



# WHITE COAT CEREMONY & FAMILY WEEKEND

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CLASS OF 2027

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SEPTEMBER 15-17, 2023



ALABAMA COLLEGE OF  
OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

# WELCOME CLASS OF 2027

We are excited to share this special time with you. The traditional white coat, which physicians have worn for more than a century, is an outward sign of the medical profession. The formal presentation of the white coat symbolizes your entrance into a new academic environment, and your acceptance of the obligation and high standards of compassionate care.

This weekend can be hectic as you balance classes with friends and family coming into town. This information will help you prepare for what to expect and help you enjoy a stress-free weekend.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

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## CAMPUS TOUR

3 - 5 P.M. | THE BISTRO

- Show off the campus with tours for your family and friends.
- The Bistro will be open and one of the area's favorite vendors, Dothan Ice Cream Company, will be providing complimentary popsicles.

## WELCOME PARTY

5 - 6:30 P.M. | CIRCLE CITY BREWING

*135 North Foster Street (Downtown Dothan)*

- Come and enjoy live music with your family and friends.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

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## CAMPUS TOUR

12 - 2 P.M. | THE BISTRO

- Give your friends and family a tour of ACOM and do not forget to stop by the gift shop in the Bistro on your way out.

## GARDEN PARTY

2 - 4 P.M. | WIREGRASS MUSEUM OF ART

*126 N. St. Andrews Street (Downtown Dothan)*

- Join us for a relaxing afternoon of live music, finger foods and desserts. A cash bar will be available with games. You can also enjoy artwork by ACOM's Arts in Medicine student group.
- Parking is available at the Museum. There is also parking across the street at the Dothan Civic Center.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

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## WHITE COAT CEREMONY

2 - 4 P.M. | DOTHAN CIVIC CENTER

*126 N. St. Andrews Street (Downtown Dothan)*

- **Students arrive and enter in through the back entrance no later than 1 p.m. with their white coats in hand.**
- Doors on the south side of the civic center will open for the public at 1 p.m.
- **Handheld metal detectors will be used, so allow ample time to enter. Only clear bags will be allowed into the arena.**
- A class photo will be taken immediately after the ceremony on the steps on the north side of the civic center.

# DRESS CODE FOR WHITE COAT CEREMONY

- Professional dress and footwear are required.
- No low-cut or short blouses because you will need to raise your arms overhead when putting on the coat.
- The stage is elevated, please avoid short dresses or skirts.
- Do not wear sheer clothing due to professional lighting being used.
- Ties are preferred and jackets are optional.
- Avoid large jewelry that could get caught during coating.

# CARING FOR YOUR WHITE COAT

- DO NOT BLEACH
- Use a color guard detergent and wash in COLD water.
- Tumble dry on LOW heat.
- Your coat can be steamed and ironed, but do not hold the iron or steam directly on the embroidery.
- Your coat can be dry cleaned, but be sure not to over starch the coat or overheat the embroidery.

# PARKING

- **There is parking at the Civic Center and there is no charge for parking in Downtown Dothan.**
- Since it is a Sunday afternoon event, there should be adequate parking.
- If needed, there is additional parking on the street along North St. Andrews Street and Troy Street, as well as an overflow lot at the corner of at the corner of North St. Andrews Street and West Troy Street across from the Dothan Police Station.

# HOTELS

- Visit these website for booking information:
- [www.acom.edu/white-coat-ceremony/](http://www.acom.edu/white-coat-ceremony/)
- [www.acom.edu/family-weekend/](http://www.acom.edu/family-weekend/)

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