

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION 2022

## Office of Admissions and Student Affairs



**MOREHOUSE**  
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

New Student Orientation 2022  
Physician Assistant Studies  
June 1<sup>st</sup> – June 3<sup>rd</sup>

## NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION 2022

Dear Morehouse School of Medicine Student:

Our school is graced by an overwhelming number of exceptionally well-qualified applicants. You are in good company and I am delighted to help you begin your journey into the remarkable profession of medicine. Professional school study is a time of exploration and immersion in your desired specialty. It is a time for the free exchange of ideas, acquisition of new skills, and creation of knowledge. It is a time when faculty will change from being your teachers to being mentors and colleagues.



Morehouse School of Medicine was founded in 1975 as the Medical Education Program at Morehouse College. In 1981, Morehouse School of Medicine became an independently chartered institution and the first established at a Historically Black College and University in the 20th century. Our focus on primary care and addressing the needs of the underserved is critical to improving overall health care.

During the course of my career, I have had the privilege to work in several other major health sciences centers, and I believe our faculty is second to none. Our faculty and staff are committed to exceptional teaching, research and patient care. We will never lose sight of the responsibility to guide, support, and teach. Morehouse School of Medicine has graduated many medical students over the years, and we remain the leading educator of primary care physicians in the United States.

Our medical school is inextricably linked to our principal teaching hospital, Grady Memorial Hospital, and several affiliates: The Atlanta VA, WellStar Atlanta Medical Center, and Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. Grady Memorial Hospital is the largest safety-net hospital in the Atlanta area, from core primary care services for the Atlanta region to complex cutting-edge referral services for patients from all over the world with our students as part of the clinical team. Here at Morehouse School of Medicine, students learn the basics of clinical practice by actually contributing.

We are also excited about the many research and community engagement opportunities afforded our students. Morehouse School of Medicine understands the valuable link among research, community participation, and patient care. As we work to realize our vision to lead the creation and advancement of health equity, we recognize in order to improve health outcomes we must foster innovative research that moves beyond the lab and directly to the patients who need it most.

We are proud of our institution, our facilities and our programs, but it is the people who make it all work. We are enormously proud of our faculty, staff, students, and alumni. I look forward to meeting each of you personally and hearing your story, please let me know if I can help you in any way.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Valerie Montgomery Rice, MD". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Valerie Montgomery Rice, MD  
President and Dean

## NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION 2022

Dear Morehouse School of Medicine Students:

Welcome to Morehouse School of Medicine. This period of time that you have chosen to pursue a career in health science is like none other in recent memory, and your choice to entrust your career journey to Morehouse School of Medicine faculty and staff, clinicians and other learners gives us all a sense of pride. Your matriculation to Morehouse School of Medicine represents a new and exciting chapter in your career path and we are committed to guide you as you discover your passion for medicine, health care, and health equity.



We are at tipping point in our history at the Morehouse School of Medicine. The COVID-19 pandemic, the murder of George Floyd, and so many other events have cast a light on inequities and health care disparities like never before, and Morehouse School of Medicine stands on a focal point of interest and investment on how we can change lives, our communities, and the world for better health. We aim to diversity the scientific and clinical work force to broaden the impact on the types of problems that afflict all of society but most imperatively, with a focus on those issues that most impact underrepresented communities that have historically received little attention, investment, or investigation. Our school will build the work force of the future that will change lives and communities, focused on culturally competent care and equity as the central pillar of our mission. We have ascended the impact ladder through national recognition for our social mission, and our people and our expertise in basic research, implementation science, public health and clinical care stands out amongst our peers. We have deep talent at Morehouse School of Medicine, and we are poised to generate high impact.

Having you as a class join us on our journey is a privilege. Through your efforts of inquiry, advancing your knowledge and expertise and following your individual passions, you will make us all better. I am excited by the journey ahead and the contributions you will make.

I look forward to this coming year and the years to come.

With Deepest Appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A Tyndall". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

J. Adrian Tyndall, MD, MPH  
Executive Vice President for Health Affairs  
Professor and Dean  
Morehouse School of Medicine

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Welcome to Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM) where we lead in the creation and advancement of health equity! We are so excited to have you as part of our MSM family. You are not only a student, but you are a health equity warrior! What does that mean? We will educate and guide you to develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes that will allow you to deliver compassionate, culturally competent care to patients and communities, eliminate health disparities and challenge systems and notions that limit people from reaching their optimal health.



Fifteen years ago, I came to MSM as an Assistant Professor of Medicine. MSM's mission was so closely aligned with my personal mission—to serve the underserved—I knew I had found my place and my people. Though I spent most of my early career at MSM in graduate medical education (residents), I have always been utterly impressed by our students. The care and compassion you provide our patients at our clinical sites is unrivaled.

