Hello CRNAs, SRNAs, and All Who Help Advance the Profession of Nurse Anesthesia,

We at the AANA Foundation, sincerely thank the thousands of AANA members who have supported us with their generosity, and time. In this report, you will find all the exciting endeavors that have been undertaken by the Foundation, such as expanding the science of nurse anesthesia, and timely policy research.

This year we have had a tremendous group of volunteer Advocates, Steering Committee members, and other CRNA volunteers! These volunteers spend their free time conducting the work of the Foundation – reviewing research and scholarship grants, speaking to others on behalf of the Foundation, raising funds, and connecting with CRNAs to tell the Foundation’s story. We are eternally grateful to all of you!

We would be remiss if we did not also thank our generous donors, who in FY18, donated over $350,000 to fund our various projects. A special thank you to the generosity of the NBCRNA, who singlehandedly assisted us with the launch of our RISE Above campaign with their generous donation and continue to support the Foundation in its many endeavors, including the Student Emergency Educational Grant fund. The Foundation is also indebted to those who donated more than $250,000 to the RISE Above Campaign in FY2018 and the 26 State Associations who have donated or pledged more than $600,000 in total. 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.

After serving on the AANA Foundation board as Chair this past year, my term concludes following the 2018 AANA Nurse Anesthesia Annual Congress. I will be handing over the chair position to my talented colleague, Chuck Griffis, CRNA.

We thank you and encourage you to continue your generous commitment 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.

Stronger together!

Warm regards,

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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 52,000 Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) and Student Registered Nurse Anesthetists (SRNAs) nationwide.

The Foundation provides financial support to CRNAs and SRNAs through a variety of initiatives and events in addition to funding health policy research. Over the course of its history, the Foundation has awarded more than $4.1 million to more than 3,500 individuals as detailed below.

**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**
- **STEWARDSHIP**

**Volunteers**
Thank you to all 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

**2018 Fiscal Year**
- **Total funding of more than $5.1 million**
- **189 fellowships** totaling more than $1,316,000 to assist CRNAs & CRNA students pursuing their PhD & DNP degrees, and post-doctoral work 25%
- **1,137 scholarships** totaling $1,838,000 to support nurse anesthesia 36%
- **9 Health Policy Research Studies** totaling over $998,000 19%
- **2,021 poster presentations** at AANA Annual Congress totaling $152,000 3%
- **192 research grants** to CRNAs totaling more than $825,000
- **44 student research grants** totaling more than $44,000

**Total Grants 17%**
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.

FY18 Annual Fund Achievements include:

- More than $208,000 was awarded to the following program recipients:
  - 57 scholarships totaling $127,500 to support nurse anesthesia
  - 2 fellowships to assist CRNAs and CRNA students pursuing their PhD and DNP degrees and 1 post-doctoral fellowship totaling $49,000
  - 1 research grant totaling $13,688
  - 1 student research grant totaling $2,500
  - 137 poster presentations at AANA Annual Congress totaling $16,000
- Educated approximately 100 CRNAs and students at Foundation-supported workshops.
- Honored the following CRNAs – Tomás Ceremuga, Robin Naden-Semba, Desiree Mauppins and Janet Dewan – for their efforts in the areas of research, philanthropy, advocacy, and volunteerism.
- Continued growth of the Student Advocate program to over 45 students in FY18.

The AANA Foundation’s RISE Above Campaign was created to raise donations to fund costly, large-scale health policy research. The public launch took place at the AANA 2016 Nurse Anesthesia Annual Congress. Since that time, many State Associations and AANA members have committed to the campaign:

- Over $885,000 has already been received including:
  - State Association donations from 26 states with pledges over $600,000
  - Benefactor pledges ($25,000+) from: Michael Anderson, Robert Gauvin, Kathryn Jansky, Juan Quintana, Florida ANA, Minnesota ANA, Pennsylvania ANA, Texas ANA, Virginia ANA
- Total pledges of over $1,307,000

The Foundation wishes to thank every donor and volunteer who contributed their gifts and time throughout the year, and to congratulate all award recipients and research participants.

