

Commencement

Keck School of Medicine of USC

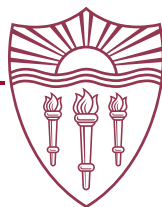
Primary Care Physician Assistant Program

University Park Campus, Los Angeles, California

May 13, 2022

Satellite Ceremony

Class of 2022



The Department of Family Medicine

Division of Physician Assistant Studies

Master of Physician Assistant Practice

Mission Statement

The Primary Care Physician Assistant Program at USC is dedicated to the advancement of physician assistant education and emphasizes service to the medically underserved. The program is committed to preparing students from diverse backgrounds to positively transform the healthcare system. Students, graduates, faculty, and staff are committed to doing this through collaboration, inclusivity, innovation, integrity, excellence, and joy.

Goals of the Program

Quality Education: Promote excellence, innovation and collaboration in education by providing teaching and learning opportunities rooted in a primary care philosophy by a team of clinically experienced and well-prepared educators, including faculty and staff.

Diversity, equity and inclusion: Foster a commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion throughout the curriculum, and in the recruitment and retention of students and program team members.

Service: Equip students to address the social determinates of health in our local Southern California communities through widespread service opportunities.

Leadership: Foster collective community impact, which maximizes the efforts of others. Leaders are courageous, self-aware, humble, communicative, empathetic, compassionate and professional.

Program

Master of Ceremony	Mitzi D'Aquila, MACM, PA-C <i>Interim Program Director</i>
Dean's Remarks	Carolyn C. Meltzer, MD <i>Dean, Keck School of Medicine of USC May S. and John H. Hoover Dean's Chair in Medicine Professor of Radiology</i>
Chair's Remarks	Jehni Robinson, MD <i>Chair of the Department of Family Medicine Professor of Family Medicine</i>
Interprofessional Geriatrics Curriculum Certificates	Freddi Segal-Gidan, PhD, PA-C
Pi Alpha Honor Society Awards	Crystal Rene de Cotret, MPAS, PA-C <i>Chair, Pi Alpha Honor Society</i>
Keynote Speaker	Kevin Loheny, PhD, PA-C <i>Professor of Medicine and Assistant Vice President for Interprofessional Education at University of Arizona</i>
Inspirational Speaker	Corinne Feldman, MMS, PA-C <i>Clinical Assistant Professor of Family Medicine</i>
Class Speaker	Douglas Goodgion, PA-S
Presentation of Graduates	Maria G. Maldonado, MPH, MPAP, PA-C <i>Clinical Assistant Professor of Family Medicine</i>
Physician Assistant Oath	Chloe Powell, DMSc, PA-C <i>Clinical Assistant Professor of Family Medicine</i>

Reception with light refreshments immediately following.

***It is your time to shine!
Share your photos and best wishes on Twitter, Facebook and
Instagram using #TrojanPA #USCGrad #KeckMedUSC.***

Interprofessional Geriatrics Curriculum and Student Senior Partnership Program

The Interprofessional Geriatrics Curriculum (IPGC) is an innovative program that brings together students from different health professional training programs at USC for an interprofessional learning experience focused on aging. The purpose of these programs is to train students to develop teamwork skills, connect with seniors in the community and broaden their understanding of aging.

This year the following graduates participated in the IPGC experience: *Alexandra Abrew, Heidi Amundson, Ellain Baul-Highful, Maisie Hoang, Emily Lara and Joseline Ochoa.*

Pi Alpha Honor Society

Pi Alpha, established in 2004 by the Physician Assistant Education Association, is a national honor society for physician assistants. Pi Alpha highlights and gives recognition to PAs who demonstrate a commitment to academic achievement, leadership, research, and community service.

Student membership is granted to graduating students in recognition of their scholastic achievements (minimum GPA of 3.5), excellence in research, publishing, community service or leadership activities.

Induction into the Pi Alpha Honor Society implies a lifelong commitment to learning and educating others, and signifies membership into a community of scholars.

Keynote Speaker: Kevin Lohenry, PhD, PA-C

Kevin Lohenry, PhD, PA-C, joined the University of Arizona Health Sciences as Clinical Professor of Medicine and Assistant Vice-President for Interprofessional Education. He is also the Founding Director of the University of Arizona Physician Assistant Program.

Prior to joining University of Arizona, Lohenry spent a decade at the Keck School of Medicine where he served as Associate Dean for Graduate Student Affairs and Director of the Primary Care Physician Assistant Program.

Dr. Lohenry is a past-President for the Physician Assistant Education Association and a former Director at Large for the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants, Inc. He has over \$5.6 million in federal and state grants focused on interprofessional education; and diversity, equity, and inclusion for the health professions. Dr. Lohenry is a veteran of the United States Navy and he served on the Joining Forces Committee for Michelle Obama focusing on issues related to military families.

