENDA

I. WELCOME

Dr. Erik Maki

Dean, College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences

II. REMARKS

Taylor Bohannon, O2

*Occupational Therapy Doctorate Candidate
2027*

III. INTRODUCTION OF STUDENTS

Dr. Charles Phillips

Associate Dean of Curriculum and Assessment

IV. PRESENTATION OF BLUE COATS

Dr. Rachel Allen-McHugh

Associate Professor of Occupational Therapy

Dr. Jamie Rognes

Assistant Professor of Occupational Therapy

Marshal: Dr. Michael Nelson

Assistant Dean for Student Affairs

V. PLEDGE OF PROFESSIONALISM

Bri Brewster

Optimae Life Services, Drake OTD Alum

VI. CONCLUDING REMARKS

Dr. Erik Maki

Dean, College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences

MEANING OF THE BLUE COAT CEREMONY

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 blue coats and name tags and read the Occupational Therapy Pledge of Professionalism with their cohort before their families and friends.



COAT RECIPIENTS

Allison Anderson
Sara Brainard
JohnPaul Burtch
Zoe Drew
Sabrina Engelen
Aryn Exline
Colby Harris-Tate
Kayley Judy
Keira Kreuzenstein
Lexi Lehman
Jewel Lovanh
Maggie O'Brien
Briana Rodriguez
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Kyla Sheridan
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