



*Hooding and
Commencement Ceremony
2023*

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

DEPARTMENT OF PA STUDIES

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FRIDAY, MAY 12



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 Commencement Ceremony

Class of 2023

PROCESSIONAL <i>The Opening Gates</i>	Sarah A. Pierce <i>Composed for the 1979 PA Program Graduation Ceremony</i>
INVOCATION	The Reverend Michelle M. Nicolle, PhD, BCC <i>Chaplain for Innovation Quarter</i>
WELCOME	Gayle B. Bodner, MMS, PA-C, DFAAPA <i>Assistant Professor and Chair, Department of PA Studies</i>
INSTITUTIONAL WELCOME	Julie Ann Freischlag, MD, FACS, FRCSEd(Hon), DFSVS, MAMSE <i>Chief Academic Officer and Executive Vice President, Advocate Health</i> <i>Chief Executive Officer, Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist</i> <i>Executive Vice President for Health Affairs, Wake Forest University</i>
EMERITUS RECOGNITION	Julie Ann Freischlag, MD, FACS, FRCSEd(Hon), DFSVS, MAMSE
INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER	Julie Ann Freischlag, MD, FACS, FRCSEd(Hon), DFSVS, MAMSE
REMARKS	L. Ebony Boulware, MD, MPH <i>Dean, Wake Forest University School of Medicine</i> <i>Chief Science Officer and Vice Chief Academic Officer, Advocate Health</i>

INVESTITURE OF THE CANDIDATES

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES	Andrea E. McKinnond, MMS, PA-C <i>Assistant Professor and Director of Clinical Education, Department of PA Studies</i> Nathan Bates, MMS, PA-C <i>Assistant Professor, Department of PA Studies</i> Kelly R. Conner, PhD, MMS, PA-C <i>Assistant Professor, Department of PA Studies</i> Alisha T. DeTroye, PA-C, DFAAPA <i>Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of PA Studies</i> Delaney Drechsler, MMS, PA-C <i>Instructor, Department of PA Studies</i> Lauren Eyadiel, MMS, PA-C <i>Assistant Professor, Department of PA Studies</i> Toni Jackson, MMS, PA-C <i>Assistant Professor, Department of PA Studies</i> Megan Pinder, MMS, PA-C <i>Instructor, Department of PA Studies</i> Brian J. Robinson, MS, MPAS, PA-C <i>Assistant Professor, Department of PA Studies</i> Joshua L. Waynick, MMS, PA-C <i>Assistant Professor, Department of PA Studies</i> Robert L. Wooten, PA-C, MS <i>Assistant Professor, Department of PA Studies</i>
RECOGNITION & ADMINISTRATION OF THE PA PROFESSIONAL OATH	Catherine N. Shull, MPAS, PA-C <i>Assistant Professor, Department of PA Studies</i>

