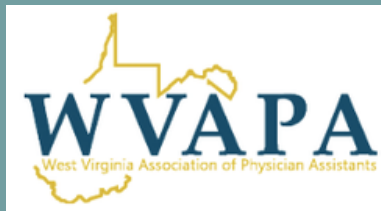


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DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE



DAVID BALDWIN, PA-C

I graduated from the University of Charleston (UC) Physician Assistant Program in 2013. After a brief period practicing in surgery, I transitioned to pediatrics in Charleston, West Virginia, where I developed a strong clinical foundation in the care of pediatric patients.

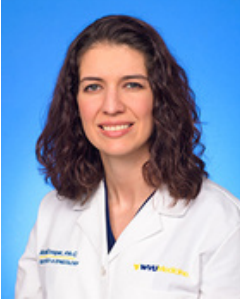
My academic experience began while in clinical practice, serving as an adjunct faculty member at UC, where I contributed to the instruction of pediatric medicine. In 2021, I transitioned into a full-time academic role at UC, building on both my clinical and teaching experience. After two years, I relocated to Morgantown, West Virginia, to join the faculty at West Virginia University's PA Program, where I currently serve as a full-time educator. In March 2026, I earned my Doctor of Medical Science degree, further strengthening my commitment to PA education, clinical excellence, and professional development.

I am motivated to help advance the profession. As a practicing PA and full-time educator, I have developed a strong commitment to professional advocacy, leadership, and the continued growth of our profession; particularly within our state's evolving legislative and practice environment. Through my work in PA education and my involvement in advocacy efforts, I have gained a clear understanding of both the opportunities and challenges facing PAs today.

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ALICIA COOPER, PA-C

My name is Alicia Cooper, PA-C, and I am interested in serving as Director-At-Large for the WVAPA. I currently practice as an Inpatient APP in Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences at WVU Medicine's J.W. Ruby Memorial Hospital, following more than a decade of experience in Orthopaedic Surgery and Hospitalist Medicine.

Throughout my career, I have supported APP onboarding, mentorship, learner education, quality improvement, and advocacy for the PA profession. I hold a Doctor of Science in Physician Assistant Studies (DScPAS) from MCPHS with a concentration in educational leadership and am actively involved in institutional service through multiple committees. Additionally, I serve on the Office of Advanced Practice Providers Senior Council as the representative for Adult Inpatient Medicine. My diverse clinical and leadership experience, along with my commitment to collaboration, mentorship, and advocacy, would allow me to effectively represent and support PAs across West Virginia.

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DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE



ASHLEY PORTZ, PA-C

Ashley graduated from Alderson Broaddus College in 2009 and started her career in Emergency Medicine. After six years in emergency medicine, she started with Cabin Creek Health Systems where she has been for eleven years. She currently holds the position of lead clinician at her clinic site. At the clinic she also runs the medication assisted treatment group. She is an advocate for PA students and routinely takes students from University of Charleston, where she also sits on the advisory board. She holds memberships with WVAPA, AAPA, ASAM, OMA, and GLMA.

Mission Statement:

Over the last couple of years, I have become more passionate about policy and wanting to be part of change within our profession and state. I feel our roles as PAs are shifting within medicine and to be a part of the change would be an honor. Should I be elected to the position of director at large, I will take my role seriously and do my best to represent not only the profession but also those that call this state home.

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DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE



MICHELE ROACH-COURTS, PA-C

Dr. Roach-Courts brings more than 20 years of experience as a physician associate. She received her B.S. in Medical Science in 2003 from Alderson Broaddus College and has been practicing medicine predominantly in primary care since graduation. She has also worked in psychiatry and urgent care.

She went on to complete her Master of Science degree in Physician Assistant Studies in 2008 from Alderson Broaddus before completing her Doctor of Medical Science with an emphasis in Medical Education from Lincoln Memorial University in 2024.

Dr. Roach-Courts currently works as principal faculty for Marshall University's PA program. Prior to joining the program, she had spent the last ten years working at a federally qualified health center providing care to some of the state's most vulnerable population. Although most of her time is spent in academia, she continues to work part-time providing primary care.

I am seeking to serve as a Director-at-Large for the West Virginia Association of Physician Assistants to further advance the PA profession and improve health outcomes across our state. As a PA and educator, I bring a strong commitment to service, education, advocacy, and professional growth.

My leadership experience includes serving as Vice-President of the Society of PAs in Family Medicine. I am also a member of the board of directors for The Healing House, Inc., a nonprofit organization that offers behavioral health services.

Advocacy has also been central to my career. As a long-standing member of the African Heritage Physician Assistant Caucus, I have participated in efforts to promote diversity within the PA profession, including awarding scholarships to students from underrepresented backgrounds. I also participate in pre-PA mentorship. Our work also extends into the community, where we educate middle and high school students about the PA profession, helping to inspire and cultivate the next generation of healthcare providers.

