Hello CRNAs and SRNAs,

In 2016, the AANA Foundation celebrates its 35th anniversary. We would like to thank the many AANA members who have supported the Foundation since 1981 through financial donations and the volunteering of time and energy.

Thanks to generous donations to the Annual Fund, in FY16 the AANA Foundation:
• supported over 130 CRNAs and students through awarded scholarships, fellowships, research grants, and poster presentations;
• conducted workshops that educated over 100 CRNAs and students, and
• honored four exceptional CRNAs.

In addition, the Foundation increased efforts to fund Health Services Research (HSR). Several important studies that confirm that nurse anesthetists are cost effective and safe have been published this year—more than in any previous year. Our efforts continue as we begin FY17, thanks to the support of CRNAs. A generous $1 million donation was received from NBCRNA. A task force was appointed to identify and prioritize research questions focusing on large-scale studies impacting all CRNAs.

The AANA Foundation didn’t stop there and has kicked off a three-year RISE Above campaign to create a pipeline of donations to continue to fund additional research. The goal of the three-year campaign is to raise $1 million. To date, we are happy to report that over $380,000 has been pledged. We hope you will join us this year and support the RISE Above campaign to advance our wonderful profession.

As we pause to reflect on 35 successful years at the AANA Foundation, we thank you for your generous donations. Whether you are an independent practitioner, an anesthesia care team member, a scholar, a researcher, or an educator, the work we accomplish benefits YOU! Because of generous donations and your dedication to providing high quality anesthesia care, studies which demonstrate our quality, safety and worth continue to grow!

We look forward to continued stewardship of your generous gifts to advance nurse anesthesia.

Warm regards,

Wilma K. Gillis, BSN, CRNA, APNP
Board Chair

Lorraine M. Jordan, PhD, CRNA, CAE, FAAN
CEO/ED
American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA) Foundation

The AANA Foundation was established in 1981 as a charitable organization to support the AANA membership. The AANA is the professional association representing more than 49,000 Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) and Student Registered Nurse Anesthetists (SRNAs) nationwide.

**Mission**
To advance the science of anesthesia through education and research. As the philanthropic arm of the AANA, the Foundation raises funds and invests in projects that directly support the nurse anesthesia profession.

**Vision**
To serve as the leading resource for assuring safe anesthesia care through education and research.

**Core Values**
Knowledge, integrity, excellence and stewardship

The Foundation provides financial support to CRNAs and SRNAs through a variety of initiatives, events, and workshops. The Foundation has awarded more than $3.67 million to more than 3,000 individuals in its 35 year history.

WE HAVE A HISTORY OF MAKING A DIFFERENCE

1981 The AANA Education and Research Foundation (now the AANA Foundation) was created.
1982 First research grant awarded in the amount of $500.
1988 Friends for Life endowment program began.
1989 First Foundation Poster Session held
Building Campaign Fund initiated efforts to raise $600,000 to purchase the Learning Center in the AANA Park Ridge office.
1990 First Spinal and Epidural course taught in the Learning Center sponsored by the AANA Foundation.
1991 The Student Scholarship Program was introduced.
1993 AANA Education and Research Foundation's name was changed to the AANA Foundation.
1995 Mentoring Program pairing CRNA doctoral students with CRNAs holding doctoral degrees was created.
1997 Awarded the first Research Scholar Grant.
2000 Researcher of the Year and Outstanding Student Researcher Awards were first presented.
2002 State Advocate program began.
2006 Rita L. LeBlanc Philanthropist of the Year, Advocate of the Year, and Competence in Aging Awards were first presented.
2006 Gertrude Fife Society was inaugurated to honor members who have made significant cumulative cash contributions.
2006 Dr. Lorraine Jordan became the first Executive Director.
2010 Researcher of the Year Award was named in memory of John F. Garde, CRNA.
2015 Student Advocate program created.
2015 First $1 million grant was received from the NBCRNA.
2016 Embarks on a $1 million campaign to fund Health Services Research.
Overview of the Year’s Successes

The AANA Foundation raises the funds needed to focus on initiatives that meet its research and education mission, ensure efficiency, and provide nurse anesthetists with the necessary resources. Due to the generosity of Foundation donors, below are the major accomplishments.