Thank you to all who contributed to the Student Emergency Education Grant fund. More than $72,000 was raised in FY18 as of July and nearly 100 nurse anesthesia students who were affected by hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria, and the California wildfires, received grants. A special thank you to the National Board of Certification and Recertification for Nurse Anesthetists (NBCRNA) for their generous donation of $50,000 and for offering an additional $50,000 match to gifts made by CRNA donations $1 for $1 and SRNA donations $10 to $1.

My family and I are extremely grateful to the AANA Foundation for helping us in our time of need.
Dan Rosario
Student Emergency Educational Grant Recipient

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.
Advocate of the Year

Desiree Mauppins, MSN, BSN, CRNA, APRN

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 2018 Advocate of the Year recipient is Desiree Mauppins, MSN, BSN, CRNA, APRN from Missouri. Mauppins graduated in 2001 from the University of Central Arkansas with her Bachelor’s degree in nursing. After working as a Registered Nurse until 2014, she entered graduate school at Missouri State University where she went on to receive her Masters Degree in Nurse Anesthesia in 2016. Desiree’s commitment is apparent by her abundant involvement and contributions to nurse anesthesia. Desiree was an active member of the inaugural group of the AANA Foundation Student Advocates in FY15. Mauppins currently serves on the Missouri Association of Nurse Anesthetists (MoANA) Board as the Region II Director. The creative ideas that Desiree brings to the table have allowed for additional funds to be raised for the AANA Foundation to benefit nurse anesthesia education and research. Desiree is also a member of the RISE Above Steering Committee that has raised pledges of over $1.3 million dollars to support health policy research. As a State Advocate, she has engaged students at all four of Missouri’s nurse anesthesia programs while securing a Student Advocate at each program. Desiree’s commitment is apparent by her abundant involvement in the Student Advocate program and passion to engage those around her to share in these programs.

Rita L. LeBlanc Philanthropist of the Year

Robin Naden-Semba, MS, MPH, CRNA

The Rita L. LeBlanc Philanthropist of the Year Award recognizes 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 2018 Rita L. LeBlanc Philanthropist of the Year Award is Robin Naden-Semba, MS, MPH, CRNA. Robin has been a CRNA for 34 years. Robin discovered her passion for nursing after volunteering on a mobile health unit on the West Bank of Israel during her semester abroad in the Middle East. When she returned home from this trip, she was determined to pursue nursing. After receiving her BSN from St. Olaf College she went on to work in the Adult and Pediatric ICU at the University of Minnesota Hospitals. Robin saw nurses were needed to work in refugee camps; this is where her passion for volunteer work reignited. While completing her Pediatric Practitioner training and earning her Masters in Public Health, she volunteered in Honduras, Guatemala and Belize for medical mission groups. Since 2004, Robin has volunteered with Cure International thirteen times and worked in Ethiopia, Zambia, Kenya and Haiti. Robin even volunteered in Haiti right after the earthquake. This lead her into her volunteer work in disaster relief. Robin says her volunteer work is “part of her blood now.” Robin’s passion and commitment to helping those in need makes her more than deserving of this award.

Janice Drake CRNA Humanitarian Award

Janet Dewan, PhD, 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 2018 Janice Drake CRNA Humanitarian Award is Janet Dewan, PhD, CRNA. Janet is the Associate Program Coordinator and assistant clinical professor at Northeastern University School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program. Janet has been involved in nurse anesthesia education for over 35 years. Janet’s interests include strengthening the global anesthesia workforce, health worker education, stimulation and international human rights law. All these interests have led Janet to be an activist on several levels. She represented advanced practice nursing as a member of the Massachusetts Board of Nursing for nine years, and has served on numerous Commonwealth of Massachusetts committees. Nationally, she was a member of the AANA Council for Public Interest and served as chair of the AANA Health and Wellness Committee. Janet also holds an editorial board appointment at the International Student Journal of Nurse Anesthesia, is a member of the Anesthesia Steering Committee for Health Volunteers Overseas (HVO) and is a medical board member for International Organization for Women and Development. She currently functions as an expert anesthesia education consultant for Seed Global Health Partnerships and Lifebox Foundation, where she is involved with development of a low resource suitable pediatric pulse oximeter. Her passion is to assure access to safe essential and emergency surgery through development of the anesthesia workforce. Her volunteer focus has evolved from service alone, to incorporating service into education of both host country anesthetists and immersed US students, inspiring and connecting the next generation of developing anesthetists.
POSTER RESEARCH INITIATIVES

For thirteen 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. Sixteen selected presenters were awarded up to $1,000 each to defray presentation and travel costs. A complete list of the 137 poster presenters can be found on the Foundation website at www.aanafoundation.com.