MSM's Office of Student Affairs exists to provide support services, advising, and innovative programs for students. **Our vision: To empower and engage students to reach their full potential. Our Mission:** The MSM Office of Student Affairs advances health equity through providing our diverse group of health care professional students with holistic advisement, guidance and support that is flexible, timely and compassionate helping them to succeed on their educational journey.

**Our Core values:** Wisdom, Excellence, and Service (MSM core values) and Inclusivity and Compassion.

We achieve our mission by focusing on three key areas: Wellness, Engagement, and Resources.

*Wellness:* We are uniquely attuned to the fact that holistic wellness is a key component to student success. Our Counseling Services office has three counselor's adept at working with students in the graduate education space. In addition, we have a Student Health and Wellness Center just steps away from campus where students can get primary care, vaccinations, health screenings, and mental health services. There is an on-campus fitness center as well as a YMCA across the street. During this upcoming year we will be engaging in an innovative wellness program called "Core Wellness." We are excited to begin this initiative with your incoming class. A Student Wellness Committee will be key in helping us plan wellness-related activities for the upcoming year.

*Engagement:* There are over 30 student organizations at MSM. The OSA supports these organizations through assisting with events and fundraisers. Student leaders are actively engaged to participate in important campus events. At MSM, we have a highly active and engaged Student Government Association. In addition to sponsoring student events, the SGA sponsors Student Town Hall meetings and the leadership actively advocates student issues and concerns. We also have a Campus Activity Board that sponsors activities for all students and a newly formed Interprofessional Education Council.

*Resources:* In addition to those resources listed above we actively partner with OSLEP (Academic Student Support Services), Undergraduate Medical Education, The Dean's Office, and the Office of Disability Services to make sure that students have the resources that they need to be successful during their educational journey. During this upcoming year we are excited to build our student advising system and continue and expand our peer support services for our students. We also house the Office of the Registrar that oversees transcript requests, etc.

In closing, we are delighted to have you join us at Morehouse School of Medicine. I look forward to meeting each of you and supporting you on your health care journey!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cinnamon D. Bradley, MD". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cinnamon Bradley, MD  
Associate Dean of Student Affairs  
Professor of Medicine

## NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION 2022

Greetings Physician Assistant Studies Entering Class of 2022,

On behalf of the Admissions Team, it is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the Morehouse School of Medicine family!

We look forward to an opportunity to help you navigate your way through the challenging pursuit of your graduate degree. You will find that the faculty, staff, and administrators of MSM have created an environment that is conducive to learning, enhances emotional well-being, and helps in your professional growth. We look forward to assisting you in achieving your full potential.



We understand the challenges of performing well in your coursework, and we hope that our carefully cultivated "user-friendly" approach, provided by our supportive student services team, will aid you in your successful navigation toward obtaining your advanced degree.

Our students have a great sense of purpose and are noted for their outstanding effort, persistence, exemplary academic performance, and true grit. Our students come from various cultures and socioeconomic backgrounds and go on to become scientists and public health professionals who truly embody and carry out the great mission of this school:

"Improving the health and well-being of individuals and communities; increasing the diversity of the health professional and scientific workforce and addressing primary health care needs with emphasis on people of color and the underserved urban and rural populations across Georgia and the nation."

We hope you will take full advantage of what we have to offer, and we look forward to you becoming a student, who embodies the MSM ideals of Excellence, Service, Knowledge, Wisdom, Integrity, and Innovation. Join us as we Lead the Creation and Advancement of Health Equity!

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Franklyn Geary, Jr.' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Franklyn Geary, Jr. M.D., FACOG  
Associate Dean of Admissions  
Professor of Clinical Obstetrics and Gynecology

## NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION 2022

Dear MSM PAS Program Class of 2024,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Morehouse School of Medicine. Congratulations on your acceptance into the MSM Physician Assistant Studies program! You have made history in becoming a member of the Class of 2024. Whether you are coming to us from throughout Georgia or across the country, you are joining an interprofessional community of service-oriented scholars aspiring to change lives through education, research, service, and patient care.



Our vision of leading in the creation and advancement of health equity is central in all that we purpose to do at MSM. The addition of the PAS program offers another approach in addressing the healthcare provider shortage and health care disparities in rural and under-served communities. The program you have chosen to join, exists to equip aspiring learners to become competent and compassionate healthcare providers. As a future leader, you will embark upon a training and educational experience that will prepare you to respond to the increasing healthcare demands across Georgia and around the globe. You will be empowered to impact your community and improve healthcare outcomes.

