



*College of Pharmacy
and Health Sciences*

Physician Assistant Class of 2020

VIRTUAL COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Saturday, June 27, 2020

9:00 AM

Louisville, Kentucky



From the Dean . . .

Graduation is the symbolic event that culminates the successful completion of your academic program and announces your arrival as a full member of your professional career in healthcare.

The faculty and I would like to extend our congratulations to each of you. We recognize the dedication and commitment that this achievement represents. The faculty has endeavored to provide you with foundational expertise in the basic and clinical sciences while fostering the empathy and compassion required to effectively improve the care of patients. You are entering highly dynamic professions and becoming an integral part of an inter-professional health care team.

We are proud of your accomplishments and wish you continued success in your professional endeavors.

Again, congratulations and best wishes!



Misty M. Stutz, Pharm.D.

*Dean
Sullivan University
College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences*

Commencement Ceremony

Master of Ceremonies **Steven G. Gaskins, MPAS, PA-C**
Director, Physician Assistant Program
Sullivan University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

Welcome **Glenn D. Sullivan**
President, Sullivan University System

Dean's Welcome **Misty M. Stutz, Pharm.D.**
Dean, Sullivan University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

Greetings from Physician Assistant Professional Organizations

Awards Recognition

Pi Alpha Inductees **presented by Abbey Hardy, MHS-PAS, PA-C**
Assistant Professor and Clinical Faculty

Didactic Excellence Award **presented by Erin E. Chalmers, MSPAS, PA-C**
Associate Professor and Director of Didactic Education
This award is given to one student in the Physician Assistant graduating class who demonstrated academic excellence and professionalism during the didactic year of training

Clinical Excellence Award **presented by Abigail B. Gardner, MSPAS, PA-C**
Associate Professor and Director of Clinical Education
This award is given to one student in the Physician Assistant graduating class who demonstrated excellence during the clinical year of training. Criteria include: effective collaboration with all members of the healthcare team; demonstrating professionalism, respectfulness, and ethical behavior to patients, preceptors, and faculty; a cumulative GPA above 3.75.

Spirit of the Profession Award **presented by Abigail Gardner**
Awarded to one student from the Physician Assistant graduating class who best exemplifies and emulates the characteristics of a PA.

Excellence in Professionalism Award **presented by Abbey Hardy**
The recipient(s) of this award from the Doctor of Pharmacy and Physician Assistant programs must consistently demonstrate professionalism through attitude, behavior, communication, and positive actions.

Most Valuable Player Award **presented by Abbey Hardy**
Awarded to well-rounded students in the Doctor of Pharmacy and Physician Assistant programs who demonstrate leadership, activity in the profession, and character.

KAPA Challenge Bowl and Research Poster Awards **presented by Erin Chalmers**

Preceptor of the Year Award presented by Abigail Gardner and Abbey Hardy

Teacher of the Year Award presented by Robert Michael Anderson, Class of 2020

Guest Lecturer of the Year Award presented by Robert Michael Anderson, Class of 2020

Dean’s Scholarship of Student Excellence presented by Dean Misty Stutz

This scholarship is given to one student in each year of the Doctor of Pharmacy and Physician Assistant programs who demonstrates a well-rounded combination of high academic performance, impeccable work ethic, and community-centered values.

Physician Assistant Valedictorians Robert Michael Anderson

. **Autumn Rose Ballard**

. **Amanda Marie Bush**

. **Sarah Grace Gawronski**

. **Daniel J. Glenn**

. **Charity Taylor Havill**

. **Rybecca J. Janovyak**

. **Amanda McGuffin**

. **Jeremiah William Noe**

Awarded to the student(s) with the highest scholastic record during two years of enrollment in the Physician Assistant program.

Faculty Gold Key

The Gold Key is awarded to the student chosen by the faculty who represents the highest in overall achievement during their years of enrollment in the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences as identified from data in the following areas: knowledge, application and service.

