



UNIVERSITY OF
CHARLESTON

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM

Class of 2024
HOODING
Ceremony

Friday, April 26, 2024 | 5:00 pm

Geary Auditorium, Riggleman Hall

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CLASS OF 2024

Shayan Bagheri
Bailey Renee Bennett
Hannah Jonell Billups
Courtney Sarah Chesanek
Kasey Paige Combs
Audra Anne Crabbe
Emily Louise Green
Brandon Thomas Guevara
Salam Raja Haffar
Hannah Joy Langford
Carlia Rae Masa
Abigail Elise Moore
Keaton Dalaina Moore
Megan Joy Orange
Karli Lilli-Anna June Parrish
Angela Nicole Reinhart
Jennifer Nicole Reuther
Holly Paige Southers
Eesha Vinkal Talati
Katherine Elizabeth Vazquez
Linh Mai Vuong
Lillianne Margaret Weyers

HOODING CEREMONY 2024

Processional.....Class of 2024 and PA Faculty
Michelle Hontz, Pianist

Invocation..... Tim Hontz, MPAS, PA-C
UCPAP Alumnus

Welcome..... Teresa Preston, MBA, MPAS, PA-C
Program Director

University Singers..... Christopher Brown
Director of Choral Activities

Class of 2024 Awards..... Lesley Adkins, MSPA, PA-C
Principal Faculty/Assistant Professor

Excellence in Service & Altruism AwardHolly Southers, PA-S
Excellence in Student Leadership Award Angela Reinhart, PA-S
Clinical Student Resilience and Perseverance Award Keaton Moore, PA-S
IMPACT Award (Individuals Making PA Communities Thrive).....Katherine Vazquez, PA-S

Keynote Speaker..... Allan Chamberlain, MD

Presentation of Graduates..... Madeleine Long, MPAS, PA-C
Principal Faculty/Assistant Professor

Hooders:..... Michelle Davis, MSPA, 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
Ashley Mellert, MPAS, PA-C
Principal Faculty/Assistant Professor
Lesley Adkins, MSPA, PA-C
Principal Faculty/Assistant Professor

Charge to the Class & Closing Remarks.....Teresa Preston, MBA, MPAS, 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*

— 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.*

— 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.



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— KEYNOTE SPEAKER —



ALLAN CHAMBERLAIN, MD

Dr. Chamberlain has worked collaboratively with Physician Assistants since 1987. He has been a clinical preceptor for PA students from six different PA programs, including the University of Charleston PA program. A graduate of Vassar College, Yale University (MBA), University of Cincinnati (MD), and WVU (Ob/Gyn), he practices medicine in Huntington, WV where he has delivered over 8,000 babies and has precepted over 20 UC PA program students.

He has served as the Obstetrics/Gynecology Section Chief Officer and the President of Medical Staff. He is a Member of the Board of Trustees at St. Mary's Medical Center in Huntington and is certified by both The American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology and The American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine. He has faculty appointments at many universities, including Marshall University, The University of Kentucky, and The University of Charleston, providing education to future healthcare providers in Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Family and Community Medicine.

Dr. Chamberlain is married to his wife, Shauna Lively, a nurse educator and member of the Board of Lamaze International. They have four children and five grandchildren scattered from here to Atlanta, Georgia and in Istanbul, Turkey. In his spare time, he enjoys graphic design, baking, and outdoor sports.

— CLASS OF 2024 STUDENT LEADERS —

Angela Reinhart, *President*
Brandon Guevara, *Vice President*
Linh Vuong, *Secretary*
Audra Crabbe, *Treasurer*
Holly Southers, *Outreach Chair*
Emily Green, *Fundraising Chair*
Courtney Chesanek, *SAR Representative*
Abigail Moore, *WVAPA Representative*
Hannah Billups, *Homecoming Chair*
Kasey Combs, *Social Chair*
Megan Orange, *Alumni Chair*
Katherine Vazquez, *Diversity Chair*
Lillianne Weyers, *Historian*

— FACULTY —

Teresa Preston, MBA, MPAS, PA-C
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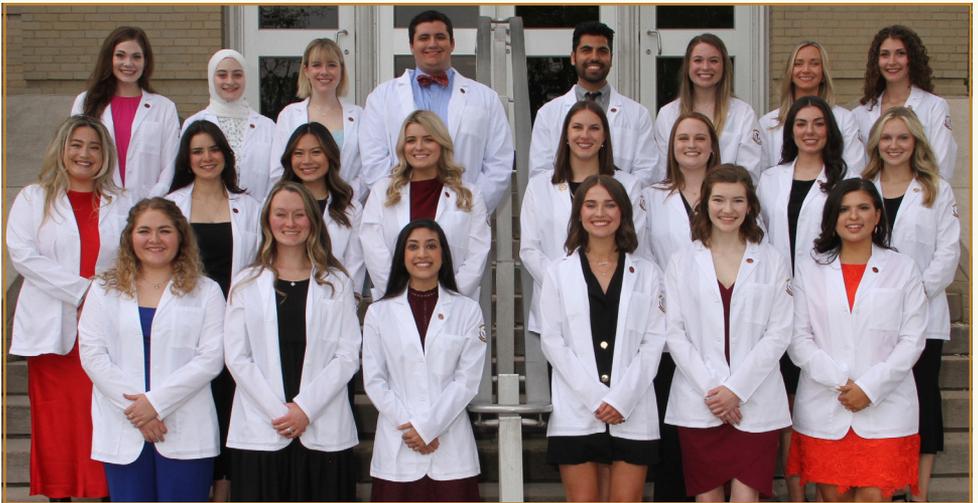
Julie A. DeTemple, MD, FAAFP
Medical Director

— STAFF —

Jacqueline Robinson, AAS
Clinical Coordinator

Jeanette Bane, M.A.
UCPAP Admissions Coordinator

Lori Thornton
Administrative Assistant



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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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