**Student Ceremonies**

**Orientation**

New student orientation consists of a mandatory week full of topics to equip students with information needed to begin medical school. Topics include the patient centered learning case process, introduction to the curriculum and value domains, student policies and procedures, introduction to student services and an introduction to student health and well-being. Orientation to Medical School and VTCSOM is a one credit course.

**White Coat Ceremony**

The purpose of the ceremony is to clarify for students, prior to their entrance into the medical community that a physician’s responsibility is to both take care of patients and also to care for patients. In other words, doctors should care as well as cure. The Arnold P. Gold Foundation designed the White Coat Ceremony to welcome entering medical students and help them to establish a psychological contract for the practice of medicine. The event emphasizes the importance of compassionate care for the patient as well as scientific proficiency and includes several elements:

- Welcome to the profession of medicine by the Dean and Faculty
- Recitation or discussion of an oath (such as the Hippocratic Oath or a student-written oath) which represents the public acknowledgment by the students of the responsibilities of the profession and their willingness to assume such obligations in the presence of family, friends, and faculty
- Cloaking of students in their first white coats
- An address by an eminent physician role model

*The White Coat Ceremony for the Class of 2017 is scheduled for October 25, 2013 at 5:30 PM.*

**Student Clinician’s Ceremony**

The Student Clinician's Ceremony (SCC) is designed to provide guidance, information and support as medical students transition into their clinical years. The SCC also recognizes outstanding residents through the Gold Foundation's Humanism and Excellence in Teaching Award. Third year students choose up to six residents who have exhibited particularly strong teaching skills and are role models for compassionate, relationship-centered care. A keynote speech by a prominent and humanistic physician role model is followed by a reception for students, faculty, friends and family. A reception occurs immediately after the ceremony.

*The Student Clinician’s Ceremony for the Class of 2015 is scheduled for July 3, 2013 at 5:30 PM.*
**Match Day Ceremony**

The Match Day Ceremony is designed to inform fourth year students of the location and clinical area which they will begin their residency. This celebration is the culmination of four years of study. Envelopes are handed out indicating the residency that matched with each student.

*The Match Day Ceremony for the Class of 2014 is scheduled for March 21, 2014.

(Link to NRMP) [http://www.nrmp.org/](http://www.nrmp.org/)

**Convocation**

*Convocation for the Class of 2014 is scheduled for May 10, 2014.

**Visitor Information**

**Hotels**

*Cambria Suites by Choice Hotels*

301 Reserve Ave SW Roanoke, VA 24016

(540) 400-6226

(Link to Cambria Suites) [http://www.cambriasuitesroanoke.com/](http://www.cambriasuitesroanoke.com/)

*Hyatt Place Roanoke*

5040 Valley View Boulevard North Roanoke, VA 24012

(540) 366-4700

(Link to Hyatt Place Roanoke) [http://roanoke.place.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html](http://roanoke.place.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html)

*The Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center, a Doubletree by Hilton*

110 Shenandoah Ave NW Roanoke, VA 24016

(540) 853-8273
Directions
Link to Maps & Directions section of VTC website

Airport Information
Roanoke Regional Airport
5202 Aviation Drive NW Roanoke, VA 24012
(540) 362-1999
(Link to Roanoke Regional Airport) http://www.roanokeairport.com/

Taxi Service
Yellow Cab
1325 7th Street NE Roanoke, VA 24012
(540) 345-7711
(Link to Yellow Cab) http://www.yellowcab.com/

Visitors Bureau
Roanoke Valley Convention & Visitors Bureau
101 Shenandoah Ave NE Roanoke, VA 24016
(800) 635-5535
(Link to Visitors Bureau) http://www.visitroanokeva.com/