

## Medical science students: future guardians of white coats

Los estudiantes de las Ciencias Médicas, futuros guardianes de batas blancas

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Dear Readers:

The novel coronavirus has generated a pandemic with thousands of deaths worldwide, our island blocked by the great empire has managed to stop the pandemic in the country, a result obtained thanks to the will and action of the Cuban revolutionary government along with the health system and the effort of many anonymous heroes, accompanied by an active role of students of medical sciences, future guardians of white coats, who have courageously demonstrated their commitment, devotion, humanism, patriotism, altruism, brotherhood, and unity.

Their daily knock on the doors of each home, with the appropriated attitude, intelligence and perseverance allow the active assessment of patients with any respiratory symptom or history of epidemiological risk, which brought about changes in the prognosis of COVID-19, highlighting their timely attitude to the new task entrusted by the leadership of the Revolution in real time, as well as the presence of several of them in the "red zone" of the hospitals.

They have fulfilled one of Aesculapius' pieces of advice to his son: *"Want to be a doctor, my son? Have you thought through what has to be your life? You'll have to give up privacy, while most people can complete their task, isolated from the importunate, your door will always be available to everybody at all times of day or night will come to disturb your rest, your pleasures, your meditation, you will not have hours to devote to family, friends or study, you no longer will belong..."*.

Little invincible ones, go ahead, the country looks at you proudly, with the guidance and example of our undefeated Commander in Chief Fidel when he said: *"It is the ideas that unite us, it is the ideas that make us a fighting people, it is the ideas that make us, not only individually but collectively, revolutionary, and it is then [...] when a people can never be defeated..."*. (November 17, 2010).

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