



*Physician Assistant  
Commencement Exercises*

*2024*

*Saturday, August 24*

*10 a.m.*

*William A. Passavant Memorial Center*



 *The Order of the Exercises* 

*August 24, 2024*

**\*Processional**

Faculty Marshal, Candidates for Degrees, Faculty, Platform Party

Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1 in D ..... Edward Elgar

**\*Placing of the College Mace** ..... Jennifer Shellenbarger  
Assistant Professor of Physician Assistant Studies

**\*Invocation** ..... Audra Franley '17  
Coordinator for Campus Ministries  
Visiting Assistant Professor of Religion

**Welcome** ..... Rod E. Wilt '86  
Chair, Board of Trustees

**President's Remarks** ..... Susan Traverso, Ph.D.  
President

**Student Remarks** ..... Joshua Jennerjahn M.S.'24

**Service Award Recognition** ..... James E. Tkacik, DMSc  
Department Chair and Program Director

Alysandra Andrusky  
Director of Clinical Education  
Assistant Professor

**PAEA Pi Alpha Honorary Society Induction** ..... Dr. Tkacik  
Department Chair and Program Director

**Presentation of the Class** ..... Greg Q. Butcher, Ph.D.  
Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dean of the College

**Distribution of Alumni Flowers** ..... David Hummel '83  
Director of Alumni Relations

**Physician Assistant Professional Oath** ..... Jessica Sloan  
Director of Didactic Education/Lecturer

**Conferring of Degrees** ..... President Traverso

Special Announcements ..... Professor Shellenbarger

\*Hail, Alma Mater ..... Friedrich F. Flemming  
lyrics by E. Grace Hunton 1900

### Hail, Alma Mater

Thiel College Alma Mater  
from the Hymn Tune "Integer Vitae"

In 2  
♩ = 65

Music by F. F. Flemming (1811)  
Lyrics by Grace Hunton, Class of 1900

Hail, Al-ma Ma-ter, on thy hill en-thro-ned. Firm as a moun-tain, may'st thou stand en-dur-ing.  
Hail, Al-ma Ma-ter, may thy torch for-ev-er. Shed light re-splen-dent for thy God and coun-try.  
Hail, Al-ma Ma-ter, we thy children pledge thee. Here our de-vo-tion, loy-al, true, and ten-der.

Fair as the val-ley of thine own She-nan-go. Hail, Al-ma Ma-ter.  
Send the flame on-ward to all gen-er-a-tions. Hail, Al-ma Ma-ter.  
Thee will we cher-ish, praise thy name for-ev-er. Hail, Al-ma Ma-ter.

*rit. on verse 3*

\*Closing Prayer ..... Professor Franley

\*Recessional ..... Professor Shellenbarger  
Crown Imperial March ..... William Walton

\*The audience is invited to rise.

# Master of Science Physician Assistant Studies

**Natalia K. Addo**

*Portland, Ore.*

**Kendra M. Anderson**

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*Allison Park, Pa.*

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*Titusville, Pa.*

**Racquel L. Fera**

*Level Green, Pa.*

**Mariah C. Fluke**

*Blairsville, Pa.*

**Hailee Kristine Foster †**

*Niles, Ohio*

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*Cherry Hill, N.J.*

**Samantha Lauren Houle**

*Rochester Hills, Mich.*

**Joshua P. Jennerjahn**

*Valley Stream, N.Y.*

**Owen Robert Kravetz**

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**Jessica F. Kylander †**

*San Juan Capistrano, Calif.*

**Sarah Grace McCann**

*Kittanning, Pa.*

**Cysco Allen Merisotes**

*Fair Grove, Mo.*

**Margaret Rose Nee '20**

*Erie, Pa.*

**Robert Edward O'Connor †**

*Concord, N.H.*

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*Myrtle Beach, S.C.*

**Joseph Petrolla**

*Poland, Ohio*

**Julia Ann Petrucci**  
*Murrysville, Pa.*

**Ashley Riccardino**  
*Jeannette, Pa.*

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*Alhambra, Calif.*

**Kierstin Schade**  
*Irwin, Pa.*

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**Kasey Elizabeth Solic**  
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**Bimal Timsina**  
*Reynoldsburg, Ohio*

**Danté Robert Vaniel '20 †**  
*White Oak, Pa.*

**Abigail Mae Young**  
*Greensburg, Pa.*

† *Early participant; degree to be awarded when requirements are met.*

*Special legacy photographs will be taken for those graduates whose immediate family members are Thiel College alumni. Please meet in front of the stage following the ceremony.*

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# 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.



## THIEL COLLEGE

Office of the President

*Dear Class of 2024,*

Welcome to a community of more than 14,000 active Thiel College alumni.

We celebrate your academic accomplishments! We—the alumni and members of Thiel College’s faculty, staff, and trustees—will follow your future endeavors with great excitement. We hope you remain connected to the Thiel community and the friends you have made at the College.

We encourage you to continue to use the resources we have for you on campus, especially Alumni Affairs and the Career Development Center. Stay in touch with the faculty and staff who have taught and encouraged you. They will be happy to support you in the next phase of your life.

Before you know it, you can return for the alumni tradition of Homecoming on Sept. 27-29, 2024. We look forward to having you back on campus for that exciting alumni gathering.

Sincerely,

**Susan Traverso, Ph.D.**

President  
Thiel College

**James Frank '88**

President of the Alumni Association  
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