

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.

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PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT
WHITE COAT
CEREMONY

2026

January 20, 2026
6 p.m.
Marillac Hall
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

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 not discriminate. I will treat equally all persons who seek my care.
- I will hold in confidence the patient-specific information shared in the course of practicing medicine.
- I will actively seek to expand my knowledge and skills, keeping abreast of advances in medicine. I will assess my personal capabilities and limitations, striving always to improve my practice of medicine.
- I will work with other members of the health-care team to provide compassionate and effective patient care.
- I will use my knowledge and experience to contribute to a healthy community and the improvement of public health.
- I will respect my professional relationship with all members of the health-care team.
- I will share and expand my clinical and professional knowledge with PAs and PA students.

These duties are pledged with sincerity and upon my honor.

Program

Master of Ceremony

Cathleen A. Murphy, D.C.

Associate Dean, Health Sciences Programs
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Invocation

Rev. Tri M. Duong, C.M. '00SJC

University Chaplain
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Welcome and Introduction

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

Director, Physician Assistant Program, and
Associate Professor/Industry Professional
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Keynote Speaker

Ashley Madsen '10P, PA-C, HHC, ABAHP

Cofounder and Chief Clinical Architect
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Presentation of the White Coat

Alyssa Quinlan, M.S., PA-C, DFAAPA

Associate Professor
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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,
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Preceptor of the Year

Edward McLaughlin, PA-C

Chief Physician Assistant
Department of Orthopedics
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Pledge of the Profession

Nicole Leshinsky

Student, Class of 2026
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Closing Remarks

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

Chin Ling and Sallie Wang Endowed Dean
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