Recognition of Physician Assistant Graduates

Overview of Cords.....	Abbey Hardy, MHS-PAS, PA-C
Overview of Hooding	Erin Chalmers, MSPAS, PA-C
Conferring of Degrees.....	Professor Steven G. Gaskins and President Glenn D. Sullivan
Announcer	Erin E. Chalmers, MSPAS, PA-C

Response of the Class

Address from the Physician Assistant Class	Robert Michael Anderson
Administration of the Oath of a Physician Assistant	Steven G. Gaskins, MPAS, PA-C

Graduating Seniors of 2020 Sullivan University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

*Summa Cum Laude

**Magna Cum Laude

***Cum Laude

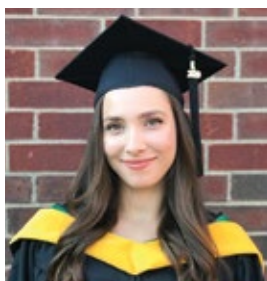
Physician Assistant Program



Robert Michael Anderson*

Simi Valley, CA

Bobby currently lives in Louisville, KY with his wife, Hillary, and their two sons, Ryker and Royce. Before attending PA school, he received his Bachelor of Science in Biology at CSU Channel Islands and worked as an ER technician. He is grateful for the privilege he had of being the 2020 Student Society President and the opportunities it allowed him to serve the community and his fellow classmates. While in PA school he set a world record for most “quizlets” made and was a proud member of the “dad group”. He would like to thank the SUPAP faculty, preceptors and his fellow students for their support in this journey. He would also like to thank his family and friends and most importantly his beautiful wife for putting up with the stress and demand of PA school.



Jazz Lynn Ayotte

San Diego, CA

Jazz is the daughter of Abby Ayotte and Danny Lines of San Diego, CA. Prior to PA school, Jazz completed a B.S. degree in Kinesiology at California State University, Monterey Bay. Her passion for pursuing a degree in physician assistant studies originally stemmed from the passing of her father, Christopher Miles Ayotte, who battled osteosarcoma at 32 years old. Her love for serving was solidified through her work experience as a medical scribe and medical assistant during undergrad. She would like to thank her family, fiancé, and friends for supporting her through this journey towards becoming a physician assistant. As Albert Einstein once said, “Try not to become a man of success. Rather become a man of value.”

Benjamin Joel Baer

Rome, GA

Before beginning his education at Sullivan University, Ben worked in the OR for five years at the Intermountain Medical Center in Salt Lake City, UT. He began as an orderly, soaking in everything he could about surgery. After two years he was promoted to AMT (Anesthesia Monitoring Tech), working primarily with CV anesthesia placing arterial lines and assisting with all open-heart surgeries. During those five years he fell in love with surgery, the rhythm and the exactness of it. He would like to thank his mother and the rest of his family for supporting him through this difficult time. Thank you so much!!

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Karla Anita Bakke*

Watertown, WI

Karla is the daughter of Jennifer and Dale Bakke of Watertown, Wisconsin. Karla received her Bachelor of Science in Biology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Prior to PA school, she worked as a CNA in a trauma ICU at UW Hospital and Clinics. Karla is an avid supporter of Camp Kesem and volunteered as an advisory board member while attending PA school. Karla would like to thank her family, friends, and boyfriend Matt for their endless love, support, and pep-talks, making her goal of becoming a PA possible. She believes her success thus far in life is largely due to the impact of her parents who have always pushed her and reassured her of her ability to succeed.



Autumn Rose Ballard*

Frankfort, KY

Autumn lives in Frankfort, KY with her loving husband, Wesley, and their two pups, Teddy and Ava. Prior to PA school, Autumn earned a bachelor's degree in biology at the University of Louisville. Her growth in healthcare has been heavily influenced by emergency medicine, as she worked for several years as an ER Scribe and then as an ER Tech. She would like to extend her gratitude to her husband, family, and friends for their unwavering support. She would like to thank her professors, preceptors, and patients for bestowing the opportunities for her growth as a healthcare provider. Finally, she would like to thank the SU COPHS Class of 2020 for being a constant light through this joyful, laborious path.



Krisandra Lynn Banet**

New Albany, IN

Krissy lives in New Albany, Indiana with her husband, Ethan, and their twin boys, Liam and Jude. Before attending PA school, she received a Master of Public Health degree with a concentration in epidemiology at the University of Louisville. When she is not studying, she enjoys spending time outside and being with her family and friends. Krissy would like to thank her husband and family for the unwavering love, encouragement, and support during these past two years. Krissy would also like to thank her twin boys for providing a welcomed distraction from studying and always reminding her of the important things in life.



