

Invasion of the “Scrubs” – arrival of the class of 2012



In addition to being the first group of students to make full use of the new Medical Education Center in White Hall, the 100 members of the class of 2012 are creating other new traditions, including the adoption of an official class nickname.

The “Scrubs” selected their name during two rounds of voting in July, and Gary LeRoy, M.D., associate dean of student affairs and admissions, announced their choice during the thirty-third annual Convocation and White Coat Ceremony on Sunday, August 3.

The students and their family members and supporters gathered in the Benjamin and Marian Schuster Center for the Performing Arts in downtown Dayton for the ceremony, a traditional “rite of passage” to mark the formal beginning of one’s medical education.

During the ceremony, students took their first oath of professional medical ethics and received the symbol of their chosen profession — the white coat.

Carefully selected from a competitive group of more than 3,000 applicants, the class of 2012 includes “students from all walks of life and different undergraduate backgrounds,” said LeRoy. “This makes for a very inclusive group of students who have the potential to become excellent, caring, patient-centered physicians of the future.”

Virginia C. Wood, M.D., FACP, FCCM, program director of the Internal Medicine Residency Program and associate professor of medicine, was the invited speaker for the event.