Research Title: A Content and Thematic Analysis of Closed Claims Resulting in Death
Presenter: Anne Hranchook, DNP, CRNA
Co-Author: Anne Hranchook, DNP, CRNA; Lorraine Jordan, PhD, CRNA, CAE, FAAN; Marjorie Geisz-Everson, PhD, CRNA; Maria Hirsch, DNAP, CRNA; Robert Matthews, PhD, CRNA
Primary Affiliation: Oakland University
Funding: $1,000

Research Title: A Thematic Analysis of the Obstetric Anesthesia Cases from the AANA Foundation Closed Claims Databank
Presenter: Beth Ann Clayton, DNP, CRNA
Co-Author: Beth Ann Clayton, DNP, CRNA; Marjorie Geisz-Everson, PhD, CRNA; Bryan Wilbanks, PhD, DNP, CRNA
Primary Affiliation: University of Cincinnati
Funding: $1,000

Research Title: Anxiety Management for Needle Localization
Presenter: Capt Keren Stimeling, BSN, RN, USAF, NC
Co-Author: Jorge Arizpe, BSN, RN, Maj, USAF, NC; Capt Keren Stimeling, BSN, RN, USAF, NC; Lonnie Hodges, DNP, CRNA, Lt Col, USAF, NC
Primary Affiliation: Daniel K. Inouye Graduate School of Nursing, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences
Funding: $1,000

Research Title: Global Assessment Technique (SAGAT) Instrument for SRNAs
Presenter: Kyle Maxwell, BSN, RN; Jessica Yarger, BSN, RN
Co-Author: Kyle Maxwell, BSN, RN; Jessica Yarger, BSN, RN
Primary Affiliation: University of North Florida
Funding: $1,000

Research Title: Effect of Sevoflurane on Neprilysin Concentration in Differentiated PC12 Cells
Presenter: Megan Weber, BSN, RN
Co-Author: Rita Duke, BSN, RN; Megan Weber, BSN, RN
Primary Affiliation: Webster University
Funding: $1,000

Research Title: Incidence and Risk Factors of Gastric-to-Pulmonary Aspiration in Patients Undergoing Elective Upper Gastrointestinal Endoscopy
Presenter: Kelsey Nelsen, BSN, RN, PHN
Co-Author: Kelsey Nelsen, BSN, RN, PHN; Amy Gnagey, APRN, CRNA, DNAP; J. Kyle Bohman, MD; Nathan Smischney, MD; Oludare Olatoye, MD; Rochelle Molitor, MD; Nicholas Oblizajek, MD; Adam Jacob, MD
Primary Affiliation: Mayo Clinic
Funding: $1,000

Research Title: Investigation of the Anxiolytic and Antidepressant Effects of Crocin, a Compound from Saffron (Crocus sativus L.) in the Male Sprague-Dawley Rat
Presenter: CPT Leah Stanley, BSN, RN, CCRN
Co-Author: COL(Ret) Tomás Eduardo Ceremuga, PhD, MSN, BSN, BA, AD, CRNA; CPT Leah Stanley, BSN, RN, CCRN; Melissa Ayala, BSN, RN, CCRN; CPT Ryan Chicoine, BSN, RN, CCRN; CPT Sung Chun, BSN, RN, CCRN; CPT James DeGroot, BSN, RN, CCRN; Devan Henson, BSN, RN, CCRN; CPT Seth Randall, BSN, RN, CCRN; COL Denise Beaumont, DNAP, MSN, CRNA
Primary Affiliation: US Army Graduate Program in Anesthesia Nursing
Funding: $1,000

Research Title: Perioperative Glucose Monitoring for Improving Diabetic Surgical Patient Outcomes
Presenter: Kyle Maxwell, BSN, RN
Co-Author: Kyle Maxwell, BSN, RN; Jessica Yarger, BSN, RN
Primary Affiliation: University of North Florida
Funding: $1,000

RESEARCH INITIATIVES

A Research Forum entitled “Mentoring Evidence Based Projects – Pitfalls and Successes” was held at the Assembly of School Faculty meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona. Presenters and participants discussed the implementation of the clinical doctorate and explored variation in evidence-based projects with presentations from the student perspective.

