Congratulations on your acceptance into the Doctor of Pharmacy program! It is definitely a great milestone on your journey to become a pharmacist!

The start of school and the Professional Orientation Programs on Thursday and Friday, August 16th and 17th are quickly approaching. We look forward to meeting you at the mandatory orientation programs of which you were informed this spring and in your acceptance packet. Thursday, August 16th, from 8:00 am – 5:00pm in Collier Building (COB) room 1000A on the Health Science Campus, will be an opportunity to meet and interact with fellow P1 students in the BSBS and PharmD programs. The purpose of our time together on Friday, August 17th in room COB 1050 will be three fold, 1) to discuss what a profession is and what it means to be a professional, 2) to talk about the importance of personal and professional development, and 3) identify some of the ways we will help you grow in these areas over the next 4 years. The program on Friday will be followed by the Professional Advancement Ceremony, which will begin promptly at 4:30 pm in the Nitschke Auditorium on the Main Campus. Please see the attached two-day schedule for details. The information is also available via the Pharmacy Portal under CPPS News and Events, P1 Orientation.

As previously mentioned, we have a required reading to serve as discussion points about professional behaviors. You will be discussing this reading with additional information received throughout the day in small groups with a faculty member and other students.

The required reading is: (Please read this before coming to the orientation)

You will pick up your white coat on Thursday. You MUST bring your white coat on Friday for the Professional Advancement Ceremony.

The composite class photo will be taken on Thursday afternoon; please review the dress code below for appropriate attire for both August 16th and 17th.

- **Professional Dress Required** for the two-day orientation and the ceremony:
  - **Male Students:** Dress slacks, dress shirt and appropriate tie, along with appropriate shoes and socks.
  - **Female Students:** Dress or skirt of appropriate/professional length (at the discretion of faculty), or slacks with dress shirt, blouse, or sweater (no visible cleavage) and appropriate shoes and socks or hosiery.
  - **Extremes in fad or fashion (e.g. midriffs, low cut blouses, Capri pants, cropped pants, etc.) are not appropriate.**
  - **Visible pierced jewelry (including tongue rings) should be removed.**

**Other items of importance:**
- **All students entering the PharmD program MUST attend August 16th and 17th.**
- **Note:** Seating in Nitschke Auditorium is limited, and you will be allowed **three (3) guests** (family, friends, etc.) per student.
- Inform your parents and significant others of this ceremony and the photo opportunity it represents.
- **Lunch will be provided both days.**

We look forward to your participation in this program. Please notify me if you have any questions by email at aaron.lengel@utoledo.edu

Sincerely,

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