



# *Hooding and Awards Ceremony* *2018*

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE  
DEPARTMENT OF PA STUDIES  
WAKE FOREST BIOTECH PLACE  
SUNDAY, MAY 20



## PA PROFESSIONAL OATH

I pledge to perform the following duties with honesty and dedication:

- I will hold as my primary responsibility the health, safety, welfare and dignity of all human beings.
- I will uphold the tenets of patient autonomy, beneficence, nonmaleficence and justice.
- I will recognize and promote the value of diversity.
- I will treat equally all persons who seek my care.
- I will hold in confidence the information shared in the course of practicing medicine.
- I will assess my personal capabilities and limitations, striving always to improve my medical practice.
- I will actively seek to expand my knowledge and skills, keeping abreast of advances in medicine.
- I will work with other members of the health care team to provide compassionate and effective care of patients.
- I will use my knowledge and experience to contribute to an improved community.
- I will respect my professional relationship with the physician.
- I will share and expand knowledge within the profession.

These duties are pledged with sincerity and upon my honor.

# Hooding and Awards Ceremony

CLASS OF 2018

PRELUDE .....	Stratford Brass Quintet
PROCESSIONAL: <i>The Opening Gates</i> .....	Sarah A. Pierce Composed for the 1979 PA Program Graduation Ceremony
INVOCATION .....	The Reverend F. Keith Stirewalt, PA, MBA, MDiv Chaplain for Clinical Engagement, Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center Wake Forest School of Medicine PA Program, Class of 1984
WELCOME.....	Suzanne Reich, MPAS, PA-C Associate Professor and Program Director, Department of PA Studies
INSTITUTIONAL WELCOME.....	Julie Ann Freischlag, MD Chief Executive Officer, Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center Dean, Wake Forest School of Medicine
INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER.....	Erich J. Grant, MMS, PA-C Assistant Professor and Vice Chair, Department of PA Studies
REMARKS .....	Kevin R. Lacz, MMS, PA-C Wake Forest School of Medicine PA Program, Class of 2014

## INVESTITURE OF THE CANDIDATES

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES .....	Sarah J. Garvick, MS, MPAS, PA-C Assistant Professor, Department of PA Studies
	Brian J. Robinson, MS, MPAS, PA-C Assistant Professor, Department of PA Studies
	Joshua L. Waynick, MMS, PA-C Instructor, Department of PA Studies
	Tanya Gregory, PhD Assistant Professor, Department of PA Studies
	K. Patrick Ober, MD Professor and Medical Director, Department of PA Studies
	Robert L. Wooten, PA-C Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of PA Studies
	Sobia S. Hussaini, MHA Assistant Professor, Department of PA Studies
	Courtney J. Perry, PharmD Assistant Professor, Department of PA Studies
	Mary Jean Leonardi, MA, MMS, PA-C Instructor, Department of PA Studies
RECOGNITION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE PA PROFESSIONAL OATH .....	Catherine N. Shull, MPAS, PA-C Assistant Professor, Department of PA Studies

## ADMINISTRATION OF AWARDS

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AWARD.....Gayle B. Bodner, MMS, PA-C  
Assistant Professor, Department of PA Studies

### STUDENT AWARDS

Presentation of Awards..... Class of 2018 Presidents and Secretaries  
Emily Ann Pena, Boone Campus President  
Kevin James Shefferly, Winston-Salem Campus President  
Emma Christine Breu, Winston-Salem Campus Secretary  
Brooke Nicole Heitzman, Boone Campus Secretary  
Preclinical Year Teaching Excellence Award  
Clinical Year Teaching Excellence Award  
Preceptor of the Year Award  
Class Appreciation Award  
Outstanding Contributions to the Class of 2018 Award  
Honorary Katherine Anderson Society Award  
Outstanding Class Member Award

### FACULTY AWARDS

James Franklin Wilson Memorial Award..... Jill P. Grant, MS, MMS, PA-C  
Assistant Professor, Department of PA Studies  
*Given to a graduating student who shows the greatest  
aptitude and devotion to the profession.*

Mike Walker PA Excellence Scholarship..... Robert A. Bays, DDS  
*Given to a first-year student in recognition of outstanding academic  
performance and compassion and excellence in caring for patients.*