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 three individuals.

AANA Foundation Post-Doctoral Fellowship
Name: Edwin Aroke, PhD, MSN, CRNA
Affiliation: University of Alabama at Birmingham
Research Title: Epigenetics of Racial and Socioeconomic Differences in Chronic Low Back Pain
Funding: $35,000

Hugh & Maria Roach Fellowship
Name: Amy Reed, CRNA
Affiliation: The Catholic University of America
Research Title: Type II Diabetes: Relationships between Pre-Operative Stress, Gastric Content Volume & Quality & the Risk of Pulmonary Aspiration during the Induction of Anesthesia
Degree Sought: PhD
Funding: $9,000

Palmer Carrier Fellowship
Name: Natalie Meyers, MS, CRNA
Affiliation: University of San Diego
Research Title: The Relationship Between Patient-Specific Factors and Surgical Schedule Deviation
Degree Sought: PhD
Funding: $5,000

RESEARCH GRANTS

In FY18, the AANA Foundation Board of Trustees awarded one research grant totaling more than $13,000.

AANA Foundation Research Grant
Title: Adaptation and Validation of the Situation Awareness Global Assessment Technique (SAGAT) Instrument for SRNAs
Principal Investigator: Deniz Dishman
Fund: $13,688.45
Affiliation: The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
Research Title: Phenylephrine Infusions in Obstetrical Patients with Spinal Anesthesia for Cesarean Delivery
Presenter: Ashley Passwater, BSN, RN
Co-Author: Dorie Ellis, BSN, RN; Ashley Passwater, BSN, RN; Samantha Underhill, BSN, CCRN; Katherine Fowler, DNP, CRNA; Analise Murphy, DNP, CRNA
Primary Affiliation: University of North Florida
Funding: $1,000

Research Title: Rapid Recovery Cardiac Surgery Fluid Replacement Protocol
Presenter: Matthew Onofrio, BSN, RN, CCRN; Erica Wittwer, MD; Hartzell Schaff, MD
Co-Author: Matthew Onofrio, BSN, RN, CCRN; Erica Wittwer, MD; Hartzell Schaff, MD
Primary Affiliation: Texas Wesleyan University Graduate Programs of Nurse Anesthesia
Funding: $1,000

Research Title: The Effect of Debriefing with Good Judgment on Nurse Anesthesia Students’ Critical Event Recognition, Response, and Treatment
Presenter: Michele Ardigo, DNP, CRNA
Co-Author: Jonathan Kline, MSNA, CRNA; Brian Selai, MSN, CRNA; Michele Ardigo, DNP, CRNA; Marilyn Pugh, PhD
Primary Affiliation: Texas Wesleyan University Graduate Programs of Nurse Anesthesia
Funding: $1,000

Research Title: The Perceived Value of Certification in Non-surgical Pain Management
Presenter: Robyn Ward, MS, CRNA
Co-Author: Robyn Ward, MS, CRNA; Mary Anne Krogh, PhD, CRNA; Michael Kremer, PhD, CRNA; Timothy Muckle, PhD; Michael Schoeny, PhD
Primary Affiliation: Madigan Army Medical Center
Funding: $1,000

Research Title: The Use of Stroke Volume Variation Goal Directed Fluid Therapy
Presenter: Obianuju Offor, BSN, RN
Co-Author: Yvette Bantilan, BSN, RN; Mounir Larbibi, BS; Obianuju Offor, BSN, RN; Ryan Shores, DNP, MSN, CRNA; William Self, DNP, MSN, CRNA; Debra Harman-O’Connor, DNP, MAT, MSH, CRNA
Primary Affiliation: University of North Florida
Funding: $1,000