Jacquelyn C. Brown***

Louisville, KY

Jacquelyn is the daughter of Rose and John Brown. Before attending PA school, Jacquelyn departed her hometown of Louisville to attend the University of Kentucky. There she pursued a degree in biological sciences and graduated with honors in both biology and a minor in studio arts. While in Lexington she gained experience as a nursing technician at UK Chandler Hospital. Upon graduation, she returned to Louisville and worked as an emergency department technician in preparation for PA school. In her free time you can find her at the pottery wheel, working on a painting, or playing the piano. She would like to thank the amazing friends she has made, faculty she has met, and fellow clinicians that have mentored her through the challenges of PA school. She would also like to thank all her friends and family for their unwavering love, support, and words of encouragement throughout the journey to PA-C.



Amanda Marie Bush*

New Washington, IN

Amanda is the daughter of Brian and Shawn Elston. Before attending Sullivan, she received a bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Louisville. She would like to thank her husband, Brian, for always believing in her even when she wasn't so sure of herself, her mom and dad for their support, efforts, and guidance throughout life which have led her here today, to her best friends for distracting her from school when needed, and lastly, to her fellow classmate, Daryn, for becoming her person over the past two years. "Because of the endless amount of encouragement and support from each of you, I was able to make what once was a dream, a reality."



Cynthia Carter**

Louisville, KY

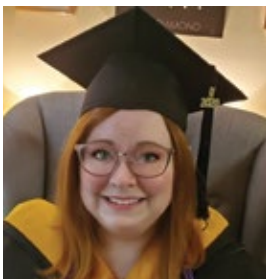
Cynthia Carter has a Bachelor of Arts in English from Old Dominion University and a Master of Science in community agency counseling from The University of Memphis. Before attending PA School, she worked as an individual counselor and group facilitator with the Batterer's Intervention Program. She has two boys, 16-year-old Matt and 19-year-old Will, who have sacrificed much over the last several years to support her as she has worked her way through graduate school a second time to take on a new role in the healing arts. After graduation, Cynthia plans to work in psychiatric medicine.



Stuart Coldsnow*

Lawrence, KS

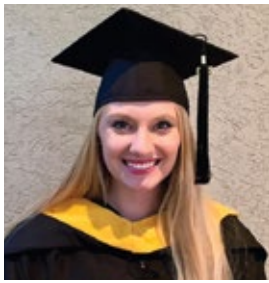
After graduating from Boise State University in 2014, Stuart worked as a CNA/ Psychiatric Technician in an inpatient psychiatric facility. While not studying medicine, he enjoys playing the piano, lifting weights, and spending time with friends and family. He would like to thank the faculty very much for allowing him to expand his medical knowledge at Sullivan. He was very excited and grateful for the opportunity!



Kristina Louise Ellis***

Denver, CO

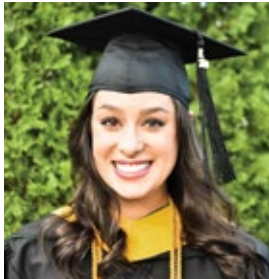
Kris was born and raised in Denver, CO. Prior to attending PA school, she received a bachelor's degree in Integrative Healthcare from Metropolitan State University of Denver. While obtaining her undergraduate degree, she discovered her love of neurology while working as a scribe and medical assistant in a busy neurology practice. Kris would like to express sincere gratitude to her family, friends, and her dog, Ty for their continued support. A special thanks to her mother, Thelma, affectionately known by the PA class of 2020 as "Mama T," for tirelessly supporting everyone in need, taking wonderful care of Ty, and especially for jumping on board to chase this crazy dream.



Ashton McKenzie Farmer***

Paducah, KY

Ashton is the daughter of Tim and Julie Farmer. She is a graduate of the University of Kentucky (2017) with a Bachelor of Science degree in human health sciences. Before physician assistant school, she worked as a Medical Assistant. While at Sullivan University, she served on the student society board as the Kentucky Academy of Physician Assistants student representative. She is soon to be married to her fiancé Conner Layne, and she looks forward to starting their life together in Louisville with their goldendoodle Ollie. She would like to thank her family and friends for their support during PA school and would not be where she is today without their love, support, and encouragement!



Amber Nicole Fortuna*

Knoxville, TN

Before Amber's journey in becoming a physician assistant, she received her bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee, majoring in kinesiology. Amber appreciates the support she has received from her family and the Wintons. She sends great thanks to all of her preceptors and the faculty at Sullivan for the opportunity and for forming her into the PA she'll be. She is very thankful for the experience and the lifelong friendships made along the way. Her last two years in Louisville have been life-changing, and she is excited for the next phase of her life as a medical provider.



