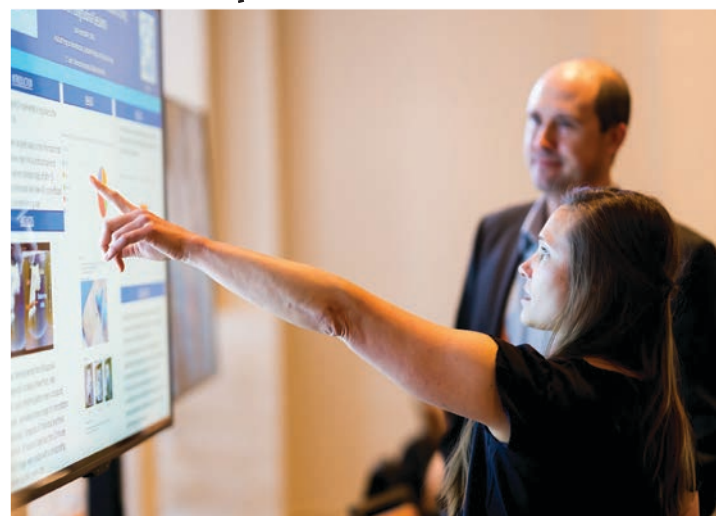




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ANNUAL REPORT & RECOGNITION





A Message from the Membership Year 2025 Chair Lori Schirle, PhD, CRNA

Dear AANA Foundation Supporters,

As Chair of the Board of Trustees, it is my honor to share with you our Annual Report for Membership Year 2025. I think you will find this year has been remarkably productive in the creation of new services offered to CRNAs and RRNAs to elevate scholarly skills.

With our new CEO, John Yauger, at the helm, exciting innovative programs are available to fulfill our mission to advance the science of anesthesia through education and research. In this report you will find an overview of the year's achievements, along with critical research initiatives, our amazing award recipients, our dedicated volunteers and generous donors, and so much more. These programs are only possible because of your unwavering support and dedication to your AANA Foundation!

It has been my sincere honor to serve as your AANA Foundation Chair this year, working with our brilliant Board of Trustees and amazing staff. I will be passing the gavel to my dedicated colleague and friend, Toyin Orunja-White, DNP, CRNA. As we step into this new chapter, we are excited about the possibilities that lie ahead and are confident that, with your continued support, we will achieve even greater heights.

The Foundation remains steadfast in its commitment to supporting CRNAs/nurse anesthesiologists and students/residents. Thank you once again for your unwavering support and belief in our mission. Your generosity and commitment are the driving force behind everything we do.

Sincerely,

Lori Schirle, PhD, CRNA, FAAN
AANA Foundation, Chair





A Message from the Chief Executive Officer
Y. John Yauger, PhD, CRNA, FAANA

Dear AANA Foundation Supporters,

I am honored to lead the AANA Foundation and our nurse anesthesiology research and evidence-based practice (EBP) community into the future. I extend my sincere gratitude to Dr. Lorraine Jordan for her extraordinary leadership and enduring contributions to the Foundation's philanthropic and research initiatives over the past three decades. To paraphrase Sir Isaac Newton, we stand on the shoulders of giants.

I am also deeply appreciative of the AANA Foundation Board of Trustees for their trust in my capacity to guide the Foundation forward. The Foundation is strategically positioned for significant growth—expanding programmatic resources, advancing research and EBP initiatives, and cultivating our academic community. These developments are designed to address the evolving needs of our stakeholders, including AANA members, state-level leadership, academic partners, EBP and research investigators, residents, and affiliated organizations.

This targeted strategy is intended to sustain and enhance the value of the Foundation, ultimately positioning it as the center of gravity for research and evidence-based practice within nurse anesthesiology. The Board of Trustees envisions the AANA Foundation becoming a leading force among nursing foundations within the next five years. We have important work ahead, and internal transformation has already begun. Our ability to achieve this ambitious vision relies on the continued generosity and engagement of our community. With your support, we will become a significant contributor to both anesthesiology and the broader healthcare landscape.

I remain available to engage with members and leaders to discuss our strategic direction. Remember: Victory is never incidental—it is the outcome of a shared vision, collective effort, and relentless determination. Together, we will shape a brighter, stronger future. Let's move forward with purpose.

