

COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS



PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM

COMPLETION CEREMONY

AUGUST 19, 2026

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

STUDENT CENTER BALLROOM

McNICHOLS CAMPUS

Ceremony of Completion

Faculty of the Physician Assistant Program

Rachel DeWitt, DMSc, PA-C
Yolonda Freeman-Hildreth, PhD, PA-C
Kelli Frost, M.S., PA-C
Marlene Shaw-Gallagher, M.S., PA-C
Kevin Frankel D.O. FAAFP (Medical Director)

Nour Lyon, M.S., PA-C
Cessalyn Harvey, M.S., PA-C
Jennifer Shivnen, M.S., PA-C
Claire Nicholson, M.S., PA-C

Master of Ceremony

Amy Dereczyk, PhD, PA-C, DFAAPA
Department Chair, PA Program

Invocation

Selena Saffo, PA Student Class of 2027

Welcome

Ahmed Radwan, PhD, DPT, CPE, MBA
Dean, College of Health Professions & McAuley School of Nursing

Pamela Zarkowski, M.P.H., J.D.
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Key Note Speaker

Deodge Hill, PA-C

Presentation of the Graduates

Physician Assistant Program Faculty

Administration of Oath

Michigan Academy of PAs President, Julia M Burkhardt MS, PA-C

Presentation of Awards

Amy Dereczyk, PhD, PA-C, DFAAPA

Clinical Preceptor Awards

Marlene Shaw-Gallagher, M.S., PA-C

Edward & Mary Ann Tracy Anatomy Excellence Award

Mary Bee, M.S., PhD

Closing Remarks

Kenneth Schmidtke, President, Class of 2026

Champagne Toast

Nicole Anne Gadon, Vice President, Class of 2026

Physician Assistant Graduates

Alyssa Abdal	Sarah Larkins	Khushi Prajapati
Zachery Acton	Alexis LaValley	America Rahimee
Bennett Allamon	Madelynn Leenknecht	Namera Ramesha
Saima Ambia	Lauren Lossia	Kelci Ramey
Neveen Atisha	Brooke Mastronardi	Rosemary Runstadler
Quinn Babcock	Madison McDonald	Kenneth Schmidtke
Madelyn Bahooora	Andrew Michaels	Brent Schwesinger
Madelyn Ball	Annabelle Murray	Angelina Shakouri
Kendall Benson	Mariana Muskovac	Angela Shi
Grace Dakki	Rachel Myung	Sidra Sinan
Mackenzie Davis	Layal Nassif	Luke Spinek
Madison Donnellon	Lauren Navarre	Nicole VanEpps
Nicole Anne Gadon	Fiona Nguyen	Paige Whitelaw
Gabrielle Groysman	Claire Olesen	Nathaniel Wilson
Sarah Guske	Madalina Oprinca	Gavin Wink
Nadia Hamdan	Aachal Patel	Madocht Yelda
Karly Kizi	Nidhi Patel	Nino Zeolla
Emma LaBruzzy	Samantha Peterson	

Physician Assistant Oath

As the graduating class of 2026 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, non-maleficence and justice.

I will prioritize understanding the patient narrative, background and experiences while protecting patient privacy and autonomy.

I will recognize and value diversity by promoting an inclusive environment and respecting the perspectives of others.

I will treat equally all persons who seek my care and commit to serving all patients, including indigenous patients, patients of color, and marginalized populations, who have been subjected to substandard care.

I will take into consideration the social determinants of health while treating patients and use my voice to advocate for equality, both locally and globally.

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 while respecting the patient as a vital part of the health care team.

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.