



## **OAPA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING September 29, 2021**

### **Student Advisory Committee Reports**

**Malyke Bray, PA-S1**

**President, PA Class 2023**

**University of Oklahoma School of Community Medicine, Tulsa PA Program**

As of today, the third-year PA students are inching closer and closer to graduating. Their ceremony will take place December 3<sup>rd</sup>, and they'll be the 12<sup>th</sup> cohort to graduate our program. Their hard work and diligence throughout their time in the program has gotten them to this point, and it will allow them to finish out their clinical year and prepare for the PANCE. The example they've set and guidance they've given has been instrumental in the continued success of those coming after them, and we're very excited to celebrate their incredible accomplishments and future endeavors.

Our second-year students are about six weeks into clinical rotations and being immersed into the world of real-life medicine. They enjoy the change of pace from the classroom, but I hear the 5:00AM rounds that come with some rotations are quite the adjustment. However, this group is more suited to adapt than just about anybody. Last Summer, they passed cadaver practicals online; they can do anything.

My cohort of first-year students is working through our second semester of didactic coursework. We've enjoyed the opportunity to learn more about medicine this semester with courses like Physical Diagnosis, Pharmacotherapeutics, and Clinical Medicine - including modules such as infectious disease, ENT, and hematology thus far. Outside of the classroom, we have a great slate of events coming up next week to celebrate PA week! For students and faculty, we'll be providing some meals, handing out goodie bags, and hosting outdoor volleyball in addition to donating time and canned goods to the Iron Gate Food Pantry. We've also worked on fundraising for our class to subsidize travel to AAPA in May and cover costs associated with our own graduation. To do so, we have some great "Oklahoma Physician Assistant" T-shirts and sweatshirts available for purchase in-person at the OAPA conference on Wednesday and Thursday (September 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>) and online at: <https://forms.gle/p5QqTVrjrWTvnwsM7>

**Rachel Spencer, PA-S1**

**President, PA Class 2023**

**University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, OKC PA Program**

The Class of 2023 completed their first semester at the end of July and began the fall semester in August. We are currently busy studying Physiology, Foundations of Medical Sciences II, Physical Diagnosis II, Clinical Medicine I, and Focuses in PA Practice. The class recently had elections to appoint our team of officers, which has been a great way to get students involved both on campus and in the community. Our new executive team is busy planning PA Week for the beginning of October and is thrilled to host various events for our students and faculty as well as provide ways for our University community to give back.

The Class of 2022 recently completed their didactic finals and had individual assessments in order to move forward to the clinical phase of education which begins in October. They are looking forward to their White Coat Ceremony, which has been long awaited, and are excited to begin applying their knowledge in the clinical setting.

The members of the Class of 2021 are continuing their rotations and beginning to think about taking their boards and searching for jobs as their October graduation date is quickly approaching. Although faced with challenges throughout their clinical year, they are becoming competent providers who we believe will make a great impact on their future patients.

Overall, these have been unprecedented times, but the program, and faculty members, have done an incredible job of making sure that we receive a quality education while providing us with the necessary resources in order to be successful.

Please help support OU HSC PA Program Class of 2023. We have two t-shirts available for order and one sweatshirt available. Please make sure that you have selected the shipping option. Orders should ship mid-October. Link to Order: <https://idsolutionsonline.com/collections/ouhsc-physician-associate/products/ouhsc-pa-state-stethoscope-21-ship>

Thank you in advance for your support of our class and program.

**Jacob Ward, PA-S1**  
**President, PA Class of 2022**  
**Northeastern State University, PA Program**

The class of 2022 is in their last semester of didactic starting their pediatric section and looking forward to embarking on rotations next year.

The program is getting ready to welcome the second cohort to the Muskogee campus at the beginning of October. The class of 2023 is excited to begin their PA education.

We are also pleased to welcome Mr. Mark Perdue as our new program director starting in October. We will have a student table at the conference, please stop by and say hello!

We will have a sign-up sheet for anyone interested in being a preceptor or lecturer as well as some merchandise to purchase!

**Jennifer Dotson, PA-S1**  
**President, PA Class of 2023**  
**Oklahoma City University, PA Program**

The OCU PA program is welcoming its doors to new applicants for the class of 2024. Interviews are well underway, and we are so excited to see the growing interest in the PA profession. We cannot wait to hear who will be joining us in this great program!

The class of 2022 is well into their clinical year, and we are so proud of them! They continue to take the skills, and knowledge they have learned their didactic year and are applying it in clinical practice.

The class of 2023 has now completed 9 months of our didactic training! It is amazing to see how far we have come and how much we have learned during our time here! We are continuing to gain clinical experience through Good Shepherd and are extremely grateful to be able to learn from not only our professors but from the patients

themselves. We are continuing to work on our philanthropy event that is vastly approaching in October; we are hoping to raise funds for Good Shepherd so that they can continue to treat the underserved in our community.

Great things are happening here at OCU, and we look forward to what the future months bring!

**Shelby Fogler, PA-S**  
**Vice President, PA Class of 2023**  
**Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences, PA Program**

Hold onto your horses everyone, here comes OSU's inaugural class of 2023. We are now 3 months into our first year! With Pharmacology, Immunology/Microbiology, Laboratory Medicine, and Fundamentals of Medical Imaging under our belts from the summer. We began this fall full steam ahead into Human Anatomy, Medical Science Foundations, and Applied Clinical Medicine. We completed our Gastrointestinal Systems course and had our first Standardized Patient Encounter which included HPI gathering and an abdominal exam. With the close of the Gastrointestinal System began The Nervous System. Additionally, we have already got to be out in the community seeing real patients with a service-learning opportunity in an underserved clinic.

We are all very excited about the future of this program. We plan to organize some fun fundraising events and volunteer opportunities to get more involved in our community.