

## **PHARMD HOODING CEREMONY - SPECIAL HOODER FAQ'S**

*All graduating PharmD students may designate a "special hooder" to hood them onstage during their Hooding Ceremony. This should be someone who influenced you to study pharmacy or was impactful during your time as a student, such as a preceptor, professor, mentor, or family member.*

### **Who can serve as a special hooder?**

Your special hooder must be a registered pharmacist (RPh) and/or a Doctoral Degree holder in any field (PharmD, PhD, MD, OD, DDS, JD, etc.). Your special hooder can virtually be anyone, as long as they fulfill the criteria of being an RPh and/or doctoral degree holder.

### **The person I'd like to have as my special hooder isn't a registered pharmacist and doesn't hold a doctoral degree – can they still hood me?**

No, the hooder must meet the criteria above and there are no exceptions to this rule.

### **Can more than one person hood me?**

You may only select (1) special hooder. The only circumstance in which a student would be permitted two hooders would be if the student has two family members (who meet the above criteria) and selecting between the two would cause familial issues/tension.

### **I don't want to be hooded by someone specific, is that OK?**

Yes - Dean Mann will hood any student who has not designated a special hooder. You are not obligated to select a special hooder and many students enjoy the ceremonial aspect of being hooded by the Dean.

### **What exactly does my special hooder do at the ceremony?**

Your special hooder needs to attend the Hooding Ceremony on the Saturday preceding Sunday's Spring Commencement Ceremony. More information about the ceremony time & location will be communicated to students. Special hooders are seated together and are asked to not bring any guests with them.

When the hooding of the graduates begins, you & your hooder will walk onstage together to a designated spot, as both of your names are announced. You will hand your hood to them and they will stand on a platform above you. They will place your doctoral hood over your head and make any adjustments to your hood. You will shake in a handshake/hug and your hooder will then return to their seat.

### **I've decided who I want to hood me; what do I do next?**

It is *your responsibility* to reach out to this individual to ask them to serve in this role and share the details mentioned above.

By March of your P4 year, you will be sent a Qualtrics Survey to submit your special hooder's contact information and other details. You will have until early April to complete this survey. Please only submit the survey once you have *finalized confirmation* from your special hooder.

**If you have further questions at this time, please reach out to Polly Pinelli Carlson, organizer of your Hooding Ceremony, at [pinelli.3@osu.edu](mailto:pinelli.3@osu.edu) or (614) 292-3813.**

**Additional Hooding details will continue to be sent via the P4 eNews!**