Josh and Kelly Klaaren never planned to have a “two-PA marriage”—it just worked out that way. They met in 1988 when both were undergraduate students at Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana. Josh, a biology major, was planning to become a teacher, and Kelly majored in psychology and sociology. They first became aware of the PA profession when Josh’s Mom sent him some information about “up and coming careers.” Intrigued by the possibility of combining his love of science with teaching, in the form of patient education, he set his sights on PA school. He has been in family practice in Asheville since graduating in 1995.

Kelly had several jobs after college, but she most enjoyed her role as a medical assistant and counselor in a women’s health clinic. When Josh completed the PA Program, she was next in line to pursue graduate education. She was considering social work or nursing, but one day it struck her that she, too could pursue a career as a PA. She recalls, “He was enjoying his work so much I thought I should be a PA too!” After completing her prerequisite science courses, she applied and was accepted to Duke, entering the PA Program in 1997.

The long distance years were the toughest, with Kelly at Duke and Josh back in Asheville. Josh says “I was treated for a severe case of loneliness during that time.” Kelly commuted between Durham and Asheville nearly every weekend during the didactic year, and was able to take advantage of several of the program’s Asheville rotations during the clinical year. After graduating, Kelly accepted a position in pediatrics at Asheville Children’s Medical Center, and has been there ever since.

Happily ensconced in Asheville, daughter Josie arrived in 2000, and Nadine in 2004. They intentionally frame their practice schedules around devotion to family. Both Josh and Kelly work 32 hours per week in practice with no on-call requirements.

When asked to give advice for new PA graduates, Josh says, “Be aware of what you don’t know. As a new student, you think you don’t know much, but it’s an important frame of mind to maintain. You may feel comfortable managing a straightforward medical problem, but there is always more to the story. Try to pick up another problem that’s under the surface. I never cease to be amazed how many things don’t present ‘by the book.’”

Kelly and Josh remain devoted to the Duke PA Program. Kelly is a preceptor for Duke PA students in her pediatric practice. Kelly observes “We both feel very fortunate to have trained at the Duke PA Program. Not only do we feel very well trained for primary care, we feel well trained for the jobs we never ended up doing, such as surgery. It was just wonderful training.”
One of the responsibilities of program director is to conduct annual faculty evaluation. The process is laborious, and prone to being the recipient of the same exasperation as budgeting. It’s a “have to” activity, with prescribed components, deadlines, and multiple meetings that need to be scheduled and rescheduled. But, I’ve found that this period of faculty evaluation can be invigorating, forward-looking, and even exciting! Why? Because our faculty is focused and working together as a team.

One example of the excellent teamwork of our PA faculty is our advisory system. As one-on-one advisors to a group of 5-6 students in each class, our faculty members develop special knowledge of the academic performance of those students. As a group of advisors, we form the student progress and promotion committee, which reviews the overall class performance. All advisors sit on the curriculum committee, which plans and evaluates course content, and on the admissions committee. Information from all of these groups is shared, back and forth, and no one faculty member feels alone in carrying a torch in a particular area of the program. And, all advisors make site visits to their advisees, at least twice during the clinical year, further contributing to the flow of information from first year to second year curriculum and back.

A quick look at the listing of PA faculty involvement in the recent APAP Educational Forum will tell you some more of the reasons why Duke’s Department of Community and Family Medicine points to the PA Program with pride. To a person, the Duke PA faculty is involved at the departmental, institutional, state, or national level (and many faculty members at multiple levels), in significant projects that are meaningful to the future of the PA profession and to healthcare itself.

Our faculty members juggle many jobs as academicians, clinicians, and researchers…and as partners, moms and dads, children of elderly

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Michael Keene, MHS, PA-C  
Chair, Duke PA  
Alumni Steering Committee

A week spent in the North Carolina mountains enjoying the fall color and crisp air is enough to re-energize even the most tired soul—the invigorating time of change that ushers in the cool of winter after the warmth of summer. Fall is undoubtedly my favorite season, and in a profound way it reminds me the joy is in the journey.