State Advocates
Alabama: Terri Cahoon, DNP, CRNA
Alaska: Nicole Bonfoey, CRNA
Arizona: Kathleen Plotrowski, DNP, CRNA
Arkansas: J. Benjamin Campbell, MSNA, BSN, CRNA, LTC, ARMY
Colorado: Stephanie May, DNP, CRNA
Connecticut: Nancy Moriber, PhD, CRNA
Delaware: Ronald Castaldo, PhD, MBA, MS, CRNA, CCRN
Florida: Linda Wunder, CRNA
Georgia: Jo Sineath, CRNA
Hawaii: Michael Santantonio, CRNA
Idaho: Sherry Swaeingin, CRNA
Illinois: Renee Pryzgodzki, CRNA
Indiana: Bradley Stefflug, MSN, CRNA, APRN, FAAPM
Iowa: Mike Anderson, DNP, CRNA
Maryland: Joseph Pellegrini, PhD, CRNA
Massachusetts: Maria (Magro) van Pelt, CRNA
Michigan: Robin Zerka, MS, CRNA
Minnesota: Mary Shirk Marienau, PhD, CRNA; Andrew Johnson-Cowley, CRNA
Mississippi: John Woods, CRNA, CCRN, USN
Missouri: Desiree Mauppins, CRNA
Montana: Robin Jankiewicz, CRNA
Nebraska: Amy Graham, CRNA; Sarah Langan, CRNA
New York: Yana Kmic, CRNA
North Carolina: Nancy Curl, CRNA
North Dakota: Margaret Cannon-Diehl, CRNA
Ohio: Galarynn Tomas, CRNA
Oregon: Dustin Degman, CRNA
Pennsylvania: Jessica Poole, DNP, CRNA
South Carolina: Anthony Chilpas, PhD, CRNA; Hannah Secunda, CRNA
South Dakota: Karen Bordewyk, MSA, CRNA
Tennessee: James Alberding, CRNA
Texas: Kandi Smith, CRNA
Virginia: Cathy Harrison, CRNA
Washington: Lisa Grayson, CRNA
West Virginia: Julie Linton, CRNA
Wisconsin: Krista Tarien, CRNA, APRN
Wyoming: Stephanie May, DNP, CRNA

Student Advocates
Following is a list of the Student Advocates that participated in the program in FY18:

Alabama: Abbey Peppers, University of Alabama at Birmingham
Arkansas: Alex Stanfill, Arkansas State University
California: Christian Raimondo, University of Southern California; Maria Marshall, University of Southern California
DC: Hannah Burzumato, Georgetown University
Florida: Natasha Pollard, University of South Florida; Steven Lafond, Florida International University
Iowa: Jennia Moliga, University of Iowa
Illinois: Rachel Heise, Rosalind Franklin University; Melissa del Rosario, Rush University
Kansas: Brooklyn Harvey, University of Kansas
Maine: Alexa Schimmel, University of New England
Maryland: Melissa Watson, University of Maryland, Baltimore
Minnesota: Hayley Messner, May Clinic School of Health Sciences; Dolly Belde, Minneapolis School of Anesthesia
Missouri: Kara Battig, Goldfarb School Barnes Jewish College; Kelly Riechers, Missouri State University; Danielle McCurdy, Truman Med Center School of NA; Laura Kohler, Webster University
Mississippi: Jeoma Ankor, University of Southern Mississippi
North Carolina: Jamie Ciesiak, Duke University Nurse Anesthesia Program; Christy Osborne, Raleigh School of NA, Larry Chong, Wake Forest University
Nebraska: Erin Swett, Clarkson College
New York: Peter Steele, University of Buffalo; Nicole Erlach, Columbia University School of Nursing
Ohio: Amanda Brown, University of Cincinnati College of Nursing; Andrew Lim, Cleveland Clinic
Pennsylvania: Christopher Heiss, Bloomsburg University of Penn/Geisinger Health; Amber Hazan, University of Pennsylvania; Julie Dixon-Ernst, University of Pittsburgh; Michael Mielniczek, University of Scranton; Sean Jazdel, York College of Pennsylvania WellSpan
Puerto Rico: Dan Rosario, University of Puerto Rico
South Carolina: Alisha Tuttle, Medical University of South Carolina
South Dakota: Zachary Rosenthal, Mount Marty College
Tennessee: Andrea Carter, University of Tennessee, Knoxville; Ana Gonzalez, University of TN, Knoxville
Texas: Allison Hoffman, Texas Christian University
Utah: Joseph Weaver, Westminster College
Virginia: Zee Bakhtiar, Virginia Commonwealth University
Washington: Amanda Barrett, Gonzaga University
West Virginia: Nicholas Blair, CAMC School of Nurse Anesthesia
The AANA Foundation received 2,520 competitive student scholarship applications this year and 58 scholarships were awarded totaling $130,000. The scholarships included:

