Greetings Class of 2019!

We have been busy planning your first year of PA school, and are very excited to tell you about the White Coat Ceremony. The ceremony was designed to welcome new PA students into the profession and alert beginning students of the need to balance excellence in science with compassion in patient care. It has since been adopted by hundreds of colleges and universities involved in the education and training of a variety of health and medical professions, including the Physician Assistant. This ceremony marks the transition from traditional undergraduate coursework to professional graduate level medical studies. During the WCC, students receive their white coats and declare their acceptance of the obligations inherent to the practice of medicine, their commitment to the profession, and their devotion to leading lives of significance, compassion, and integrity.

The WCC will be held on June 11th, 2017, at 2:00 pm, at the Hayworth Fine Arts Center in the Pauline Theater on the campus of High Point University. All HPU faculty, the Class of 2018, select community members, the PA Board of Advisors, and many other distinguished friends of the University will be invited. The keynote speaker will be Mr. Ernie Bovio, President and CEO of UNC/High Point Regional Hospital. It is going to be amazing!

There will be a reception following the ceremony. Light refreshments will be served. Please ask your friends, family and loved ones to join us in celebrating this day with you. For planning purposes, we ask that you RSVP to Shannon McNulty at smcnulty@highpoint.edu or contact her directly at 336-841-9481 with the total number of guests you will be bringing.

We are looking forward to your arrival and the beginning of an incredible journey!

Sincerely,

Elyse Watkins, DHSc, PA-C, on behalf of the 2017 White Coat Ceremony Committee