



UNIVERSITY OF
CHARLESTON

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM

Class of 2017

HOODING Ceremony



Saturday, May 6, 2017 | 7:00 p.m.

Wehrle B. Geary Auditorium | Riggelman Hall



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Physician Assistant 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.

Physician Assistant Program
HOODING CEREMONY 2017
Order of Exercises

Processional	Tina Chafin Mullins, MSPAS, PA-C, Lead Marshal Michelle Hontz, Pianist
Welcome	Dr. Edwin Welch, President
Greetings	Jennifer Pack, MMS, PA-C Program Director
University Singers	Dr. Joseph Janisch, Director Janet Brightbill, Piano Accompanist, Faculty
Introduction of the Speakers	Lailah Rice, MS, PA-C Director of Clinical Education, Assistant Professor
Special Guest Speaker	Emily Strickland, PA-C Preceptor of the Year
Class of 2017 Excellence in Student Leadership Award Recipient	Taylor Callahan, PA-S
Class of 2017 Excellence in Student Professionalism Award Recipient	Haley Baird, PA-S
Hooding Ceremony	Dr. Letha Zook, Provost, Dean of Faculty Dr. Pamela Alderman, Dean, Bert Bradford School of Health Sciences Jennifer Pack, MMS, PA-C Program Director
Closing Remarks	Jennifer Pack, MMS, PA-C Program Director
Recessional	Michelle Hontz, Pianist

Audience please remain seated until graduates and faculty have left the auditorium
Reception immediately following in the Rotunda

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Mujiba Sanjareen Ansari

Jackson Barkley Austin

Haley May Baird*

Lorin Ashley Belcher

Terri Leanne Belcher

Jordan Ashley Britton

Taylor Warren Callahan**

Dana Frances DeGeorge

Allison Taylor Foster

Erika Nicole Fox

Timothy David Hontz

Alyssa Lynn Janosko

Mark Edward Javins

Felecia Nicole Kelley

Ellen Marie Kelly

Jaime Melissa Kurtz

Heather Kay Legg

Jantsen Allison McBride

Denton Paul Edwin Mow

Erika Blythe Saunders

Nicole Stevens Savell

Laura Jean Shuhart

Aris LeShae Smith

Robert Andrew Stevenson

John Evan Thomas

Mary Elizabeth Wickline

** Excellence in Student Professionalism Award Recipient*

***Excellence in Student Leadership Award Recipient*



History of the Hooding Ceremony and Academic Regalia

The pageantry of commencement has its roots in medieval times, dating to the early tradition of Europe's first universities. In 1895, the United States set for its universities a uniform academic costume code which is reflected in most regalia worn today.

The colorful hood is a special part of academic regalia and denotes scholarly and professional achievements. The hood's coloring and size represents the type and subject of degree earned, as well as the institution from which it is awarded. The master's degree hood is 3.5 feet in length. The velvet edge of the hood color represents the specific degree. Kelly green is the designated color of the hood for master's level graduates in medicine.

Gowns represent the level of academic degrees. The gown for the master's degree has an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist. The sleeve base hangs down; the rear part of its oblong shape is square cut, and the front part has an arc cut away. The color in the United States is usually black.

Headwear is also an important component of traditional regalia. The cap may vary with the level of academic achievement. Master's degree recipients wear the mortarboard cap to match the gown. The tassel worn on the mortarboard provides the greatest opportunity for latitude in American academic dress. It may be black, university colors, or the color of the specific college or discipline.

Class of 2017 UCPASA Student Leaders

Taylor Callahan, *President*
Jaime Kurtz, *Vice President*
Jantsen McBride, *Secretary*
Ellen Kelly, *Treasurer*
Felecia Kelley, *AOR*
Erika Saunders, *WV Representative*
Haley Baird, *Outreach Chair*
Aris Smith, *Social Chair*
Terri Belcher, *Class Historian*

Faculty

Jennifer Pack, *MMS, PA-C, Program Director/Assistant Professor*
Lailah Rice, *MS, PA-C, Director of Clinical Education/Assistant Professor*
Angela Elkins, *MSPA, PA-C, Director of Didactic Education/Assistant Professor*
Brittancy Clark, *MSPA, PA-C, Clinical Coordinator/Assistant Professor*
Melissa Jensen *MSPA, PA-C, Assistant Professor*
Michelle Davis, *BS, PA-C, Assistant Professor*

Staff

Pam Carden, *MA, Admissions Coordinator*
Jackie Robinson, *AAS, Clinical Coordinator*
Lori Thornton, *Administrative Assistant*

Class of 2018 Physician Assistant Program Student Volunteer

Mackenzie Hamrick, *PA-S*

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University of Charleston Mission

The mission of the University of Charleston is to educate each student for a life of productive work, enlightened living, and community involvement

Physician Assistant Program Mission

The mission of the University of Charleston Physician Assistant Program is to prepare competent physician assistants who value and provide comprehensive, patient-centered, culturally sensitive primary care, and are committed to lifelong-learning, professional growth, community health, and caring for underserved populations.

<http://www.ucwv.edu/Physician-Assistant-Program>