Hello CRNAs, SRNAs, and all who help advance the profession of nurse anesthesia:

As you review this report, you will agree that 2017 has been a spectacular year for the AANA Foundation. I sincerely thank the thousands of AANA members who have supported the Foundation in 2017 with donations to both the Proof is Power Annual Fund and the recently launched campaign to RISE Above. Thanks to your generosity, in FY17 we have been able to support the science of this profession and expand our focus to necessary health policy research.

It takes a team of volunteer CRNAs and SRNAs from across the country to raise awareness and necessary funds to accomplish our goals. This year we have had a tremendous group of Advocates, Steering Committee members, and other CRNA volunteers! Thank you to my fellow board members and the many, many volunteers who spend their free time conducting the work of the Foundation – reviewing research and scholarship requests, speaking to others on behalf of the Foundation, raising funds that support research and education, and connecting with CRNAs to tell the Foundation’s story and express the need for all nurse anesthetists to support our great profession.

Thanks to our volunteers and donors, in FY17, our Annual Fund raised over $355,000 and the RISE Above campaign raised over $440,000 with total pledges exceeding $1,170,000. A special thank you to the generosity of 21 State Associations who pledged over $600,000 to support the RISE Above campaign. If you haven’t done so yet, we hope you will join us this year and support the RISE Above campaign to advance our wonderful profession.

It is with mixed emotions that I write to you this year. I’m filled with pride, satisfaction, appreciation, admiration, and a twinge of sadness. After serving on the AANA Foundation board for six years, the last three as chair, my term concludes following the 2017 AANA Nurse Anesthesia Annual Congress. I will be handing over the chair position to my talented colleague, Ladan Eshkevari.

I truly appreciate your generosity of time, treasure, talent, and trust. I encourage you to continue your personal generous commitments to the Foundation, annually. If you are not currently a donor, please take this opportunity to join CRNAs and SRNAs who are connected to the Foundation. With each of you committed, we can do great things together!

Warm regards,

Wilma K. Gillis, BSN, CRNA, APNP
Board Chair
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 50,000 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 and events in addition to offering workshops attended by hundreds of individuals. Over the course of its history, the Foundation has awarded more than $3.9 million to more than 3,000 individuals as detailed below.

**Total Foundation Program Funding**

- **Health Policy Research**
  - Grants 18%
  - Fellowships 28%
  - Scholarships 38%

- **Grants**
  - 1,079 scholarships totaling $1,708,000 to support nurse anesthesia

- **Scholarships**
  - 1,884 poster presentations at AANA Annual Congress totaling $136,000
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  - 186 fellowships totaling more than $1,267,115 to assist CRNAs and CRNA students pursuing their PhD & DNP degrees, and post-doctoral work.

- **Fellowships**
  - 191 research grants to CRNAs totaling more than $812,200

- **7 Health Policy Research Studies**
  - totaling more than $712,000

- **43 student research grants**
  - totaling more than $42,000

**Volunteers**
Thank you to all of the AANA members who volunteer on behalf of the Foundation. In addition to the Board of Trustees, the following groups dedicate their time and talent to the Foundation’s program and fundraising efforts:

- Audit Committee
- Closed Claim Research Team
- Fellowship Review Committee
- Grant Review Committee
- Poster Review Committee
- RISE Above Steering Committee
- Scholarship Review Committee
- State Advocates
- Student Advocates
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 the nurse anesthesia community with the necessary resources for furthering the profession. Due to the generosity of Foundation donors, following are the major strategic goals accomplished this fiscal year.

