

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE  
DIVISION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT EDUCATION

# 24th Annual Graduation Celebration in honor of the Class of 2020

Wednesday, September 2, 2020

Oregon Health & Science University



## Message from the Class of 2020

We expected a hectic, unpredictable couple of years and we were told from the beginning to be flexible. But we never expected to graduate in the midst of a pandemic and an international movement for Black lives. These events have led us to reflect on what it means to be physician assistants. We as a collective firmly believe Black Lives Matter. We assert that anti-racism should be the standard of care and a key principle for us all. To begin to honor that statement, we made a donation in our class name to the North by Northeast Community Health Center, a clinic dedicated to serving the health needs of the Black and African-American community in Portland through health promotion and disease prevention. We commit to continue the work of dismantling systemic racism, starting with healthcare disparities. As PAs, we pledge to uphold the OHSU PA program mission to serve marginalized and medically underserved patients within our respective communities.

# Program

## WELCOME AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, DIVISION HEAD AND PROGRAM DIRECTOR  
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## COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

### **Morgan Hakki, MD**

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE  
INTERIM DIVISION HEAD, OHSU DIVISION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES  
VICE CHAIR OF CLINICAL PROGRAMS, OHSU DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE

## PRESENTATION OF DEGREES AND WHITE COATS

### **Master of Physician Assistant Studies**

## WELCOME TO THE PROFESSION

### **Administration of the Physician Assistant Professional Oath**

## SPECIAL AWARDS

### **Presented by Program Faculty and Graduates**

## DIRECTOR'S AWARD

### **Renee K. Dversdal, MD, FACP**

DIRECTOR, OHSU POINT OF CARE ULTRASOUND

### **Christine M. Schutzer BS, RDMS**

LECTURER, ULTRASOUND PROGRAM

## KAREN WHITAKER KNAPP SERVICE AWARD

### **Christopher D. Benjamin, MPAS, PA-C**

OHSU, CLASS OF 2013  
ADVENTIST HEALTH, TILLAMOOK, OR

## EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMIC TEACHING

### **Sonam Kiwalkar, MD**

CLINICAL INSTRUCTOR, OHSU DIVISION OF ARTHRITIS AND RHEUMATIC DISEASES

### **Lillian Navarro-Reynolds, MS, PA-C**

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, OHSU PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM

### **Ali S. Olyaei, PharmD**

PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE, DIVISION OF NEPHROLOGY AND HYPERTENSION, OHSU SCHOOL OF MEDICINE; PROFESSOR OF PHARMACY, OSU COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