Patrick and Cathy Ober Community Leadership Award.....Caroline B. Sisson, MMS, PA-C  
Assistant Professor, Department of PA Studies  
*Given to a first- or second-year student in recognition of remarkable dedication to  
community service and leadership in outreach, philanthropy and humanitarianism.*

Katherine H. Anderson Award.....Kristin J. Lindaman, MMS, PA-C  
Instructor, Department of PA Studies  
*Given to a first-year student in recognition of exemplary performance during  
the preclinical year and professional growth toward becoming a PA.*

CHARGE TO ALUMNI.....Brian B. Peacock, MMS, PA-C  
Assistant Professor, Department of PA Studies

CLOSING COMMENTS..... Sherrie B. Spear, MHS, PA-C  
Assistant Professor and Associate Program Director  
Department of PA Studies

BENEDICTION ..... The Reverend Stirewalt

RECESSIONAL: *Prelude to "Te Deum"* ..... Marc-Antoine Charpentier

## FACULTY OF PA STUDIES

L. Gail Curtis, MPAS, PA-C \*  
Associate Professor  
Chair

Suzanne Reich, MPAS, PA-C  
Associate Professor  
Program Director

K. Patrick Ober, MD  
Professor  
Medical Director

Erich J. Grant, MMS, PA-C \*  
Assistant Professor  
Vice Chair, Education and Curricular Innovation

Gayle B. Bodner, MMS, PA-C  
Assistant Professor  
Director of Clinical Education

Sonia J. Crandall, MS, PhD  
Professor  
Director of Scholarship and Research

Alisha T. DeTroye, MMS, PA-C, DFAAPA \*  
Adjunct Assistant Professor

Sarah J. Garvick, MS, MPAS, PA-C  
Assistant Professor

Jill P. Grant, MS, MMS, PA-C \*  
Assistant Professor  
Director, Office of Academic Excellence

Tanya Gregory, PhD  
Assistant Professor  
Director of Student Services

Tiffany L. Hiatt, MMS, PA-C \*  
Assistant Professor  
Director of Preclinical Education

Sobia S. Hussaini, MHA  
Assistant Professor  
Director of Academic Practice Partnerships

Mary Jean Leonardi, MA, MMS, PA-C \*  
Instructor

Kristin J. Lindaman, MMS, PA-C  
Instructor

Brian B. Peacock, MMS, PA-C \*  
Assistant Professor

Thomas J. Perrault, Jr., PhD  
Associate Professor

Courtney J. Perry, PharmD  
Assistant Professor

Brian J. Robinson, MS, MPAS, PA-C  
Assistant Professor

Catherine N. Shull, MPAS, PA-C \*  
Assistant Professor

Caroline B. Sisson, MMS, PA-C \*  
Assistant Professor

Ian M. Smith, MMS, PA-C \*  
Assistant Professor  
Director of Admissions

Sherrie B. Spear, MHS, PA-C  
Assistant Professor  
Associate Program Director  
Distant Campus Coordinator