Much like the change of seasons, the Duke PA Program has been experiencing transitions as well. The Duke PA Division alumni page [http://pa.mc.duke.edu/](http://pa.mc.duke.edu/) is up and running, and being constantly improved. Updating your personal contact information at this site is easy and ensures all alumni will remain informed. If you have forgotten your password, simply call Mildred Woody at (919) 681-3159. Also, the Alumni Steering Committee is considering candidates for the 2005 Hall of Fame; nominations are being accepted at the web site.

Although student financial need is a constant, changes in support have made the need more acute. PA students receive no scholarship money from the University or Medical Center. Alumni and friends have risen to meet the need, and there has been no decrease in either the amount of money or number of scholarships awarded to Duke PA students. However, the need continues to grow. Pressure for tuition increases and unprecedented competition among the tremendous number of PA programs present potential obstacles to attracting the best, brightest and most diverse students to Duke. For those students we are able to attract, the effects of mounting student loan debt in many cases affects at least their willingness, and often their ability, to work in primary care practices or medically underserved communities. What can alumni do? Get involved! Remember, every penny contributed goes directly to support current students in need, and provides qualified prospective students who otherwise might not have been able to attend, graduate from Duke, and enter the PA workforce to become future leaders of the profession.

A common question from alumni is whether we are pursuing other sources of funding within the Duke system. In fact we are moving to develop closer relationships with the Medical Alumni/Development Office and Duke University Alumni Association. But our credibility as an organization hinges in large part on participation. It’s not necessarily the amount given, but the percentage of those who give that is noticed. This is where we need each alumni to stand up, be noticed, and join their fellow alumni on the journey.

We are clearly on a journey, in a season of transition. But just like fall, I believe it will prove to be a time that, as we reflect on it, will bring pleasure and joy.

A Reception for Duke PAs will be held Wednesday, February 23, 2005 from 7:00 – 8:00 pm

NCAPA Winter Conference and Recertification Review

The Sheraton Imperial Hotel and Towers

Research Triangle Park, NC

Alumni Steering Committee Members (front to back, left to right): Kathryn Vokaty, PA-C; Clara Vanderbilt, PA-C; Gail Albergo, MHS, PA-C; Tina Frost, MHS, PA-C; Susan Blackwell, MHS, PA-C; Michael Keene, MHS, PA-C (Chair); Lovest Alexander, Jr., MHS, PA-C; Earl Echad, PA-C; and James Carter, Jr., MHS, PA-C

Not pictured are: Cecile Noel, MHS, PA-C and Sybil Robb, MHS, PA-C
Mary P Ettari ('81) is practicing in Family Medicine in Stuart, Florida with another Duke alumni, David E. Bright, M.D. She is the 2003-2005 President of the PA Foundation and is also running for AAPA President-elect in 2005.

John A Peterson ('84) is now married to Vivian (Schaut) Peterson, M.D. John and Vivian are practicing in Maine. John retired from the Coast Guard in 1996.

Al and Deborah Doran Burdulis ('89) are proud parents of Sophia Maria, born on November 25, 2003. They are living in San Francisco and Deborah is enjoying her time at home with the baby.

Tamara Dunlap-Workman ('92) is quite busy at home (Putnam, Illinois) with her three children; Cody (7), Rebekah (3) and Wyatt (16 months in August). She relaxes by working part-time in family practice for St. Margaret’s Hospital in Spring Valley, Illinois. “I hope all my classmates are doing well and enjoying life!”

Pamela Graham ('93) is working part-time in an internal medicine practice and is also coordinating a clinical study. She teaches diabetic classes in her office and teaches at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center PA Program. Her husband, Doug, is an oncologist and faculty member at the Children’s Hospital. Nicole is 5 years old and starting kindergarten and Christopher is 11 years old, starting 6th grade.

Claire (Hull) Spiro ('95) is currently the Assistant Director and Didactic Coordinator at the Yale University Physician Assistant Program. Claire also works part-time as a hospitalist PA. She and her husband, David, have two sons, Caleb (age 6) and Alec (age 1½).

