Oath of Professionalism
Class of 2013

In the presence of my family, friends, faculty and staff, I hereby swear to hold myself and my peers accountable to the content and spirit of this oath. As I embark upon my study of medicine at the University of Cincinnati, I will act ethically and with professional integrity toward my peers, my instructors, my patients and the community; I will

Strive to treat all people equally, to create relationships built on trust and to maintain the dignity of all people.

Be an advocate for social justice, regarding the needs of others first.

Commit myself to service as a leader, recognizing that this will require me to exercise patience, listen diligently, communicate effectively, and work cooperatively.

Act not only with confidence but also with humility, acknowledging my limitations and those of medicine, while honestly presenting myself and my abilities.

Seek aid from others in times of need and, through continuous reflection, learn from both my patients and from previous experiences.

Be a lifelong student and teacher, expanding not only my own understanding, but that of my colleagues, patients and community.

Pursue knowledge and wisdom relentlessly, adhering to and building on the contributions of my predecessors to enhance my competence as a physician and advance the field of medicine.

Avoid selfishness and apathy, maintaining my humanity, empathy and concern for quality of life.

As I strive to fulfill this oath, I will remain grounded in my core values and identity. Driven by my passion to practice medicine, I will preserve a balance between my personal and professional endeavors, seeking fulfillment by selflessly caring for others.