FY17 Annual Fund Achievements

- More than $235,000 was awarded to the following program recipients:
  - 54 scholarships totaling $115,000 to support nurse anesthesia
  - 4 fellowships totaling $81,515 to assist CRNAs and CRNA students pursuing their PhD and DNP degrees, or post-doctoral work
  - 3 research grants totaling more than $25,000
  - 142 poster presentations at AANA Annual Congress totaling $14,000
- Educated approximately 100 CRNAs and students at Foundation-supported workshops.
- Honored the following CRNAs – the AANA Foundation’s Closed Claim Research Team, John Bendele, Jr., Garalynn V. Tomas, and Brian Ryder – for their efforts in the areas of research, philanthropy, advocacy, and volunteerism.
- Continued growth of the Student Advocate program to over 25 students in FY17.

Health Policy Research (HPR)

In addition to the important accomplishments made possible by Annual Fund donations, the Foundation is increasing efforts to fund critical, large-scale Health Policy Research studies to expand the body of research that confirms that nurse anesthetists are cost effective and safe. To that end, several important developments have taken place in FY17:

- A study conducted by the Lewin Group, titled “Cost Effectiveness of Anesthesia Providers and Implications of Scope of Practice in a Medicare Population” will be published in the Sep/Oct 2017 issue of the independent, peer-reviewed scientific journal, Nursing Economics®. The study concluded that after reviewing factors such as state scope of practice laws, elimination of medical direction and supervisory delivery models substantially reduces costs associated with anesthesia delivery.
- The first HPR post-doctoral fellowship recipient Lori Schirle, PhD, CRNA, at Vanderbilt University School of Nursing is completing her second year.
- A Research Task Force comprised of representatives from the AANA, NBCRNA, COA, and AANA Foundation developed and prioritized research topics to be funded using informatics and large data sets with this grant. With the generous $1 million donation received from NBCRNA to focus on health services and policy research, the task force has successfully initiated a study titled “How Health Care Executives Value the Cost and Care of CRNAs.” This study will examine the perception influential stakeholders in the health system have about CRNAs and investigate what barriers are faced when implementing more cost efficient anesthesia delivery models. The task force is currently in the process of initiating a new study focusing on CRNAs’ services and rural health policy.
- The Closed Claim Research Team has developed over five manuscripts and is working on an additional five for next year.

AANA Foundation’s Annual Fund Focuses on Education and the Impact of Research

High-level research is critically important to improving anesthesia patient safety, advocating for the profession, and rebutting inaccuracies and mistruths about nurse anesthesia. Research studies are the result of hard work, bright minds, and the generosity of donors to the AANA Foundation who believe in the power of research-driven evidence to make a difference.
The Advocate of the Year

Garalynn V. Tomas, MEd, CRNA

The Advocate of the Year 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 2017 Advocate of the Year recipient is Garalynn Tomas, MEd, CRNA. Tomas is the owner of GVT Medical Service Consultants, INC and has worked as a CRNA in a variety of anesthesia care models including an oral surgery office, surgery and GI centers, and hospital systems. She is currently an independent contractor in critical access hospitals and a large community hospital system. As a legal nurse consultant, Tomas has experience as an expert witness in anesthesia litigation. In 2013, she volunteered with Health Volunteers Overseas (HO) and traveled to Ethiopia to teach regional anesthesia to nurse anesthetists at the Addis Ababa School of Anesthesia. Tomas is a long time, generous Foundation supporter, has been a State Advocate for Ohio since 2012, and serves on the Foundation’s RISE Above Steering Committee. Her passion and enthusiasm for volunteerism and anesthesia shines, and her work has positively impacted fellow CRNAs and her patients.