This life-changing journey will be unlike anything you have experienced before today. Like the great Olympians around the world, you have trained and prepared for this race. This is your moment. Remember you are running a marathon and not a sprint. Your perseverance (GRIT), passion, and courage have brought you to this point. These same attributes will be pivotal in guiding you across the finish line. Embrace. Embark. Endure...and most importantly, Enjoy! Well done! We are looking forward to watching you cross the finish line.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pangela Dawson". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Pangela Dawson, PhD, MSPAS, PA-C Founding Program  
Director  
MSM Department of Physician Assistant Studies

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### Morehouse School of Medicine

#### Department of Physician Assistant Studies



#### **MSM PA FACULTY AND STAFF**

Ijeoma Amobi, DMSc, MS, PA-C - Clinical Director

Donny Ard, PhD, MHA, PA-C – Academic Director, Associate Professor

Miesha Baker Dunn, MBA – Program Manager

Stephanie Y. Banks, MPH – Community Engagement Director, Instructor

Ebony Blackmon, MSPAS, PA-C - Instructor

Roselle M. Caruth, M.Ed – Program Manager PALS

Pangela H. Dawson, PhD, PA-C – Program Director, Assistant Professor

Diane Dennis-Griggs, NP – Clinical Instructor

Charlene Justin, MMSc, PA-C, OT – Instructor

Gabrielle Leverette – Clinical Curriculum Manager

Hannah May, MSPAS, PA-C - Instructor

Folashade Omole, MD, FAAFP – Medical Director, Professor

Sharon Rachel, MA, MPH - Instructor

Belinda Richardson, BAS – Program Coordinator

Tyra Willingham, MPH – Curriculum Manager

#### **Adjunct Faculty**

Sabrina Jackson-Botts, MMSc, PA-C

Donna Murray, DMSc, MS, PA-C

Dr. Christopher Ervin, MD

Meghan Viveiros, MS, PA-C

Candace Wooten, MPAS, PA-C

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**Physician Assistant Studies Orientation Schedule**  
**Wednesday, June 1, 2022**  
**Office of Admissions**  
**Hugh Gloster Building – MD 1 Classroom**

8:00 am – 9:00 am	<b>Registration and Breakfast</b> (Hugh Gloster Lobby)
9:00 am – 10:00 am	<b>Greetings &amp; Welcome/Introduction of Faculty</b>  <b>Joseph A. Tyndall, MD, MPH</b>  Executive Vice-President of Health Affairs and Dean  <b>Introduction of Students</b>  Franklyn Geary, Jr. M.D., FACOG  Associate Dean of Admissions
10:00 am – 10:30 am	<b>Student Health and Wellness</b>  Kitty Carter-Wicker, MD-Director / Kristy McDonald, NP
10:30 am – 11:15 am	<b>HSA Consulting, Inc. – Student Insurance</b>  Karin Swanson, President
11:15 am – 12:00 pm	<b>Compliance Awareness/HIPAA Training</b>  Carl Ware, Training Coordinator
12:00 pm – 12:45 pm	<b>Lunch</b> (Hugh Gloster Lobby)
12:45 pm – 2:45 pm	<b>IT Customer Service/Laptop Distribution</b>  Sam Chupp, Bridget Miller, Jarvis Darrisaw
2:45 pm – 4:00 pm	<b>Digital Learning-Canvas, Techsmith, TurningPoint, and ExamSoft</b>  Jinjie Zheng, PhD, Padarra Moss, Tyra Willingham



## NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION 2022

**Physician Assistant Studies Orientation Schedule**  
**Thursday, June 2, 2022**  
**Office of Admissions**  
**Hugh Gloster Building – MD 1 Classroom**

8:00 am – 9:00 am	<b>Registration and Breakfast</b> (Hugh Gloster Lobby)
9:00 am – 10:00 am	<b>Debt Management/Money Matters</b>  Duane McClain, Financial Aid Debt Counselor
10:00 am – 11:00 am	<b>Understanding Title IX &amp; Disability Services</b>  Marla Thompson, MPA, Human Resources Director
11:00 am – 11:30 am	<b>Library Orientation</b>  Roland Welmaker, Sr., Library Manager
11:30 am - 12:15 pm	<b>Lunch</b> (Hugh Gloster Lobby)
12:15 pm – 12:30 pm	<b>Transition to M1 Classroom</b>
12:30 pm – 1:00 pm	<b>Office of the Registrar</b>  Angela Freeman, MAAS, Registrar
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	<b>Finance Office</b>  Trina Shelton, Senior Accountant
2:00 pm – 2:30 pm	<b>Public Safety</b>  Joe Chevalier, Chief

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### OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

Dr. Franklyn Geary, Jr..... Associate Dean of Admissions  
Professor of Clinical Obstetrics and Gynecology

