



Commencement

Ceremony

Class of 2021



Wake Forest University School of Medicine
Department of PA Studies

Sunday, May 16, 2021

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.

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Processional: *Pomp and Circumstance, March in D Major, Op. 39, No. 1* Edward Elgar

Invocation The Reverend Michelle M. Nicolle, PHD, BCC
Chaplain for Innovation Quarter

Welcome..... Suzanne Reich, MPAS, PA-C
Associate Professor and Director of Accreditation, Department of PA Studies

Institutional Welcome..... Julie Ann Freischlag, MD, FACS, FRCSEd(Hon), DFSVS
Chief Executive Officer, Wake Forest Baptist Health
Dean, Wake Forest School of Medicine
Chief Academic Officer, Atrium Health

Introduction of the Speaker..... Robert L. Wooten, MS, PA-C
Assistant Professor, Department of PA Studies

Remarks L. Gail Curtis, MPAS, PA-C
Associate Professor and Chair, Department of PA Studies

Investiture of the Candidates

Presentation of the Candidates Sarah J. Garvick, MS, MPAS, PA-C
Assistant Professor, Director of Preclinical Education, Department of PA Studies

Recognition and Administration
of the PA Professional Oath..... Catherine N. Shull, MPAS, PA-C
Assistant Professor, Department of PA Studies

Graduate Hooding Video

Administration of Awards

Community Partnership Award Gayle B. Bodner, MMS, PA-C

Assistant Professor and Vice Chair, Department of PA Studies

Given to a Community Partner who has shown outstanding service to our students, faculty and staff.

James Franklin Wilson Memorial Award Joshua L. Waynick, MMS, PA-C

Assistant Professor, Department of PA Studies

Given to a graduating student who shows the greatest aptitude and devotion to the profession.

Joel B. Miller *Pro Humanitate* Award Caroline B. Sisson, MMS, PA-C

Assistant Professor and Vice Chair of Education & Curricular Innovation, Department of PA Studies

Given to a graduating student who demonstrates qualities of unselfish service to others.

Patrick and Cathy Ober Community Leadership Award Tiffany L. Hiatt, MMS, PA-C

Assistant Professor, Department of PA Studies

Given to a Preclinical or Clinical year student in recognition of remarkable dedication to community service and leadership in outreach, philanthropy and humanitarianism.

Kitty Bowman Excellence in Research Award Chris M. Gillette, MS, PhD

Assistant Professor, Assistant Director of Scholarship & Research, Department of PA Studies

Given to the student or students who represent an outstanding commitment to research or to the integration of evidence-based medicine in clinical practice.

Student Awards Presentation Class of 2021 Presidents

Amanda Cooksey, Winston-Salem Campus President

Kelsey Kramer, Boone Campus President

Boone Preclinical Year Teaching Excellence

Winston-Salem Preclinical Year Teaching Excellence Award

Clinical Year Excellence Award

Outstanding Contributions to the Class of 2021 – Student and Staff

Class Appreciation Awards – Student and Staff

Honorary Katherine Anderson Society Award

Outstanding Class Member Award

Preceptor of the Year Award

Charge to Alumni Andrea McKinnond, MS, MPAS, PA-C

Assistant Professor, Department of PA Studies

Conferral of Degrees Julie Ann Freischlag, MD, FACS, FRCSEd(Hon), DFSVS

Closing Comments Brian Peacock, MS, MPAS, PA-C

Assistant Professor and Program Director, Department of PA Studies

Benediction The Reverend Michelle M. Nicolle, PHD, BCC

Recessional: *Prelude to "Te Deum"* Marc-Antoine Charpentier

Faculty of PA Studies

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

Gayle B. Bodner, MMS, PA-C
Assistant Professor
Vice Chair

Caroline B. Sisson, MMS, PA-C *
Assistant Professor
Vice Chair of Education & Curricular Innovation

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

K. Patrick Ober, MD
Professor
Medical Director

Nathan Bates, MMS, PA-C*
Assistant Professor

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
Director of Preclinical Education
Associate Program Director – Boone Campus

Brian Geigler, MMS, PA-C *
Assistant Professor
Director of Clinical Education

Chris M. Gillette, MS, PhD
Associate Professor
Assistant Director of Scholarship and Research

Tanya Gregory, PhD
Assistant Professor
Director of Student Services

Aldene N. Hawks, MD
Assistant Professor

Tiffany L. Hiatt, MMS, PA-C *
Assistant Professor

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

Toni Jackson, MMS, PA-C *
Assistant Professor

C. Taylor Jensen, MS, MMS, PA-C *
Instructor

Kristin J. Lindaman, MMS, PA-C
Assistant Professor
Director of Student Assessment
Associate Program Director, Winston-Salem campus

