



Convocation



On Sunday, August 3, 100 new students took the first step of their medical education during the thirty-third annual Convocation and White Coat Ceremony. Before an audience of family members, faculty, and other supporters in the Schuster Performing Arts Center in Dayton, the students received the symbol of their chosen profession — the white coat — and took their first oath of professional medical ethics.

Carefully selected from a competitive group of more than 3,097 applicants, the class of 2012 will be the first to enjoy full use of the new, state-of-the-art Medical Education Center in White Hall.

“We have a very diverse class this year with students from all walks of life and different undergraduate backgrounds,” said Gary L. LeRoy, M.D., associate dean of student affairs and admissions. “This makes for a very inclusive group of students who have the potential to become excellent, caring, patient-centered physicians of the future.”



Dr. LeRoy addresses the class of 2012.



Clockwise from top: 1. Laura Hamilton, class of 2009, conducted the oath for the incoming class. 2. One hundred new students meet for the first time. 3. Students, family and friends chat outside Mead Theatre. 4. All new students received a copy of *On Doctoring*, a collection of stories, poems, and essays on the healing art.