

Yale SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
Physician Associate Program



WHITE COAT CEREMONY
Class of 2024
August 26, 2022

The mission of the Yale School of Medicine
Physician Associate Program is to educate
outstanding clinicians and to foster leaders
who will serve their communities
and advance quality healthcare.

Welcome to the Yale Physician Associate Program's White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony is a celebration and an initiation. Today, senior clinicians welcome the novice physician associate student into clinical medicine. By donning the white coat, the student declares their commitment to learn the skills needed to care for patients with compassion and as part of an interdisciplinary team. The Class of 2024 will also receive their stethoscope today. Stethoscopes are provided through the generous donations of Yale PA Program alumni. The act of robing reminds us that medical skill is not a possession to be owned, but a gift to be passed on to those who follow.

We thank the Yale Physician Associate Alumni who have graciously donated stethoscopes to the incoming Class of 2024.

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PROGRAM

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Mary S. Harkness Auditorium

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER **Alexandria Garino, PhD, PA-C**
Program Director

DEAN'S REMARKS **Nancy J. Brown, MD**
Dean, Yale School of Medicine

KEYNOTE SPEAKER **Jara Chen, MMSc, PA-C**
Class of 2007

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PRESENTATION OF WHITE COATS **Elizabeth M. Roessler, MMSc, PA-C**
Director, Didactic Education
David Brissette, MMSc, PA-C
Associate Program Director

READING OF OATH **Class of 2024**
Courtney Fankhanel, MMSc, PA-C
Director, Clinical Education

CLOSING REMARKS **David Brissette, MMSc, PA-C**
Associate Program Director

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Jara Chen, MMSc, PA-C

Jara was born in South Korea, adopted at 5 months old which is when she came to the U.S. She grew up in Rock Island, IL and later attended Iowa State University where she received a BS in Psychology. She moved to Arizona after graduation and gained clinical experience working at an inner city inpatient Psychiatric and Substance abuse facility. After working for 2 years, she moved to CT to attend Yale's Physician Associate program, which is where she met her husband, Richard Chen (Yale PA class of 2007). They were married in 2011 and have a son, Maddox James (3yo).

Upon graduation from PA school, she joined the Hospitalist team at Yale New Haven Hospital where she has remained a team member ever since. She holds a leadership role as APP Dyad partner for a medical floor in the hospital and has recently become involved with Yale New Haven Health System's Care Signature Group, which develops new clinical pathways for clinicians to provide a standard of care across the entire health system (2021-2022).

Jara has also been a clinical preceptor with the Hospitalist Service for over 14 years (2008-present). Throughout her career she showed great interest in students and education and began volunteering to assist with the Hospitalist Student schedule for the Yale PA program. Throughout the years, she has remained passionate about educating future clinicians and she was recently promoted to Lead APP within the Hospitalist Service for "Student / Preceptor Education" (2022). She has also maintained a close relationship with the Yale PA Program through their Admissions Committee (2012-present) and has enjoyed seeing students she has interviewed throughout the years.

In her "spare" time Jara enjoys running, traveling, and spending time with her family and friends.

YALE PHYSICIAN ASSOCIATE STUDENTS

CLASS OF 2024

Elijah Adams
Isabel Bautista
Brianna Brite
Zachery Camacho
Cordelia Cluett
Mateusz Conrado
Meredith Crews
Matthew Dermksian
Carlie Dominguez
Elizabeth Encarnacion
Megan Engeland
Sarah Hartman
Joann Hegbe
Yeun Hiroi
Joshua Horowitz-Benoit
Faith Huynh
Brooke Iarussi
Megan Karoly
Joseph Kruk
Alexandra Liberti
Peilin Liu
Ashley Manning
Natalie McBranch
Adrienne Ngo
Jessica Nhan
Maggie O'Keeffe
Caroline Peh
James Robbins
Michelle Rodriguez
Nicole Romaneschi
Erik Schaefer
Jake Smiech
Hailey Wagner
Andres Yanez
Harrison Young

YALE PHYSICIAN ASSOCIATE PROGRAM

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.