Joshua L. Waynick, MMS, PA-C \*  
Instructor

Robert L. Wooten, PA-C \*  
Adjunct Assistant Professor

\* Wake Forest PA Program Graduate

# CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF MEDICAL SCIENCE

## CLASS OF 2018

Claire Margaret Aksamit ♦	Rochester, MN
Vincent James Alderete ♦	Miami, FL
Michael Edward Arcuri	Rochester, NY
Madeleine Rebecca Breen ♦	Matthews, NC
Emma Christine Breu ♦	Jacksonville, FL
Kasey Elizabeth Callaway ♦	Lincoln University, PA
Alexandra Louise Cella ♦	New Bern, NC
Keri Rose Church *	Peachtree City, GA
Juan Pablo Clavijo ♦	Cali, Colombia, South America
Matthew Gregory Colner	Advance, NC
Sara Jane Commander ♦	Newnan, GA
Rachel Ann Cooley	Chesnee, SC
Lindsay Allison Cover ♦	Harrisburg, PA
Erika Amelia Dillon Cummings ♦	Fort Collins, CO
Leah Catherine Daniel *	Blanch, NC
Laura Jane Dart ♦ ♦	Valdese, NC
Jackson Parker Deen ♦	Austin, TX
Trisha Elizabeth Gibbons ♦	Reno, NV
Richard Kohlstadt Godine	Charlottesville, VA
Andrew Charles Gray	Boone, NC
Karlie Brooks Hartman ♦	Baltimore, MD
Zoë Elizabeth Hayes	Atlanta, GA
Brooke Nicole Heitzman ♦	Boerne, TX
Chaz Joseph Hernandez	Rockford, IL
Victoria Hunter Hitz *	Ogden, UT
Cameron Krystophe Holman ♦	Wilmington, NC
Edmund Christopher Horgan IV	Asheville, NC
Walker Jackman Jamar	Wilmington, NC
Blaire Marie Jenkins ♦	Shelby, NC
Charles Taylor Jensen ♦	Greensboro, NC
Rachel Ellis Jordan ♦	Medford, NJ
Lesley Johnston Kenney	Raleigh, NC
Caroline Suzanne Kirby ♦	Asheville, NC
Morgan Elizabeth Koch	Boynton Beach, FL
Xiao Fu Liu ♦	Grantsboro, NC
Danielle Joy Mandir	Bethesda, MD
Spencer Ray Martin	Fallston, NC
Rory David McEathron ♦	Montpelier, VT
Kaisey Hampton Medley	Lexington, KY
Sara Carole Tonda Miles	Cornelius, NC
Gabrielle Inez Mortis	Winston Salem, NC
Katherine Anne Moss ♦	Orange Park, FL
Aidan Anne O'Connor	Orlando, FL
Ryan Jacob O'Hara ♦	Asheboro, NC
Anna Marie Olsen ♦	Medina, MN
Frances Emily Orr	Charlotte, NC
Anshuma Pal ♦	Leesburg, VA
Emily Frances Patterson ♦	Charlotte, NC

Wesley Merritt Paulson ♦	Chapel Hill, NC
Emily Ann Pena ♦	Fishers, IN
Samuel Sparrow Pendergraft	Chapel Hill, NC
Kaylee Alyssa Perez ♦	Miami Springs, FL
Sara Perez	Raleigh, NC
Mark Stephen Phillips	Fayetteville, NC
Madison Rae Pohle ♦	Scottsdale, AZ
Mary Katherine Prince ♦♦	Wilson, NC
Isaac Richard Rowner ♦	West Hempstead, NY
Christopher Lee Saindon	Simpsonville, SC
Alexander Paul Schumacher ♦	Hudson, OH
Kevin James Shefferly ♦♦	Midlothian, VA
Meredith Leigh Shillinglaw	Cary, NC
Emily Jane Shrosbree	Chelsea, MI
Samantha Tallia Stern ♦	Wellington, FL
Katherine Reed Stevenson	New Canaan, CT
Kathryn Leigh Sylvester ♦	Cary, NC
Jennifer Marie Taylor	Louisville, CO
Catherine Hill Thompson	Winston-Salem, NC
Morgan Nicole Tucker ♦	Mooresville, NC
Sarah Ann Waltz ♦	Santa Rosa, CA
Kendall Wallace Ward ♦	Port Orange, FL
Meredith Catherine Was ♦	Nashville, TN
Samuel Michael Weiss ♦	Albuquerque, NM
Hallie Chanson Wieters	Clemmons, NC
Melanie Katherine Williams *	Apex, NC
Shelby Christine Wood ♦	Dekalb, IL
Jeffrey Samuel Woodard	Charlotte, NC
Meghan Elise Yanicko *	Kannapolis, NC

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♦ Completed the Sacred 7 health humanities course. This elective uses literature, film, visual arts, writing, reflection, meditation, and discussion to help students access, explore, and deepen their empathy, compassion, humility, integrity, reflection, resilience, and self-awareness — the qualities that constitute the Sacred 7. The overall goal is to help them become PAs who care humanely for patients and for themselves.

# CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF MEDICAL SCIENCE WITH DISTINCTION CLASS OF 2018

Grace Elizabeth Auton *	Hickory, NC
Chrystell Laura Cluck ♦	Greenville, NC
Trevor John Doolittle *	Milford, CT
Kelsey Nicole Ford.....	Greensboro, NC
Julia Maria Langston Fuster ♦	Atlanta, GA
James W. Kirby.....	Kingstree, SC
Jonathan David McGuirt ♦	Rock Hill, SC
Alison Margaret Menzies ♦	Winston-Salem, NC
Alyssa Brynn Murray ♦	Novi, MI
Devyn Amparo Porath.....	Southgate, MI
Emily Jane Shrosbree .....	Chelsea, MI

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## MARSHALS

*(Highest academic performance during the preclinical year)*

Teresa Lauren Britt  
Callie Elizabeth Goodrich  
Savannah Summer Nohr  
Mallory Elizabeth Osborne  
Alyssa Danielle Ritner  
Abigail Walser Terkeltoub

*In Absentia*

Nathan James Bates  
Caila Carolyn Coale  
Grant Garner Davidson  
Chloe Erin Decklever  
Lauren Mackenzie DeRuyter  
Karcy Elizabeth Grove  
Joshua Paul Gough  
Brittany Eileen Hoyle  
Allison Rene Huffman  
Katherine Annemarie Ahern McCullough  
Juliette Dewitt Parks  
Claire Elizabeth Porter  
Ann Wallace Tazewell  
Sheldon Rudisill  
Lorae Marie Schafer  
Stephanie Marie Watson



## ABOUT ACADEMIC REGALIA

The origins of academic dress date back to Europe in the 12th and 13th centuries. During this period, everyone — men and women, lay folk and clerics, royalty, tradesmen, students — wore long, flowing robes of varying materials and fabrics, depending on the wealth and position of the wearer. The ordinary dress of the scholar, whether student or teacher, was similar to the dress of a cleric. The first organized bodies of learning were formed in this period.

In the United States, schools of higher learning such as Harvard, Yale, the University of Pennsylvania, and William and Mary adopted traditions of using regalia, and soon other schools began to follow the trend. In 1895, the Intercollegiate Code established guidelines for standardizing the academic regalia for institutions of higher learning in the United States.

You will note that the gowns (or robes) worn by graduating PA students have long, closed, somewhat fuller sleeves that reach nearly to the wearer's knees. The arms go through slits at the elbow, giving the appearance of short sleeves. The gowns worn by a Master are always black.

During graduation events, you will also see examples of the doctoral gown, worn by some faculty and administrators. It is cut much fuller and has large, bell-shaped sleeves. Doctoral gowns are usually black. Although bachelor's and master's gowns are generally devoid of ornamentation, doctoral gowns are distinguished by the five-inch velvet panel around the neck and down both sides of the front, as well as three-inch velvet bars sewn on each sleeve.

Over their robes, candidates for and holders of master's and doctoral degrees wear hoods, which are the most expressive component of the academic costume. The hood symbolizes a heavy burden. It identifies the level of the degree, the field of learning and the institution that awards it.

The master's hood is 3½ feet long and is black, lined with the color or colors of the institution conferring the degree. (Note the gold representing Wake Forest University.) The hood is displayed down the back with the lining turned inside out. The velvet trim indicates the subject to which the degree pertains. The hoods worn by graduating PA students are trimmed in green, which represents the study of medicine and symbolizes the original use of medicinal herbs. Other areas of study and colors you may see during graduation events include arts, letters and humanities symbolized by white; education by light blue; law by purple; and science symbolized by golden yellow.

## ABOUT THE FACULTY AWARDS

### JAMES FRANKLIN WILSON MEMORIAL AWARD

The James Franklin Wilson Memorial Award was established in 1975 in memory of Jim Wilson, who graduated from the Wake Forest School of Medicine PA Program in 1973. Wilson grew up in Winston-Salem and, after completing college, served as a medic with the U.S. Army in Vietnam. When he left the Army, he decided to become a PA. "As happens to many who are involved in a war," he wrote, "my experiences in Vietnam affected me considerably. I have in my time overseas developed a concern for the suffering of mankind — a concern which I virtually did not have before, or possibly which I had for various reasons suppressed. I felt, moreover, that for this philosophy to be valid I would have to do more than talk about it — i.e., I would have to take it upon myself to try to alleviate some of this suffering. The more I considered how this contribution might be made, the more I realized that the most effective way for me was through medicine." Jim Wilson did practice as a PA but for only two years before he died of cancer. The award named after him was funded by PA Program graduates, Wilson's father, and a local veteran's association. In becoming a PA, Jim Wilson sought dignity, responsibility, and the opportunity to help others. The James Franklin Wilson Memorial Award is presented to a student of the graduating class who shows the greatest aptitude, as defined by academic achievement during the preclinical and clinical years, and devotion to the PA profession, as evidenced by contributions on an individual, local, or national basis.