Sincerely,

Y. John Yauger, PhD, CRNA, FAANA
AANA Foundation Chief Executive Officer



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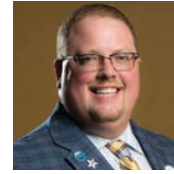
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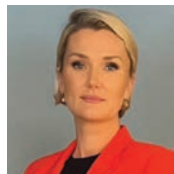
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Established in 1981 as a charitable organization to support the AANA membership.

AANA is the professional association representing more than 65,000 CRNAs/nurse anesthesiologists and residents (CRNAs/NAs and RRNAs).

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.

CORE VALUES

Knowledge | Integrity | Excellence | Scientific Inquiry | Stewardship | Diversity | Equity | Inclusion

VISION

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

For the Foundation's DEI vision & DEI values statements visit www.aanafoundation.com

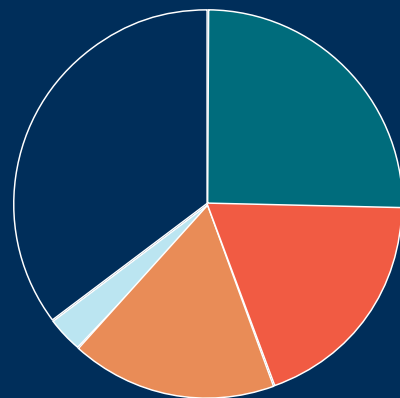
LIFETIME FOUNDATION SUCCESSES

Since 1981, AANA Foundation has provided financial support to CRNAs and Residents through a variety of programs. Over the course of its history, the Foundation has awarded more than **\$6.6 million to more than 4,900 individuals.**

Over \$2.8 million has been allocated to 17 Health Policy Research Studies for total program funding of more than \$9.4 million.

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| ■ 217 research grants to CRNAs totaling \$1,590,139 | ■ 63 resident research grants totaling \$85,990 |
| ■ 1,700 scholarships totaling \$3,417,750 to support nurse anesthesiology residents | ■ 2,819 poster presentations at AANA Annual Congress and ADCE totaling \$184,750 |
| ■ 192 fellowships/CRNA Scholars totaling more than \$1,342,757 to assist CRNAs pursuing their PhD and DNP degrees | |

FOUNDATION TOTAL PROGRAM FUNDING



37% SCHOLARSHIPS
30% RESEARCH
17% GRANTS
14% CRNA SCHOLARS
2% POSTERS

OVERVIEW OF THE YEAR'S SUCCESSES

AANA Foundation supports critically important nurse anesthesia education and research programs and opportunities for CRNAs/NAs and RRNAs nationwide. The Foundation thanks every donor and volunteer who contributed their gifts and time throughout the year and congratulates all award recipients and research participants.

AANA Foundation raises the funds needed to focus on initiatives that meet its research and education mission, ensure efficiency, and provide the nurse anesthesiology community with the necessary resources for furthering the profession. Due to the generosity of Foundation donors, following are the major strategic goals accomplished this membership year.

2025 FUNDING ACHIEVEMENTS

Total Funding - \$753,239

RISE Above Health Policy Research - \$277,039

Annual Fund - \$476,200 awarded as follows:

- 94 scholarships totaling **\$287,250** to support nurse anesthesia
- 4 research grants totaling **\$147,761.47**
- 1 resident research grant totaling **\$1,703.45**
- 1 educational grant totaling **\$11,350**

- 10 Resident Educational Emergency Grants (REEG) totaling **\$28,200**

- Awarded **98** poster presentations at AANA Annual Congress and ADCE

- Nationwide representation by **46** State Advocates and **68** Resident Advocates

- Honored the following CRNAs for their efforts in the areas of research, philanthropy, and humanitarianism:

Nelson Aquino
Jean Gamble
Michael Hunt

- **Launched Resource Center** providing support and consultation services to CRNAs/NAs in the following areas:

- Scientific Writing
- IRB
- Mentorship
- Statistics
- Poster Abstract & Design
- Research & Evidence-Based Manuscript Publication
- Research & Evidence-Based Practice Design
- Financial Support for Manuscript Publication

2025-2026 APPLICATION DEADLINES

**SEPT
15**

- "State of the Science" General Poster Session at EDGE (formerly known as ADCE)

**SEPT
30**

- Research Grants (General & Dedicated)
- Dean Hayden Resident Research & Evidence Based Practice Grant
- DEI Initiative Grant

**DEC
1**

- Resident Scholarship Donors

**DEC
31**

- Research Grants (General & Dedicated)
- Dean Hayden Resident Research & Evidence Based Practice Grant
- DEI Initiative Grant