Andrea E. McKinnond, MMS, PA-C *
Assistant Professor

Thomas J. Perrault, Jr., PhD
Associate Professor

Courtney J. Perry, Pharm D
Assistant Professor

Suzanne Reich, MPAS, PA-C
Associate Professor
Director of Accreditation

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

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

Ethan Stonerook, MS, MMS, PA-C *
Assistant Professor

Joshua L. Waynick, MMS, PA-C *
Assistant Professor

Robert L. Wooten, MS, PA-C*
Assistant Professor

** Wake Forest PA Program Graduate*

Candidates for the Degree of Masters of Medical Science Class of 2021

Callista Rose Addis *	Vilas, NC
Mary Katherine Adkins •	Archdale, NC
Jasmyn Briana Alexander *	Winston-Salem, NC
Lilli Elizabeth Altenburg •	Lexington, VA
Rana Ahmad Asfour •	Raleigh, NC
Anabela Barreto	Clemmons, NC
Tyisha L. Barrett •	Houston, TX
Bridgette Beattie •	Atlanta, GA
Kayla Marie Belvin •	Winston-Salem, NC
Emily Elizabeth Bigler *†	Pittsburgh, PA
Brent C. Breedlove *♦♦	Goldsboro, NC
Jason Michael Brown	Winston-Salem, NC
Miriam Gordon Brown	Greensboro, NC
Laura Nicole Carlson †	Indianapolis, IN
Courtney Elizabeth Cash	Winston-Salem, NC
Taylor Ann Chen	Charlottesville, VA
Christina Un Chyr •	Hialeah, FL
Amanda Morgan Cooksey †	Harrisburg, NC
Austin Chapman-Lovette Cromer	Walnut Cove, NC
Benedicte Nora Krauss Crudgington •	Washington, D.
Anna Katherine Marie Currie	Winston-Salem, NC
William Moorhead DeFoor	Garner, NC
Ruchi Pratik Desait	Cary, NC
Jacquelyn Donohue •	Evanston, IL
Delaney Elisabeth Drechsler ♦♦	Union Springs, NY
Nicole Taylor Drobner	Pembroke Pines, FL
Bailey Marie Dunlap •	Houston, TX
Caitlyn Michelle Ellis *†	Greensboro, NC
Maria Paula Espinosa	West Palm Beach, FL
Brianne Elizabeth Eva	Roscommon, MI
Dania Farawi	Raleigh, NC
Kendall Amanda Farmer	Gurnee, IL
Abigail Bishop Fisher •	Kinnelon, NJ
Cameon Nichole Ford	Winston-Salem, NC
Elizabeth Verross Gwilym •	Portland, ME
Erin Marina Hagen *	Rochester, NY
Vincent Halsey Hardesty *	Lexington, OH
Shelby Suzanne Hill	Kirkland, WA
Ansley Grace Jackson •	Waycross, GA
Hailey Lynn Jenkins	Culpeper, VA
Megan Victoria Emily Johnson •	Pittsburgh, PA
Shontillious Devonique Johnson *•	Richmond, VA
Vani Khajuria •	Winston-Salem, NC
Emaan Munir Khan •	Beaverton, OR
Kelsey Ann Kramer •	Kaukauna, WI

David Neil Leimberger	Durham, NC
Kaytlyn Alyse Ly †.....	Olympia, WA
Sarah Hatton Lympany	Valdosta, GA
Hillary Lynne MacDonald •	Shalimar, FL
Kelly Marie McBratney	Orange, CA
Jessica Denise McDaniel *	Fayetteville, GA
Keith Orval Meinecke •	Galax, VA
Raveen Shundrell Mooney	Asheville, NC
Luke Christopher Naylor	Mocksville, NC
Manuel Adam Nichols.....	Varina, VA
Claire Elizabeth O'Connell	New Windsor, MD
Logan Baker Oylar **•	Asheville, NC
Rohan Mohitkumar Parekh	Raleigh, NC
Laura Erin Peterson	Merion, PA
Jennifer Lynn Petrone.....	Greenville, SC
Austin Clay Pope ♦.....	Benson, NC
Meredith McDaniel Pulliam	Winston-Salem, NC
Rachel Elizabeth Rapp *•	Keswick, VA
Diana Rivera	Galax, VA
Deborah Ann Roth *	San Rafael, CA
Sabrina Sayedzada	Columbus, GA
Caitlin Jean Schirmer *	Currituck, NC
Jeff A. Smith.....	Connelly Springs, NC
Patrick Seth Stone.....	Lynchburg, TN
Katherine Condon Stratton	Memphis, TN
Brooke Turnamian Stutts •	Greensboro, NC
Cody William Taylor *•	Dover, DE
James Douglas Teasdall #•	Winston-Salem, NC
Linh My Tran *	Stone Mountain, GA
Jessica Margaret Trexler *	Wilmington, NC
Kinsleigh Elizabeth Trice	Wilmington, NC
Hannah Elizabeth Twomey	Broad Run, VA
Alexandra Marie Veech.....	Binghamton, NY
Cassidy Danae Vigil.....	Gaithersburg, MD
Amanda Leigh Watson •	Chalfont, PA
Michelle Lord Wernlé	Ithaca, NY
Lindsey Marie White ♦♦†.....	Winter Park, FL
Annie Grace Williams •	Dallas, TX
Rachel Caroline York • †.....	Greensboro, NC
Sara Elizabeth Zabroske.....	Roswell, GA