Rita L. LeBlanc Philanthropist of the Year

John Bendele, Jr., MS, 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 2017 Rita L. LeBlanc Philanthropist of the Year Award is John Bendele, Jr., MS, CRNA. Bendele began his career on a four year tour as a US Navy corpsman, operating room technician and instructor. Within this time he was selected for the Navy Nurse Anesthesia Program. As a navy CRNA, John was also stationed in USS Enterprise, CVN-65, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland; Naval Hospital, Guantanamo, Bay, Cuba; and Naval Hospital, Bremerton, Washington. As the sole anesthesia provider at Naval Base, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, John also provided anesthesia for the US Army veterinarian, caring for military dogs and base pets. After retiring in 1990, John worked in an all-CRNA group at VAMC, Cincinnati, Clermont Mercy Hospital, and Good Samaritan Hospital. He then took part in the first of six OP-Smile missions, including Bolivia, Ecuador, Venezuela, Vietnam and Gaza. With Health Volunteers Overseas, John has taught nurse anesthesia in two programs in Belize on five different occasions. John’s passion as a Navy CRNA and an overseas volunteer anesthesia provider exemplifies his true dedication to giving to others beyond his generosity to the AANA Foundation. John’s life and choices to give to others make him an extraordinary recipient of this award.

Janice Drake CRNA Humanitarian Award

Brian Ryder, CRNA

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 2017 Janice Drake CRNA Humanitarian Award is Brian Ryder. As a student at University of Pennsylvania, Presbyterian Hospital, Ryder began his love for volunteering at free medical clinics. After his anesthesia training at Lankenau Medical Center, he and his family moved to Utah. After the move, Ryder found Operation Smile which has taken him all over the world to do twenty-five missions of anesthesia for pediatric cleft lip and palate surgery. Recently, he has been involved with Health Volunteers Overseas. He has accepted a volunteer position at a new pediatric hospital in Luang Prabang Laos. He will be working with Rick Henker, CRNA and Suzanne Brown, CRNA, teaching and mentoring anesthesia students. Brian’s dedication to serving others who are less fortunate, whether through education or by providing anesthesia, exemplifies his character and makes him more than deserving of this award.
RESEARCH INITIATIVES

For twelve consecutive years the AANA Foundation has funded members to present at the State of the Science Oral Poster Session during the Nurse Anesthesia Annual Congress. Fourteen selected presenters were awarded up to $1,000 each to defray presentation and travel costs. A complete list of the 142 poster presenters can be found on the Foundation website at www.aanafoundation.com.

Adverse Events During Cosmetic Surgery: A Thematic Analysis of Closed Claims
Presenter: Mary Golinski, PhD, CRNA
Co-Author: Mary Golinski, PhD, CRNA; Anne Hranchook, DNP, CRNA
Primary Affiliation: Oakland University School of Nursing
Funding: $1,000

Bispectral Index Monitoring’s Impact on Anesthetic Agent Use in Ambulatory Surgery: a Retrospective Analysis
Presenter: Eric Stevenson, BSN, RN
Co-Author: Eric Stevenson, BSN, RN; Mary Marienau, PhD, CRNA, APRN; Darrell Schroeder, MS
Primary Affiliation: Mayo Clinic
Funding: $1,000

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist Organizational Climate Questionnaire: Refinement Through Psychometric Testing
Presenter: Donald Boyd, PhD, MS, CRNA
Co-Author: Donald Boyd, PhD, MS, CRNA; Jonathan Shaffer, PhD, MS; Lusine Poghosyan, PhD, MPH, RN, FAAN
Primary Affiliation: Columbia University School of Nursing
Funding: $1,000

Closing the Gap: Improving Simulated Experiences
Presenter: Michele Ardigo, DNP, CRNA
Co-Author: Michele Ardigo, DNP, CRNA; Marilyn A. Pugh, PhD
Primary Affiliation: Texas Wesleyan University
Funding: $1,000

CRNA and NP Practice Environment: What’s the Difference? What’s the Big Deal?
Presenter: Lori Schirle, PhD, CRNA
Co-Author: Lori Schirle, PhD, CRNA
Primary Affiliation: Vanderbilt University
Funding: $1,000

CRNA Perceptions of Factors Impacting Patient Safety
Presenter: Susan McMullan, PhD, MSN, CRNA
Co-Author: Susan McMullan, PhD, MSN, CRNA; Charlotte Thomas-Hawkins, PhD, RN; Maria Shirey, PhD, MBA, RN, NEA-BC, ANEF, FACHE, FAAN
Primary Affiliation: University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Nursing
Funding: $1,000