FY16 Annual Fund achievements

- 53 scholarships totaling $112,000 to support nurse anesthesia
- 4 research grants totaling $91,351
- 4 fellowships totaling $21,984 to assist CRNAs and CRNA students pursuing their PhD and DNP degree
- 122 poster presentations at AANA Annual Congress totaling $14,000
- Closed claim research team published two manuscripts:
  - “The Role of Documentation Quality in Anesthesia-Related Closed Claims: A Descriptive Qualitative Study” (June 2016)
  - “The AANA Foundation Malpractice Closed Claims Study: A Descriptive Analysis” (October 2015).

Health Services Research (HSR)

In addition to the important accomplishments made possible by Annual Fund donations, the Foundation is increasing efforts to fund critical, large-scale HSR studies. Several important developments have taken place in FY16:

- A study conducted by the Lewin Group, titled “Scope of Practice Laws and Anesthesia Complications,” was published in the June 2016 issue of the independent, peer-reviewed scientific journal, Medical Care.
- The Update of Cost-effectiveness of Anesthesia Providers was published in May 2016.
- The first HSR post-doctoral fellowship was awarded to Lori Schirle, PhD, CRNA, at Vanderbilt University School of Nursing.
- A generous $1 million donation, the largest ever, was received from NBCRNA to focus on HSR

The Foundation wishes to say thank you to every donor and volunteer for their gifts and time, and congratulations to all award recipients and research participants.
### AWARDS

**John F. Garde Researcher of the Year**

**Tamra Dukatz, MSN, CRNA**

The Researcher of the Year Award is named in memory of John F. Garde, a previous Foundation Trustee, AANA Executive Director, and charter member of the AANA Foundation. The John F. Garde Researcher of the Year Award recognizes an individual who has made a significant contribution to the practice of anesthesia through research. The AANA Foundation presents the prestigious 2016 John F. Garde Researcher of the Year Award to Tamra Dukatz, MSN, CRNA. Dukatz is a staff nurse anesthetist at Beaumont Health in Royal Oak, Michigan and a clinical instructor for the Oakland University Beaumont School of Nurse Anesthesia. After her son and daughter were both diagnosed with type 1 diabetes, Dukatz began to conduct clinical trials regarding insulin glargine. Tamra’s work on insulin glargine has also been published in four journals, and she has presented at numerous national meetings. Tamra’s enthusiasm has inspired her students to conduct research that is implemented into practice, impacting patients’ lives.

### Advocate of the Year

**Christina Kloepping, BSN, RN**

The Advocate of the Year Award is presented to an AANA Foundation Advocate for outstanding commitment to the nurse anesthesia program through individually supporting the AANA Foundation and encouraging others to do the same. The 2016 Advocate of the Year recipient is Christina Kloepping, BSN, RN, who is the first student to receive this prestigious award. Kloepping was a student at Rosalind Franklin University and helped initiate the inaugural student advocate program launched in 2015. She began her career as an emergency medical technician, then a nurse in the ER to the ICU, and finally entered anesthesia. With her husband and three children at home, being involved with the Foundation was always a logical choice for Kloepping given the high value she places on research. Just one example of her accomplishments was at the WIANA Meeting, where she raised $1,700 for the AANA Foundation. Kloepping balances her passion for the AANA Foundation with her family.