**MAR
1 & 31**

- Resident Scholarships (3/1)
- Research Grants (General & Dedicated)
- Dean Hayden Resident Research & Evidence Based Practice Grant
- DEI Initiative Grant

**APR
1**

- CRNA Scholar Program
- Foundation Awards (Researcher, Philanthropist, Advocate, Humanitarian)
- "State of the Science" Oral and General Poster Sessions at Annual Congress

**MAY
1**

- Research Grants (General and Dedicated)

**JUNE
15**

- Friends for Life

**JUNE
30**

- Research Grants (General and Dedicated)
- Dean Hayden Resident Research & Evidence Based Practice Grant
- DEI Initiative Grant

**OPEN
SUB**

- Program Administrator's Outstanding Resident Research Project Award & Resident Scholarly Project Award
- Postdoctoral Fellowship
- Resident Emergency Educational Grant (REEG)



The **Proof Is Power Annual Fund** supports our Annual Fund Achievements (see page 6).

Proof is Power programs create opportunities for CRNAs/NAs and RRNAs nationwide through Grants, Scholarships, CRNA Scholars Program, Posters, Fellowships, Leadership Opportunities, and more. These programs are the result of hard work, bright minds, and the generosity of donors and volunteers who believe in the power of education and research. Your support is essential. Visit aanafoundation.com to learn more or make a donation.



The AANA Foundation's **RISE Above Campaign** was established to generate funding for large-scale, high-cost health policy research demonstrating the safety and effectiveness of CRNAs. Thanks to the continued generosity of State Associations, CRNAs/NAs and RRNAs, new donations continue to support important health services and policy research.

2025 Research Highlights

Two AANA Foundation funded manuscripts were published in 2025:

- "Retaining CRNAs Who Provide Obstetric Services in Rural Communities: Results from a National Survey" (Anderson BL, Sawyer J, Palmer A, Andrilla CHA, Beeson A), appeared online in *Journal of Rural Health*
- "An Examination of Factors Contributing to Different Anesthesia Models in Underserved Areas" (Palmer A, Sawyer J, Beeson A, Rosner S, Padhye I, Andrilla HA), was published online in April and featured in the Spring 2025 issue of *Nursing Outlook*.

These studies aimed to:

1. Explore the experiences of CRNAs delivering obstetric anesthesia in rural and urban underserved settings.
2. Assess how federal policy, commercial reimbursement disparities, and other

disparities, and other systemic barriers affect access to access to obstetric anesthesia.

Key findings include:

- CRNAs consistently fill critical gaps in obstetric anesthesia, particularly in regions with limited maternity care access.
- Hospitals in such areas are 14% more likely to report independent CRNA staffing models.
- In urban underserved hospitals, CRNAs often provide the majority of obstetric anesthesia services—even when physician anesthesiologists are available.
- State policy significantly influences access to care; hospitals in states that have opted out of federal CRNA supervision requirements are 19% more likely to allow CRNAs to practice independently.

Both studies underscore the essential role CRNAs

play in sustaining obstetric anesthesia services in rural and low-volume hospitals.

Specifically:

- Low-delivery-volume rural hospitals are 21% more likely than their high-volume counterparts to employ independently practicing CRNAs.
- These hospitals are also 25% more likely than low-volume urban hospitals, and 34% more likely than high-volume urban hospitals, to utilize CRNAs without medical direction.

In Progress:

A Foundation-funded study in collaboration with the Veterans Health Administration is currently underway. This research evaluates patient safety and satisfaction among veterans receiving anesthesia care. The study is expected to conclude in late summer or early fall 2025, with anticipated submission to two leading peer-reviewed journals.

2025 AANA FOUNDATION AWARDS

JOHN F. GARDE RESEARCHER AWARD

Nelson Aquino, DNP, MS, CRNA, (Future FAANA 2025 Inductee)



This award, which is named for former AANA Executive Director John Garde, is presented to an individual who has made a significant contribution to the practice of nurse anesthesiology through clinical research. This year, the AANA Foundation proudly presents the award to **Nelson Aquino, DNP, MS, CRNA, (Future FAANA 2025 Inductee)**.

Nelson Aquino is a pediatric CRNA, and clinical researcher at Boston Children's Hospital (BCH), where he has dedicated the past 25 years to advancing nursing and pediatric anesthesia. Aquino serves as the clinical coordinator for the Council of Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs (COA)-accredited BCH Pediatric Certified Registered Nurse Anesthesia Fellowship. He also serves as the vice president of the Filipino American Nurse Anesthesiology Society (FANAS) and was an elected member of Boston's Board of Health during the COVID-19 pandemic, where he contributed his expertise to public health initiatives.

