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White Coat and Honor Code Ceremony

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**Lisner Auditorium
Saturday, Aug. 11, 2018**

WHITE COAT AND HONOR CODE CEREMONY

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INTRODUCTION OF THE CLASS OF 2022 PRESENTATION OF WHITE COATS SIGNING OF THE HONOR CODE

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SNAPSHOTS

A New Beginning

CLOSING REMARKS

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STUDENT RECEPTIONAL

Class of 2022

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Piano – Paulyne Lee
Piano and Violin Trio – Jehshua Karunakaran, Ryan Lin, and Madhuri Rao
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INTRODUCTIONS BY

Arman Hussain, Benjamin Lam, and Mary Matecki
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and
Reem Al Shabeeb and Paulina Ong
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We would like to express our gratitude to the many people who contributed so greatly to this ceremony and without whom this ceremony would not have been possible.

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The George Washington University medical alumni, families, and friends who donated our white coats through their gifts to the School of Medicine and Health Sciences White Coat Initiative;

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The School of Medicine and Health Sciences for its dedication to furthering the education of GW medical students; and,

The Class of 2022, our newest colleagues, congratulations on your acceptance to the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences and best wishes for continued success as you begin your medical education.

Sincerely,

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Dear Members of the Class of 2022,

It is with great pleasure that the GW School of Medicine and Health Sciences alumni family presents you with your first white coat. The white coat that you will receive today is a symbol of the oath that you will take to be a physician. It represents an extraordinary privilege and solemn responsibility that comes along with an ability to heal and serve our community.

The list that follows names the alumni and friends who are sponsoring the White Coat Initiative this year. It includes the names of GW physicians from throughout the country representing virtually every medical specialty. As you review the list, you will see the diversity and strength of the community you are joining.

On behalf of my fellow alumni and the supporters of the White Coat Initiative, I would like you to know that we are extremely proud that you have chosen GW for your medical education. May your experience here be as meaningful to you as ours was to us. We look forward to the beginning of a partnership that will last forever.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stuart S. Kassan'.

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