## JAMES M. RYAN, M.D., MEMORIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN CLINICAL TEACHING

### **Brian Mills, MPAS, PA-C**

OHSU, CLASS OF 2014  
CHILDHOOD HEALTH ASSOCIATES, SALEM, OR

## CLASS OF 2020 ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

## CLASS OF 2020 EXCELLENCE IN THE CLINICAL YEAR

## CLASS OF 2020 PROFESSIONALISM

## CLASS OF 2020 SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR SERVICE

## PRESENTATION AND PERSPECTIVES, CLASS OF 2020

# Class of 2020

[A] Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Scholar

[V] Veteran

Rebekah Marieve Carrillo <sup>A</sup>

Amanda Case <sup>A</sup>

Vivian Chan

Grace Chang <sup>A</sup>

Danielle Lilann Chazin

Eliza Burwell Cheitlin

Johanna Dawdy

Andrew Robert Del Carlo

Ashleigh Dietz

Daniel James Eppelsheimer

Juvenal Fils

Timothy Haren <sup>AV</sup>

Greta Mae Hoffman

Chau Huynh <sup>V</sup>

Ana Lucia Jensen

AnJulia R. Jimenez

Gayle Bernstein Johnson

Kaitlyn J. Kauffman

Kelsey Ashlyn Khaw

Marina Chanel Kovic

Laura Hahn Kuzma

Rachael Nicole Lenz

Morgan Elizabeth Marin

Molly Elizabeth Matice

Kamylli Jean Mendive

Callie Jan Pruitt Mills <sup>A</sup>

Raquel Padilla Moore <sup>A</sup>

Thina Thuy Nguyen

Ethan Pace <sup>A</sup>

Michael James Peterson <sup>A</sup>

Clem V. Pope <sup>AV</sup>

Chloe S. Porter

Alvin Ashneel Prasad <sup>V</sup>

Michael Edward Purvis <sup>V</sup>

Sarah Salarkia

Lisa Christina Senko <sup>A</sup>

Thomas James Sexton

Nicole Kalani Smith

Kathryn A. Stocking

Jill Storey

Amanda Nicole Taylor

Cynthia S.Washburn

Rebecca X. Wong <sup>A</sup>





# Community Outreach Project

Second-year students in the Physician Assistant Program plan and implement a Health Promotion–Disease Prevention project as part of the requirements of the Master of Physician Assistant Studies degree. Projects are completed as part of student clinical responsibilities.

## **Rebekah Marieve Carrillo**

Fall Prevention in Community-Dwelling Older Adults

VIRTUAL PRESENTATION – PORTLAND, OR

## **Amanda Case**

The Safety Net of Community: Tools for Awareness, Screening & Prevention of Youth Suicide

LAMBERT HOUSE LGBTQ YOUTH CENTER – SEATTLE, WA

## **Vivian Chan**

Prevention and Education of Melanoma in Adolescents and Young Adults

EDISON HIGH SCHOOL – PORTLAND, OR

## **Grace Chang**

Preventing Unintended Teen Pregnancy with LARCs

EDISON HIGH SCHOOL – PORTLAND, OR

## **Danielle Lilann Chazin**

The Lesser of Two Evils: Vaping in Adolescent Populations

VIRTUAL PRESENTATION – PORTLAND, OR

## **Eliza Burwell Cheitlin**

Human Papilloma Virus: Why Should Men Care?

VIRTUAL PRESENTATION – PORTLAND, OR

## **Johanna Dawdy**

Increasing Physical Activity: A Response to the Childhood Obesity Epidemic

DAYTON MIDDLE SCHOOL – DAYTON, WA

## **Andrew Robert Del Carlo**

Using Sex Education to Lower the Rate of Sexually Transmitted Infections in Young People

BEAVERTON HIGH SCHOOL – BEAVERTON, OR

## **Ashleigh Dietz**

Surviving Adolescence

LA PINE HIGH SCHOOL – LAPINE, OR

## **Daniel James Eppelsheimer**

Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP)

VIRTUAL PRESENTATION

## **Juvenal Fils**

Depression and Suicidal Ideation in Adolescence

BEAVERTON HIGH SCHOOL – BEAVERTON, OR

## **Timothy Haren**

Diabetes Education and Self-management to Prevent the Conversion of Pre-diabetes to Diabetes in Rural Oregon

SOUTH COAST DIABETES ASSOCIATION – COOS BAY, OR

## **Greta Mae Hoffman**

Your Mental Health Through the Years

SANDY SENIOR CENTER – SANDY, OR

## **Chau Huynh**

Tackling the Repercussions of Concussion

VIRTUAL PRESENTATION – WA-OR

## **Ana Lucia Jensen**

Dietary Acculturation in Latino Immigrants and its Impact on Health

VIRTUAL PRESENTATION

## **AnJulia R. Jimenez**

Immunity in the Community

NORTHWEST PRIMARY CARE – OREGON CITY, OR

## **Gayle Bernstein Johnson**

Taking a Stand Against Falls

THE ACKERLY – PORTLAND, OR

## **Kaitlyn J. Kauffman**

It Takes a Village: A Discussion on Adolescent Suicide

VIRTUAL PRESENTATION – SPOKANE, WA

## **Kelsey Ashlyn Khaw**

Non-Pharmacological Stroke Prevention

FRIENDSVIEW RETIREMENT COMMUNITY – NEWBERG, OR



## **Marina Chanel Kovic**

A Preventable Challenge: Unplanned Pregnancy in Women Experiencing Homelessness

ROSE HAVEN DAY SHELTER FOR WOMEN – PORTLAND, OR

## **Laura Hahn Kuzma**

Vaping and Tobacco Use in Adolescents

EUGENE INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – EUGENE, OR

## **Rachael Nicole Lenz**

Early Interventions in Childhood Obesity

SKYVIEW ACADEMY – HIGHLANDS RANCH, CO

## **Morgan Elizabeth Marin**

ID-ing Good Nutrition to Promote Health for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities

