



Diploma and Awards Ceremony

WAKE FOREST SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM
BRENDLE RECITAL HALL
11:00 A.M. MONDAY, MAY 18

2015

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROFESSIONAL OATH

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CLASS OF 2015

PRELUDE Stratford Brass Quintet

PROCESSIONAL, *The Opening Gates* Sarah A. Pierce
Composed for PA Graduation 1979

INVOCATION The Reverend F. Keith Stirewalt, PA, MBA, MDiv
Wake Forest School of Medicine PA Program, Class of 1984
Chaplain for Clinical Engagement, Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center

WELCOME Reamer L. Bushardt, PharmD, PA-C
Professor and Chair, Department of PA Studies
Vice President, Clinical Enterprise Administration, Wake Forest Baptist Health

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES David M. White, MPAS, PA-C
Assistant Professor, Department of PA Studies
Catherine N. Shull, MPAS, PA-C
Assistant Professor, Department of PA Studies
Jill P. Grant, MS, MMS, PA-C
Assistant Professor, Department of PA Studies
Erich J. Grant, MMS, PA-C
Assistant Professor, Department of PA Studies
Samantha D. Rogers, MMS, PA-C
Clinical Instructor, Department of PA Studies
M. Jane McDaniel, BSMT, MLS (ASCP) CMSC
Assistant Professor, Department of PA Studies
Tiffany L. Hiatt, MMS, PA-C
Assistant Professor, Department of PA Studies
Suzanne Reich, MPAS, PA-C
Associate Professor, Department of PA Studies
Robert L. Wooten Jr., PA-C
Clinical Instructor, Department of PA Studies

PRESENTATION OF THE DIPLOMAS Zachary Hartsell, MPAS, PA-C
Associate Professor, Vice Chair and Program Director, Department of PA Studies
Director of PA Services, Wake Forest Baptist Health

RECOGNITION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROFESSIONAL OATH L. Gail Curtis, MPAS, PA-C
Associate Professor and Vice Chair, Department of PA Studies

ADMINISTRATION OF AWARDS

STUDENT AWARDS

Presentation of Awards Kelly Gardner Wohler
Katherine Anderson Society President, Class of 2015
Preclinical Year Teaching Award
Clinical Year Teaching Excellence Award
Class Appreciation Award
Honorary Katherine Anderson Society Award
Outstanding Contributions to the Class of 2015 Award

FACULTY AWARDS

Katherine H. Anderson Award Catherine N. Shull, MPAS, PA-C
Given in recognition of exemplary performance during the preclinical year and professional growth toward becoming a physician assistant.

James F. Wilson Award Erich J. Grant, MMS, PA-C
Given to the graduate who shows the greatest aptitude and devotion to the profession.

Mike Walker Physician Assistant Excellence Award Robert A. Bays, DDS
Given to a graduating student in recognition of outstanding academic performance and compassion and excellence in caring for patients.

Patrick and Cathy Ober Community Leadership Award Reamer L. Bushardt, PharmD, PA-C
L. Gail Curtis, MPAS, PA-C
Given to a first- or second-year student in recognition of remarkable dedication to community service and leadership in outreach, philanthropy and humanitarianism

DEPARTMENT AWARD

Community Partnership Award Zachary Hartsell, MPAS, PA-C

CHARGE TO ALUMNI Jill P. Grant, MS, MMS, PA-C

CLOSING COMMENTS Zachary Hartsell, MPAS, PA-C

BENEDICTION The Reverend F. Keith Stirewalt, PA, MBA, MDiv

RECESSIONAL, *Prelude to "Te Deum"* Marc-Antoine Charpentier

FACULTY OF PA STUDIES

Reamer L. Bushardt, PharmD, PA-C
Professor, Department Chair
Vice President, Clinical Enterprise Administration
Wake Forest Baptist Health

Zachary Hartsell, MPAS, PA-C
Associate Professor, Vice Chair and Program Director
Director of PA Services, Wake Forest Baptist Health

L. Gail Curtis, MPAS, PA-C
Associate Professor and Vice Chair
Director of Student Services

K. Patrick Ober, MD
Professor and Medical Director

Daniel Bertrams, MMS, PA-C
Instructor

Gayle Bodner, MMS, PA-C
Instructional Faculty

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

Alisha T. DeTroye, MMS, PA-C
Instructor

Joshua S. Geiple, MMS, PA-C
Instructional Faculty

Alexandra Godfrey, MS, PA-C
Assistant Professor

Erich J. Grant, MMS, PA-C
Assistant Professor, Director of Preclinical Education

Jill P. Grant, MS, MMS, PA-C
Assistant Professor, Director of Clinical Education

Tanya Gregory, PhD
Assistant Professor, Director of Academic Excellence

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

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

Kristin Lindaman, MMS, PA-C
Instructor

Sarah J. Maloney, MS, MPAS, PA-C
Instructor

M. Jane McDaniel, BSMT, MLS (ASCP) CMSC
Assistant Professor, Director of Admissions

Colleen Patton, EdD, RN, PA-C
Assistant Professor

Courtney Perry, PharmD
Assistant Professor

Suzanne Reich, MPAS, PA-C
Associate Professor, Associate Program Director and
Distant Campus Coordinator