Effects of Continuous Bilateral Transversus Abdominis Plane Blocks on Opioid Consumption After Laparoscopic Colorectal Surgery
Presenter: Teal Hickey, BSN, RN
Co-Author: Teal Hickey, BSN, RN; Antionette Taylor, BSN, RN; Michael Burns, MS, CRNA
Primary Affiliation: Webster University
Funding: $1,000

Effects of Humerus Intraosseous Versus Intravenous Amiodarone Administration in a Hypovolemic Porcine Model
Presenter: 1LT George Bragdon, MS, ANC, USA
Co-Author: 1LT George Bragdon, MS, ANC, USA; CPT Monica Holloway, BSN, ANC, USA; CPT Shannan Jurina, MSN, ANC, USA; CPT Joshua Orzag, BSN, ANC, USA; 1LT Rustin Green, BSN, ANC, USA; Jose Gracia-Blanco, MD; Brian Benham, DNP, CRNA; LTC Timothy Adams, DNP, CRNA; Don Johnson, PhD
Primary Affiliation: US Army Graduate Program in Anesthesiology
Funding: $1,000

RESEARCH GRANTS

In FY17, the AANA Foundation Board of Trustees awarded three research grants totaling more than $25,000.

AANA Foundation Research Grant
Title: Assessing a Novel Method to Reduce Anesthesia Machine Contamination: A Simulation and Clinical Trial
Principal Investigator: Chuck Biddle, PhD, CRNA
Co-Investigator: Beverly George-Gay, RN, MSN, CCRN
Fund: $15,764.59
Affiliation: Virginia Commonwealth University

AANA Foundation Research Grant
Title: Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Healthcare Utilization in Patients with Head and Neck Cancer
Principal Investigator: Joanna Woersching, MSN, CRNA
Co-Investigator: Janet Van Cleave, PhD
Fund: $4,249.25
Affiliation: New York University

AANA Foundation Research Grant
Title: Living with Chronic Pain and Substance Use Disorder
Principal Investigator: Jeffrey Darna, DNP, CRNA
Co-Investigator: Milena Zirovich, MD; Katherine Bailey, PhD; Ariel Baria, MSN, NP
Fund: $5,070
Affiliation: Greater Los Angeles Veterans Administration Healthcare System
Evaluation of an Animal Model to Train Nursing Students in Ultrasound-Guided Central Line Insertion
Presenter: Shayne Hauglum, PhD, MSNA, CRNA
Co-Author: Shayne Hauglum, PhD, MSNA, CRNA; Nicho-le Crenshaw, DNP, ARNP, AGACNP-BC, ANP-BC; Greta Mitzova-Vladinov, DNP, CRNA; Karina Gattamorta, PhD
Primary Affiliation: School of Nursing, University of Miami School of Nursing and Health Studies
Funding: $1,000

Investigation of the Anxiolytic and Antidepressant Effects of Eucalyptol (1,8 cineole), a Compound from Eucalyptus, in the Adult Male Sprague-Dawley Rat
Presenter: CPT Todd Malone, BSN, ANC, USA
Co-Author: CPT Todd Malone, BSN, ANC, USA; CPT Xavier Green, BSN, ANC, USA; CPT Brent Heber, BSN, ANC, USA; CPT Marlin Jolly, BSN, ANC, USA; CPT Jayme Schaaf, BSN, ANC, USA; CPT Andrew Isaacs, BSN, ANC, USA; 1LT Connor McClellan, BSN, ANC, USA; Tomás Eduardo Ceremuga, PhD, CRNA
Primary Affiliation: US Army Graduate Program in Anesthesia Nursing Academy of Health Sciences
Funding: $1,000