**AANA Diamond Club Scholarship—$2,000 Scholarship**
- **Sponsor:** AANA Diamond Club (in honor of Past AANA President, Goldie Brangman)
- **Recipient:** Maria Medina, University of Puerto Rico School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, PR

**ALANA Scholarship—Two $1,000 Scholarships**
- **Sponsor:** Alabama Association of Nurse Anesthetists
- **Recipient:** Elizabeth Kudirka, Department of Nurse Anesthesia Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing Samford University, AL; Taylor Walker, 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:** Erin Bilbrough, Excela Health School of Anesthesia, PA

**CRNA Financial Success Scholarship—$1,500**
- **Sponsor:** CRNA Financial Planning®
- **Recipient:** Devin Miller, Wake Forest Baptist Health/Wake Forest School of Medicine Nurse Anesthesia Program, NC

**Cynthia McNerney Scholarship—$1,000**
- **Sponsor:** Estate of Cynthia McNerney
- **Recipient:** Nancy Cannon, Wake Forest Baptist Health/Wake Forest School of Medicine 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:** Amin Azam, Kaiser Permanente School of Anesthesia California State University Fullerton, CA; Laurissa Beckman, University of Kansas Nurse Anesthesia Program, KS; Julia Dixon-Ernst, University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, PA; Bradley Uding, Goldfarb School of Nursing at Barnes-Jewish College Nurse Anesthesia Program, MO

**Dean and Fred Hayden Memorial National Scholarship—$3,000**
- **Sponsor:** Estate of Dean and Fred Hayden
- **Recipient:** Newton Tinsley, Department of Nurse Anesthesia Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing Samford University, AL

**Dean and Fred Hayden Student Research Scholarship—$2,500**
- **Sponsor:** Estate of Dean and Fred Hayden
- **Recipient:** Katie McGill, The Millikin University and Decatur Memorial Hospital Nurse Anesthesia Program, IL

**Diana U. Davidson Memorial Scholarship—$3,000**
- **Sponsor:** Pennsylvania Association of Nurse Anesthetists
- **Recipient:** Christopher Heiss, Geisinger Health System/Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania Nurse Anesthesia Program, PA

**Dr. Maureen Reilly, PhD, CRNA Memorial Scholarship—$3,000**
- **Sponsor:** Association of Veteran's Affairs Nurse Anesthetists
- **Recipient:** Melissa Ayala, 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:** Jena Bolte, Northern Kentucky University Nurse Anesthesia Program, KY

**Edward Hyland, CRNA Scholarship—$1,000**
- **Sponsor:** Delaware Association of Nurse Anesthetists
- **Recipient:** Kevin Harrison, 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:** Victoria Boehm, University of South Florida College of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, FL

**Frank T. Maziarski, MS, CRNA Scholarship—$3,000**
- **Sponsor:** Frank T. Maziarski, MS, CRNA
- **Recipient:** Amanda Barrett, Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center Gonzaga University Nurse Anesthesia Program, WA

**GALA Scholarship—Five $1,000 Scholarships**
- **Sponsor:** GALA Group
- **Recipient:** Krista Hord, Medical University of South Carolina Anesthesia for Nurses Program, SC; Lynn Rivers, Kaiser Permanente School of Anesthesia California State University Fullerton, CA; Brian Nygard, Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science Nurse Anesthesia Program, IL; Amy Suralis, University of North Florida Nurse Anesthetist Program, FL; Alisha Tuttle, Medical University of South Carolina Anesthesia for Nurses Program, SC

