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WHITE COAT CEREMONY 2023

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INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKERS..... Angela Elkins, MSPA, PA-C
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GUEST SPEAKER..... Kevin Hill, MPAS, PA-C

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE WHITE COAT..... Ashley Mellert, MPAS, PA-C
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White Coat Presenters:

Michelle Davis, MS, PA-C, *Director of Clinical Education/Assistant Professor*
Angela Elkins, MSPA, PA-C, *Director of Didactic Education/Assistant Professor*
Melissa Jensen, MSPA, PA-C, *Principal Faculty/ Assistant Professor*
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Julie DeTemple, M.D., FAAFP, *Medical Director Physician Assistant Program*

THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROFESSIONAL OATH..... Angela Reinhart, PA-S,
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CLOSING REMARKS..... Angela Elkins, MSPA, PA-C
Director of Didactic Education

RECESSIONAL..... Michelle Hontz,
Pianist

Reception to follow in the Rotunda

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.*

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE WHITE COAT

The coat is white as a representation of purity and goodness; it is a visual reminder of a Physician Assistant student's dedication and commitment to the community. The White Coat Ceremony was created by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation of New York and the first ceremony was held for the entering class of the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Columbia University on August 20, 1993. The foundation feared technology and science were rapidly advancing in such a way that medical practitioners would no longer have a focus on humanism in medicine. One main reason the Foundation created the White Coat Ceremony for first year students was their belief that it is the opportunity to influence the standards of professionalism. Since then, many other health professional programs have adopted the custom.



GUEST SPEAKER

Kevin Hill, MPAS, PA-C



Kevin Hill, MPAS, PA-C: Kevin is a well-regarded Physician Assistant who was born in the coal fields of southern West Virginia. He obtained his Bachelor of Science degree as a Physician Assistant at Mountain State University in 1999 and returned to his local community to establish his practice as an Emergency Medicine Physician Assistant. He later earned his Master of Physician Assistant Studies from the University of Nebraska with emphasis in Emergency Medicine.

Kevin has extensive experience in emergency and internal medicine and proudly serves on the West Virginia State Trauma Advisory Council as an At-Large Member representing Advance Practice Professionals in the state. He continues to maintain certification in Advanced Trauma Life Support and is a leader among his peers in trauma care.

Kevin enjoys teaching and has accepted students from various medical programs for more than 20 years and is proud that he has helped to establish core values in students now practicing across the United States. He is a past Student Preceptor of the Year from the West Virginia Rural Health Education Partnership. He has also been an Advanced Cardiac Life Support and Pediatric Advanced Life Support Instructor for most of his career.

Kevin currently practices at Boone Memorial Health in Madison, West Virginia, where he serves in various roles including Advance Practice Provider Supervisor and continues to enjoy direct patient care in Internal and Emergency Medicine. He works closely with other health care providers including his wife, Kathy who is a Nurse Practitioner and one of his greatest role models.



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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.

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