Negative Intraoperative Behaviors: Reporting to Management and Satisfaction with Management’s Response
Presenter: Bernadette Henrichs, PhD, CRNA, CCRN
Co-Author: Bernadette Henrichs, PhD, CRNA, CCRN; Alexander Villafrance, BESS, MSc, PhD; Michael Avidan, MBBCh; Eric Jacobsohn, MBChB, MPHE, FRCPC
Primary Affiliation: Goldfarb School of Nursing at Barnes-Jewish College
Funding: $1,000

Patient Satisfaction with Anesthesia: What Do Patients Really Want?
Presenter: Stephanie Woodruff, DNP, CRNA
Co-Author: Stephanie Woodruff, DNP, CRNA
Primary Affiliation: Cedar Crest College
Funding: $1,000

Periarticular Infiltration Decreases Length of Stay After Total Knee Arthroplasty
Presenter: Roseanna Chandler, BSN, CDR, MSN, NC, USN
Co-Author: CAPT Dennis Spence, NC, USN, PhD, CRNA; LT Michael Quancinella, MC, USN; LCDR Brian Barlow, MC, USN; Ted Morrison, PhD, MPH; CDR Darren Couture, NC, USN, PhD, CRNA
Primary Affiliation: Naval Medical Center San Diego
Funding: $1,000

The Effect of Intraoperative Esmolol Administration on Opioid Requirements in the Post Anesthesia Care Unit in Patients with a Continuous Low Volume Interscalene Brachial Plexus Nerve Block
Presenter: Rachel Fister, BSN, RN
Co-Author: Rachel Fister, BSN, RN; Pauline Waldeck, BSN, RN
Primary Affiliation: Webster University
Funding: $1,000

RESEARCH WORKSHOPS
A Research Forum entitled “Health Policy Research – Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow” was held at the Assembly of School Faculty meeting in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Presenters and participants discussed the impact, trends, and priorities of healthy policy research along with key influential topics that may impact the future of anesthesia.

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

AANA Foundation Post-Doctoral Fellowship
Name: Susan McMullan, PhD, MSN, CRNA
Affiliation: The University of Alabama at Birmingham
Research Title: The Psychometric Analysis of an Instrument to Measure the Concept of Workload for CRNAs
Funding: $20,515

Palmer Carrier Fellowship
Name: Angelarosa DiDonato, MSN, CRNA
Affiliation: Yale University
Research Title: Improving Interprofessional Communication in Acute Patient Crisis
Degree Sought: DNP
Funding: $4,000

AANA Foundation Post-Doctoral Fellowship
Name: Tatjana Warren, PhD, CRNA
Affiliation: University of Utah
Research Title: Pharmacokinetics of Inhaled Remifentanil in a Porcine Model
Funding: $47,000

Kay Wagner Fellowship
Name: Jennifer Lanzillotta, MSN, CRNA
Affiliation: Duquesne University
Research Title: The Impact of Patient Factors and Prescribing Practices on Prolonged Post Operative Opioid Use
Degree Sought: PhD
Funding: $10,000
The AANA Foundation received 1,007 competitive student scholarship applications this year and 54 scholarships were awarded totaling $115,000. The scholarships included:

AANA Diamond Club Scholarship—Two $2,000 Scholarships
Sponsor: AANA Diamond Club (in honor of Past AANA Presidents, Barbara V. Adams and Ronald F. Caulk)
Recipient: Amin Azam, Kaiser Permanente School of Anesthesia California State University Fullerton, CA; Darcy Dennison-Harwood, Wake Forest Baptist Health/Wake Forest School of Medicine Nurse Anesthesia Program, NC

ALANA Scholarship—Two $1,000 Scholarships
Sponsor: Alabama Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Recipient: William Gafford, Department of Nurse Anesthesia Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing Samford University, AL; Renee Parker, The University of Alabama at Birmingham Nurse Anesthesia Specialty Track, MSN Program, AL

