Second Annual White Coat Ceremony scheduled during P-1 Orientation

First-year Doctor of Pharmacy students will be inducted into the College of Pharmacy’s professional program during the Second-Annual White Coat Ceremony held in conjunction with P-1 Orientation on Aug 21.

Dean Joseph F. Steiner will lead the ceremony, with professors and pharmacy professionals formally welcoming students to the study and, ultimately, the practice of pharmacy.

The evening ceremony, scheduled at the Pocatello Holiday Inn, will include the traditional presentation of white coats and pins to the first-year students.

Representatives of the Idaho State Pharmacy Association, the Idaho Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists, Idaho State Board of Pharmacy and Southeast Idaho Pharmacy Association are slated to attend.

The ceremony also includes the 56 students, selected from a pool of 359 applicants, signing their Class of 2007 Code of Ethics for Pharmacists.

In an effort to show support to future colleagues of the pharmacy profession, faculty, friends and alumni have begun sponsoring the first-year students through the purchase of a white coat for $25.

The names of these generous sponsors will be announced at the ceremony as the students of the class of 2007 don their white coats. Also, in recognition of this support, the names of donors will be displayed in Leonard Hall until the class of 2007 graduates.

Other activities during P-1 Orientation include students attending a chemical dependency seminar, meetings with faculty advisors, an overview of the College’s curriculum and a HIPAA patient confidentiality review.

Several events planned as fall semester begins

Preparations for the fall semester are underway at the ISU College of Pharmacy. Orientation for professional first-year pharmacy students will be held on Aug. 21, followed that evening by the colleges’ Second Annual White Coat Ceremony. Classes resume for all pharmacy students on Aug. 25.

The Big White Tent on Hutchinson Quadrangle on Aug. 27 will provide an opportunity for student organizations and others at ISU to “Get Connected” by gathering and displaying information about their organizations. This event welcomes and introduces new students, faculty and staff to all the campus has to offer.

Also on the evening of Aug. 27, the College will hold the annual “Welcome Back” picnic for all pharmacy students at the upper Ross Park Pavilion in Pocatello.

The new academic year brings activities for our esteemed alumni as well. Participation of our pharmacy alumni at the White Coat Ceremony is welcomed.

A “Treasure Valley Alumni Banquet” will be held in Boise at the Hillcrest Country Club on Friday, Sept. 5. The following day, please join other alumni, students and faculty as we cheer the Bengal football team when they face the BSU Broncos. For tickets to either of these events, please call Tressa Rockwood, at the College of Pharmacy, 208.282.3655 or email tressa@pharmacy.isu.edu. Watch for a calendar of Homecoming events during Oct. 15 through Oct. 25.
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