Wayne and Kristie Martin ('03) are proud parents of Matthew Collins Martin, born October 19, 2004. He weighed exactly 7 lbs. at birth.

Janet Jezsik ('86) received the 2004 PA Hepatology Fellowship Award from The American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases. This fellowship award is supported with a $90,000 grant for salary, conference activities, material support, and membership fees. Ms. Jezsik will continue her research and clinical activities in the Duke Liver Center and the Duke Clinical Research Institute, under the direction of Dr. John McHutchison.

The Duke University Stead Society Officers (class of 2004) presented the Society for the Preservation of PA History a $1,000 check on August 2, 2004. The class designated $125 to pay the Stead Society’s annual student organization sponsorship fee ($25/year) in the Society for the Preservation of PA History for five years. The remaining $875 is to support the Society’s PA History Center affiliated with the DUMC Archives. They also contributed $650 to the Durham Rescue Mission in honor of Duke University PA Clinical Preceptors.

Pictured from left to right are Ulgen Fideli, Tami Lee, Society Executive Director Reginald Carter, PhD and Donald Metzger.
Alumni News

AAPA’S 33rd Annual Physician Assistant Conference

The Alumni Reception was held in Las Vegas, Nevada June 3, 2004 during the AAPA Annual Conference. Approximately 125 alumni, faculty, students and friends gathered to hear the latest developments at Duke, renew friendships and have a good time. Please make plans to join us in Orlando, Florida in 2005.

Tom Colletti, MPAS, PA-C; Karen Hills, MS, PA-C; David Coniglio, MPAS, PA-C; Pat Dieter, MPA, PA-C; and Reginald Carter, Ph.D., PA

Kristin Guida, Marie Wiles, Linda Lien, Ha Vo, and Brian Plant

Patty Castillo, MS, PA-C; Peggy and Lovest Alexander, Jr., MHS, PA-C ('78)

Patricia Dieter, MPA, PA-C and Justine Strand, MPH, PA-C at one of the division posters.

Reginald Carter, Ph.D., PA; Class of 2005 — Duke Students at the Reception

Challenge Bowl Team Fans
On Wednesday, October 6th, 125 individuals gathered at the Searle Center to commemorate National PA Week. The ceremony was moderated by Justine Strand, Chief of the PA Division.

The ceremony featured welcome and congratulatory remarks from Dr. R. Sanders Williams, Dean, School of Medicine and Vice Chancellor, Medical Center Academic Affairs, Dr. Lloyd Michener, Chair of Community and Family Medicine, Dr. E. Harvey Estes, former Chair and Professor Emeritus, Community and Family Medicine, and Dr. Eugene Stead, Jr.,
PA Day Celebration

former Chair of the Department of Medicine and founder of the PA Concept. Michael Keene ('91), Chair of the Duke PA Alumni Steering Committee, inducted one distinguished Duke University PA alumni into the PA Division’s Hall of Fame: Susan Edgman-Levitan ('77). Everyone joined in singing happy birthday to Dr. Stead. Dr. Stead cut a cake celebrating his 96th birthday and National Physician Assistant Week.
Angela Young, PA Program Administrative Assistant

Angela Young, BS has joined the permanent staff of the Duke PA Program as the Administrative Assistant after working temporarily for the program since December. Prior to working at the PA program, Angela worked a few other assignments for Duke Temporary Services. She also worked at a mortgage company as a loan processor. Angela and her husband, Michael, moved to Durham from Indiana in August 2003. They came here so her husband could attend the Fuqua School of Business at Duke to obtain his MBA. Angela holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Butler University in Indianapolis. Angela is the youngest of nine children so keeping in touch with her family back in the Midwest has kept her busy.

Jane Sanchez, PA Program Accounting Specialist

Jane Sanchez, BS has joined the permanent staff of the Duke PA Program as the Accounting Specialist. Prior to working at the PA Program, Jane worked almost 12 years for Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital in Lincoln, Nebraska as a staff accountant. Jane and her husband, Hector, and family moved to Cary in June 2003. They relocated from the Midwest due to her husband’s job. Jane holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Midland Lutheran College in Fremont, Nebraska. Jane serves on the PTA at Davis Drive Middle School and Cary Elementary and, also, “mom volunteer” at Cary Elementary math class.