Art Zwerling Memorial Scholarship—$2,500
Sponsor: Pennsylvania Association of Nurse Anesthetists (in memory of Art Zwerling, CRNA)
Recipient: Brendan Weaver, University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, PA

CRNA Financial Success Scholarship—$1,000
Sponsor: CRNA Financial Planning®
Recipient: Stephanie Mann, Raleigh School of Nurse Anesthesia University of North Carolina at Greensboro, NC

Cynthia McNerney Scholarship—$1,000
Sponsor: Estate of Cynthia McNerney
Recipient: Carra Wainwright, Duke University Nurse Anesthesia Program, NC

Dean M. Cox Memorial Scholarship—Four $3,000 Scholarships
Sponsor: David R. Javaheri, in memory of Dean M. Cox, CRNA
Recipient: Kyle Hilsabeck, Bryan College of Health Sciences School of Nurse Anesthesia, NE; Lorren Hudson, Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center Nurse Anesthesia Program, NJ; Grace Mikan, Medical University of South Carolina Anesthesia for Nurses Program, SC; Kaitlyn Tomeno, University at Buffalo State University of New York Nurse Anesthetist Program, NY

Dean and Fred Hayden Memorial National Scholarship—$3,000
Sponsor: Estate of Dean and Fred Hayden
Recipient: Sara Wilkinson, The University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia, TN

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

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

Edward Hyland, CRNA Scholarship—$1,000
Sponsor: Delaware Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Recipient: Olga Savoskina, Drexel University Nurse Anesthesia Program, PA

Florida Association of Nurse Anesthetists Student Scholarship—Two $3,000 Scholarships
Sponsor: Florida Association of Nurse Anesthetists (in honor of all Florida’s Nurse Anesthetists)
Recipient: Amy Best, Adventist University of Health Sciences Nurse Anesthesia Program, FL; Alison Smiley, Florida Gulf Coast University MSN Nurse Anesthesia, FL

Frank T. Maziariski, MS, CRNA Scholarship—$3,000
Sponsor: Frank T. Maziariski, MS, CRNA
Recipient: Alicia Edmonds, Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center Gonzaga University Nurse Anesthesia Program, WA

GALA Scholarship—Five $1,000 Scholarships
Sponsor: GALA Group
Recipient: Ashley Fuchs, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine Mayo School of Health Sciences Nurse Anesthesia Graduate Programs, MN; Amanda Morris, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center (LSUHSC) School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Option, LA; Justin Mullaney, University at Buffalo State University of New York Nurse Anesthetist Program, NY; Alisha Tuttle, Medical University of South Carolina Anesthesia for Nurses Program, SC; Alexis Ventura, Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science Nurse Anesthesia Program, IL

GANA Scholarship—$1,000
Sponsor: Georgia Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Recipient: Girah Caraballo, Augusta University Nursing Anesthesia Program, GA

Hazel P. Currier Memorial Scholarship—$3,000
Sponsor: Estate of Hazel Currier
Recipient: Heidi Farnum, Bryan College of Health Sciences School of Nurse Anesthesia, NE

Jack Neary Memorial Scholarship—$3,000
Sponsor: Vermont Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Recipient: Jason Johns, University of New England School of Nurse Anesthesia, ME

John F. Garde Scholarship—$3,000
Sponsor: Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs
Recipient: Autumn Davis, Raleigh School of Nurse Anesthesia University of North Carolina at Greensboro, NC

Joyce W. Kelly, EdD, CRNA Scholarship—$3,000
Sponsor: Kaiser Permanente School of Anesthesia
Recipient: Emily Lange, Rush University College of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, IL

Lakeview Scholarship—$3,000
Sponsor: James and Margot Hinchliff, CRNA
Recipient: James Winters, University of Southern Mississippi Nurse Anesthesia Program, MS

Larry Lysne Scholarship—$3,000
Sponsor: Washington Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Recipient: Adrian Chu, Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center Gonzaga University Nurse Anesthesia Program, WA
Maine Association of Nurse Anesthetists Scholarship—$1,000
Sponsor: Maine Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Recipient: Matthew Cole, University of New England School of Nurse Anesthesia, ME

