



Class of Fall 2023
WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Saturday, March 26, 2022

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* •



Lauren Rueda

Student Speaker

Lauren is a California native and received her undergraduate degree in biological sciences from Arizona State University. She began her medical career at SCNM in Fall of 2019 and has been the physiology teaching assistant for the last two years as well as the treasurer of Botanical Medicine Club, student representative for Ortho Molecular Products and research assistant to principal scientist Dr. Shokoohinia at the Ric Scalzo Institute for Botanical Medicine. Lauren has a passion for botanical and regenerative medicine and loves learning about autoimmune disease. She wants to become a naturopathic physician so she can help her loved ones and make a difference in people's lives.



Dr. Elizabeth Rice, ND

Faculty Speaker

Dr. Elizabeth Rice is an Associate Professor and the Department Chair of Homeopathy and Pharmacology at the Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine. Dr. Rice received her Doctorate in Naturopathic Medicine in 2009 from SCNM and her BA in both Spanish and Global Studies from the University of California at Santa Barbara in 2002. Following graduation from SCNM, Dr. Rice completed a first-year residency focused in primary care family medicine and a second year specialty residency focused in classical Hahnemannian homeopathy. Dr. Rice is currently a full-time faculty member at SCNM and adjunct faculty at Maricopa Community Colleges. Additionally, she has a family medicine private practice specializing in the homeopathy and mental health. Her passion for naturopathic medicine lies within classical homeopathy, nutrition, stress management, mindfulness-based meditation, exercise, and lifestyle awareness.

• *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 Lauren Rueda

Faculty Speaker Dr. Elizabeth Rice, ND
*Associate Professor, Department Chair
of Homeopathy and Pharmacology*

White Coat Procession Ken Donnelly, MBA
Dean of Students

White Coat Oath Dr. Tony Pinazza, NMD
Third-Year General Medicine Resident

Closing Remarks Ken Donnelly, MBA
Dean of Students

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White Coat Recipients

Natalie Barriball

Melisa Clifton

Christopher G. Davis

Maribel Diaz

Kaleah Duval

Elizabeth Eidsvaag

Robert Levingston

Natascha Marler

Ashley McClelland

Alicia McComas

Daniel W. Nola

Nia Genina Rodriguez

Lauren Rueda

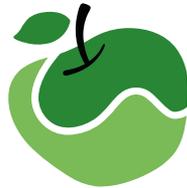
Dominique Sabas

Andrea Sneed

Anabel Terry

• *Special Thank You* •

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