White Coat Ceremony Welcomes New Pharmacy Class

The University of Georgia College of Pharmacy has welcomed 138 new students into the Class of 2018 with its annual White Coat ceremony. At that event all new students received white lab coats to mark the beginning of their pharmacy careers. The white coats serve as a constant reminder of the responsibilities student pharmacists must embrace as critical members of the healthcare teams whose primary concerns are the health, comfort, and welfare of humanity.

College of Pharmacy Alumni Council president James Holley (’95, ’96) of Pharmacy Informatics Systems Consultant for HealthcareIS in Monroe, was keynote speaker. Kroger pharmacy coordinator Russell Segraves (’99) of Braselton represented Kroger Pharmacy as sponsor of the event. Alumni Council members Pat Knowles (’84) of Evans and Melissa Groover (’04) of Savannah helped the incoming students receive their white coats.

The grade point average of the Class of 2018’s 138 members was 3.52, with an average Pharmacy College Admission Test (PCAT) score in the 81st percentile. Female students number 68.8%, 36.2% have a bachelor’s degree or higher and 4.3% are out-of-state.

(photos can be found on the College webpage at rx.uga.edu)