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Ceremony-Alumni Auditorium

630 West 168th Street

New York, NY 10032

Sunday, April 6th, 2025

10:00 am

Reception-Audubon Ballroom

3940 Broadway

New York, NY 10032

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

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WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. Jean Fitzpatrick

Director, Programs in Physical Therapy

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RECITATION OF THE CODE OF ETHICS

Dr. Mahlon Stewart

CLOSING REMARKS

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CODE OF ETHICS

PRINCIPLE 1:

Physical therapists shall respect the inherent dignity and rights of all individuals.
(Core Values: Compassion, Integrity)

PRINCIPLE 2:

Physical therapists shall be trustworthy and compassionate in addressing the rights and needs of patients/ clients.
(Core Values: Altruism, Compassion, Professional Duty)

PRINCIPLE 3:

Physical therapists shall be accountable for making sound professional judgments.
(Core Values: Excellence, Integrity)

PRINCIPLE 4:

Physical therapists shall demonstrate integrity in their relationships with patients/ clients, families, colleagues, students, research participants, other health care providers, employers, payers, and the public.
(Core Values: Integrity)

PRINCIPLE 5:

Physical therapists shall fulfill their legal and professional obligations.
(Core Values: Professional Duty, Accountability)

PRINCIPLE 6:

Physical therapists shall enhance their expertise through the lifelong acquisition and refinement of knowledge, skills, abilities, and professional behaviors.
(Core Values: Excellence)

PRINCIPLE 7:

Physical therapists shall promote organizational behaviors and business practices that benefit patients/ clients and society.
(Core Values: Integrity, Accountability)

PRINCIPLE 8:

Physical therapists shall participate in efforts to meet the health needs of people locally, nationally, or globally.
(Core Values: Social Responsibility)