Maria Roach, CRNA Scholarship—$1,500
Sponsor: Maria Roach, CRNA
Recipient: Ryan Zeller, Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University Nurse Anesthesia Program, KS

Maryland Association of Nurse Anesthetists Scholarship—$3,000
Sponsor: Maryland Association of Nurse Anesthetists, Inc.
Recipient: Oluwatoyin Orunju, University of Maryland School of Nursing Graduate Programs Nurse Anesthesia, MD

Michael Kelly Smith, CRNA Scholarship—$1,500
Sponsor: Parents and Spouse of Michael Kelly Smith, CRNA
Recipient: Sarah Loots, University of Minnesota School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Area of Study, MN

Michigan Association of Nurse Anesthetists Undergraduate Scholarship—Four $2,000 Scholarships
Sponsor: Michigan Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Recipient: Melanie Fragoso, University of Detroit Mercy Graduate Program of Nurse Anesthesiology, MI; Kristine Hilton, Oakland University Beaumont Graduate Program, MI; Eugene Ngala, Wayne State University Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, MI; Alison Visos, The University of Michigan Flint Hurley Medical Center Master of Science in Anesthesia Program, MI

Minnesota Association of Nurse Anesthetists Scholarship—Two $3,000 Scholarships
Sponsor: Minnesota Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Recipient: Craig Knudtson, Minneapolis School of Anesthesia, MN; William Nettekoven, Minneapolis School of Anesthesia, MN

Missouri Association of Nurse Anesthetists Student Scholarship—$3,000
Sponsor: Missouri Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Recipient: Mary Kinworthy, 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: Elizabeth Ohrt, Bryan College of Health Sciences School of Nurse Anesthesia, NE

New England Assembly of Nurse Anesthetists Scholarship (NEANA)—Two $1,000 Scholarships
Sponsor: New England Assembly of Nurse Anesthetists
Recipient: Garrett Jaffe, Fairfield University and Bridgeport Hospital Nurse Anesthesia Program, CT; Vanessa Marzilli, Rhode Island College School of Nursing/St. Joseph Hospital School of Nurse Anesthesia, RI

Newman University Nurse Anesthesia Scholarship—$3,000
Sponsor: Newman University Nurse Anesthesia Staff/Alumni
Recipient: Guneet Singh, Newman University Nurse Anesthesia Program, KS

OSANA Scholarship—$3,000
Sponsor: Ohio State Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Recipient: Rachelle Mattingly, University of Cincinnati College of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Major, OH

Palmer Carrier Student Scholarship—$3,000
Sponsor: Estate of Palmer Carrier
Recipient: Katie McGill, The Millikin University and Decatur Memorial Hospital Nurse Anesthesia Program, IL

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: Julia Dixon-Ernst, University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, PA; Alexandra Fiehrer, University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, PA; Christina Yanicko, University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing 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, WA

Sandra J. Kilde, EdD, CRNA Scholarship—$1,000
Sponsor: Minneapolis School of Anesthesia
Recipient: Jackie Klinkner, Minneapolis School of Anesthesia, MN

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

Virginia Association of Nurse Anesthetists Scholarship—$1,000
Sponsor: Virginia Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Recipient: Marissa Charles, Virginia Commonwealth University Department of Nurse Anesthesia, VA

Program Administrator's Outstanding Student Awards

The Program Administrator’s Outstanding Student Research Project Award and Scholarly Project Award are given to students who have conducted noteworthy research and evidence based projects. This year, the following students were honored:

Program Administrator’s Outstanding Student Research Project Award
Research Title: A Comparison of the Effects of Intraosseous and Intravenous 5% Albumin on Infusion Time and Hemodynamic Measures in a Swine Model of Hemorrhagic Shock
Author: CPT Stacy Lynn Muir, DNP
Program: US Army Graduate Program in Anesthesia Nursing