Emily Nicole Fuller*

Sylvania, OH

Emily is the daughter of Liz and Gerry Fuller. She attended the University of Kentucky for her bachelor's degree in human health sciences. When she is not studying, she enjoys playing outside with her pup, and trying new restaurants in the area. She hopes to work in cardiothoracic surgery after graduation. Emily would like to thank her family, boyfriend, and friends for pushing her to follow her dreams. Also, her friend Donnie, who always reminded her that every day is a gift, and a breakfast burrito is not complete without bacon.



Jeff Harry Wyatt Gardner*

Sheridan, WY

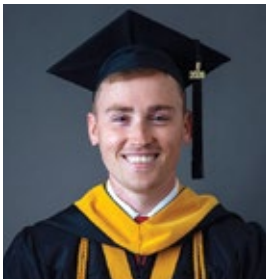
Wyatt is the son of LouAnn and the late James Gardner of Sheridan, Wyoming. Prior to attending Sullivan University, Wyatt received a bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Wyoming. He then worked as an EMT in Cody, Wyoming. When he is not studying, Wyatt likes to travel and explore new places. He is looking forward to starting his career and would like to return to the west and is interested in pursuing emergency medicine. Wyatt is very thankful for the love and support from his family members and friends in this journey. As well, he is grateful to all the faculty and preceptors who have taught him so much along the way. Thank you!



Sarah Grace Gawronski*

Brighton, MI

Sarah currently lives in Louisville with her fiancé, Camron. Prior to attending Sullivan, she received a bachelor's degree in biology at Michigan State University while she worked as a patient care technician on the neuro/trauma intensive care unit. While in PA school, she was a member of AAPA and KAPA, served as the secretary for the Sullivan PA Student Society, and made some lifelong friendships along the way. She would like to thank her incredible family, soon to be "in-laws", and the McCarthy/Dudley family for continuing to guide & support her through her entire college career. Most importantly, she would like to sincerely thank her fiancé for his endless love, encouragement, and support each and every day - I wouldn't be here without you!



Daniel J. Glenn*

Grayslake, IL

Daniel is the son of John and Jean Glenn. He currently lives in Louisville, Kentucky with his wife, Stephanie. Before starting the PA program, he studied Human Health Sciences at the University of Kentucky. In addition to receiving his bachelor's degree at UK, he worked as a CNA for 4 years at a hospital in Lexington, KY and volunteered at a free clinic for the medically underserved, as well as many mission trips. He feels very fortunate to have been able to serve as the Class of 2020 Vice President and has loved the variety of opportunities for which he's been able to help plan and participate. He would like to thank all the faculty, preceptors, and classmates for their vital role in his journey to becoming a physician assistant. Daniel especially would like to thank his wife, family, and friends for their endless support both getting into PA school and throughout the journey.



Samantha Goodrich**

Boise, ID

Sami traveled all the way from the land of the potatoes, Boise, ID, to fulfill her dream in Louisville. Prior to attending Sullivan, Sami worked as a CNA in a small skilled nursing home while getting her Bachelor's of Science from Boise State University. Sami would like to thank her mom, twin sisters, and boyfriend for the support and many tears it took to make it through the last two years. Sami is ecstatic to be able to go back to the land of potatoes with her family and fulfill her dream of being a physician assistant.



Showrab Guha***

Coral Springs, FL

Showrab would like to thank his parents for making this journey possible. They have instilled the value of hard work from an early age. He never would have imagined being in this situation growing up and can proudly say, "I am living the American dream". He feels truly blessed to have the capability to give back to community, country and bear the fruits of his parents' labor. Showrab would also like to thank his wife from the bottom of his heart-- his best friend, his rock and his support throughout this entire journey. Last but not least, he would like to thank his classmates, entire staff, and Sullivan University for giving him the opportunity to bring this dream into reality.



Amanda Paige Hansen**

Pewaukee, WI

Amanda is a “cheesehead,” born and raised in Pewaukee, WI. She completed her undergraduate degree in biology at Seton Hall University where she competed as an NCAA Division I student athlete in volleyball. After graduation, she elected to coach national amateur volleyball athletes and worked in a rural family medicine clinic. All of these experiences have shaped her into the driven and caring individual she is today. Amanda would like to give a special thanks to her family and friends for their love and unwavering support, her mentors in sports and healthcare that have challenged and inspired her along the way, and for Sullivan’s PA program for the opportunity to make an impact and follow her dream as a PA.