Samantha D. Rogers, MMS, PA-C
Clinical Instructor

Catherine N. Shull, MPAS, PA-C
Assistant Professor, Director of Postgraduate Education

Ian M. Smith, MMS, PA-C
Assistant Professor

David M. White, MPAS, PA-C
Assistant Professor, Associate Program Director

Robert Wooten, PA-C
Clinical Instructor

MARSHALS

Stevi Marie Barrett
Kelly Renee Conner
Samantha Tripp Dowless

Sara Katherine Orłowski
Lauren Emily Sykes

Master of Medical Science Graduates

CLASS OF 2015

Jonathan Mark Adams	Winston-Salem, N.C.
Mitchell Travis Adams	Orlando, Fla.
Jacquelyn Howells Allen	Herndon, Va.
Brett Matthew Anderson	Winston-Salem, N.C.
Seth Ryan Anderson	Winston-Salem, N.C.
Melanie Ann Aydt	Charlotte, N.C.
Bharath Balu	Greencastle, Pa.
Frank Weston Beck	Burley, Idaho
Dana Shelby Bergstrom	Billerica, Mass.
Kelsey Marie Blaine	Rockville, Md.
Megan Tabatha Brame	New Bern, N.C.
Elizabeth Huntley Brooke	Richmond, Va.
Katrina Renae Brown	Manassas, Va.
Paige Marie Campbell	Hickory, N.C.
Benjamin William Cartner	Boone, N.C.
Nicole Elizabeth Coalson	Winston-Salem, N.C.
Dayna Rae-Ann Compeau	Owosso, Mich.
Victoria Lippitt Creech	Smithfield, Md.
Katie Elizabeth Daenzer	Frankenmuth, Mich.
Angela Nicole Duke	Maceo, Ky.
Brooke Christine English	Cary, N.C.
Laura Lynn Fierke	Cary, N.C.
Natalie Clair Forsberg	Charleston, S.C.
Elizabeth Hadley Frost	Centennial, Colo.
Jessica Nicole Fuller	Oak Hill, Va.
Jeanna Joanne Garland	Virginia Beach, Va.
Bryan James Geigler	Waukesha, Wis.
Charlotte Wood Gregory	Raleigh, N.C.
Caileigh Anne Grove	Franklin, Mass.
Erica Leigh Hill	Delmar, N.Y.
Jessica Colavita Hoskins	Charlotte, N.C.
Naomi Crellin Keshian	Durham, N.C.
Rebecca Denise Kinney	Kannapolis, N.C.
Jonathan Davies Lichtenstein	Waynesboro, Va.
Anne Victoria Mack	Greensboro, N.C.
Julie Erin Martin	Williamsburg, Va.
Andrea Elizabeth McKinnond	Ft. Pierce, Fla.
Elaine Mejia	Caguas, Puerto Rico
Sarah Elizabeth Miller	Jacksonville, Fla.
Joseph William Mintz	Greensboro, N.C.

Taylor Annette Norman	Winston-Salem, N.C.
Alex Perez	Raleigh, N.C.
Kate Kennedy Pierce	Alexandria, Va.
Marisa Riley Pizzi	Philadelphia, Pa.
Unique Catherine Robinson	Indianapolis, Ind.
Cecily Catherine Rolling	Madison, Wis.
Returi Sarada Rao Schossow	Winston-Salem, N.C.
Caroline Ayars Shaffner	Charlotte, N.C.
Rebekah Carter Smyth.....	Charleston, S.C.
Aaron Alexander Sookhoo.....	Brandon, Fla.
Elizabeth Joan Soto	Needham, Mass.
Anthony Daniel Steier.....	Omaha, Neb.
Audrey Jean Sullivan	Malvern, Pa.
Britton Livingston Tucker	Charleston, S.C.
Drew Thomas Venables	Laurel, Del.
Kaisha Mannette West	Brooklyn, N.Y.
Kathryn Abbigail Whittington	Durham, N.C.
Gabriel Bruce Wofford.....	Lexington, Ky.
Kelly Gardner Wohler.....	Indianapolis, Ind.

*We now accept the fact that learning is a lifelong
process of keeping abreast of change. And the most
pressing task is to teach people how to learn.*

Peter Drucker (1909 – 2005)

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

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 physician assistants 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 physician assistant during the preclinical year.

JAMES FRANKLIN WILSON AWARD

The James Franklin Wilson 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 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. It is the highest award given to a PA student.

MIKE WALKER PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT EXCELLENCE AWARD

The Mike Walker PA Excellence Award 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 Physician Assistants. 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 Physician Assistant Excellence Award is presented annually to a student who has demonstrated excellence in the program and compassion and excellence in caring for patients.

PATRICK AND CATHY OBER COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARD

The Patrick and Cathy Ober Community Leadership Award is a new award, established 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 program, the Patrick and Cathy Ober Community Leadership Award is presented this spring and annually thereafter to a first- or second-year PA student who has demonstrated remarkable dedication to community service and leadership in outreach, philanthropy and humanitarianism.

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