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WHITE COAT CEREMONY

NURSE ANESTHESIOLOGY & GRADUATE NURSING

Thursday, August 29, 2023 | 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Florida International University

11200 SW 8th Street

Miami, FL 33199

Student Academic Success Center Room 160

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Welcome	**Jorge A. Valdés, DNP, CRNA, APRN, FAANA** Interim *Dean & Fellow* *Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing & Health Sciences*
Presentation of Colors **&** **National Anthem**	**FIU ROTC Color Guard** **&** **Catherin Meza**
Dean's Address	***Jorge A. Valdés, DNP, CRNA, APRN, FAANA*** *Interim Dean & Fellow* *Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing & Health Sciences*
Significance of the White Coat	**Ann Miller, DNP, CRNA, APRN, FAANA** *Interim Department Chair of Nurse Anesthesiology & Clinical Professor*
Recognition of Students	**Henry Henao** *Director & Clinical Assistant Professor* *Diane Ramy Faulconer STAR Center*
International Nurses Pledge	**Samuel Lockhart** *Class President* *Anesthesiology Nursing Program*
Closing Remarks	**Howard K. Holness, Ph.D., MBA, BSc.** *Interim Associate Dean of Administration*

Message from Interim Dean & Fellow
Jorge Valdés, DNP, CRNA, APRN, FAANA

The Graduate Nursing and Nurse Anesthesiology Students' White Coat Ceremony marks an important turning point in their academic careers. It is a testament to their commitment, hard work, and dedication to the nursing profession. The ceremony serves as a formal welcome into clinicals and an important milestone in the healthcare academic careers of Nurse Practitioners and Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA) students.

This ceremony marks the clinical experiences that lay down the groundwork as students transition from the classroom to the clinical setting; leaving their footprints with each patient they encounter. The white coat symbolizes professionalism, compassion, and the highest standards of care. It is a reminder of the sacred trust that patients place in nurses.

Class, as future Nurse Practitioners and Nurse Anesthetists, you must acquire the knowledge and wisdom to deliver the important work that will be required of you. As you embark on the journey ahead, exemplify the customs and values that have been instilled in you, such as creativity, collaboration, teamwork, and compassion. Recognize the essence of Nursing and embrace it wholeheartedly. Wear your white coats with pride, honor, and hold your heads up high as you begin your next great adventure as a Proud FIU Panther! Paws up, Good Luck!

Congratulations on this accomplishment!

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INTERNATIONAL NURSE'S PLEDGE

With full knowledge of the responsibilities that I am undertaking,
I solemnly pledge myself to the service of humanity
and will endeavor to practice my profession
with conscious and dignity.

I will maintain by all the means in my power
to honor the noble traditions of my profession.

The total health of my patients will be my first concern.

I will hold in confidence all personal matters coming to my knowledge.

I will not permit considerations of religion,
nationality, race or social standing
to intervene between my duty and my patient.

I will endeavor to keep my professional knowledge and skills
at the highest level and give my support and cooperation
to all members of the healthcare team.

With full awareness of my qualifications and limitations,
I will do my utmost to maximize the potential of the nursing
profession and to uphold and advance its standards.

I will maintain the utmost respect for humanity.
I make these promises solemnly, freely, and upon my honor.

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