

## **First cohort of Pathologists' Assistant Program celebrates first year with White Coat Ceremony**

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The first cohort of the [Tulane School of Medicine's Pathologists' Assistant Program](#) celebrated their first-year achievements at a White Coat Ceremony on December 18, 2020. In their second year, the nine students will complete an Anatomic Pathology Clerkship rotation at various clinical sites throughout the country.

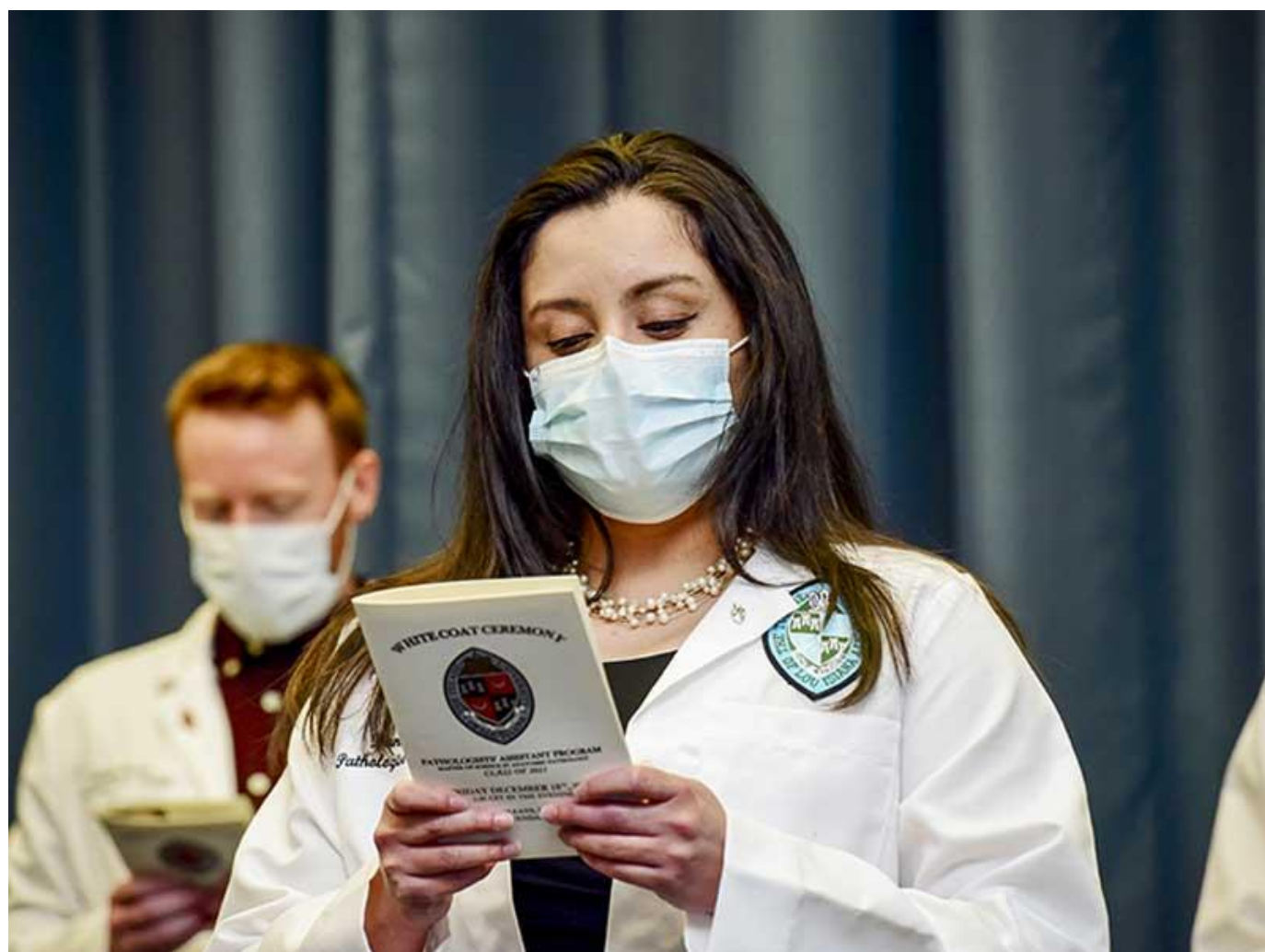
















Alexandra Giardina is all smiles as she receives her white coat. (Photo by Cheryl Gerber)

Taylor Dubose-Harris walks proudly across the stage in Hutchinson Auditorium to receive her coat from instructor Natalie Rolf (center). (Photo by Cheryl Gerber)

Jillian Aveni (right) receives her pin from Program Director Sarah Garner. (Photo by Cheryl Gerber)

Family and friends were able to watch the ceremony via Zoom. (Photo by Cheryl Gerber)

Students read the Oath of the Pathologists' Assistant Program, professing their dedication to patient care and the field of pathology. From left to right on the front row: Taylor Dubose-Harris, Alexandra Giardina, Chloe O'Donoghue, Gabrielle Perry and Daniela Rodriguez; second row: Sarah Garner (Program Director), Jillian Aveni, McKenzi Babin, Dakota Bevans and Haley Walters. (Photo by Cheryl Gerber)

Daniela Rodriguez (center) reads the Oath of the Pathologists' Assistant Program. Upon completion of the program, students graduate with a Master of Science in Anatomic Pathology and become practicing Pathologists' Assistants. (Photo by Cheryl Gerber)

Student Dakota Bevans shared words of gratitude, excitement, and wisdom to fellow students and program faculty. (Photo by Cheryl Gerber)

Gifts are neatly arranged nearby for a post-ceremony celebration. (Photo by Cheryl Gerber)