“White Coat Ceremony” for Wichita’s new medical students

WICHITA, KAN. – It’s an exciting rite of passage for Wichita’s 3rd-year medical students to receive their new white coats in a very special ceremony. This year, Wichita’s 51 new 3rd-year students will receive their white coats as well as be personally welcomed by KU School of Medicine-Wichita Dean H. David Wilson, MD, along with other dignitaries.

WHAT: KU School of Medicine-Wichita White Coat Ceremony

WHO: Bernadette Gray-Little, Chancellor
University of Kansas

H. David Wilson, MD, Dean
KU School of Medicine-Wichita

Dr. George Farha, MD,
KU School of Medicine-Wichita Founder
Emeritus Professor, Surgery

WHERE: KU School of Medicine-Wichita
1010 N. Kansas
Roberts Amphitheater

WHEN: 3:30 p.m., June 24, 2010
ADDITIONAL DETAILS: Currently, all KU School of Medicine students complete their first two years in Kansas City. For their clinical training in their third and fourth years, about one-third of the students come to the Wichita Campus. With the state of Kansas in need of more doctors, KU is planning to expand to a full, four-year curriculum on the Wichita Campus and increase student numbers from 110 to 250 to help educate more doctors for Kansas.

The University of Kansas School of Medicine–Wichita is nationally recognized as a pioneer in community-oriented medical education. Since the first class graduated in 1975, more than 1,600 physicians have earned medical degrees. About half eventually established practices in the state, fulfilling the school’s promise of “Educating Doctors for Kansas.”

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