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### Rita L. LeBlanc Philanthropist of the Year

**John T. “Jack” Hitchens, BA, CRNA**

The Rita L. LeBlanc Philanthropist of the Year Award represents the spirit of Ms. LeBlanc and is presented to an individual who has gone beyond the call of duty as a supporter of the AANA Foundation and other philanthropic organizations. The recipient of the 2016 Rita L. LeBlanc Philanthropist of the Year Award is John T. “Jack” Hitchens, BA, CRNA. Jack served on the AANA Foundation Board of Trustees from 2008 to 2014 as Co-Vice Chair of Fundraising, Treasurer, and Board Chair in 2013. He currently serves on the Steering Committee for the RISE Above Campaign and the Audit Committee. Hitchens has been a faithful donor since the 1980s, a Friend for Life, and a Silver member of the Gertrude Fife Cumulative Giving Society. Jack’s passion as an overseas volunteer anesthesia provider and Boy Scout Leader exemplifies his true dedication to giving to others beyond the AANA Foundation. Jack’s life and choices to give to others make him an extraordinary recipient of this award.

### Janice Drake CRNA Humanitarian Award

**Richard Henker, PhD, RN, CRNA, FAAN**

The Janice Drake CRNA Humanitarian Award is presented to a CRNA who volunteers and provides anesthesia, education, and training in needy areas of the United States and overseas. The winner of the 2016 Janice Drake CRNA Humanitarian Award is Richard Henker, PhD, RN, CRNA, FAAN. Henker works at UPMC-Presbyterian Hospital in Pittsburgh and provides anesthesia care at hospitals worldwide. In addition, he has been a guest lecturer and visiting professor at universities around the globe, including eight universities in Japan alone. He serves as a site reviewer for the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, and a member of the American Nurses Association Committee on Nursing Practice Standards and Guidelines. He is on the Board of Directors for Health Volunteers Overseas and the program co-director for the Nurse Anesthesia Overseas HVO site at Lao Friends Hospital for Children. Dedication to serving others who are less fortunate, whether through education or by providing anesthesia, exemplifies his character and makes Richard more than deserving of this award.
**RESEARCH INITIATIVES**

This is the eleventh consecutive year the AANA Foundation funded members to present at the State of the Science Oral Poster Session during the Annual Congress. Fourteen selected presenters were awarded up to $1,000 each to defray presentation and travel costs. A complete list of the 122 poster presenters can be found on the Foundation website at www.aanafoundation.com.

**Anesthesia Emergence Phenomena in Military Patients: An Instrument Development Study**

**Presenter:** Madeline K. Chalenor, DNP, MHS, CRNA, COL (USAR Ret)
**Co-Author:** Madeline K. Chalenor, DNP, MHS, CRNA, COL (USAR Ret)
**Primary Affiliation:** William Beaumont Army Medical Center
**Funding:** $1,000

**The Comparison of Humeral Intraosseous vs. Intravenous Administration of Vasopressin on Return of Spontaneous Circulation and Pharmacokinetics in a Cardiac Arrest Swine Model**

**Presenter:** CPT Kenneth Heffner, BSN, RN
**Co-Author:** MAJ Mark H. Wimmer, BSN, RN; CPT Kenneth Heffner, BSN, RN; CPT Michael Smithers, BSN, RN; 1LT Richard Culley, BSN, RN; LTC Jennifer L. Coyner, PhD, CRNA; Don Johnson, PhD, RN
**Primary Affiliation:** United States Army Graduate Program in Anesthesia Nursing
**Funding:** $1,000

**Comparison of Tibial Intraosseous and Intravenous Administration of Albumin on Infusion Time and Hemodynamics in a Hypovolemic Swine Model**

**Presenter:** CPT Stacy L. Muir, BSN, RN
**Co-Author:** CPT Stacy L. Muir, BSN, RN; CPT Lance Sheppard, BSN, RN; CPT Anne M. Wilson, BSN, RN; LTC Jennifer L. Coyner, PhD, CRNA; A. Don Johnson, PhD, RN
**Primary Affiliation:** US Army Graduate Program in Anesthesia Nursing
**Funding:** $1,000

**Does Sevoflurane Exposure Alter the Activity of Pyruvate Dehydrogenase in PC12 Cells?**

**Presenter:** Lesley Toennies, BSN
**Co-Author:** Angela Guzmán, BSN; Lesley Toеннies, BSN; Ronald Gaddis, PhD
**Primary Affiliation:** Webster University
**Funding:** $1,000