## ABOUT THE FACULTY AWARDS (continued)

### MIKE WALKER PA EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP

The Mike Walker PA Excellence Scholarship was established 2014 in memory of Michael D. Walker, who graduated from the Wake Forest School of Medicine PA Program in 1973. In addition to his Wake Forest PA degree, Mike Walker earned a master's degree in business administration from Wake Forest's Babcock Graduate School of Management and a master's degree in PA Studies with a specialty in dermatology from the University of Nebraska. Before his death in 2012, he had recently retired from a long practice as a PA in dermatology and internal medicine in Winston-Salem. Walker was also a charter member and distinguished fellow of the North Carolina Academy of PAs. He was a woodworker who enjoyed turning and shaping beautiful creations; he was a private pilot, a glider pilot, a skydiver, and a scuba diver. In his obituary, his family wrote that Mike Walker loved medicine, and he loved his many patients. In his honor and funded by his family, the Mike Walker PA Excellence Scholarship is presented annually to a student who has demonstrated excellence in the PA Program and compassion and excellence in caring for patients.

### PATRICK AND CATHY OBER COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARD

The Patrick and Cathy Ober Community Leadership Award was established in 2015 in honor of K. Patrick Ober, MD, and his wife, Cathy. Dr. Ober has served as the Medical Director of the Wake Forest PA Program since 2003. He currently oversees the Foundations of Medicine and Surgery course, participates in direct teaching and facilitation of PA students, and lends his vast experience to the Program's student promotion activities. Dr. Ober completed his residency and fellowship here from 1974 through 1978, and then joined the faculty in the endocrinology section of Wake Forest School of Medicine. Since that time, he has served in multiple leadership roles, including Vice Dean of Education. His mentorship, excellence in teaching and acclaimed clinical care would be sufficient to merit countless accolades. However, Dr. Ober exceeds those parameters and dedicates himself to multiple philanthropic and service-related activities, most notably as a founding physician and member of the advisory board of the DEAC (Delivering Equal Access to Care) Clinic, where he has also served as a teaching/supervising provider. Cathy Ober is a tireless advocate for those in need of food assistance. An outstanding community volunteer, she has devoted her time, effort and energy to furthering the mission and activities of the Clemmons Food Pantry for many years. In their honor and funded by the PA Program, the Patrick and Cathy Ober Community Leadership Award is presented annually to a first- or second-year PA student who has demonstrated remarkable dedication to community service and leadership in outreach, philanthropy and humanitarianism.

### KATHERINE H. ANDERSON AWARD

The Katherine H. Anderson Award, established in 1988, was named for the first Medical Director of the Wake Forest School of Medicine PA Program and a much respected physician in both the community and the institution. "Katie," as Dr. Anderson was affectionately known, was a pediatrician in Winston-Salem for 25 years and the first woman to be elected president of the local medical society. As the Medical Director of the PA Program from 1969 until her retirement in 1976, her understanding of PAs and their role on the medical team was instrumental to the development of the educational philosophy and curriculum of the Program. She was so beloved among Wake Forest PA students that their professional society is named The Katherine Anderson Society in her honor. Katie was a renaissance person: a great gardener, a carpenter, a fisherwoman, and an adventurer who, at the age of 63, went down the Colorado River in a raft. Because she was a person of few words but much thought, when she contributed an idea, everyone listened. In her honor, the Katherine H. Anderson Award is given to a first-year student in recognition of exemplary academic performance and professional growth toward becoming a PA during the preclinical year.

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*The hardest conviction to get into the mind of a beginner is that the education upon which he is engaged is not a college course, not a medical course, but a life course, for which the work of a few years under teachers is but preparation.*

From the Valedictory Address by Sir William Osler  
McGill University, April 14, 1905

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