Program Administrator’s Outstanding Student Scholarly Project Award
Research Title: Reduction of PONV with Use of P6 Nerve Stimulation
Author: Travis Hamm, BSN, RN
Program: Truman Medical Center School of Nurse Anesthesia
Research to validate and strengthen the nurse anesthesia profession is a requirement. The AANA Foundation has embarked on the Campaign to RISE Above to fund additional research studies to advance the profession and patient safety. The campaign will fund Health Policy Research that will inform healthcare policy affecting patient care processes and patient/provider interactions. Ultimately, the research will educate the spectrum of healthcare stakeholders about the value and quality that CRNAs bring to their patients. Without this research, proving the value of CRNAs is difficult. We welcome you to join us as we RISE Above these challenges to further advance and protect your practice and our future.

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Research to validate and strengthen the nurse anesthesia profession is a requirement. The AANA Foundation has embarked on the Campaign to RISE Above to fund additional research studies to advance the profession and patient safety. The campaign will fund Health Policy Research that will inform healthcare policy affecting patient care processes and patient/provider interactions. Ultimately, the research will educate the spectrum of healthcare stakeholders about the value and quality that CRNAs bring to their patients. Without this research, proving the value of CRNAs is difficult. We welcome you to join us as we RISE Above these challenges to further advance and protect your practice and our future.

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CRNAs and SRNAs RISE Above

Shake It For a Cause Dance Party

Friends for Life Inductees at Opening Ceremonies

State of the Science General Poster Session

Sunset, Surf and Sand at ASF

Stepping Out in DC at 2016 Annual Congress

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I want to give back to this amazing profession. The work that the Foundation does is vital to ensuring CRNAs are at the forefront of anesthesia care today and in the future. I believe it is a professional responsibility to give back in any way that one can. This can be through giving of your time, treasure and talent. We must continue to fund research to ensure that CRNAs are recognized for the high quality and cost effective care that we provide. The Foundation does that and so much more!!

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Gertrude Fife, the second AANA president, served as treasurer for 15 years, Journal editor for 12 years, Director of the Lakeside School of Anesthesia from 1934-1946, and received the AANA Award of Appreciation in 1950 as well as the Agatha Hodgins Award in 1978. The Gertrude Fife Society was established to honor individuals, businesses, and state associations who make significant cumulative cash contributions to the Foundation. This year, the Foundation honored seventeen new Gertrude Fife Society members. Italics indicates deceased.

Tatjana Bevans Warren, PhD, CRNA

I’m truly grateful to the AANA Foundation for their enduring support of anesthesia research, from basic science up to and including clinical research. It is with support from the AANA Foundation that basic scientists, such as myself, are able to contribute to the science of anesthesia.

Dustin Degman, CRNA

Research helps direct the future of anesthesia. I support the AANA Foundation not only for the mission of advancing the science of anesthesia but because my life has been enriched 100 times fold by being a CRNA. I want to support others who strive to advance this amazing profession.
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I was truly honored to learn that I was selected as a scholarship recipient. I am a nurse practitioner currently back in school full-time obtaining my doctorate in nurse anesthesia and I am in my senior year. I have an amazing, supportive husband and three wonderful children at home. By awarding me the Hazel P. Currier Memorial Scholarship you have lightened our financial burden which allows me the ability to focus more on my studies. I am forever grateful for your generosity and support. It is my goal to one day return the favor by assisting a future student. Thanks again!
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• “State of the Science” - General Poster Presentations
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June 15
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The Campaign to RISE Above – Research In Safety & Effectiveness is a fundraising campaign being conducted by the AANA Foundation to raise funds to focus on costly, large-scale Health Policy Research.

Opportunities, challenges and obstacles affecting CRNAs in the current healthcare environment that we must RISE Above include:

- Local barriers to practice
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- Workforce marketplace competition
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