In my role as a PA educator, I am dedicated to preparing for future PAs to provide high-quality, patient-centered care. I am particularly passionate about addressing healthcare disparities and strengthening access to care in West Virginia's underserved communities.

West Virginia faces unique healthcare challenges, including provider shortages and persistent health disparities, particularly in rural and underserved communities. PAs are essential to addressing these gaps, and I am passionate about strengthening our profession's capacity to meet these needs through thoughtful advocacy, professional support, and strategic initiatives.

I am motivated by a desire to give back to the profession and to help shape its future in our state. I am eager to bring my advocacy experience, and dedication to service to the WVAPA Board and would be honored to contribute to the continued growth and impact of our profession by serving as a Director-at-Large to see growth and impact of the WVAPA.

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DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE



SAHARA STANLEY, PA-C

Sahara earned her undergraduate degree from Marshall University and graduated from the Physician Assistant program at Alderson Broaddus University in 2019. She also holds a Master of Public Health in Global and Community Health from Marshall.

She currently practices full-time in multispecialty surgery at WVU Medicine Thomas Hospitals and part-time in emergency medicine at WVU Medicine Princeton Community Hospital. She recently completed her Doctor of Medical Science degree at A.T. Still University with a concentration in leadership.

As a lifelong West Virginia resident, Sahara is passionate about improving health, wellness, and access to care throughout Appalachia. She is also committed to advocating for continued professional opportunities and advancement for PAs across the state.

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DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE



AMANDA TOPPER, PA-C

I received my PA degree from Alderson Broaddus College in 2011 and am currently in my 15th year as an Emergency Medicine Physician Assistant. I work at WVU-Thomas Hospital both clinically and in a leadership role as the System Lead APP.

Prior to WVU-Thomas I worked at CAMC and Logan Regional in the ER and was an APP Director for TeamHealth. As Team Health APP Director I managed 25+ APP programs (predominantly EM, HM, Urgent Care, and ICU programs) across 9 states. Although I love to travel, it feels great to be living and serving in the same community again.

I am seeking a position on the Board of Directors for WVAPA because I am passionate about advancing the Physician Assistant profession and strengthening our role in healthcare across West Virginia. As a practicing PA, I understand both the opportunities and challenges facing our profession, including workforce development, legislative advocacy, and professional advancement.

I am committed to serving as a collaborative and proactive leader. I believe WVAPA plays a critical role in unifying and representing PAs across the state, and I would be honored to contribute my experience, perspective, and dedication to revitalizing WVAPA's mission and expanding engagement among PAs across the state.

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SECRETARY-TREASURER



LAILAH RICE, PA-C

Throughout my career as a Physician Assistant, I have remained deeply committed to advancing the PA profession through clinical excellence, education, advocacy, leadership, and service. Serving on the Board of Directors of the West Virginia Association of PAs has been one of the most meaningful opportunities of my professional career, allowing me to contribute directly to the growth and strength of the PA profession across our state.

Over the past decade, I have served WVAPA in multiple leadership roles, including President, Secretary, Director-at-Large, and Chair of the CME Conference Committee. In my role as CME Conference Chair,

I led the planning and organization of the WVAPA Conferences in 2023 and 2025, helping deliver high-quality continuing medical education, networking opportunities, and professional development for PAs throughout West Virginia. These experiences strengthened my understanding of organizational leadership, financial responsibility, strategic planning, and the importance of maintaining a strong and engaged professional association.

In addition to my leadership within WVAPA, I bring nearly 20 years of clinical experience in cardiovascular medicine, electrophysiology, and hospital medicine, currently practicing at Thomas Hospital as a part of the Hospital Medicine team. My clinical expertise has provided me the opportunity to present on Cardiology topics at both local and state organization CME conferences, including WVAPA, as well as an upcoming national speaker for Skin, Bones, Hearts & Private Parts, one of the country's leading providers of continuing medical education for Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, and Physicians. Through this role, I have presented educational lectures on cardiovascular topics to healthcare providers across the nation and multiple specialties, further reflecting my passion for education and lifelong learning.

Beyond clinical practice and professional leadership, I have dedicated more than 15 years to PA education as an adjunct faculty member, Associate Program Director, Assistant Professor, and clinical preceptor. Mentoring future PAs and supporting professional growth remain among the most rewarding aspects of my career.

As a candidate for Secretary-Treasurer, I hope to continue using my leadership experience, organizational skills, and long-standing commitment to the profession to help WVAPA remain financially strong, professionally relevant, and responsive to the needs of PAs across our state. I believe WVAPA plays a critical role in advocacy, education, and professional unity, and I would be honored to continue serving an organization that has had such a profound impact on my career and on the PA profession in West Virginia.