Danielle Caitlin Harm*

Rochester Hills, MI

Danielle is the daughter of Larry and Michelle Harm of Rochester Hills, Michigan. Prior to attending Sullivan, she obtained a bachelor’s degree in biology from Alma College. While these two years have been very challenging, they proved to be the most rewarding and growing years yet. She would like to thank her parents and brothers for only being a phone call away, her friends for understanding her crazy schedule, her boyfriend, Adam, for being her rock, even on the hardest days, and her animals, Bella and Fig, for aiding in late night study sessions throughout didactic year!



Charity Taylor Havill*

Princeton, IN

Charity is the daughter of George and Michelle Prinzing and is married to her loving husband, Kinzer. She received a bachelor’s degree in human biology with a minor in chemistry from Oakland City University. Charity is supremely thankful to the Lord Jesus Christ for taking her sin and crediting His righteousness to her, resulting in eternal life. Only because of this peace from Christ has Charity been able to glorify God throughout these two challenging years. She casted her anxieties on the Lord as He provided for all her needs (1 Peter 5:7). Charity is thankful for her supportive family, and their prayers during stressful exams! She recognizes that every gift (family, friends, faculty, etc.) is from God (James 1:17).



Stephanie Kay Prince Hendricks*

Longview, TX

Stephanie studied exercise science at Brigham Young University and worked in mental health, laboratory science and physical therapy. She married her soulmate and was blessed with four wonderful children before pursuing a PA career. Stephanie would like to thank her father Raymond for tricking her into attending kindergarten and encouraging her education ever since, sister Valerie for cheering her on, mom Geri for easing her burdens, and kids (Mason, Hannah, Zoe, Canon) for moving across the country and understanding when mom had to study. She couldn’t have survived without husband Kade’s help at home, unwavering love, and constant reassurance. Lastly, Stephanie thanks her Heavenly Father for His guidance, and she desires to use her education to serve and lift others.



James Hjorth***

Springville, UT

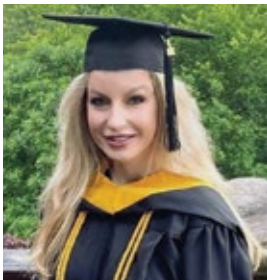
Jimmy currently lives in Louisville, Kentucky with his wife, Becca, and their three children, Whitney, Tyler, and Declan. Before pursuing a physician assistant degree at Sullivan University, Jimmy obtained a bachelor's degree in athletic training at Brigham Young University. After receiving his bachelor's degree, he worked for ten years as an athletic trainer for Intermountain Healthcare in Utah and volunteered at numerous triathlons and marathons. When he's not studying, he is either riding his bike or enjoying some play time with his kids. Jimmy would like to recognize and thank his amazing wife for her exceptional support and encouragement over the past two years.



Rybecca J. Janovyak*

Lockport, IL

Rybecca is the proud daughter of Al and Judy Janovyak. Prior to attending Sullivan, she studied psychology at Illinois Wesleyan University. Rybecca cannot begin to express how thankful she is for the many people that supported her throughout her time in school. She would like to say a special thank you to her fiancé, Teddy, for enduring 2 years of a long-distance relationship and for his many trips to Louisville to spend time with her. Another special thank you to her parents, who have gone above and beyond to ensure her happiness and success. It is Rybecca's firm belief that her achievements are a direct reflection of the work ethic she sees her parents put in each and every day.



Kelly C. Kilburn*

Hazard, KY

Kelly is the daughter of Nancy Kilburn and the late Allen Kilburn of Hazard, KY. She received a Bachelor's of Science degree from the University of Pikeville. Prior to attending physician assistant school, she worked in cardiovascular/metabolism pharmaceutical sales. After graduation, she plans to return to Eastern Kentucky to pursue a career in emergency medicine or surgery. Kelly would like to thank the doctors, nurse practitioners, nurses, pharmacists, support staff, and amazing PA's for the invaluable experiences throughout her rotations. She is thankful for her friends who encouraged her throughout the process and her family for all their love and support.



Eunice Kimi Kim*

Yorba Linda, CA

Eunice is the daughter of Lee and Kay Kim. Eunice completed her undergraduate education at California State University Fullerton where she earned her bachelor's degree in biological sciences. She then went on to earn her first master's degree in global medicine from the University of Southern California. Prior to attending PA school at Sullivan, Eunice had the opportunity to work in an interventional pain management clinic. It was at this office that she first developed a penchant for patient directed care. Eunice would like to thank her parents and friends for their unwavering love and unconditional support throughout her educational journey.



