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CHSU White Coat Ceremony Welcomes 169 New Medical Students at Clovis Medical School

CLOVIS, Calif. – Last week, 169 new medical students in the class of 2029 received their white coats in the presence of their family and friends at the California Health Sciences University College of Osteopathic (CHSU–COM) Medicine White Coat Ceremony.

At the ceremony, **John Graneto, DO**, Dean of the CHSU College of Osteopathic Medicine, shared the history of the white coat and the importance of maintaining professionalism and humanism in health care careers.

“Patients respect the connection that comes with seeing a doctor and placing their trust in you. That deep respect and vulnerability is unlike any other profession,” remarked John Graneto, DO, Dean of the CHSU College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Alan Shatzel, Jr., DO, President of the Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of California, delivered an inspiring welcome address. He reminded students to serve patients with compassion and in a few years, they will graduate and transition to the “long” white coat.

Andrea Torres Perez, DO, CHSU College of Osteopathic Medicine alum from the inaugural class of 2024, and Dr. Shatzel coated the first and second students in the ceremony, respectively.

The “short” white coats for medical students were generously sponsored by the Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of California, an organization focused on advancing and supporting osteopathic physicians in California by serving its mission to engage, educate, and advocate for DOs, so doctors can focus on being doctors. Founded in 1961, the association serves over 16,000 Doctors of Osteopathic Medicine (DOs) throughout California.

White Coat ceremony video clips and photos available for download, courtesy of California Health Sciences University [here](#).

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About California Health Sciences University

California Health Sciences University (CHSU) is accredited by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC). CHSU is the first university of its kind in the Central Valley and offers a local option for medical school and a master's in biomedical sciences to help remedy the shortage of health care services offered in the Valley.

The CHSU College of Osteopathic Medicine (CHSU-COM) is accredited by the American Osteopathic Association's Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation (COCA). CHSU-COM now has about 630 medical students in attendance. Both the classes of 2024 and 2025 achieved a 100% residency match rate. The CHSU medical school is accepting applications for its seventh cohort to matriculate in 2026 ([link](#)).

CHSU also offers a one-year Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences (MSBS) program at its College of Biosciences and Health Professions. The first two cohorts of MSBS students graduated in 2024 and 2025 with about 60% now attending the CHSU College of Osteopathic Medicine. The CHSU master's program is accepting applications for its fourth cohort of MSBS students to matriculate in 2026 ([link](#)).

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