

# Medical College of Georgia

*Class of 2028*



## *White Coat Ceremony*

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OCTOBER 26, 2024

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**PROGRAM**

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM  
*The Star-Spangled Banner*  
*Performed by The SeroTONEins*

WELCOME  
**Michael Brands, PhD**  
*Vice Dean of Academic Affairs*  
*Regents' Professor, Department of Physiology*  
*Director, Medical Physiology*

DEAN'S COMMENTS  
**David Hess, MD**  
*Dean, Medical College of Georgia*  
*Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs and Integration, Augusta University*  
*Presidential Distinguished Chair and Professor, Department of Neurology*

KEYNOTE ADDRESS  
**Anil Puri, MD, '05**

ARNOLD P. GOLD FOUNDATION RECOGNITION  
**Michelle (Shelley) Nuss, MD**  
*Campus Dean & Designated Institutional Official*  
*Augusta University/University of Georgia Medical Partnership*

"THE WHITE COAT"  
**Sreesh Sridhar**  
*President, Class of 2025*  
*Augusta University/University of Georgia Medical Partnership*

**Queen Abure**  
*President, Class of 2025, Augusta Campus*

PUT YOUR WHITE COAT ON  
*Performed by The SeroTONEins*

PRESENTATION OF WHITE COATS  
**Medical College of Georgia Faculty**

LEADING OF THE CLASS OF 2028 OATH  
**Elizabeth Gray, MD**  
*Campus Dean*  
*Medical College of Georgia Savannah at Georgia Southern University*

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**Jennifer Tucker, MD, '97**  
*Associate Dean for Student Affairs*

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**Lynne Coule, MD '90**  
**Michelle Krupp, EdD, MS**  
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**Puttur Prasad, PhD**  
**Andria Thomas, PhD**

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**Casey Bassett, PhD**  
**W. Scott Richardson, MD**

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**Folami Powell, PhD**

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**Shilpa Brown, MD, '94**  
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**Amy Singleton, MD**  
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**LaShon Sturgis, MD, PhD, '14**  
**Jennifer Tucker, MD, '97**  
**Christopher Watson, MD, MPH**

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**Kenneth Rosenthal, PhD**  
**Clive Slaughter, PhD**

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**Ivo Boudakov, PhD**  
**Rachel Koshi, PhD, MBBS**  
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**John Rowlett, MD**  
**Rick Shields, MD**

## **ARNOLD P. GOLD FOUNDATION**

The Arnold P. Gold Foundation works with health care professionals in training and in practice to instill a culture of respect, dignity and compassion for patients and professionals. The foundation is a public, 501(c) (3) not-for-profit organization, established in 1988 by Arnold Gold, MD, Sandra Gold, EdD, and their colleagues at the Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons in New York.

The foundation's logo, a heart-shaped stethoscope, is a familiar sight in medical schools and centers throughout the country and abroad. It is featured on lapel pins worn by over 17,000 new medical students each year. Students and faculty at 93% of our nation's accredited schools of medicine, both allopathic and osteopathic, participate in at least one foundation program.

The foundation established the White Coat Ceremony in 1993 to welcome new students into the most noble of professions – medicine. The most important element of the ceremony is the oath that students take in front of family members, school leadership and peers. The oath acknowledges their primary role as caregivers. The ceremony and the oath serve as a rite of passage and are further commemorated by lapel pins that the foundation supplies to students at all ceremonies. The pins contain an inscription about humanism in medicine and serve as a visual reminder to students that to deliver the best care to their patients, compassion and empathy must be the hallmark of their clinical practice. Schools choose how to commemorate the ceremony – whether it be with the presentation of a white coat to each student or some other icon of medicine, such as a stethoscope.

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

**Anil Puri, MD, '05**



Dr. Anil Puri earned his medical degree from the Medical College of Georgia in 2005. He completed his internal medicine residency and fellowships in pulmonary, critical care medicine and sleep medicine at the University of Florida. He also earned a master's degree in health administration from George Washington University. After his training, he returned to his hometown of Milledgeville, Georgia and has been in private practice for nearly a decade.

His clinical interests include population health and exploring technological models to help improve access to care and health outcomes in rural areas. He is also a clinical associate professor in the Department of Medicine at MCG and thoroughly enjoys teaching medical students during their outpatient internal medicine rotation, as well as attending in the medical ICU.



**The Medical Student  
Oath of Service and Responsibility  
Medical College of Georgia  
Class of 2028 Oath**

We, the Class of 2028, proudly stand before our families, friends, faculty, and all those who support us as we begin our medical careers.

As the bicentennial class of the Medical College of Georgia, we pledge:

To practice compassion without prejudice, meet vulnerability with gentleness, and continuously serve as a beacon of hope.

To employ the most current and evidence-based care by embracing a lifelong learning mentality in this ever-evolving field of medicine.

To recognize our moral obligation to provide equitable care to all individuals, always ensuring to treat the patient and not just the disease.

To serve our communities by addressing healthcare disparities and advocating for underserved populations.

To champion the physical and mental well-being of not only our patients but also of ourselves and our colleagues.

To foster a respectful and collaborative environment, wholly embracing our faculty, peers, and the healthcare team and appreciating the contributions each role provides to ensure optimal patient care.

To lead with humility, embrace the wisdom of those more experienced than we, and pass on our knowledge to the next generation of physicians.

To conduct ourselves with honesty and integrity, upholding the ethical standards that have guided our profession for hundreds of years.

We solemnly promise to embody these principles and prioritize the needs of our patients above all else. Throughout our journey, may the white coats we wear symbolize the promises we have made and our commitment to advancing the honorable practice of medicine.

**MEDICAL COLLEGE OF GEORGIA CLASS OF 2028**  
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