Valerie Schaffer, 2004-05 Teaching Fellow

Valerie Schaffer, MHS, PA-C joined the faculty on August 9 as the teaching fellow for 2004-2005 academic year. Val received a BSN from University of Mary, Bismarck, North Dakota in 1991. Her nursing career led her to North Carolina and the PA profession. She received the MHS and PA Certificate from Duke University in 2000. While at Duke, she was a National Health Service Corps Scholar. Since graduating from Duke, Val has practiced family medicine in rural North Carolina. While she enjoys the variety of family medicine, her specific interests include cardiology, pediatrics, women’s health and diabetes management. She is a member of AAPA and NCAPA. As the teaching fellow, she will be involved in a variety of projects including adding preventive medicine components to the curriculum.
Perri Morgan, Named First Health Services Research Fellow

Perri Morgan, MS, PA-C is the Duke PA Division’s first Health Services Research Fellow, pursuing workforce research regarding physician assistants. She is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she earned the Bachelor of Science in Public Health. Her education as a physician assistant was at Emory University, where she earned a second BS in Allied Health. In 2000 she received the MS in Educational Administration from University of Wisconsin-Madison, and she is a candidate for the PhD in Population Health from their Department of Population Health Sciences.

Ms. Morgan has been on the faculty of the Physician Assistant Program, Department of Family Medicine of the University of Wisconsin-Madison since 1994, where she is a Senior Lecturer and Academic Coordinator. Prior to joining the faculty at Wisconsin, she was a clinical physician assistant at the Duke Hypertension Center from 1987 to 1994, where her duties included clinical patient care and coordination and design of hypertension research projects. She also served as adjunct instructor in the Duke PA Program from 1988 to 1993, where she was a small group instructor in our Patient Assessment course.

Ms. Morgan will take selected courses in Duke’s Clinical Research Training Program and work on health services research projects during her one-year fellowship. Her area of research interest is economic analysis of physician assistant practice.

Margaret Schmidt, Gloria F. Gilbert Memorial Trustee Award

Recognized for Excellence in Clinical Lab Science, Margaret C. Schmidt, EdD, Assistant Clinical Professor of Community and Family Medicine and Pathology, was awarded the Gloria F. Gilbert Memorial Trustee Award by the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science Education & Research Fund in July. The award recognizes professional excellence in individuals within the profession of clinical laboratory science for their skills in laboratory administration, management and supervision. Recipients must have demonstrated significant accomplishments and excelled in professional practice and have generated innovative ideas or created progressive achievements that contributed to the advancement of the profession. The award honors the memory of Gloria F. Gilbert, who was an entrepreneur who excelled in laboratory administration and management roles during her career.

David Coniglio, Liaison to ASCO

David Coniglio, MPA, PA-C has recently been appointed liaison from the American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA) to the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO). The appointment, effective June 1, 2004, is for a three year term. This is a new liaison position for the AAPA, and he is the first appointee. David has also been elected to a two year term as Member-at-Large for the Nominating Committee of the North Carolina Academy of Physician Assistants, effective January 1, 2005.

Justine Strand, New NCMSF President

Justine Strand, MPH, PA-C was elected president of the North Carolina Medical Society Foundation at the NCMS Annual Meeting in Pinehurst in November, 2004.

FACULTY PROMOTIONS

Tom Colletti, MPAS, PA-C, Academic Coordinator, was promoted to Assistant Clinical Professor effective November 1.

Karen Hills, MS, PA-C, Clinical Coordinator, was promoted to Assistant Clinical Professor effective November 1.
The Duke University PA Career Day Programs were held at Hanes House on July 22nd, September 9th, September 30, November 11th and December 2, 2004. Participants came from across North Carolina and as far away as Utah.