**Effect of Humeral Intraosseous Versus Intravenous Epinephrine Pharmacokinetics on Return of Spontaneous Circulation in a Porcine Cardiac Arrest Model**

**Presenter:** CPT Patrick R. Kadilak, MSN, RN
**Co-Author:** CPT Patrick R. Kadilak, MSN, RN; 1LT Jeffrey E. Burke, BSN, RN; CPT Katherine M. Perry, BSN, RN; Arthur D. Johnson, PhD, RN; Jose Garcia Blanco, MD; James Burgert, DNAP; Lawrence Fulton, PhD
**Primary Affiliation:** US Army Graduate Program in Anesthesia Nursing
**Funding:** $1,000

**Effect of Intraosseous Tibial vs. Intravenous Administration of Vasopressin on Kinetics and Return of Spontaneous Circulation in a Hypovolemic Cardiac Arrest Porcine Model**

**Presenter:** Heather M. Moore, BSN, RN, CCRN
**Co-Author:** Heather M. Moore, BSN, RN, CCRN; LT Justin S. Fulkerson, MSN, APRN, ACNP-BC, USNR, NC; Robert A. Lizzi, PhD

**RESEARCH GRANTS**

In FY16, the AANA Foundation Board of Trustees awarded four research grants totaling $91,351.

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Fellowships

The Fellowship program financially supports CRNAs earning doctoral degrees while conducting research to advance nurse anesthesia. This year, prestigious Fellowships were awarded to four individuals.

AANA Foundation Doctoral Fellowship
Name: Monica Rose, MSN, CRNA
Affiliation: Medical University of South Carolina
Research Title: Assessing Post-Operative Information Transfers: A Pilot and Feasibility Study
Degree Sought: PhD
Funding: $10,000

Kay Wagner Fellowship
Name: Aaron Ostrowski, MSN, CRNA
Affiliation: University of Pittsburgh
Research Title: Development of a PICC Service by CRNAs in an N-of-1 Methodology
Degree Sought: DNP
Funding: $5,000

CNA Insurance Fellowship
Name: Rebecca Stoudt, DNP, CRNA
Affiliation: Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Research Title: A Grounded Theory Approach Examining the Experience of First Clinical Rotations in Nurse Anesthesia
Degree Sought: PhD
Funding: $1,319

New York Life Doctoral Fellowship
Name: Tatyana Aultman, MAE, CRNA, APRN
Affiliation: The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio
Research Title: Exploring Nurse Anesthetists’ Clinical Decision-Making in Perioperative Pain Management
Degree Sought: PhD
Funding: $5,300
SCHOLARSHIPS
The AANA Foundation received 995 competitive student scholarship applications this year and 53 scholarships were awarded totaling $112,000. The scholarships included:

**AANA Diamond Club Scholarship—$2,000**
Sponsor: AANA Diamond Club (in honor of Past AANA President, Scott Foster)
Recipient: Mollie Allen, Department of Nurse Anesthesia Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing Samford University, Ala.

**ALANA Scholarship—Two $1,000 Scholarships**
Sponsor: Alabama Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Recipient: Margaret Hunt, The University of Alabama at Birmingham Nurse Anesthesia Specialty Track, MSN Program, Ala.; Tyler Nutt, Department of Nurse Anesthesia Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing Samford University, Ala.

**Art Zwerling Memorial Scholarship—$2,500**
Sponsor: Pennsylvania Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Recipient: Megan Bogdan, University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, Pa.

**CRNA Financial Success Scholarship—$1,500**
Sponsor: CRNA Financial Planning®
Recipient: Riley Gaines, Duke University Nurse Anesthesia Program, N.C.

**Cynthia McNerney Scholarship—$1,000**
Sponsor: Estate of Cynthia McNerney
Recipient: Letitia Robinson, Western Carolina University, N.C.