Cynthia Anne Koenig**

Newark, OH

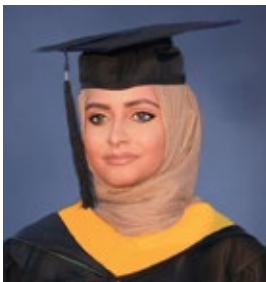
Prior to becoming a physician assistant student, Cindy served on active duty in the Army for over twenty years as a Military Police Officer. She and her husband (Steve Koenig – also an officer in the Army) traveled around the world. After leaving the Army, they returned to Ohio and cared for her mother who had cancer. During this time, Cindy’s passion for medicine was rekindled and she decided to pursue becoming a physician assistant. She has a BS in biology from Xavier University, an MA in psychology from UNC-Chapel Hill and an MS in human resource management from the University of Oklahoma. Cindy has been married to Steve for 34 years.



Kevin James Kunde**

Seattle, WA

Kevin wouldn’t be here without the support and encouragement of his wife Allison and the many sacrifices she’s made to help him pursue this dream. He thanks the mentors, preceptors and friends who have invested in him and allowed him to make mistakes and learn from them. He hopes to maintain an ever-curious mind, hunger for growth and a passion and willingness to serve others. School may be done, but now further learning is Kevin’s responsibility. The good news is he can finally get back to writing his joke book because he will have a bit more time to play with it, at least when not training for triathlons, reading non-fiction books or mountaineering and rock climbing with his wife, Allison.



Sobia Lodhi

Tyler, TX

Sobia is the daughter of Humera and Azmat Qureshi from Tyler, Texas. Prior to attending Sullivan, Sobia received her bachelor’s degree in broadcast journalism at University of Texas at Austin in 2010 where she met and married her best friend and super supportive college sweetheart, Kamran. Leading up to PA school, she worked for ABC, Fox News, Disney and international magazines before changing her career focus to medicine. She would like to thank God for this opportunity and His many blessings; her husband, parents, grandmother, mother in law, sister, family and friends for their unconditional love and support. “Verily with hardship comes ease” and “To save a life is as if one has saved all of humanity.” – Quran.



Kristen R. Long*

Madisonville, KY

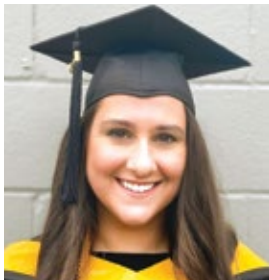
Kristen currently lives in Madisonville, Kentucky with her husband, Tyler, and their two dogs Cosmo and Emma. Before starting the physician assistant program, she received her bachelor’s degree in nutrition and dietetics through Western Kentucky University and completed her dietetic internship through Murray State University. She feels very fortunate to have been elected the 2020 Physician Assistant Student Society Outreach Chair and has thoroughly enjoyed the philanthropic opportunities the position made available to her over the last two years. Kristen would like to thank all the professors, preceptors, and fellow students for their vital role in becoming a physician assistant. She would especially like to recognize and thank her family for their unconditional love and support during this process.



Daryn Cynthia Marsh*

Reno, NV

Prior to attending Sullivan, Daryn earned her Bachelor of Arts in community health sciences at the University of Nevada, Reno. During her undergraduate career, she taught health education to young women rescued from child marriage in Kenya and volunteered for the local Children's Advocacy Center medical clinic in Reno, Nevada. Following graduation, she obtained her EMT certification and worked as an ER and mental health tech. Daryn is the proud daughter of Rick and Jeanne Marsh and sister to Carly Marsh. She cannot thank her family enough for all the love and support they provided these past two years. "Mom and dad, your constant support and encouragement to follow my dreams means the world to me. I am where I am today because of you both." -Daryn Marsh



Kaitlin R. Masterson*

Elizabethtown, KY

Kate is the daughter of James and Terri Masterson of Elizabethtown, Kentucky. Kate received her bachelor's degree in biology at Western Kentucky University. She gained experience working as an EMT then as a tech in the emergency department. In her free time, Kate enjoys traveling to see her favorite bands perform and watching crime documentaries. Kate would like to thank Lincoln and her parents as well as all her friends and family for their constant love and support during this challenging period. She would like to extend her gratitude to the faculty, preceptors and fellow students who helped shape who she is as a physician assistant.



