

## Santa Rosa Surgeon Dr. Robert White to Lecture at Westmont College Leadership Class in Santa Barbara

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I have a passion to see graduating college students' focus on the next steps for their life...developing a vision, yet having flexibility to revise that vision, are the key components to success" Dr. Robert White, Napa County, Calif. <u>Hospital</u> Trauma Surgeon, <u>Dr. Robert White</u>, is scheduled to lecture to the Leadership class at <u>Westmont College</u> in Santa Barbara on April 8, 2021. The class is led by Westmont College president, Dr. Gayle Beebe and is comprised largely of college seniors soon to graduate.

Dr. White, a Napa resident, has had all four of his children attend Westmont College, Westmont College is a private Christian liberal arts college in Montecito, California. It was founded in 1937.

"I have a passion to see graduating college students' focus

on the next steps for their life. I believe that developing a vision for your life, yet having flexibility to revise that vision when needed, are the key components to success," Dr. White said.

White lived that passion himself. He was born in Vancouver, Canada, and after spending time with cousins in Napa Valley he moved permanently to the North Bay at age 17. White attended college at Pacific Union College and at University of California, Davis. White claims that he worked "at least seventeen different jobs" before completing medical school and a surgery residency. White is Board Certified by the American Board of Surgery and is a Fellow in the American College of Surgeons.

Stints as a carpenter's helper, a chokerman in the logging camps, a roughneck on the artic oil rigs, a caterpillar operator, a semi-truck driver, a farm hand, a vineyard tractor operator, winery cellar worker, all prepared White for the challenges of being a Trauma Surgeon at the busiest non-university trauma center in California.

White believes in treating hospital staff and patients with dignity and compassion and one of his

favorite quotes is attributed to Mark Twain: "The two most important days of your life are the day you were born and the day you find out why."

White currently divides his time between his work as a trauma surgeon, his medical clothing business, Stitches Medical, and his farm production of Horse Rock Olive oil.

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