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Amanda DeVoss and Kevin Wyne Take the Helm

The School of Medicine and Public Health Physician Assistant Program is happy to announce that **Amanda DeVoss, MMS, PA-C**, and **Kevin Wyne, PA-C, MPAS, MSc**, have formally accepted the roles of PA Program director and assistant program director, respectively. DeVoss has been a faculty member in the PA Program since 2010, while Wyne joined the faculty in 2012. Both DeVoss and Wyne served in interim roles since Virginia Snyder's retirement in March 2024.

In her previous position as the PA Program's academic director, DeVoss coordinated the program's didactic year curriculum. She also provided leadership and support to several program committees, including the Student Success and Community-Based Learning committees.

Now, as PA Program director, DeVoss says she will expand this support, and



continue to promote a data-driven approach to instruction to ensure that graduates of the PA Program have the knowledge and skills they need to effectively care for patients.

"I'm eager to support this amazing group of educators and look forward to directing the PA Program's reaccreditation process in 2025," says DeVoss. "Our program has accomplished so much in the last few years, and we will continue to be a mission-driven program that serves the state of Wisconsin and beyond."

As the PA Program's director of research and professional development, Kevin

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Wyne leads the Professional Seminar Series of courses for the didactic year. He also helps to lead PA Program initiatives related to interprofessional education, global health, DEI and Pathways of Distinction.

Now, as the PA Program's assistant program director, Wyne says he hopes to further encourage thoughtful, innovative and collaborative approaches to PA education.

"I believe strongly that the quality that sets our program apart from others is the atmosphere of kindness and support that we provide for students – and for one another, as faculty and staff," Wyne says. "I look forward

to furthering this culture of support in my new role."

In addition to their well-earned reputations as effective educators and leaders in the PA Program, DeVoss and Wyne take active leadership roles in the School of Medicine and Public Health, and frequently present at local, state and national conferences. Both also plan to continue working clinically, DeVoss in gastroenterology and hepatology, and Wyne in emergency medicine.

Bringing a wealth of knowledge and experience to their roles, DeVoss and Wyne will continue the PA Program's legacy of providing exceptional training in a supportive environment.

2024 WHITE COAT CEREMONY



Left: Class speaker Shelby Perket. Right: Guest Speaker and Lecturer of the Year, Emily Smith, MPAS, PA-C '07.

On June 14, 2024 the PA Program held its annual White Coat Ceremony, celebrating the transition into their clinical year for the class of 2025.

Celebrating Angela Vitcenda

In September 2024, the PA Program bid a fond farewell to **Angela Vitcenda, MS, PA-C, '97**, who retired after serving as a faculty member since 2013. Angela brought a tremendous knowledge and clinical acumen to the PA Program, having honed these skills over 16 years in her practice as a PA in family medicine and urgent care. PA program students, faculty and staff benefitted from her expertise in areas ranging from diabetes management to industrial engineering.

A consummate team player, Vitcenda brought her considerable talents to an array of courses, skills labs, small group discussions and faculty/staff committees. Vitcenda served as course coordinator for the women's health and pediatrics courses and, more recently, as the director of our distance education cohorts.

As an educator, Vitcenda went the extra mile to give PA students the best possible experience. As a mentor, she positively impacted many individuals, both students and colleagues. Vitcenda says she is proud to have been part of the great team of faculty and staff who share a true dedication to supporting students and training the best

PAs.

"It's been a pleasure and a privilege to work with the PA Program for more than a decade," Vitcenda says, "and at the University of Wisconsin for more than 27 years!"

One of the greatest rewards has been to see the growth, maturity, confidence and pride of our graduates at commencement and beyond; it never gets old!"

"We know Angela will continue to excel in all her future endeavors," says PA Program Director Amanda DeVoss, "whether as a clinician, or in her hobbies as an avid gardener, quilter and volunteer. Her impact on the next generation of PAs will continue thanks to her many contributions over the years."

Thank you, Angela, and congratulations on a well-earned retirement!



L-R: Agnes Kanikula, right, presenter of the Dr. Mildred H. Evans Award, with recipient Crystal Bruster. Joan Behr with Wisconsin Rural Opportunities Foundation Award recipients (left to right) Holly Virtues, Jensynn Strigel and Taylor Koehnen. Judy Stolper with Dylan Hogan, recipient of the Andy Stolper Award.



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