The agenda is arranged to give potential candidates a detailed overview of the two-year experience. Patricia M. Dieter, MPA, PA-C, Program Director, welcomes the participants. Betsy Rothschild, MMSc, PA-C, Chair of Admissions, provides an overview of the admissions process. The participants attend class and have lunch with first year PA students. After lunch, Lovest Alexander, Jr. MHS, PA-C, leads them on a tour of Duke University Medical Center. Each participant has an opportunity to meet individually with faculty at the end of the day for more in-depth counseling. Feedback from all the Career Day Programs has been excellent.

The 2004 Duke Occupational and Environmental Medicine (OEM) Certificate Program, co-sponsored by the PA Division and the Division of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, was held October 10-15. This year’s program included 12 NPs, 4 physicians, 17 PAs, and 2 medical students. The OEM program offers...
The Academic Curriculum

In August 2004 we welcomed the Class of 2006. Orientation began on August 16, 2004, with faculty, staff and student introductions. By the end of the week the students were well into the introductory material in Basic Medical Sciences. After many years of coordinating Basic Medical Sciences, Dr. Reg Carter retired. We are fortunate to have Dr. Emma Jakoi, Associate Research Professor in the Department of Cell Biology, taking over teaching as coordinator for the physiology unit. A new course, entitled Practice and the Health System, taught in the fall and summer semesters, includes material previously presented in Health Systems Organization and Perspectives on Health as well as new topics. The surgery course has been refocused and is now Fundamentals of Surgery and Emergency Medicine. Many of the existing units of Clinical Medicine have been expanded to include prevention and genomics. The other new item in the pre-clinical curriculum is the addition of didactic material and clinical experiences in long-term care settings. Additional material is also being added to the Transition Week curriculum as well as to the week immediately preceding the start of clinical rotations, in order to better prepare students for the clinical experience.

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OEM Program Participants

3 graduate credits from Duke School of Medicine, 40 hours of CME, and a Duke University certificate of completion. The OEM program, which began in 2000, has been consistently gaining in popularity. Graduates interested in next year’s program are advised to register early. Visit the Duke PA web site for more information about next year’s dates and registration information.

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PA Class of 2005 News

All of the hard work and countless number of hours studying are now paying off. The class of 2005 is now on clinical rotations! We are dispersed in various locations around the state, immersed in all aspects of patient care from taking a history and establishing a differential diagnosis to ordering studies and developing treating plans. We are finally part of the health care team, a goal we have all strived to attain for many years.

Each month we gather for our end of rotation exams and discuss events of the past rotation. We share our experiences and learn from each others’ successes and mistakes. As each rotation comes to an end, our confidence in our clinical skills and knowledge noticeably increases. We are slowly being transformed from students to providers!

As each month goes by and we gain more clinical experience, we are one step closer to being out on our own. The “light at the end of our tunnel” is growing brighter. We are starting to shift some of our focus from our studies to figuring out where we want to practice and in what specialty, updating our resumes and gathering letters of recommendation, all the while keeping an eye out for job opportunities.

Any practice interested in gaining a PA who is intelligent, hard working, a team player, and enthusiastic about medicine, keep your eyes open for the class of 2005… coming to a town near you in September!

Ryan Ballard, President, Class of 2005

Introducing... the Duke PA Class of 2006

Our newest class of 44 students entered the program on August 16th, 2004. The entering class included 35 women and 9 men, 41% North Carolina residents, and 20% minority students. Other statistics on this year’s entering class:

- Mean age: 28
- Mean number of months of patient care experience at application: 40
- Mean overall GPA: 3.4
- Mean natural science GPA: 3.2
- Mean verbal GRE score: 499
- Mean quantitative GRE score: 608

The community service committee headed by Jamie Davidson has many exciting plans for volunteer activities. We hope to continue involvement with the Safe Kids of Durham program and start regular participation in a soup kitchen and/or the Senior Sweep for Nutrition and Medi-Sweep programs with the Learning Together program, part of the Department of Community of Family Medicine. Some other prospective projects are making valentines at the Children’s Hospital and the annual hygiene project at Burton Elementary School.