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SECRETARY-TREASURER



MARTHA WILLIAMS, PA-C

Martha M. Williams, DHSc, MS, PA-C, is a Physician Associate with diverse clinical experience across multiple healthcare settings. She earned her Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies from Alderson-Broaddus University and her Doctor of Health Science degree from A.T. Still University. Following graduation, Martha completed her National Health Service Corps (NHSC) service commitment in North Dakota, where she served as an alternate delegate to the AAPA through the North Dakota Academy of PAs (NDAPA). She currently practices in emergency, urgent care, and hospitalist settings with WVU Medicine, Bon Secours, and US Acute Care Solutions. In addition to clinical practice, Martha serves as a

Clinical Content Specialist with the Urgent Care Association and College of Urgent Care Medicine, where she has contributed to clinical guidelines and recommendations and serves as a liaison with the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG). She has also provided clinical review expertise for Evidence-Based Medicine and Sketchy and has presented regionally and nationally on clinical and operational topics. Her professional interests include clinical education, mentorship, and advancing both the PA profession and the specialty of urgent care medicine.

As a Physician Associate with experience spanning urgent care, emergency medicine, inpatient and outpatient practice, skilled nursing, education, and clinical leadership, I have become increasingly passionate about advancing both patient care and the PA profession. Throughout my career, I have had opportunities to contribute through evidence-based clinical content development, education, committee work, and mentorship, experiences that have reinforced the importance of strong professional advocacy and leadership.

My interest in serving as a WVAPA officer comes from a desire to give back to the profession and support PAs across West Virginia. I believe WVAPA plays an important role in advocacy, professional development, and strengthening the future of our profession. West Virginia's healthcare environment presents unique challenges and opportunities, particularly in access to care and workforce development, and I believe PAs have an important role in addressing these needs.

If selected, I would bring a collaborative leadership style, a commitment to evidence-based decision-making, and a strong interest in supporting engagement, mentorship, and professional growth for both current and future PAs. I would be honored to contribute to WVAPA and help support its mission.

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VICE PRESIDENT



DENISE CHAMBERS, PA-C

Denise “Dee Dee” Chambers is a 1989 graduate of Alderson Broaddus College with a BS in Medical Science and a 2006 Graduate of the Masters in Medical Science at Alderson Broadus. She has worked in Huntington, WV in Family Medicine for over 30 years She recently retired from CHH family medicine and currently works PRN at CHH Urgent care. She found her passion for teaching during her position as a founding faculty member at

Marshall University, PA School. She currently serves as an adjunct professor at the University of Charleston and Marshall University.

Family is the utmost importance of Dee Dee. She has been married to Scott Chambers for 36 years. Her son Ryan Chambers is a PA at WVU Thomas ER, her daughter Alison currently works in marketing and resides in Nashville TN. She loves being GiGi to three precious granddaughters, Josie, Annie and Maisie.

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PRESIDENT-ELECT



NICK DAILEY, PA-C

Nicholas (Nick) Dailey currently serves as a provider with Outpatient Internal Medicine at CAMC Greenbrier Valley Medical Center in Ronceverte (Lewisburg), WV. He has held this position since August 2023, when he started with Greenbrier Physicians, inc, at that time. He is keen to push the level of care and rural offerings that increase the well-being of the region. Nick is participating in a few administrative activities to do just that with GVMC. A 2023 graduate of the inaugural class at Marshall

University in PA studies, Nick also holds a bachelors and masters degree in Athletic Training from Alderson-Broaddus College ('11), and East Stroudsburg University('12) respectively. Prior to moving and marrying into the Lewisburg area, He worked as an athletic trainer from 2012 to 2017 as a clinical outreach ATC for Scott Orthopedic Center and Marshall Sports Medicine Institute (CHH) and provided coverage at his alma mater high school, Cabell Midland ('07). Nick has recently served as an interim County Commissioner for Greenbrier County (2024), and continues to serve on the planning commission for the same. He currently serves in the VP role for WVAPA and He is a past treasurer of the WVATA from 2019-2021 and is currently serving as their parliamentarian. Nick and his wife Erika reside just north of Lewisburg, and they attend Bethesda Church in White Sulphur Springs. He loves being with his two kids, his step-son, Landon, and daughter, Leighton, and a baby boy on the way in August.

Primary goals as a future president, if elected, will be membership outreach, growth, and engagement; Increasing community outreach and engagement; Strong legislative campaigns on behalf of the profession within our state.

"I want to see my respective professions continue forward in the Mountain State. We have a lot to offer as Physician Assistant/Associate, and I am eager to contribute to seeing the profession and most importantly our healthcare thrive in West Virginia". -Nick.