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B.S., Barry University
- Frank Arthur Stewart, III, North Miami Beach
A.A., Edison Community College
B.S., University of South Florida
- Jeanette Marilyn V. Straga, Miami Beach
B.A., Kent State University
- Shaynee Sussman, Hallandale
B.A., Tulane University
- Donald Frederick Swanson, St. James City
B.S., University of South Florida
- Lan Thuc Ta, North Miami Beach
B.S., University of South Florida
- Marlene Tages, North Lauderdale
B.A., Florida Atlantic University
- Lisa Ashley Tichenor, Sarasota
B.S., University of Florida
- Mary Jo Villar, Miami
B.S., University of Arizona
- John Vincent Vilasi, Dix Hills, NY
B.A., Hofstra University
- Charles Randall Warren, Plantation
B.S., University of Florida
- * Tracy I. Weiner, Winter Park
B.S., University of Florida
B.S., University of Central Florida
- Allen Winston, Hollywood
B.S., Southern University
M.S., University of Oklahoma
- Paula Maria Wozniak, Miami
B.S., Pennsylvania State University
- Joseph Richard Yacisen, Port St. Lucie
B.S., Northeastern University
- ** Michelle Ann Yerbury, Treasure Island
A.A., St. Petersburg Junior College
B.S., Florida State University
- Me'lissa Renée Young, North Miami Beach
B.A., Fisk University

OPTOMETRIC OATH

I hereby solemnly swear by all I hold most sacred:
That I will keep the visual welfare of my patient uppermost at all times;
That I will retain in confidence any information imparted to me in my professional duties;
That I will seek the consultation of others and refer my patients
to the care of others when such is advisable;
That I will enhance continuously my educational and technical proficiency to the end that my patient
shall receive the benefits of all acknowledged improvements in visual care;
That I will maintain my office and practice in keeping with high professional standards;
That I will promote and maintain cordial and unselfish relationships with members
of my own profession and of other professions for the exchange of
information and to the advantage of mankind;
That I will conduct myself as an exemplary citizen.
These things I do swear, so help me God.

PHARMACIST'S OATH

At this time, I vow to devote my professional life to the service of
mankind through the profession of pharmacy.
I will consider the welfare of humanity and relief of human suffering my primary concerns.
I will use my knowledge and skills to the best of my ability in
serving the public and other health professionals.
I will do my best to keep abreast of developments and maintain
professional competency in my profession of pharmacy.
I will obey the laws governing the practice of pharmacy and
will support enforcement of such laws.
I will maintain the highest standards of moral and ethical conduct.
I take these vows voluntarily with the full realization of the confidence
and responsibility with which I am entrusted by the public.

OSTEOPATHIC OATH

I do hereby affirm my loyalty to the profession I am about to enter.
I will be mindful of my responsibility to preserve the health
and life of my patient, to perform faithfully my professional duties.
I will be vigilant in aiding in the general welfare of the community.
I will endeavor to work in accord with my colleagues in a spirit of progressive co-operation.
I will look with respect and esteem upon those who have taught me my art.
I will be loyal to my college and strive always for its best interests and
for the interests of the students who will come after me.
I will be alert to further the application of basic biological truths
and to develop the principles of Osteopathic Medicine.
In the presence of this gathering, I bind myself to my oath.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



JAMES H. BLACK, D.O.

James H. Black, D.O., is the highest ranking osteopathic physician in the U.S. Navy. He is the third osteopathic physician ever to attain the rank of Rear Admiral in the Navy and the fifth to reach flag rank within the entire U.S. commissioned services.

Following his promotion, Dr. Black toured several military bases throughout the United States and Europe. Afterward, he began his new assignment as Fleet Surgeon for the U.S. Atlantic Fleet, based in Norfolk, VA. In addition, Dr. Black serves as the command surgeon to the staff of the US Atlantic Command in Norfolk.

Dr. Black joined the Navy in 1974 and became a flight surgeon in 1975. A 1962 graduate of the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, he serves as Vice President of its Alumni Board. During his naval career, Dr. Black has served as a commanding officer at the Naval Hospital in Oak Harbor, Washington, and at the Naval Hospital in Yokosuka, Japan. He was a member of the Navy's Joint Commission on Aviation Pathology from 1977 to 1980 and of the Naval Aviation Evaluation Board of Navy Personnel from 1977 to 1982.

Dr. Black, a member-at-large of the American Osteopathic Association's Committee on Health Related Policies, has received numerous awards from the Navy, including three Legion of Merit Awards, two Meritorious Service Medals and a Navy Commendation Medal.

ACADEMIC PROCESSION AND REGALIA

The Academic Processional is a long standing tradition which originated in medieval universities in the eleventh and twelfth centuries. Attired in cap, hood, and gown, the faculty would present itself and its students to the local community for inspection.

The gown was originally thought to be worn for warmth, and to denote authority and privilege. Today, black is the color of the gown for all degrees, although variations represent the difference in the level of the degree.

The medieval hood was worn as a protection from the elements, or used as a satchel to carry scrolls and books. The modern hood worn today is lined with satin in the colors of the institution conferring the degree (Nova Southeastern University colors are blue and gray). In addition, the hood is trimmed with various colors of velvet facing, each color representing the academic discipline in which the degree has been granted. Green has been selected as the appropriate color for medicine, seafoam green for optometry and olive green for pharmacy-the colors of life and growth.

The academic cap, at one time worn by freed Roman slaves, signifies the wearer's right to academic freedom, attests to the dignity endowed upon the wearer, and the responsibility for maintaining the highest practical and ethical standards.