Amanda McGuffin*

Columbus, OH

Amanda is the daughter of Marti and David McGuffin and sister to Kevin McGuffin. Prior to attending Sullivan, she received a bachelor's degree in biology and a minor in biological psychology from the Ohio State University. Before PA school, she worked in critical care as a tech and credits those experiences as the momentum she needed to become a medical practitioner. She would like to thank her family and friends for the constant support and encouragement along her PA journey, especially during the rough times. She would not be here without the unconditional support of her parents and appreciates everything they have done to help her achieve her goals.



Ann Elizabeth McHugh***

Fishers, IN

Ann McHugh is the daughter of Thomas and Susan McHugh of Fishers, Indiana. She is a proud alumna of John Carroll University. There she studied and earned her bachelor's degree in biochemistry. She would like to thank the Sullivan faculty for allowing her the opportunity to pursue her dream of becoming a physician assistant. She would also like to thank her family for instilling in her a strong faith that was her guiding light throughout this program. Without her family and friends' unconditional love, support and encouragement none of this would be possible. These past two years will be remembered as the most challenging yet most rewarding time of her life. "It always seems impossible, until it's done." – Nelson Mandela



Courtney Taylor McNutt

Lexington, KY

Courtney is the daughter of Brian and Julie Jones of Lexington, Kentucky. Prior to attending Sullivan, Courtney received a bachelor's degree in human nutrition from the University of Kentucky. During her time at UK, she worked as a nursing care technician at the university hospital, where she was fortunate enough to work as a float throughout each department. She would like to thank her family for their never-ending support, and her husband, Ben, for his love and patience over the past two years. Furthermore, she would like to thank all of her classmates and mentors for pushing her every day during this challenging journey.



Corbin Val Metcalf*

Bountiful, UT

Corbin is the son of Richard and Cindy Metcalf who taught him at a young age the importance of hard work, faith and family. He earned a bachelor's degree in exercise and sports science from the University of Utah. During that time, he achieved his greatest accomplishment in life when he met his wife Taylor and started a family. Taylor and Corbin have been blessed with three beautiful children Augustus, Eve, and Dexter. Corbin is immensely grateful for all the sacrifices and support of his family over the past two years to make this day possible! He knows he is truly blessed to leave this experience with many new opportunities and the best group of friends/colleagues anyone could ask for.



Samiya Muddassir Mohiuddin***

Frederick, MD

Samiya graduated with a BS in biology from the George Washington University. She worked as an office manager in an internal medicine practice prior to starting her PA degree. She is looking forward to working as a primary care PA back in Maryland. She wants to thank her parents, Mohammed and Sabiha Mohiuddin, her husband Gaffar, and her aunt Siddiqa Begum for helping her with taking care of her kids while she was studying. And most importantly, she would like to thank her kids Shuaib, Hadia, and Suhail for being patient during this two year process.



Damian Scott Morrison*

Ravenswood, WV

Damian is the son of BJ Williams and Doug Morrison, and is from the small town of Ravenswood, West Virginia. Prior to attending physician assistant school at Sullivan, he received a bachelor's degree in exercise physiology from Marshall University. Damian would like to thank his wife, family, and friends for all of their support during his time in school. Lastly, Damian wants to give a special thanks to the phenomenal faculty and preceptors for taking the time to share their knowledge.



Jeremiah William Noe*

Clarksville, IN

Jeremiah has always had a passion for helping those in need, and combined with his love for medicine, that passion led him to pursue a career as a PA. Prior to attending Sullivan University, Jeremiah attended the University of Kentucky where he earned his bachelor's degree in biology with a minor in Spanish. While at Sullivan, Jeremiah served as the student representative to the Kentucky Academy of Physician Assistants Assembly of Representatives. He would like to thank God, his family, and his friends for helping him reach this point, as well as Archie and Bear for being unconditional study companions. Finally, he would like to thank his wonderful wife Kalea for standing behind him every day of this journey. After finally achieving his dream, Jeremiah can't wait to start making a difference in the lives of his future patients.



