

# 2024 WHITE COAT Ceremony

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The White Coat Ceremony symbolizes passage into the initial stages of the profession of pharmacy practice and represents a contract for excellence in providing compassionate patient care. Today, our students take part in this tradition which welcomes them to begin study among the ranks of pharmacy professionals.

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THURSDAY

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5 O'CLOCK PM

CENTER FOR THE ARTS MAIN AUDITORIUM  
UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO NORTH CAMPUS

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## **Officiator and Calling of the Class**

Nicole Albanese, PharmD '01

Assistant Dean for Student Success & Engagement

## **Keynote Speaker**

Kari Mergenhagen, PharmD '07

Infectious Diseases Pharmacy Manager at VA Western New York Healthcare System

Kari Mergenhagen graduated from the University of Buffalo School of Pharmacy in 2007 with her Doctorate of Pharmacy, then completed her residency at the James J. Peters VA Medical Center in the Bronx. She is dual Board Certified in Pharmacotherapy and Infectious Diseases. Dr. Mergenhagen is the Infectious Diseases Pharmacy Manager at the VA Western New York Healthcare System and serves as the residency program director for the PGY1 Pharmacy Practice and PGY2 Infectious Diseases Residencies. She has authored over 65 publications, which are featured in prominent journals, such as Clinical Infectious Diseases. Many of her publications have garnered national attention and have influenced care around the nation. She was recently featured in the New England Journal of Medicine's Journal watch. Additionally, her research has been featured in the lay press in publications such as US News and World Report and Time magazine. She was recently presented the United States Under Secretary for Health - Excellence in Pharmacy Practice Award by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Furthermore, she received a Commendation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for her efforts as an educator, mentor, clinician and for fostering creative thinking, collaboration, transparency, and dedication to patient needs. She has received several precepting awards and the prestigious Orville C. Baxter Memorial Professional Practice Award. She serves as a speaker for the Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists and is a guest surveyor for the accreditation services of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists. For fun, she authors children's books under the pen name KA Merg.

# CLASS OF 2028

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# OATH OF A PHARMACIST

I promise to devote myself to a lifetime of service to others through the profession of pharmacy. In fulfilling this vow:

I will consider the welfare of humanity and relief of suffering my primary concerns.

I will promote inclusion, embrace diversity, and advocate for justice to advance health equity.

I will apply my knowledge, experience, and skills to the best of my ability to assure optimal outcomes for all patients.

I will respect and protect all personal and health information entrusted to me.

I will accept the responsibility to improve my professional knowledge, expertise, and self-awareness.

I will hold myself and my colleagues to the highest principles of our profession's moral, ethical and legal conduct.

I will embrace and advocate changes that improve patient care.

I will utilize my knowledge, skills, experiences, and values to prepare the next generation of pharmacists.

I take these vows voluntarily with the full realization of the responsibility with which I am entrusted by the public.