The fundraising committee is headed by Lindsay Kuhn. The committee’s fundraising activities include PA apparel sales for Christmas and again in the spring. In the spring we are also anticipating a sporting tournament (three-on-three basketball and/or golf) and Mother’s Day flower sales.

Class of 2006 Stead Society Officers and Representatives

Front Row (l to r): Lisa Cunanan, Kim McInnis, Lindsay Kuhn, Roshni Patel, Pilar Berg and Julie Duval

Back Row (l to r): Kristen Brosig, Barry McCormack, Steve Watson, Tim Rumsey, and Kim Nolte
Class of 2005 is off to a good clinical start. Students continue to rotate through inpatient, surgical, primary care and elective rotations. In addition to rotations, the Class of 2005 has already had two Call Back Days. During the October Call Back, the 49 students participated in the second Objective Skills Clinical Examination as part of a formative evaluation. Students rotated through 18 stations where they answered questions on primary care topics such as diabetes, asthma, hypertension and common orthopedic problems, practiced coding patient care visits, they read EKGs and chest x-rays, interpreted lab results and demonstrated physical exam skills. The students admitted it was a tiring process but one that definitely helped identify areas of weakness as well as areas of new-found competence. Based on the positive feedback from faculty and students, this practical session will be a permanent Call Back addition.
Congratulations to the following members of the PA Class of 2005 who recently received Student Services/Alumni Scholarships for their clinical year. A total of $100,000 was awarded to clinical year students based on financial need and merit:

Cortney Bradley Akins is from Conway, AR. She has a BS in Exercise Science from Harding University and two years of health care experience as a Phlebotomy Technician.

Kyle Bachmeier is from Marietta, GA. He has a BS in Health & Exercise Science from Wake Forest University and over 2 years of health care experience as a Clinical Research Assistant.

Ryan Ballard is from Denver, CO. He has a BA in Biology from the University of Colorado. He has over 5 years of health care experience as an Anesthesia Technician, an EMT, and a Certified Nursing Aide.

Robert Bednar is from Greensboro, NC. He has a BS in Health Education from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and 15 years of health care experience as a Paramedic. He has also been an EMT Instructor.
Kristin Bourret is from Great Falls, MT. She has a BS in Health and Human Performance from the University of Montana. She has 3 years of health care experience as an EMT, and 8 months of experience as a Patient Care Technician.

Taisha Bowen-Brown is from Raleigh, NC. She has a BA in Biology from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and over a year and a half of health care experience as a Caregiver.

Charlé Cameron is from Smyrna, GA. She has a BA in Spanish from Emory University. She has over two years of health care experience as a Medical Assistant and one year of experience as an Ophthalmic Technician.

Leah Capalbo is from Brookline, MA. She has a BA in Mathematics from Dartmouth College and over two years of health care experience as a Clinical Research Coordinator.

Angelica Caramanica is from Huntington, NY. She has a BS in Exercise Science from George Washington University and 18 months of health care experience as a Physical Therapy Aide.

Shalon Chordas is from Ocala, FL. She has a BS in Psychology from the University of Florida and two years of health care experience as a Nurse’s Aide.

Susana Chung is from Arlington, MA. She has a BA in Microbiology from the University of California at Berkeley and over two years of health care experience as an ERG technician.

Karen Clark is from Jamestown, NC. She has a BS in Biology from High Point University and 14 months of health care experience as an EMT and a Clinical Coordinator.

Jason Coggins is from Nashville, NC. He has a BS in Exercise and Sport Science from East Carolina University and an MS in Athletic Training from West Virginia University. He has 3 years of health care experience as an athletic trainer.

Jose Corporan is from Boston, MA. He has a BS in Biology from the University of Massachusetts and 9 months of health care experience as a Hepatitis B Screening & Vaccination Coordinator.

Clint Eudy is from Greensboro, NC. He has a BA in English from the University of North Carolina and over 6 years of health care experience as a Paramedic.

Kevin Greene is from Grand Rapids, MI. He has a BS in Meteorology from North Carolina State University and 11 months of health care experience as a Nurse Assistant.