**Dean M. Cox Memorial Scholarship—Four $3,000 Scholarships**
Sponsor: David R. Javaheri, in memory of Dean M. Cox, CRNA
Recipient: Audrey Sonin, University of Maryland School of Nursing Graduate Programs Nurse Anesthesia, Md.; Christa Swanke, University of Maryland School of Nursing Graduate Programs Nurse Anesthesia, Md.; Courtney Youngs, Wake Forest Baptist Health/Wake Forest School of Medicine Nurse Anesthesia Program, N.C.; Peter Kachur, Wayne State University Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Mich.

**Dean and Fred Hayden Memorial National Scholarship—$3,000**
Sponsor: Estate of Dean and Fred Hayden
Recipient: Promise Olomo, University of Maryland School of Nursing Graduate Programs Nurse Anesthesia, Md.

**Dr. Maureen Reilly, PhD, CRNA Memorial Scholarship—$3,000**
Sponsor: Association of Veteran’s Affairs Nurse Anesthetists
Recipient: Heather Moore, US Army Graduate Program in Anesthesia Nursing, Texas

**Dr. Sandra K. Tunajek Scholarship for Nurse Anesthesia Education—$3,000**
Sponsor: Kentucky Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Recipient: Matthew Harmon, Baptist Health Murray State University Program of Anesthesia, Ky.

Edward Hyland, CRNA Scholarship—$1,000
Sponsor: Delaware Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Recipient: David Krasucki, Crozer Chester Medical Center/Villanova University Nurse Anesthesia Program, Pa.

**Florida Association of Nurse Anesthetists Student Scholarship—$3,000**
Sponsor: Florida Association of Nurse Anesthetists (in honor of all Florida’s Nurse Anesthetists)
Recipient: Matthew Pratt, Florida Gulf Coast University MSN Nurse Anesthesia, Fla.

**Frank T. Maziarski, MS, CRNA Scholarship—$3,000**
Sponsor: Frank T. Maziarski, CRNA, MS
Recipient: Ashley Leimgruber, Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center Gonzaga University Nurse Anesthesia Program, Wash.

**GALA Scholarship—Five $1,000 Scholarships**
Sponsor: GALA Group
Recipient: Jason Beach, Bryan College of Health Sciences, Neb.; Leviticus Crowder, University of South Florida College of Nursing, Fla.; Ashley Hartsoe, University of Detroit Mercy, Mich.; Christie Tat-suyama, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine Mayo School of Health Sciences Nurse Anesthesia Graduate Programs, Minn.; Natalie Berardesca, Nurse Anesthesia Program of Hartford, Conn.

**GANA Scholarship—$1,000**
Sponsor: Georgia Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Recipient: April Culler, Augusta University Nursing Anesthesia Program, Ga.

**Hazel P. Currier Memorial Scholarship—$3,000**
Sponsor: Estate of Hazel Currier
Recipient: Paul Crescenzi, University at Buffalo State University of New York Nurse Anesthetist Program, N.Y.

**Illinois Association of Nurse Anesthetists Scholarship—$3,000**
Sponsor: Illinois Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Recipient: Kevin D’Agostina, Rush University College of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, Ill.

**Jack Neary Memorial Scholarship—$3,000**
Sponsor: Vermont Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Recipient: Leah Pearl, University of New England School of Nurse Anesthesia, Maine

**John F. Garde Scholarship—$1,000**
Sponsor: Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs
Recipient: Rebecca Rand, Bryan College of Health Sciences School of Nurse Anesthesia, Neb.

**Joyce W. Kelly, EdD, CRNA Scholarship—$3,000**
Sponsor: Kaiser Permanente School of Anesthesia
Recipient: Jamie O’Connor, Wayne State University Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Mich.

**Lakeview Scholarship—$3,000**
Sponsor: James and Margot Hinchliff, CRNA
Recipient: Joseph Burds, The University of Iowa College of Nursing Anesthesia Nursing Program, Iowa

**Larry Lysne Scholarship—$3,000**
Sponsor: Washington Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Recipient: Jennifer Jiru, Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center Gonzaga University Nurse Anesthesia Program, Wash.
Maine Association of Nurse Anesthetists Scholarship—$1,000  
Sponsor: Maine Association of Nurse Anesthetists  
Recipient: Kasey Jones, University of New England School of Nurse Anesthesia, Maine

Maria Roach, CRNA Scholarship—$1,500  
Sponsor: Maria Roach, CRNA  
Recipient: Brittany Schmidt, Our Lady of the Lake College Nurse Anesthesia Program, La.

