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School of Nursing among select group chosen for White Coat Ceremony funding

The **Oakland University School of Nursing** (<https://www.oakland.edu/nursing/>) was one of two schools in Michigan and one of just **50 schools nationally** (<http://www.gold-foundation.org/newsroom/news/50-nursing-schools-selected-2017-white-coat-ceremony-funding/>) to receive funding in support of their White Coat ceremony this year.

The AACN-Gold White Coat Ceremony for Nursing was held on September 5 at Meadow Brook Hall on the grounds of Oakland University.

The **Arnold P. Gold Foundation (APGF)** (<http://www.gold-foundation.org/>) and **American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN)** (<http://www.aacnnursing.org/About-AACN>) created the White Coat ceremony funding program in 2013 as a rite of passage to advanced practice nursing and a means to underscore the importance of humanistic patient care.

"This year's White Coat ceremony was an excellent team-building experience for our nursing students and our faculty members," said Judy Didion, Ph.D., R.N., dean of the Oakland University School of Nursing. "It was an honor to be selected by the Gold Foundation and the AACN and we thank them for helping us start the new school year on a positive note."

Since its inception, the collaboration between APGF and AACN has enabled 260 schools of nursing in 48 states to offer ceremonies designed to instill a commitment to providing compassionate care among the next generation of registered nurses.

Oakland University was joined by Calvin College in Grand Rapids as the only Michigan schools to receive recognition and funding this year.

More photos from this year's ceremony:



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