Tasha Grissett is from Fayetteville, NC. She has a BS in Psychology from Arizona State University and 10 months of health care experience as a Nursing Aide and a Youth Program Counseling Assistant.

Kristin Guida is from Brookline, MA. She has a BA in Biochemistry from Bowdoin University and over 3 years of health care experience as a Clinical Research Assistant.

Lisa Hasan is from Durham, NC. She has a BS in Psychology from Fayetteville State University and over 6 years of health care experience as a Substance Abuse Counselor.

Lesa Hill is from Eugene, OR. She has a BS in Biology from the University of Oregon and over 6 years of health care experience as a Biometrician.

Sarah Holland is from Laramie, WY. She has a BS in Molecular Biology from the University of Wyoming and 10 months of health care experience as a Certified Nurse’s Assistant.

Mark Hsiao is from Chino Hills, CA. He has a BS in Biology from the University of California at Irvine and 7 months of health care experience as a Clinical Research Staffer.
Erin Jensen is from Waunakee, WI. She has a BS in Biology from St. Norbert College and 18 months of health care experience as a Patient Care Assistant.

Stephanie Keene is from Littleton, CO. She has a BS in Biology from the University of Colorado and two years of health care experience as a Medical Assistant and as a Certified Nurse’s Assistant.

Peter Koep is from Sanford, NC. He has a BHS from Campbell University and over 3 years of health care experience as a Medic in the US Army Special Forces.

Jennifer Lew is from Alhambra, CA. She has a BA in Psychology from the University of California at San Diego and 10 months of health care experience as an Emergency Service Technician.

Linda Lien is from Woodbury, MN. She has a BS in Psychology from the University of Minnesota and 16 months of health care experience as a Certified Nurse’s Assistant.

Glenn Mahoney is from San Diego, CA. He has a BS in Physiological Science from the University of California at Los Angeles and a MPH from San Jose State University. He has over 6 years of health care experience as an Emergency Trauma Technician.

Deborah Martin-Avila is from Albuquerque, NM. She has a BA in Biology from the University of New Mexico and over two years of health care experience as an Anesthesiology Technician.

Betsy Melcher is from Raleigh, NC. She has a BA in Chemistry and a BS in Multidisciplinary Studies from N.C. State University, and a MS in Sports Health Care from the Arizona School of Health Sciences. She has over 4 years of health care experience as an Athletic Trainer and a Physical Therapy Aide.

Kelly Peters is from Northglenn, CO. She has a BA in Biology from the University of Northern Colorado and over 5 years of health care experience as a Certified Nurse’s Aide and a Research Assistant.

Brian Plant is from Murfreesboro, TN. He has a BS in Biology from Middle Tennessee State University. He has 17 months of health care experience as an Emergency Room Technician and an Aeromedical Technician.

Marva Rich is from Southern Pines, NC. She has a BA in African-American Studies from UNC-Chapel Hill and over 6 years of health care experience as a Phlebotomist, a Laboratory Technician, and a Special Service Technician.
Kristen Robinson is from Cresskill, NJ. She has a BA in Psychology from Providence College and over 7 years of health care experience as an EMT and a Research Coordinator.

Jane Sanborn is from Apex, NC. She has a BS in Agriculture from the Ohio State University and over 2 years of health care experience as a Registered Nurse.

Julie Schueller is from Mequon, WI. She has a BS in Kinesiology from the University of Illinois and 10 months of health care experience as a Medical Assistant.

Nazila Shagagi is from Houston, TX. She has a BS in Respiratory Care from the University of Texas Medical Branch and over 10 years of health care experience as a Respiratory Therapist.

Trilby Shier is from Durham, NC. She has a BA in Biology from UNC-Chapel Hill and over 4 years of health care experience as a Medical Assistant.

Allison Skae is from Chicago, IL. She has a BS in Human Resources and Family Studies from the University of Illinois. She has over 3 years of health care experience as a Dietitian.