Inspirational Speaker: Corinne Feldman, MMS, PA-C

Corinne T. Feldman, MMS, PA-C is a Clinical Assistant Professor of Family Medicine in the USC Primary Care Physician Assistant Program. A graduate of Midwestern University (Downers Grove, '05), she has practiced medicine in the areas of trauma, HIV and geriatrics. Her passion is providing quality primary care for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness, which has been the cornerstone of her career since 2007. She has contributed to the development of shelter and street-based care in the Lehigh Valley (PA) and Los Angeles and currently sees patients experiencing unsheltered homelessness with KSOM of USC Street Medicine.

In the PA program, she has worked to develop curriculum around health equity and social justice and is the PI for a \$1.5M HRSA grant called the USE PeaCE (Underserved Equity-Based Primary Care) Project. USE PeaCE Project seeks to expand the teaching of health equity in the classroom and develop street-based learning opportunities for students including Street Medicine rotations. She is the Director of the Street Medicine rotation for the Keck Family Medicine Residency. She also leads the development and implementation of academic street medicine curriculum for learners and street medicine teams through her Workforce Development efforts with KSOM of USC Street Medicine.

Nationally and internationally, she serves as an advisor to the International Street Medicine Institute Student Coalition and is contributing to the development of an International Street Medicine Institute Educator Coalition. Her publication history includes the development of adapted clinical practice guidelines for the care of unsheltered homeless, an intake tool for taking a history on a person experiencing unsheltered homelessness as well as how street medicine integrates into higher medical education.

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Katrin Abelian	Michelle Dang Le
Alexandra Abrew	Amy Lopez Rivera
Ani Aghazarian	Cindy Shu Yi Ma
Camille Amparo	Leora Matian
Heidi Amundson	Emmaline Mauritson
Alexandra Barbeau	Nicole McCann
Ellain Baul-Highfill	Geoffrey James Miller
Britnee Marie Campos	Alicia Moreno
Hannah Carvutto	Erin Elizabeth Morrill
Michelle Leonor Casale	Kandace Nassir
Sergio Cuauhtémoc Chávez Jr.	Christina Mai Nguyen
Francine Katrina Chen	Trang Le Quynh Nguyen
Stacey Choi	Angela No
Ashley Clark	Joseline Ochoa
Lanisha Q. Cole	Samantha Barcelon Ong
Anna Darin	Emmeline Oros
Mariam S Darzi	Angelica Parocua
Kersey Fadduol	Sabrina Pimentel
Douglas Goodgion	Francesca Reinisch
Maisie Hoang	Robbi Ann Robinson
Johnathan Hotta	Naia Rodriguez
Angie Huang	Rebecca Romero
Dongwhan Dustin Im	Emily Sim
Michael Kang	Tyson Smith
Dorian Kim	Argishte Tsaturyan
Monica Koshki	Catherine Wong
Xenia Kruse	Spencer Wong
Laura P. Lamas-Guzman	Nichole Yadidi
Emily Lara	Judy Yoo

Physician Assistant 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.

-American Academy of Physician Assistants

Platform Party

Gilbert Benitez, DMSc, PA-C <i>Clinical Instructor of Family Medicine</i>	Maria G. Maldonado, MPH, MPAP, PA-C <i>Clinical Assistant Professor of Family Medicine</i>
Mitzi D'Aquila, MACM, PA-C <i>Interim Program Director</i>	Darryl Mayo, MPAS, PA <i>Clinical Assistant Professor of Family Medicine</i>
Crystal Rene de Cotret, MPAS, PA-C <i>Chair, Pi Alpha Honor Society</i>	Carolyn C. Meltzer, MD <i>Dean, Keck School of Medicine of USC May S. and John H. Hoover Dean's Chair in Medicine</i>
Brett Feldman, MSPAS, PA-C <i>Director of Street Medicine</i>	<i>Professor of Radiology</i>
Corinne Feldman, MMS, PA-C <i>Clinical Assistant Professor of Family Medicine</i>	Chloe Powell, DMSc, PA-C <i>Clinical Assistant Professor of Family Medicine</i>
Kate Gibson, MD <i>Medical Director</i>	Jennifer Ramos, MPAP, PA-C <i>Instructor of Clinical Family Medicine</i>
Natalie Houser, DMSc, PA-C <i>Clinical Assistant Professor of Family Medicine</i>	Jehni Robinson, MD <i>Chair of the Department of Family Medicine Professor of Family Medicine</i>
Lillie Hudson, MPAS, PA-C, MPH <i>Clinical Instructor of Family Medicine</i>	Freddi Segal-Gidan, PhD, PA <i>Assistant Clinical Professor, Dept. of Neurology</i>
Amanda Ingalls, MSPA, PA-C <i>Instructor of Clinical Family Medicine</i>	Janice Tramel, MS-HPE, PA-C Emeritus <i>Clinical Assistant Professor of Family Medicine</i>
Sae Byul Ma, PharmD <i>Interim Associate Program Director</i>	Alberto Vallejo, PhD <i>Assistant Professor of Clinical Family Medicine</i>

Acknowledgments

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*Congratulations to the
Class of 2022!*

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