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THE ELSON S. FLOYD LEGACY

Elson S. Floyd, PhD, was the 10th president of Washington State University, serving from May 21, 2007, until his passing on June 20, 2015.

During his tenure, Floyd garnered bipartisan support in the Washington state legislature to approve WSU to start a medical school.

Recognized for his transformative and visionary leadership, Floyd's pursuit to create WSU's own separately accredited, four-year medical school led to the university naming the medical school the Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine.



MISSION

To solve problems in challenging health care environments across the state of Washington.

VISION

Washingtonians living longer, better.

STUDENT DECLARATION OF ELSON S. FLOYD COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

I PROMISE, to the best of my ability, to practice medicine with compassion and thoughtfulness. I recognize that membership within this profession comes with privileges, responsibilities and ethical duties.

I WILL VALUE the discoveries of the physicians, scientists, teachers and all colleagues upon whose shoulders I stand and will impart my knowledge to others. I will recognize the limits of my own understanding and diligently keep abreast of advances in medicine. I will collaborate with other physicians and colleagues.

I WILL ENDEAVOR to discover and understand my own biases. In acknowledging that all persons are entitled to nondiscriminatory access to medical care, I recognize that health is a human right. I pledge to be an advocate for those in need.

I WILL REMEMBER that medicine has the power to both heal and to harm. In my practice of medicine, I will place patient interests before my own. I will respect the privacy, individuality, and autonomy of patients, and I vow to treat patients and carry out research on human beings only with appropriately informed consent.

I WILL FOLLOW MY CONSCIENCE, even when doing so creates hardship. I will recognize the importance of my own wellbeing to the relationship between physician and patient, caring for myself as I do for those around me. I will safeguard the health of each patient and the health of the population.

I MAKE THIS DECLARATION on my honor and in front of my family, friends, classmates, and teachers, to uphold as a member of this profession.

ELSON S. FLOYD COLLEGE OF MEDICINE 2023 WHITE COAT CEREMONY

GREETINGS

Dr. Leila Harrison
Vice Dean for Admissions, Student Affairs, and Alumni Engagement

HISTORY OF THE WHITE COAT

Dr. James Record
Interim Dean

REFLECTIONS ON THE WHITE COAT

Dr. Farion Williams
Associate Dean for Clinical Education, Tri-Cities

CLOAKING PROCESSION

Dr. Jaime Bowman
Interim Associate Dean for Clinical Education, Everett

Dr. Carlton Heine
Associate Dean for Clinical Education, Spokane

Dr. Farion Williams
Associate Dean for Clinical Education, Tri-Cities

Dr. Judi Marcin
Associate Dean for Clinical Education, Vancouver

RECITING OF THE STUDENT DECLARATION

Dr. Dawn Kopp
Assistant Professor, Department of Medical Education and Clinical Sciences

CLOSING REMARKS

#WSUwhitecoat

CEREMONY SPEAKER



FARION WILLIAMS, MD

Associate Dean of Clinical Education, Tri-Cities Campus

Farion Williams, MD, has been involved in medical education his entire medical career. He began as a student representative for his medical school and has since served on the curriculum committee and provided clinical training in both longitudinal and block settings for all trainee levels—medical student, resident and fellow. Today, he serves as Associate Dean of Clinical Education at our Tri-Cities clinical campus.

Through his time serving as a Family Medicine provider and associate dean, Williams has deepened his interest in the patient-physician experience, humanism in health care and the transition in clinical training from medical school to residency.

“The white coat is a symbol of your medical education. It represents a standard of professionalism. It signifies the trust that must be gained and earned from your patients. It is an emblem of the compassion required in the medical care you will render.” — Farion Williams, MD

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