Jennifer Smith is from San Diego, CA. She has a BS in Psychology from the University of California at San Diego and 9 months of health care experience as a Psychometrist and as a Clinical Research Assistant.

Rochele Spires is from Bloomington, IN. She has a BA in Women’s Studies from the University of Massachusetts Boston. She has over 3 years of health care experience as a Clinical Assistant and a Clinical Research Coordinator.

Enid Tallmer is from Raleigh, NC. She has a BS in Psychology from Fordham University and a MSW from Hunter College. She has over 10 years of health care experience as a Clinical Social Worker.

Ha Vo is from Durham, NC. She has a BS in Biology from UNC-Chapel Hill and a MPH from St. Louis University. She has 14 months of health care experience as a Physical Therapy Technician.

Joseph Wilber is from Chapel Hill, NC. He has a BS in Radiologic Science from UNC-Chapel Hill and over 16 years of experience as a Sonographer.

Marie Wiles is from Clarksville, VA. She has a BS in Health Sciences from Old Dominion University and 3 years of health care experience as a Medical Technologist.

David White is from Durham, NC. He has a BS in Biology from North Carolina A&T State University. He has over 3 years of health care experience as a Resident Aide, a Clinical Research Assistant, and a US Army Health Care Specialist.
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parents, community volunteers, etc. We work together in many ways, including covering tasks for each other here and there, providing a supportive shoulder for the rough points that all of us face now and then, and relying on the diversity of our opinions to keep us intellectually honest.

So, here’s a round of applause for our PA faculty team — and the great PA students who keep us focused and whose progress is our inspiration to keep the faculty team on track!

The Association of
PA Programs Annual Educational Forum
November 3-7 in Nashville, TN

Duke PA Program faculty were very actively involved in presentations, leadership, and associated events:

Colletti, T; Coniglio, D; Dieter, P; Hills, K; Rothschild, E.
“Bridge to the Clinical Year: Transition from Classroom to Clinic”

Coniglio, D; Dieter, P; Copeland, J; Castillo, P.
“Integration of a Long-Term Care Experience into Physician Assistant Education”

David Coniglio: 2 posters
Tom Colletti: APAP Faculty Development Institute Poster
Pat Dieter:
- Chair, ARC-PA Standards Discussion
- Chaired meeting of Task Force on Accreditation of Postgraduate Physician Assistant Programs
- Chaired leadership discussion group on PA faculty turnover
- ARC-PA report at APAP business meeting
  2 posters

Paul Hendrix: President, Association of Postgraduate PA Programs

Karen Hills:
- APAP Education Committee
- Moderated 6 sessions
- Led Clinical Coordinators’ retreat
- Poster

Betsy Rothschild: Elected Chair, Southeastern Regional Consortium, APAP
- Poster

Valerie Schaffer: Basic Faculty Skills Workshop

Justine Strand:
- APAP Board of Directors
- Workshop Co-leader, “Getting Your Teeth Into It: Incorporating Primary Dental Care into Your Curriculum.”
Contributions to the Alumni Scholarship Fund

**Special Gifts**
- Nancy and James Hill, Jr. (76)
- Lisa and John McElligott (74)
- Anonymous

**Stead Club**
**pledged $5,000**
- over 5-year period
- Sherry and Reginald Carter (78)
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- Carl Fasser (69)
- Ed Gaile (78)
- Holly Hausmann (81)
- Darlene Haviland (89)
- Paul Hendrix (75)
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- Thomas Miller (74)
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- Lisa Sand (91)
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- Vicki Scott (81)
- Kathleen Shuman (81)
- David B. Smith (76)
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- Van Tanner (00)
- William Tozier (76)
- Lemuel Yerby, III (75)

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- Marylou Bembe (86)
- Lisa Berdan (88)
- Carol Blessing-Feussner (78)
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- Jill Eggers-Knight (85)
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- Elaine Fuller (81)
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- Margaret (Betsy) Glennon (79)
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- Daniel Harshbarger (78)
- Aline Heggem-Snow (90)
- Jeffrey Heinrich (73)
- Maura Hertzog (88)
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