UPWARD BOUND CAMP, CREATIVE CHAOS – STAYTON & COTTAGE GROVE, OR

## **Molly Elizabeth Matice**

Malignant Melanoma: Awareness and Prevention in the High School Population

EDISON HIGH SCHOOL – PORTLAND, OR

## **Kamylli Jean Mendive**

Self Advocacy in Healthcare

VIRTUAL PRESENTATION – PORTLAND, OR

## **Callie Jan Pruitt Mills**

Sexuality and Aging: Maintaining Healthy and Satisfying Sexual Relationships after Menopause

VIRTUAL PRESENTATION – PORTLAND, OR

## **Raquel Padilla Moore**

Navigating the US Healthcare System & Birth Control Basics

MULTNOMAH COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER – PORTLAND, OR

## **Thina Thuy Nguyen**

Oral Health Promotions and Disparities in Children

VIRTUAL PRESENTATION – HILLSBORO, OR

## **Ethan Pace**

Reducing Rates of Sexually Transmitted Infections in Rural Adolescents  
Ages 15-19 Living in Klamath County, Oregon

HENLEY HIGH SCHOOL – KLAMATH FALLS, OR

## **Michael James Peterson**

The Dangers of Teenage E-cigarette Use and Effective Methods of  
Prevention

LEVELUP ACADEMY – BEAVERTON, OR

## **Clem V. Pope**

How Access to VA Services Can Benefit Rural Veterans

AMERICAN LEGION CASCADE POST 64 – OAKRIDGE, OR

## **Chloe S. Porter**

Insomnia as We Age

VIRTUAL PRESENTATION – PORTLAND, OR AND WICHITA, KS

## **Alvin Ashneel Prasad**

The “Kneed” for ACL Injury Prevention

VIRTUAL PRESENTATION – PORTLAND, OR

## **Michael Edward Purvis**

Sleep Restriction in Adolescents

WILSON HIGH SCHOOL – PORTLAND, OR

## **Sarah Salarkia**

Prenatal Care

SOJOURN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES – LOS ANGELES, CA

## **Lisa Christina Senko**

Postpartum Depression

CENTERED PHYSICAL THERAPY HEALTH AND WELLNESS – GRANTS PASS, OR

## **Thomas James Sexton**

Helmet Safety in Grade School Children

RIVERDALE GRADE SCHOOL – PORTLAND, OR

## **Nicole Kalani Smith**

Preventing Noise-Induced Hearing Loss

CAMAS HIGH SCHOOL – CAMAS, WA

## **Kathryn A. Stocking**

Is PrEP (Pre-exposure Prophylaxis) for Me?

SHE BOP – PORTLAND, OR

## **Jill Storey**

Emotion Regulation in Childhood

LOWRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – DENVER, CO

## **Amanda Nicole Taylor**

The Sun & You

WHITFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL – BEAVERTON, OR

## **Cynthia S.Washburn**

Alzheimer Dementia: Risks and Prevention

VIRTUAL PRESENTATION – ID-CO-OR-CA

## **Rebecca X. Wong**

Negative Consequences of Nonmedical Use of Prescription Pain  
Medication in Adolescence

BEAVERTON HIGH SCHOOL – BEAVERTON, OR

# 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.



## THE MISSION

The Mission of the OHSU Physician Assistant Program is to:

- Prepare physician assistants for the practice of medicine and the delivery of team-based primary care services to diverse populations, including the medically underserved;
- Contribute to meeting the health workforce needs of Oregon;
- Provide a model of excellence in physician assistant education and;
- Advance the physician assistant profession in the state.

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