

*Class of Spring 2023*

**WHITE COAT CEREMONY**

Saturday, September 25, 2021

10:00AM - 12:00PM

*Virtual Ceremony*

## • *Vision* •

A world that embraces the healing power of nature.

## • *History* •

Founded in 1992, SCNM prepares students to become naturopathic physicians, educated and trained in the principles and practices of health promotion, disease management and prevention. The next generation of healthcare providers will consider all available means to heal patients, with an emphasis on naturopathic therapies that prevent disease before it happens and heals without harming.

Located in Tempe, Arizona, the college's mission is to educate tomorrow's medical innovators in the art and science of integrative wellness through its accredited four-year program in naturopathic medicine. The college also serves the public by providing quality education, research and natural medical care.

SCNM is only one of five accredited schools of naturopathic medicine in the United States and the first medical school in the Phoenix metropolitan area. The college offers a four-year, professional-level doctor of naturopathic medicine (ND) program and non-degree coursework. The college has become a respected source of information in the field of natural health care with the help of high-quality administration, faculty and staff working with the media and community to create a higher level of awareness among the public.

SCNM is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. SCNM's ND program is accredited by the Council of Naturopathic Medical Education (CNME). Both accreditors are recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

## • *Mission* •

Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine and Health Sciences is a school of medicine and health sciences grounded in naturopathic principles. Dedicated to the ideal that everyone deserves high-quality healthcare, we engage students in a rigorous, innovative academic programs, discover and expand knowledge, and empower individuals and communities to achieve optimal health.

## • *Significance of the White Coat Ceremony* •

The donning of the white coat signifies a milestone, a transition from deconstruction to reconstruction. These students have spent two years learning about the human body, mind and condition as pieces and parts of a whole. At this stage they enter the process of putting the puzzle together, of understanding how each piece fits with another, so that they begin to see and treat their patients as a whole entity. Although each coat is merely a piece of white material, it signifies responsibility and knowledge. All students of medicine have the responsibility to apply what they know, to continue learning, and to continue growing to become the best naturopathic doctors possible. May we wear our coats with humility and pride and keep foremost in our minds that our patient's health is a journey in which we participate as teachers and students. May we wear our coats and remember the basic principles of Naturopathic Medicine.

## • *Naturopathic Principles* •

- primum non nocere*** First Do No Harm
- vis medicatrix naturae*** The Healing Power of Nature
- tolle causam*** Identify and Treat the Cause
- tolle totum*** Treat the Whole Person
- docere*** Physician as Teacher
- praevenire*** Prevention is the Best Cure

## • *White Coat Oath* •

I, (Name), as a student of Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine, will enter the clinical portion of my educational training with an open mind and eager spirit. I will incorporate the information that I have learned in the classroom with the knowledge that is now being passed on to me by my clinical supervisors. As a student clinician, I will parallel my therapeutic approach to the basic principles of Naturopathic Medicine: First Do No Harm, The Healing Power of Nature, Identify and Treat the Cause, Treat the Whole Person, Physician as Teacher, Prevention is the Best Cure. I will treat each patient individually; I will look for the cause and treat the whole person. Each time I wear my white coat, I will do so with honor for those that trust me, with an open mind for those that are educating me, and with respect and responsibility for those that have paved the way before me in this profession.

## • *Guest Speakers* •



**Mel Mourt**

Student Speaker

Mel Mourt is truly humbled to speak on behalf of the Class of Spring 2023 and excited for this new medical school chapter of entering clinic. She hopes to focus on mental health and autoimmune conditions in her future practice, helping patients feel heard and empowered in their health journey.



**Jeffrey Langland, Ph.D.**

Faculty Speaker

Dr. Jeffrey Langland, Ph.D., received his doctorate degree from Arizona State University in the area of virology in December 1990. His area of interest at that time and still today is investigating and understanding the complex cellular defenses and immune responses against microorganisms. After graduating from Arizona State University, he was a post-doctoral fellow at University of California Davis studying oncolytic viruses, followed by a post-doctoral position at the University of Wyoming comparing similarities between plant and human defenses against viruses. In 1995, he returned to Arizona State University as a Research Assistant Professor. In this capacity he instructed several courses including General Virology and The Biology of AIDS. In August 2007, Dr. Langland became a joint faculty member at Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine as the instructor for Medical Microbiology, Immunology, and Concepts in Research courses. At SCNM, Dr. Langland mentors students in evidence-based botanical medicine research and training Residents in the preparation of case studies. As Chair of the Research Department, and Research Director of the Ric Scalzo Institute for Botanical Research at SCNM, Dr. Langland brings new insight and a cutting-edge approach to research for students and to the field of naturopathic medicine. Dr. Langland is currently involved in various projects characterizing the activity and mechanism of action of various botanicals towards viruses (including pox, herpes, varicella-zoster, HPV, rhinovirus, zika, ebola, SARS), bacteria (including MRSA, lyme disease, antibiotic-resistant strains, plague, and others), immune regulation and inflammation, cancer, and skin health.

# • *White Coat Ceremony* •

## **Processional**

**The Occasion** Paul Mittman, ND, EdD  
*President/CEO*

**Welcome** Patrick Sullivan, Jr.  
*CEO & Co-Founder, Jigsaw Health*

**Master of Ceremonies** Ken Donnelly, MBA  
*Dean of Students*

## **Introduction of Class Officers**

## **Presentation of Foundational Sciences Award**

**Student Speaker** Mel Mourt

**Faculty Speaker** Jeffrey Langland, P.h.D.  
*Chair of the Research Department  
Research Director, Ric Scalzo Institute  
for Botanical Research*

**White Coat Procession** Ken Donnelly, MBA  
*Dean of Students*

Jill K. Drowne, M.Ed  
*Learning Specialist*

**White Coat Oath** Shaun Kennedy, ND  
*Assistant Professor*

**Closing Remarks** Ken Donnelly, MBA  
*Dean of Students*

*Class of Spring 2023*  
*White Coat Recipients*

Dorina Ademi

Pedro Alcaraz-Perea

Shayne Armbrister

Neha Bhatt

Julia Cichocki

Daniel Conway

Michael A. Denora

Samantha Dulak

Alessandra Dutto

Kristiana Engelhardt

Matthew Germscheid

Isabel Grant

Melanie Gray

Kayleigh Harrison

Kelsey Hawkins

Rylee Holyoak

Hanna Jabbour

Marisa Kassimir

Samantha Khamo

Amber Kilwine

Sarah Lychy

Candice Lynch

Thomas Mammano

Walkiria Marte

Bridget Mason

Shakirra Mayweather

Danielle Melvin

Mel Mourt

Levia Nguyen

Hitomi Otagiri

Megan Ross

Shruti Sharma

Jessica Springhetti

Emma Stacey

Deidra Succo

Joao Trabolci

Sheyda Vadipour

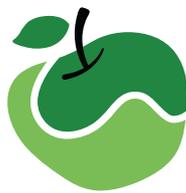
Ariana Ventrella

Rikki Waddell

Paige Worthy

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