Cooper Medical School of Rowan University
Class of 2024

White Coat Ceremony
Friday, September 11, 2020
2 p.m.

Pfleeger Concert Hall at Wilson Hall
Rowan University
North Campus Drive
Glassboro, NJ
About the Keynote Speaker

Stephen Trzeciak, MD, MPH is a physician scientist, Professor and Chair of Medicine at Cooper Medical School of Rowan University, and Chief of Medicine at Cooper University Health Care. Dr. Trzeciak is a practicing intensivist (specialist in intensive care medicine), and a National Institutes of Health (NIH)-funded clinical researcher with more than 100 publications in the scientific literature, primarily in the field of resuscitation science. Dr. Trzeciak’s publications have been featured in prominent medical journals, such as: *Journal of the American Medical Association*, *Circulation*, and *The New England Journal of Medicine*. His scientific program has been supported by research grants from the American Heart Association, the National Institute of General Medical Sciences, and the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, with Dr. Trzeciak serving in the role of Principal Investigator.

Currently, Dr. Trzeciak’s research is focused on a new field called “Compassionomics”, in which he is studying the scientific effects of compassion on patients, patient care, and those who care for patients. He is co-author of the book: *Compassionomics: The Revolutionary Scientific Evidence that Caring Makes a Difference*, which has been featured in numerous media outlets such as CNN, NPR, and *The Washington Post*. For this work, Dr. Trzeciak was awarded the 2019 Influencers of Healthcare Award by *The Philadelphia Inquirer*. Broadly, Dr. Trzeciak’s mission is to make health care more compassionate through science.

Dr. Trzeciak is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame. He earned his medical degree at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and his Master’s of Public Health at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He completed his residency training at the University of Illinois at Chicago, and his fellowship in critical care medicine at Rush University Medical Center. He is board certified in internal medicine, critical care medicine, emergency medicine, and neurocritical care.

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GREETINGS
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