



ST. JOHN'S
UNIVERSITY

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT
WHITE COAT
CEREMONY

2023

October 5

6 p.m.

Marillac Auditorium



Physician Assistant Code of Ethics

- Physician assistants hold as their primary responsibility the health, safety, welfare, and dignity of all human beings.
- Physician assistants uphold the tenets of patient autonomy, beneficence, nonmaleficence, and justice.
- Physician assistants recognize and promote the value of diversity.
- Physician assistants treat equally all persons who seek their care.
- Physician assistants hold in confidence the information shared in the course of practicing medicine.
- Physician assistants assess their personal capabilities and limitations, striving always to improve their medical practice.
- Physician assistants actively seek to expand their knowledge and skills, keeping abreast of advances in medicine.
- Physician assistants work with other members of the health care team to provide compassionate and effective care of patients.
- Physician assistants use their knowledge and experience to contribute to an improved community.
- Physician assistants respect their professional relationship with physicians.
- Physician assistants share and expand knowledge within the profession.

Physician Assistant Oath of Commitment

As I embark upon a course of study in the physician assistant profession, I will

- enter into a relationship of mutual respect with my teachers and my colleagues to enhance the learning environment and gain the knowledge, skills, and attitudes of a good physician assistant.
- accept responsibility only for those matters for which I am competent, maintain the trust expected of a physician assistant, and never take advantage of the patient-provider relationship.
- respect the patient's right to privacy.
- value the knowledge of the physician assistants who have preceded me and endeavor to contribute to the tradition of the physician assistant profession.
- recognize my weaknesses and strengths and strive to develop those qualities that will earn the respect of my patients, my colleagues, my family, and myself.
- commit myself to continue this learning throughout my professional life.

Program

Introduction

Cathleen A. Murphy, D.C.

*Associate Dean, Health Sciences Programs
St. John's University*

Invocation

Rev. Patrick J. Griffin, C.M. '13HON

*Executive Director, Vincentian Center for Church and Society
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St. John's University*

Welcome

Danielle M. Kruger, M.Ed., PA-C

*Director, Physician Assistant Program, and
Associate Professor/Industry Professional
Department of Health Professions
St. John's University*

Keynote Speaker

Matthew Laghezza, M.B.A., PA-C '07CERT

*Chief Physician Assistant and
Director, Practice Operations, Department of Emergency Medicine
NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center*

Presentation of the White Coat

Danielle M. Kruger, M.Ed., PA-C

*Director, Physician Assistant Program, and
Associate Professor/Industry Professional
Department of Health Professions*

Sandra Beysolow, Ph.D., PA-C, DFAAPA

*Chair, Department of Health Professions
Associate Professor/Industry Professional
St. John's University*

Presenter of the Preceptor of the Year

Daniel T. Podd, CAPT, USAF, NY-ANG, MPAS, PA-C

*Associate Professor/Industry Professional, Department of Health Professions, and
Clinical Coordinator, Physician Assistant Program
St. John's University*

Preceptor of the Year

Faraidoon Daniel Golyan, M.D.

*Supervising Physician, Cardiologist
North Shore University Hospital/Northwell Health*

Physician Assistant Oath of Commitment

Kiara McDonald

*College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
Class of 2024
St. John's University*

Closing Remarks

Anne Y. F. Lin '84P, '86Pharm.D., FNAP

*Dean and Professor
St. John's University*

White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony is a symbolic rite of passage for students of the healing arts. For the physician assistant student, it signifies a professional relationship with other colleagues who provide health-care services. This ceremony reaffirms the medical community's support of the educational process that prepares future health providers for practice. On this day, students pledge their commitment to the physician assistant profession and the health of the patients they serve. Contributing to the care and healing of others is a privilege and a responsibility. The White Coat worn by each physician assistant student is more than a familiar lab coat: it is a cloak of caring, compassion, and service.

Class of 2025

Sariana Almonte	Jessica DiRico	Jenna Meyers
Sophia Altimari	Michael DuQuesnay	Nicholas Miller
Zainab Baig	Alexandra Faraj	Margaret Montero
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