

CPH celebrates its 11th annual White Coat Ceremony



CPH held on September 25 its 11th annual White Coat Ceremony in which thirty-one new pharmacy students took the Oath of a Pharmacist, signed the pledge of professionalism and received the pharmacist's White Coat in front of an audience of more than 300 invited guests and well-wishers.

The event was attended by QU Vice President for Medical and Health Sciences and Dean of the College of Medicine (CMED) Dr Egon Toft, CPH Dean Dr Mohammad Diab, CPH Assistant Dean for Student Affairs Dr Alla El-Awaisi, First Secretary for Public and Political Affairs at the Canadian Embassy Diana Tan, and pharmacy directors as well as CPH partners, students and their families, faculty, alumni and staff.

This year's batch is the largest class to be cloaked since the inception of the Pharmacy Program in 2007. It is a testament to the increasing demand for a career in pharmacy in Qatar.

The event also featured the distribution of Ebn Sina Medical Scholarship Awards to the students who achieved a high GPA. PharmD student Nawal Bensmail (3.93), MSc student Dana El-Khalifa (3.68), 4th-year student Dima Kawas (3.75), 3rd-year student Aya Maklad (3.79), and 2nd-year student Soumaya Koraysh (3.97).

Dr Egon Toft said: "CPH continues to accomplish numerous achievements among which its accreditation success. The college is committed to equip its students with high-quality skills that enable them to compete at the international level. Today, the new students are entering a new phase in their academic journey towards becoming the pharmacists of the future. We are proud of you and you should be proud of yourself."

Dr Mohammad Diab said: "Today we are welcoming the newest class of students and their families to the 11th annual White Coat Ceremony. The White Coat Ceremony is a ritual of passage to the College of Pharmacy, welcoming new student pharmacists into our professional program, and helps prepare them for the responsibilities and privileges that await them. As a college, we are committed to preparing future healthcare leaders in an environment of interdisciplinary education, scholarship and service meeting the goals of Qatar National Vision 2030. The College of Pharmacy at Qatar University truly demonstrates excellence and is recognized nationally and internationally in professional and graduate education."

Dr Alla El-Awaisi said: "Today, our CPH students are hard workers and I am confident that in their journey at CPH they will be outstanding students and pioneering graduates who will provide optimal health care services in the field of pharmacy. I would like to confirm here that once you put on your white coat, you will be QU and CPH ambassadors. We are sure that you will be up to the responsibilities and we will always be proud of all of you. Today, we also celebrate the International World Pharmacists Day under the theme of **"From research to healthcare: Your pharmacist is at your service"** to focus on the advantages of pharmacy in the field of exploration, conducting research, and providing best services up to highest international standards."

1st-year pharmacy student Hissa Al Mannai said: "I am delighted to have you all here today to share with us this momentum in which we take the first steps towards achieving our ultimate goal."

We have chosen CPH for its fundamental contribution in the field of healthcare in Qatar and the region. Today, we are starting an important academic phase that requires hard work, commitment, and dedication. Qatar expects a lot from all of us and we have to do our best to pay back the country in the best way possible.”