



*Class of Spring 2022*

**WHITE COAT CEREMONY**

Saturday, September 26, 2020

Virtual Ceremony



## • *Vision* •

A world that embraces the healing power of nature.

## • *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.

## • *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.

## • *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.

## • *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.

## • *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

## • *Guest Speakers* •



### **Janki Dalal** Student Speaker

Janki Dalal is a 3rd-year Naturopathic medical student from South Carolina. She is a first-generation Indian American student who received her Bachelor of Science in Public Health with a minor in Geography and Environmental Health. Currently, at SCNM, she is a member of Natural Speakers, MOSAIC, and serves as the Rocky Point Trip Coordinator for Naturopaths Without Borders SCNM. Janki is passionate about community medicine, women's health, endocrinology, and mental health. Outside of school, Janki enjoys hiking, dancing, experimenting in the kitchen to create nutritious and delicious meals, nursing her house plants, and playing with her new baby kitten.

### **Dr. Shaun Kennedy, ND** Faculty Speaker

Dr. Shaun Kennedy is a graduate of the Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine where he also completed two years of residency. His interest in naturopathic medicine began when he experienced profound improvement in his own health with simple dietary changes. Being struck by the incredible potential of naturopathic therapeutics, he quickly set out to acquire the knowledge and skill necessary to become a naturopathic physician and help others on their healing journey. Currently, Dr. Kennedy serves as the associate professor of nutrition at SCNM. He also has a practice at the SCNM Medical Center where he utilizes a variety of therapeutic modalities to address the root cause of illness including nutrition, homeopathy, and environmental medicine.



# • *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**

Janki Dalal

## **Faculty Speaker**

Shaun Kennedy, ND  
*Associate Professor, Nutrition*

## **White Coat Procession**

Ken Donnelly, MBA  
*Dean of Students*  
Jill K. Drowne, M.Ed  
*Learning Specialist*

## **White Coat Oath**

Rachel Hesselbrock, NMD  
*Adjunct Faculty*

## **Closing Remarks**

Ken Donnelly, MBA  
*Dean of Students*

*Class of Spring 2022*  
*White Coat Recipients*

Oluwatimilehin Adesina

Meredith Aistrup

Shamar Amison

Erika Aranda

Chelsea Barranco

Melissa Bellman

Daniel Berzins

Katie Branch

Daniel Clark

Janki Dalal

Morgan Fielding

Amanda Grischow

Kelly Haase\*

Carie Haynes

Cylinda Haynes

Aaron Kleinpeter

Sierra Kneller

Hannah Lindsey

Jenalee Mahoney

Julianna Mann

Shannon Miller

Lauren Moore

Julie Murphy

Kristin Newell

Sydney Nguyen

Nhan Nguyen

Alena Papenfuss

Alexis Parenti

Stephanie Peterson

Kiana Ruch

Clara Sartor

Shay-Ann Scott\*

Grace Shim

Heather Simmons

Noelle Smolcic

D. Corbin Suggs

Elise Sulser

Bryce Summers

Sarah Teodorski

Lauren Torassa

Nathaniel Trinka

Nailah Wade

Brooke Waldersen

Spencer Warren

Joseph Wasneski

Alyssa Wulfert

Phylicia Zarnosky

*\*Class of Fall 2021*

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