Dr. Cinnamon Bradley ..... Associate Dean of Student Affairs  
Professor of Medicine

Dr. Kennie Shephard ..... Assistant Dean of Student Affairs

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Angela Freeman, M.A.S.S. .... Registrar & Director, Student Information Systems

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Israel Demercado ..... UME Curriculum Coordinator

Stacey Smoak, M.Ed..... UME Curriculum Coordinator

Kersni Stewart..... Administrative Assistant III to Dr. Cinnamon Bradley

Qiana Williams, MBA ..... Applications Analyst and Data Systems Manager

Lenaa "Joi" Moses, MPA ..... Admissions Counselor

Gabrielle Thornton..... Admissions Counselor

### OFFICE OF STUDENT FISCAL AFFAIRS

Cynthia Handy ..... Director, Student Fiscal Affairs

Chandra Flowers..... Assistant Director, Student Fiscal Affairs

Kathy Odom..... Manager, Debt Management/Default Prevention

Sherita Edmonds ..... Scholarship and Financial Aid Coordinator II

Duane McClain ..... Financial Aid Debt Counselor

Karen Wherry ..... Program Coordinator

Olukemi Ayankoye..... Data Analyst

### OFFICE OF COUNCELING SERVICES

Dr. Shawn Garrison..... Director, Counseling Services

Kendall Cantey..... Counselor

Daisja D. Dukes, MEd, NCC, LPC, CPCS.... Counselor

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**Morehouse School of Medicine**  
**Physician Assistant Studies**  
**2022 Entering Class**

<b>Student Name</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Undergraduate Institution</b>	<b>Year</b>
Lauren	Accor	North Carolina	University of North Carolina-Charlotte 2020
Yonis	Ahmed	California	San Diego State University 2020
Annika	Anderson	Georgia	Clark Atlanta University 2021
Patchika	Aubourg	Florida	University of Central Florida 2020
MaeLee	Averett	Florida	Florida State University 2020
Katherine	Bandstra	Michigan	University of Michigan-Ann Arbor 2019
Sandra	Barsoum	Florida	University of Central Florida 2020
Hillary	Birago	North Carolina	University of North Carolina-Greensboro 2020
Shautoria	Coleman	Alabama	University of Alabama-Birmingham 2017
Brian	Davis	Louisiana	Morehouse College 2020
Devyn	Davis	Georgia	University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill 2018
Adia	Dobbs	Maryland	Bowie State University 2021
India	Evans	Louisiana	Louisiana State University-Baton Rouge 2019
Tiffanie	Evans	Georgia	Mercer University-Macon 2017
Seth	Fallen	Georgia	Reinhardt College 2019
Bria	Forbes	Virginia	Hampton University 2019
Juanita	Giraldo-Hoyos	Georgia	Georgia Gwinnett College 2016
Elman	Gonzales-Hernandez	Tennessee	Middle Tennessee State University 2019
Alina	Guzman-Camacho	Georgia	Georgia State University 2020
Courtney	Hardy	Colorado	Colorado State University-Ft. Collins 2020
Brianna	Hill	South Carolina	Wake Forest University 2019
Danielle	Iyoha	Arizona	Arizona State University-Phoenix 2019
Eric	Jamison	Georgia	Gardner-Webb University 2020

Emma	Kemink	Michigan	University of Michigan-Ann Arbor	2020
Andrea	Khairunisa	Georgia	Georgia State University	2019
Adam	Khanu	New Jersey	Rutgers State University of New Jersey- New Brunswick	2019
Alexandria	Lawson	Georgia	Auburn University	2014
Jaiel	Lockett	Georgia	Agnes Scott College	2020
Kainat	Lungani	Ohio	University of Cincinnati	2019
Mushairat	Mamun	New York	Asian University for Women	2019
Aaliyah	Numa	Florida	Florida Gulf Coast University	2020
Teniola	Oke	Maryland	Spelman College	2016
Ceymone	Pride	Georgia	Georgia State University	2022
Daisha	Strobridge	Georgia	University of Georgia	2020
Jacqueline	Tizol-Perez	Georgia	Georgia Gwinnett College	2015
Detavius	Veal	Georgia	Kennesaw State University	2021
Madeleine	Vinet	Texas	Baylor University	2020
Raven	West	Tennessee	University of Alabama-Tuscaloosa	2020
Nadia	Wright	Georgia	Kennesaw State University	2020

*Special Thanks & Appreciation To Our Physician Assistant Studies Student Ambassadors:*

Priscylla Carvalho  
Olinese Augustin  
Meagan Titus  
Shameka White  
Jada Hyland  
Rachel Thomas  
Masia Ravare  
Daniya Pate  
Cassandra Riley  
Ashley Green  
Sara Worku  
Jessica Joyner