Andrea Nicole Overman***

Cameron, MO

Prior to attending Sullivan University, Andrea attended the University of Missouri, obtaining a Bachelor of Science in biology and a minor in chemistry. While at Mizzou, Andrea served as section leader of Marching Mizzou and worked in various patient care settings where she discovered her passion for service to others in medicine as a physician assistant. After graduation, Andrea will be relocating to east Tennessee with her fiancé CW, to begin her career. Andrea would like to thank her wonderful family for their encouragement, support and guidance as well as CW for his unconditional love, boundless patience and his complete support while she pursued her dreams.



Molly Ritter*

Louisville, KY

Molly is a University of Louisville alumni who graduated with bachelor's degrees in psychology and biology. After graduation Molly earned her EMT certification and worked in the ER where she discovered her love for critical care medicine. Molly is the proud daughter of Kasha and Bill Ritter of Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts who, despite the distance, have always remained steadfast in their support and have believed in her no matter what. Molly would like to thank her sister Hannah as well as her incredible fiancé, Trevor and his family who have all kept her fed, watered, loved, and mostly sane these past two years. A journey like this takes a village and there will never be enough gratitude for the friendships, mentors, and the grit that made this accomplishment possible.



Kyle Brandon Shafer***

Camus, WA

Kyle Shafer was born as the youngest of three children of Greg and Jan Shafer in Portland, OR. He was fortunate to graduate from Camas High School concurrently with his associate's degree from Clark College in Vancouver, Washington due to the running start program that the state of Washington offered. After high school he served a church mission in Sydney, Australia where he also learned Cantonese. He then went on to graduate from BYU-Idaho with a bachelor of health science degree which is where he met his wonderful wife, Anika. They now have two young boys who are the light of their lives and are excited to move closer to family in the northwest as they begin his career as a PA. He would like to express the deepest gratitude for the support, love and help of family, friends and faculty during this difficult but fulfilling journey of PA school.



Tate C. Staker**

Dubois, ID

Prior to attending Sullivan University, Tate obtained a Bachelor of Science in exercise physiology from Brigham Young University - Idaho. He feels very fortunate to have attended Sullivan and for all the knowledge and experience he has gained. He would like to thank his classmates, professors and preceptors who have helped him and given him support along the way. He would also like to thank his family both near and far, with a special thank you to his wife Erin and daughter Eden for their love and support.



Kaitlyn May Sturmer**

Ballwin, MO

Kaitlyn is the daughter of Drs. Tim and Rebecca Sturmer of Ballwin, Missouri. Before attending PA school, she received her bachelor's degree in exercise science from Missouri State University. After graduation, she worked as an EMT in the ER at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital and in an outpatient surgery center in Kansas City, Missouri. She would like to thank her family and boyfriend for their tremendous support, patience and encouragement over the last two years. She is grateful for the Sullivan PA program for giving her the opportunity to pursue her dream and for the faculty whose guidance has helped make her dream a reality.



Mikaela A. Theobald**

Sioux Falls, SD

Mikaela was born and raised in Sioux Falls, South Dakota and is the daughter of Thomas and Tamara Theobald. Prior to beginning Sullivan's physician assistant program, she graduated with a Bachelor of Science in biology and a minor in psychology from the University of Sioux Falls. She has previously worked as an emergency medical technician, a laboratory assistant, and a certified nursing assistant before deciding to further her education. She would like to thank all of the preceptors and professors that have helped her through this journey. Most of all, she would also like to thank her parents, her sister McKenzie, and the rest of her family and friends as she would not have survived without all their love and support.



Lindsey Carol-Marie Welsh**

Paducah, KY

Lindsey is the daughter of Kerry and Deborah Welsh of Paducah, Kentucky. She is a graduate of the University of Kentucky where she studied kinesiology and worked as a student athletic trainer. She is passionate about providing quality care for those in need as well as promoting healthy lifestyle strategies. In her free time, when she isn't studying, she enjoys being outdoors, cooking, and reading. She would like to thank her supportive family, friends, mentors, and preceptors for cheering her on through her journey of becoming a physician assistant.



Amanda Ybanez***

Huntington, WV

Amanda currently resides in Lexington, Kentucky with her husband, Jeff and dog, Mylo. Prior to PA School, Amanda graduated with her bachelor's degree from Eastern Kentucky University, completed a dietetic internship with Sarasota Memorial Hospital and practiced as a registered dietitian for six years in various hospital and outpatient settings. Amanda wanted to have more of an impact on a patient's overall health, which sparked her journey to PA School. This journey would not have been possible without the unwavering support, encouragement and love from her family and friends. "Go into the world and do well, but more importantly, go into the world and do good."

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.