* Completed the Emerging Leaders Program (ELP), in which students earn a Master of Arts in Management from the Wake Forest University School of Business prior to entering the PA Program. ELP develops highly capable, entrepreneurial leaders who can make significant contributions to the healthcare community. Graduates are equipped with business competencies and excellent clinical skills to succeed in complex healthcare environments and to transform the delivery of care.

• Completed the Global Health Certificate Program, in which a solid foundation in global health topics is built. There is special emphasis on the sociopolitical, economic, cultural, and geographic factors that, in addition to biomedical factors, have an impact on health in low-and middle-income countries abroad and in underserved populations in the United States.

◆ Completed the Medical Education Certificate Program, which provides training for health professions students interested in pursuing careers in medical education. Recipients of this certificate have advanced knowledge of the science of learning, diverse teaching skills, and functional experience with educational scholarship.

† Completed the Wake Forest Emerging Clinician Leadership Program, a year-long leadership development program for health professions students in accredited training programs at Wake Forest. The program seeks to help students be stronger leaders amongst their patients, peers, and providers through a student-focused leadership development curriculum.

Completed the North Carolina Medical Society Future KIPA. Clinician Leaders College, an interdisciplinary leadership development program, which allows students to develop leadership at the individual, organizational and societal level as well as build networks within the community of public and private health care systems.

**Candidates for the
Degree of Masters of Medical Science
with Distinction**
(In Alphabetical Order)

Bridgette Marie Beattie
Kayla M. Belvin
Laura Nicole Carlson
Courtney Elizabeth Cash
Taylor Ann Chen
Anna Katherine Marie Currie
William M. DeFoor
Delaney Elizabeth Drechsler
Caitlyn Michelle Ellis
Maria Paula Espinosa
Abigail Bishop Fisher
Elizabeth Verross Gwilym
Megan Victoria Emily Johnson
David N. Leimberger
Sarah Hatton Lympny
Hillary Lynne MacDonald
Claire Elizabeth O'Connell
Austin Clay Pope
Diana Rivera
Brooke Turnamian Stutts
Annie Grace Williams

Marshals

(Highest academic performance during the preclinical year, in alphabetical order)

Mary Caroline Austin
Lauren Autry
Kathleen Barber
Alexandria Blakeslee
Michaela Bleyl
Annie Campbell
Kiarra Corless
Macy Mantooth
Rachel Sather
Sarah Waddle
Jonathan Ware

🌀 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 veterans 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.

Joel B. Miller *Pro Humanitate* Award

Established in 2018, this award is presented to a PA student in the graduating class who embodies the character of its namesake, Dr. Joel Miller, and the motto of Wake Forest University, Pro Humanitate (For Humanity). Dr. Miller attended Wake Forest University as an undergraduate and for his medical school and residency training, earning the label of "Triple Deac." Over the decades, he gave of himself unselfishly to his beloved alma mater and embodied the calling of Pro Humanitate as he used his knowledge, talents and compassion to better the lives of others. Though his contributions can be measured in time, energy and financial support, this award honors him for his tireless teaching, mentoring and guidance of medical trainees. The Wake Forest PA program has benefited greatly from Dr. Miller's willingness to help mold future PAs. His wisdom, approachability, humility and patient-centered philosophy set the tone for the PA students lucky enough to have been taught by him. This award acknowledges Dr. Miller's dedication and service and recognizes a graduate who demonstrates his qualities of unselfish service to others.

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.

Kitty Bowman Excellence in Research Award

The Kitty Bowman Excellence in Research Award was established in 2004 and named for the first registrar of the Wake Forest School of Medicine PA Program. A fixture in the Program for more than 30 years, Kitty Bowman was nurturing, empathetic, and the person many students found themselves going to in times of need. She listened to their stories, took care of the details that needed taking care of, and always seemed to have the right words of encouragement and understanding at hand. Kitty Bowman was equally giving within the larger community and was a founding member of AIDS Care Service, a regional nonprofit health and social services agency for persons infected with or affected by HIV. The award named in her honor is presented to a student in the graduating class whose graduate project work represents an outstanding commitment to research or to the integration of evidence-based medicine into clinical practice.

🌀 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, layfolk 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.

Intelligence plus character — that is the goal of true education.

Martin Luther King, Jr.
1947
