



White Coat Ceremony, the Class of 2008

The seventh annual White Coat Ceremony at the University at Buffalo School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences was held on August 13, 2004, in Slee Auditorium.

Welcoming remarks were made by Margaret Paroski, MD '80, interim dean for the school and interim vice president for Health Affairs at UB. Following Dean Paroski's comments, the keynote address was delivered by Alan Lesse, MD, associate professor of medicine, pharmacology and toxicology and microbiology.

Prior to calling each student to the stage to receive his or her white coat, Charles Severin, PhD, MD '97, interim associate dean of medical education, shared a "profile" of the Class of 2008, as follows:

Number of Applicants: 2,309

Number of Applicants Interviewed: 458. (Of those accepted, 42 percent of those who were offered a position in the class accepted. This matches one of the highest percentages at the school.)

Class Size: 139 (including four MD/PhD students)

Male to Female Ratio: 62 men, 73 female

Age: The oldest student is 35; the youngest, 21

Academic Background: Average overall GPA is 3.6; average science GPA is 3.5.

Mean MCAT is 28.55.

Two students have PhDs; ten have master's degrees. **BP**



Saddam Abisse, Class of 2008, being cloaked by Martin Brecher, MD '72, vice president of the Medical Alumni Association (MAA). Also pictured, left, is Charles Niles, MD '83, member of the MAA's Governing Board; and, right, John J. Bodkin II, MD '76, emeritus member of the MAA. The White Coat Ceremony is sponsored by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation, the MAA and the UB Medical School Parents Council.