ADMINISTRATION OF AWARDS

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AWARD	Robert L. Wooten, MS, PA-C <i>Assistant Professor</i> Given to a community partner who has shown outstanding service to our students, faculty and staff
BILL DILLARD EXCELLENCE IN CLINICAL EDUCATION AWARD	Tiffany L. Hiatt, MMS, PA-C <i>Assistant Professor and Director of the Office of Academic Excellence, Department of PA Studies</i>
KITTY BOWMAN EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH AWARD	Kelly R. Conner, PhD, MMS, PA-C <i>Assistant Professor</i> Given to the student or students who represent an outstanding commitment to research or to the integration of evidence-based medicine in clinical practice
PATRICK AND CATHY OBER COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARD	Sarah J. Garvick, MS, MPAS, PA-C <i>Associate Professor and Associate Program Director, Boone Campus, Department of PA Studies</i> Given to a preclinical or clinical year student in recognition of remarkable dedication to community service and leadership in outreach, philanthropy and humanitarianism
JOEL B. MILLER PRO HUMANITATE AWARD	C. Taylor Jensen, MS, MMS, PA-C <i>Assistant Professor, Department of PA Studies</i> Given to a graduating student who demonstrates qualities of unselfish service to others
JAMES FRANKLIN WILSON MEMORIAL AWARD	Nathan Bates MMS, PA-C <i>Assistant Professor</i> Given to a graduating student who shows the greatest aptitude and devotion to the profession
STUDENT AWARDS PRESENTATION	Class of 2023 Presidents <i>Kate Oldham, Winston-Salem Campus President</i> <i>Samson Triantis, Boone Campus President</i> Boone Preclinical Year Teaching Excellence Winston-Salem Preclinical Year Teaching Excellence Clinical Year Excellence Preceptor of the Year Honorary Katherine Anderson Society Outstanding Class Member Class Appreciation Outstanding Contributions to the Class of 2023
CHARGE TO ALUMNI	Caroline B. Sisson, MMS, PA-C <i>Assistant Professor and Vice Chair, Department of PA Studies</i>
CONFERRAL OF DEGREES	L. Ebony Boulware, MD, MPH
CLOSING COMMENTS	Brian B. Peacock, MMS, PA-C <i>Assistant Professor and Program Director, Department of PA Studies</i>
BENEDICTION	The Reverend Michelle M. Nicolle, PhD, BCC
RECESSIONAL <i>Prelude to "Te Deum"</i>	Marc-Antoine Charpentier

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- 1 Wake Forest University School of Medicine Department of PA Studies recognizes students who excel academically throughout the PA Program. The classification Graduate with Distinction is awarded to the top 10% of the graduating cohort.
- 2 Completed the Emerging Leaders Program (ELP) in Business, in which students earn a Master of Science 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 health care community. Graduates are equipped with business competencies and excellent clinical skills to succeed in complex health care environments and to transform the delivery of care.
- 3 Completed the Emerging Leaders Program (ELP) in Law, in which students earn a Master of Studies in Law from the Wake Forest University School of Law prior to entering the PA Program. ELP-Law is a cross-disciplinary initiative designed to develop a future generation of PA leaders who are prepared to transform the delivery of health care while navigating an intricate legal regulatory landscape.
- 4 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.
- 5 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.
- 6 Completed the Wake Forest Interprofessional Leaders in Medicine Certificate, a year-long leadership development program for health professions students in accredited training programs at Wake Forest University School of Medicine. The program seeks to help students be stronger leaders amongst their patients, peers, and providers through a student-focused leadership development curriculum.
- 7 Peer tutor. The Department of PA Studies peer tutoring program matches students who achieve high academic performance with students who have struggled academically in one or more courses during the preclinical year. The peer tutor works one-on-one with a classmate to help them develop learning mastery, and the program is one of PA Studies' most successful academic support programs for learners needing assistance.

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In alphabetical order

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Monica June Schumacher

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS PRESENTED AT THE WHITE COAT CEREMONY IN JUNE 2022

Mike Walker, PA Excellence Scholarship Skylar Selene Holder
Katherine Anderson Scholarship (PA) Natalie Jean Horback

MARSHALS

Highest academic performance during the preclinical year, in alphabetical order

Bailey Jene Boka
Luca Shawn Calero
Mairin Wenley Daubert
Jennifer Lea Fichera
Emma Fay Fiore
Madeleine Grace Gibson
Erika Lynn Horback
Olivia Noel Kleven
Grace Victoria Morrow
Haley Delphine Rodham
Lauren Elizabeth Stringfield

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.

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, Joel Miller, MD ’74, and the motto of Wake Forest University, *Pro Humanitate* (For Humanity). 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 University School of Medicine PA Program has benefited greatly from 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 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. Ober has served as the medical director of the Wake Forest University School of Medicine 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. Ober completed his residency and fellowship here from 1974 through 1978 and then joined the faculty in the endocrinology section of Wake Forest University 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, 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 University 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, 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 other schools soon 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 5-inch velvet panel around the neck and down both sides of the front, as well as 3-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



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