



# WHITE COAT

CEREMONY  
AND **FAMILY**  
**WEEKEND**

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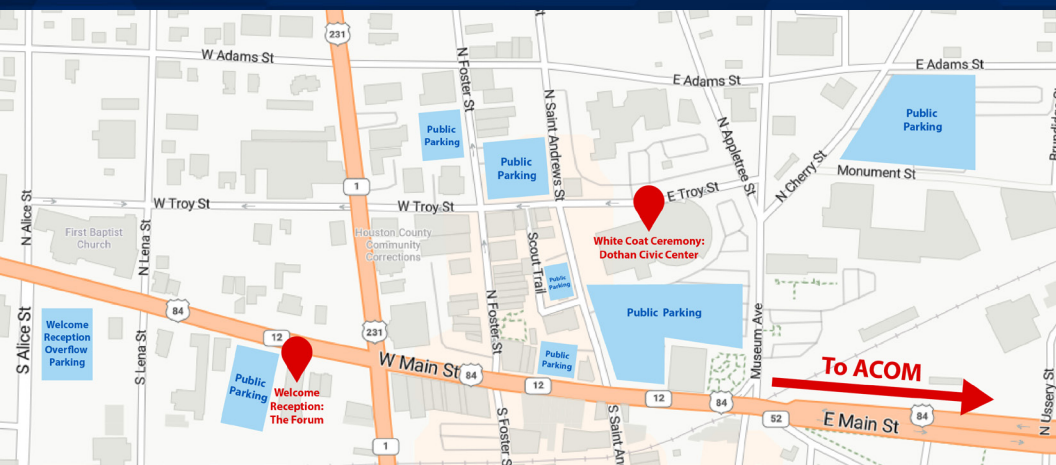
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SEPTEMBER 20-21, 2025



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 to high standards of compassionate care. This information will help you celebrate with friends and family as you navigate the weekend.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

## Self-Guided Campus Tour

9 - 11 a.m. | ACOM Lobby

- » Invite your friends and family to experience the heart of ACOM with a self-guided tour. Show them the places where future physicians learn, grow and prepare to make a difference.
- » The Bistro gift shop will be open to purchase ACOM merchandise along with Starbucks for a beverage.

## Welcome Reception

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. | The Forum

*231 W Main St, Dothan, AL 36301 (Downtown Dothan)*

- » Join us for a warm and inviting welcome reception, where you can connect with fellow guests and celebrate the beginning of your ACOM experience.
- » Hors d'oeuvres will be served along with a cash bar.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

## 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 12:45 p.m. with their white coats in hand.**
- » **Handheld metal detectors will be used, so allow ample time to enter. Only clear bags will be allowed into the arena.**
- » Doors on the south side of the civic center will open for the public at 1 p.m.
- » A class photo will be taken before the ceremony on the steps on the north side of the civic center.

# Dress Code for White Coat

- » Professional dress and footwear are required. No sheer or low cut blouses.
- » No short skirts or dresses because you will need to raise your arms overhead when putting on the coat.
- » Ties are required for gentlemen.
- » 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 complimentary parking in Downtown Dothan.**

- » Since it is a Sunday afternoon event, there should be adequate parking.
- » If needed, there is additional parking notated on the map on the second page of guide.

# Hotels

Booking information at:

[www.acom.edu/white-coat-ceremony/](http://www.acom.edu/white-coat-ceremony/)