**GANA Scholarship—$1,000**
- **Sponsor:** Georgia Association of Nurse Anesthetists
- **Recipient:** Terrica Harris, Wake Forest Baptist Health/Wake Forest School of Medicine Nurse Anesthesia Program, NC

**George William Jeter Scholarship—$3,000**
- **Sponsor:** Leslie Jeter, DNP, MSNA, CRNA
- **Recipient:** Brian Longoria, Medical University of South Carolina Anesthesia for Nurses Program, SC

**Hazel P. Currier Memorial Scholarship—$3,000**
- **Sponsor:** Estate of Hazel Currier
- **Recipient:** Benjamin Bergstrom, The University of Arizona College of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, AZ

**Illinois Association of Nurse Anesthetists Student Scholarship—$3,000**
- **Sponsor:** Illinois Association of Nurse Anesthetists
- **Recipient:** Ryan Brown, Rush University College of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, IL

**Jack Neary Memorial Scholarship—$3,000**
- **Sponsor:** Vermont Association of Nurse Anesthetists
- **Recipient:** Rachel Birdsong, Fairfield University and Bridgeport Hospital Nurse Anesthesia Program, CT

**John F. Garde Scholarship—$3,000**
- **Sponsor:** Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs
- **Recipient:** Joseph Denhalter, Department of Nurse Anesthesia Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing Samford University, AL

**Joyce W. Kelly, EdD, CRNA Scholarship—$3,000**
- **Sponsor:** Kaiser Permanente School of Anesthesia
- **Recipient:** Ji Kim, University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, PA

**Lakeview Scholarship—$3,000**
- **Sponsor:** James and Margot Hinchliff, CRNA
- **Recipient:** Alexandra Fiehrer, University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, PA
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The campaign to RISE Above for Research In Safety & Effectiveness continues to raise funds to support critical, large-scale HPR studies to expand the body of research that confirms that nurse anesthetists are cost effective and safe.

Health Policy Research (HPR) Programs and Initiatives

Thanks to the continued generosity of State Associations, CRNAs, and the NBCRNA (who contributed $1 million in 2016), donations continue to support important health services and policy research. A research task force comprised of representatives from the AANA, NBCRNA, COA, and AANA Foundation continue to oversee these important and informative projects that fund research to educate the spectrum of healthcare stakeholders about the value and quality that CRNAs bring to their patients. Several important developments have taken place in FY18:

- A study conducted by the Lewin Group was published in the March/April 2018 Nursing Economic$ journal titled “Cost Effectiveness of Anesthesia Providers and Implications of Scope of Practice in a Medicare Population.” New information about the distribution of anesthesia delivery models in accordance with Medicare billing rules allowed the authors to estimate total cost and revenue by SOP classification. The authors conclude that by replacing the current status quo fixed-ratio models with CRNA only models, “total costs would fall from about $7.4 billion to about $4.5 billion, a savings of approximately $2.9 billion in provider salary costs.”

- RTI conducted a mixed methods study to address how health executives perceive CRNA services in a healthcare value based environment. The bulk of the study was aimed at conducting interviews with healthcare leadership in urban and rural facilities (e.g., inpatient, outpatient, ambulatory surgery center). Manuscripts have been drafted and submitted for peer review publications.

- RAND is conducting analyses to identify differential effects of access to anesthesia providers in rural areas on access to surgical and obstetrical services and a rural provider distribution analysis based on state scope of practice and opt out.

- Lewin will conduct an anesthesia supply and demand forecasting analysis based on several factors. The typical parameters driving demand and supply to determine future needs for anesthesia services will likely include retirement rates, entry rates of new graduates, demographic trends, and utilization patterns. The impact of shifting to delivery models in which CRNAs play a more important role to measure the impact on future levels of demand and supply will also be assessed.

- The Closed Claim Research Team has developed three manuscripts that have been published and four that have been accepted for publication in 2018.

- The first HPR post-doctoral fellowship recipient Lori Schirle, PhD, CRNA, at Vanderbilt University School of Nursing completed her fellowship. Schirle will continue investigating postoperative opioid safety through genomics.
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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 aims to raise funds for 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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Catherine Pallas, BSN, RN, CCRN

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Nancy C. Cannon, BSN
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