Yale School of Medicine
Physician Associate Program

WHITE COAT CEREMONY
Class of 2025
August 25, 2023
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 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. The Class of 2025 will also receive their stethoscopes today. Stethoscopes are provided through the generous donations of Yale PA Program alumni.

We thank the Yale Physician Associate Alumni who have graciously donated stethoscopes to the incoming Class of 2025.

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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER  
**David Brissette, MMSc, PA-C**  
*Interim Program Director*

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

KEYNOTE SPEAKER  
**Jonathan Stewart, PA-C**  
*Class of 1998*

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PRESENTATION OF WHITE COATS  
**Jonathan Weber, MA, PA-C**  
*Director, Didactic Education*

READING OF OATH  
*Class of 2025*

CLOSING REMARKS  
**Courtney Fankhanel, MMSc, PA-C**  
*Director, Clinical Education*
Jonathan Stewart PA, MBA (Yale PA ’98) has practiced continuously as a Physician Associate for the past 25 years. His career has been primarily in the inpatient medicine setting (known as Hospitalist Medicine). His inpatient career has included management of patients on Cardiology, Oncology, and Medical ICU services. He is currently a Hospitalist PA at Yale New Haven Hospital. In service to the Yale PA Program, Jonathan is an active member of the Progress Committee and the Admissions Committees.

Jonathan is a Connecticut native and was born and continues to work in New Haven, Connecticut. He and his wife Dianne have two sons together. Prior to his PA career, Jonathan was an inpatient Pharmacy Technician at Yale New Haven Hospital. He earned a BS in Biology from Southern Connecticut State University and an MBA from Quinnipiac University. Jonathan has interests in emergency medical response and is a state certified firefighter / emergency medical responder for the Town of Madison, Connecticut. He serves as a company officer for the North Madison Volunteer Fire Company (Secretary). Jonathan also enjoys running and skiing.
YALE PHYSICIAN ASSOCIATE STUDENTS

CLASS OF 2025

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Sydney Alexander
 Henry Altick
 Gabrielle Butman
 Diana Castellanos
 Fernanda Cerqueira
 Kelly Dunn
 Liam Easton-Calabria
 Amelia Eldridge
 Manuel Gutierrez
 Jordan Hathorn
 Jennifer Healy
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 Adam Martins
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 Katherine Villegas
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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.