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Called to Medicine: Despite Pandemic, Interest in Medical Field Increases
First-Year Medical Students Receive White Coats

With the COVID-19 pandemic, it was feared interest in the medical field would drop.

but be able to handle all the challenges that may come before them as a physician. So I think even more than ever, we looked at those traits of character and resiliency, and commitment than we ever did before.

This average GPA for class members is 3.8. Fifteen students joined the Family Medicine Accelerated Track program, 14 students will earn a joint medical and business degree with the M.D./MBA program, 10 with the joint medical and public health M.D./MPH degree, one with the M.D./J.D. program and 2 students will work toward a dual M.D/Ph.D. degree.

Berk said traditionally the White Coat Ceremony welcomes medical students into the profession of medicine where they all take an oath promising to always put their patient first, even those who are vulnerable, and most importantly, that they will begin a career of lifelong learning.

was a reminder of the need for physicians also to be teachers for the public, to have a great work ethic and to be committed to doing their very best every

Along with their coveted white coat, the medical students received their first stethoscopes from Alumni Relations. TTUHSC branded stethoscopes each year stethoscopes are sponsored by TTUHSC alumni donors and friends in order to provide each student with their first stethoscope.

Students come from 49 different schools, including Princeton University, Tufts University, UCLA, University of Washington, Emory University and Baylor University. Ninety of the students are from the West Texas area with 55 of those from Texas Tech University.

; some have had other jobs like EMTs

rest in service with many of them
volunteering in the COVID-19 pandemic. It's a very well rounded, very competitive