Maryland Association of Nurse Anesthetists Scholarship—$3,000  
Sponsor: Maryland Association of Nurse Anesthetists  
Recipient: Alexander Halstead, University of Maryland School of Nursing Graduate Programs Nurse Anesthesia, Md.

Michigan Association of Nurse Anesthetists Undergraduate Scholarship—Five $2,000 Scholarships  
Sponsor: Michigan Association of Nurse Anesthetists  

Minnesota Association of Nurse Anesthetists Scholarship—Two $3,000 Scholarships  
Sponsor: Minnesota Association of Nurse Anesthetists  
Recipient: Kelley Frost, University of Minnesota School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Area of Study, Minn.; Kelsey Nielsen, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine Mayo School of Health Sciences Nurse Anesthesia Graduate Programs, Minn.

Missouri Association of Nurse Anesthetists Student Scholarship—$3,000  
Sponsor: Missouri Association of Nurse Anesthetists  
Recipient: Angela Binch, Goldfarb School of Nursing at Barnes-Jewish College Nurse Anesthesia Program, Mo.

Nebraska Student Nurse Anesthetists Scholarship—$1,000  
Sponsor: Nebraska Association of Nurse Anesthetists  
Recipient: Christopher Souchek, Bryan College of Health Sciences School of Nurse Anesthesia, Nebraska

New England Assembly of Nurse Anesthetists Scholarship (NEANA)—Two $1,000 Scholarships  
Sponsor: New England Assembly of Nurse Anesthetists  
Recipient: Amanda Krueger, Rhode Island College School of Nursing/St. Joseph Hospital School of Nurse Anesthesia, R.I.; John Gianitsis, University of New England, Maine

New Mexico Association of Nurse Anesthetists Educational Scholarship—$1,000  
Sponsor: New Mexico Association of Nurse Anesthetists  
Recipient: Todd Jenks, UPMC Hamot School of Anesthesia/Gannon University, Pa.

Newman University Nurse Anesthesia Scholarship—$3,000  
Sponsor: Newman University Nurse Anesthesia Staff/Alumni  

OSANA Scholarship—$3,000  
Sponsor: Ohio State Association of Nurse Anesthetists  
Recipient: Kristi Decker, Lourdes University, Ohio

Palmer Carrier Student Scholarship—$3,000  
Sponsor: Estate of Palmer Carrier  
Recipient: Emily Lange, Rush University College of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, Ill.

Pennsylvania Association of Nurse Anesthetists Scholarship—Three $2,500 Scholarships  
Sponsor: Pennsylvania Association of Nurse Anesthetists (in honor of Mary Depaolis Lutzo, CRNA, ARNP; Sister Mary Bernard and the PANA Past Presidents)  
Recipient: Lindsay Rothrock, University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, Pa.; Kimberly Zarnich, UPMC Hamot School of Anesthesia/Gannon University, Pa.; Christopher Wike, Crozer Chester Medical Center/Villanova University Nurse Anesthesia Program, Pa.

Rose Featherstone Memorial Scholarship—$3,000  
Sponsor: Idaho Association of Nurse Anesthetists  
Recipient: Sarah Wardell, Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center Gonzaga University Nurse Anesthesia Program, Wash.

Sandra J. Kilde, EdD, CRNA Scholarship—$1,000  
Sponsor: Minneapolis School of Anesthesia  
Recipient: Rebecca Price, Minneapolis School of Anesthesia, Minn.

TANA Education District #4 Scholarship—$1,000  
Sponsor: Texas Association of Nurse Anesthetists Education District #4  
Recipient: Ayoade Ademuyewo, University of Texas at Houston Health Science Center, School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Division, Texas

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR’S OUTSTANDING STUDENT RESEARCHER

This award is given to students who have conducted noteworthy research.

