JABSOM GUIDELINES FOR APPROPRIATE APPEARANCE AND ATTIRE

These guidelines are intended to contribute to your overall professional development as students in training to become physicians. JABSOM expects students to appear and dress in a professional manner. Although you are not yet a physician, you will nonetheless be expected to conduct yourself in a manner expected of physicians. Some things, such as your appearance and attire, which may have been acceptable in college, may no longer be appropriate in medical school. Your appearance and attire should show respect to faculty, staff, classmates, patients and the general public.

It is recognized that different attire will be necessary for different settings, depending on factors such as student activities and responsibilities, clinical sites, patient and public contact. Student attire should always be appropriate and not interfere with the activities and responsibilities expected of students.

General Guidelines for All Students:
• Students should maintain an optimum level of personal hygiene and grooming.
• Strong perfume or cologne should not be worn.
• Clothes, hair, fingernails and footwear should be clean and neat.
• Clothing should not be suggestive, revealing or tight-fitting.
• Clothing and exposed skin should not display offensive images or language.
• The display of any discriminatory or offensive image, phrase or other expression, or excessive tattoos (body art) and piercings is prohibited. This includes anything that may become visible during the student’s work activities, and/or is found on any clothing item (including face coverings) or accessory worn by the student at any time.

In addition to the General Guidelines for All Students, for students at clinical sites (inpatient or ambulatory):
• Students should adhere to the dress code/policy in place at the site.
• Students should be aware that they may be requested to remove their white coat in some clinical settings
• Students should wear:
  - JABSOM photo ID
  - Short white medical coat
  - Closed-toe footwear

In addition to the General Guidelines for All Students, for students in laboratories or operating rooms:
• Students should adhere to the dress code/policy in place at the site including personal protective equipment (PPE).