Evaluation of the Anxiolytic and Antidepressant Effects of Asiatic Acid, a Compound from Gotu Kola or Centella asiatica, in the Male Sprague Dawley Rat  
Author: Debra A. Valdivieso, CPT, BSN  
Program: US Army Graduate Program of Anesthesia Nursing  
Program Administrator: LTC Jennifer L. Coyner, PhD, CRNA

RESEARCH WORKSHOPS

Research Forum  
A Research Forum entitled “Impactful Research – Are you in?” was held at the Assembly of School Faculty meeting in San Antonio, Texas. Presenters and participants discussed potential health services research topics in nurse anesthesia and identified opportunities to conduct this research.
The goal is ambitious. Your commitment is vital to our mutual success.

Together, we must RISE Above:

- Local barriers to practice (medical privileging, prescription privileging, hospital administration perceptions)
- State and federal legislation that inhibits scope of practice
- Workforce marketplace competition
- Practice inefficiencies and new challenges in the healthcare system
- Inaccuracies and mistruths about CRNAs
- Interdisciplinary communication barriers
- Health insurance systems that don’t recognize CRNAs as providers

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Fiscal Year 2016 Events

2015 Annual Congress,
Salt Lake City, Utah

Fellowship Recipients
with Board Chair and
CEO/ED at Awards and
Recognition Event

One Night –
Twice the Fun

Shake It
For a Cause
Dance Party

Friends for Life
Inductees at Opening
Ceremonies

Photo Booth Fun

“State of the
Science” General Poster
Session

Student Advocate and
Staff Get-Together

Assembly of School Faculty
San Antonio, Texas

Suite Reception

February
Fiesta on the
Riverwalk
This year, the Foundation welcomed nine new Friends for Life:

2016 New Inductees
Robert P. Beck
Joy H. Coursey
Lara Cullipher
Vaughna G. Galvin
Kathryn L. Jansky
S. Allen McKenzie
Juan F. Quintana
Dru Riddle
Janet L. Setnor

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North Carolina AANA

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LaRayne Otz
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Everard Hicks
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Timothy Hoffman
Larry Hornsbj
Michael Krimer
Norma Landis
Nancy Lewis
Frank Mazziotti
Tom McKibban
Elizabeth Seibert
Linda Williams
Elise Zefer

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Steven Eaves
Palmer Carrier
Nancy Gondringer
Bob Hopkins
Joyce Kelly
Cheryl Nimmo
David Poel
Gale Pollock
Helen Reitz
Nicholas Silio
Wanda Wilson

2001 Members
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Thomas Dell
Kathy Fagerlund
Katherine Foell
W. Weller Head
Cynthia McNerney
M. Suzanne Murphy
Carolyn Nicholson
Mark Noguchi
Ken Plitt
Paul Santoro
Ted Schweikert
Brent Sommer
Loren Spitzer
Terry Wicks

2002 Members
Majorie Bergemenn
Elizabeth Bzil
Polly Clark
Lou Heindel
Howard Huff
Charles Leonard
E. Jane McCarthy
Rusty Rotliff
Angela Richman
Peter Richman
Wendell Spencer
Mark Vandolah
Marilyn Vandolah

2003 Members
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I am so thankful for the
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supporting my research
and doctoral education.
The Foundation’s support
greatly assisted in
improving the scope and
quality of my study.

Bryan Wilbanks, DNP, CRNA
PhD Candidate at the University of Alabama in Birmingham’s
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I feel privileged to have
had a wonderful career as
a CRNA. Looking forward,
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Louise Hershkowitz
I am beyond thankful for the Kay Wagner Fellowship that I received from the AANA Foundation. This award has catalyzed the successful completion of my DNP Project, on track for December, 2016.

Aaron Ostrowski, MSN, CRNA 2016 AANA Foundation Kay Wagner Fellowship

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