"I am honored to receive the John F. Garde Researcher of the Year Award. My first encounter with John in 2008 at my first annual meeting in Minneapolis left a lasting impression. His kindness, humor, and pride in being a CRNA exemplified his pioneering contributions to our profession and continue to inspire my work today," Aquino said. "Being recognized as a CRNA researcher focusing on perioperative outcomes for vulnerable populations is a profound honor. We must challenge the status quo and utilize our expertise to develop innovative solutions that advance our practice."

Nelson earned an undergraduate bachelor's degree in nursing, followed by a master's degree in nurse anesthesia from Northeastern University and a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree from Seton Hall University. Recently, he was selected as a 2025 Fellow of the American Association of Nurse Anesthesiology (FAANA), a testament to his unwavering commitment to excellence and his impactful contributions to anesthesia research.

RITA L. LEBLANC PHILANTHROPIST AWARD

Jean Gamble, CRNA



The Rita L. LeBlanc Philanthropist of the Year Award is presented to an individual who has gone beyond the call of duty as a supporter of AANA Foundation and other philanthropic organizations. The recipient of this award demonstrates a strong philanthropic spirit, and through his or her charitable actions motivates

others to give of themselves. The recipient of the 2025 Rita L. LeBlanc Philanthropist of the Year Award is **Jean Gamble, CRNA**.

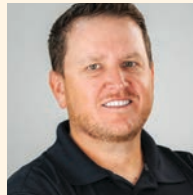
Among her career distinctions, Gamble was the first female nurse anesthetist to work in Wood County, Ohio. A representative of the Jean Gamble Estate described her as a trail blazer who "paved the way for many nurses in the field of nurse anesthesiology. She was a pioneer in her field and an advocate for patients. Her caring way and her expertise in her field has eased the stress of many a patient."

She was recognized as a community builder who had demonstrated a long history of being concerned for the welfare of her neighbors and her patients. As a passionate champion of education, Jean Gamble's estate recently made a \$400,000 scholarship donation to AANA Foundation as a testimony to the importance of shaping the opportunities for future generations of CRNAs.

Born in 1922, Gamble lived to be 102 years old. She graduated Larue High School in Marion, Ohio in 1940. She later attended Riverside Whitecross School of Nursing where she received her RN in 1943. Gamble was the first registered nurse student in the school of anesthesiology at Ohio State University. She was a CRNA for 40 years, retiring in 1990.

JANICE DRAKE CRNA HUMANITARIAN AWARD

Michael Hunt, MBA, CRNA, FNP



The Janice Drake CRNA Humanitarian Award is presented to a CRNA/nurse anesthesiologist who volunteers and provides anesthesia, education, and training in areas of need in the United States and overseas. The recipient of the 2025 Janice Drake CRNA Humanitarian Award is presented to **Michael Hunt, MBA, CRNA, FNP**.

As a nurse anesthesiologist, Hunt delivers exceptional anesthesia care, ensuring patient safety and comfort during surgical procedures across diverse clinical settings. His expertise as a Family Nurse Practitioner complements this, allowing him to provide comprehensive primary care, emphasizing preventive health, patient education, and chronic disease management.

"I am greatly honored to be named the Janice Drake Humanitarian of the Year," Hunt said. "I consider it my greatest mission as a CRNA to provide anesthesia services to those underserved communities, and I am proud of the outreach my teams have performed in Kenya." Beyond his professional achievements, Hunt is deeply committed to humanitarian efforts, particularly through his work with Kenya Relief. He has dedicated significant time to providing critical medical care and anesthesia services in underserved communities in Kenya, improving access to quality healthcare for vulnerable populations. He has led teams with Kenya Relief up to twice a year since 2015. His contributions include performing life-saving procedures, training local healthcare providers, and supporting the development of sustainable medical programs. Hunt's work in Kenya reflects his unwavering dedication to global health equity and his belief in the power of compassionate care to transform lives. Hunt has served as past president for Idaho Association of Nurse Anesthesiology and is currently the Federal Political Director for Idaho, a position he has held for the past five years.

2025 HIGHLIGHTS

PROGRAMS & VOLUNTEERS



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RESEARCH INITIATIVES

'STATE OF THE SCIENCE' TOP ABSTRACTS/ORAL POSTERS

For 20 consecutive years AANA Foundation has awarded members the opportunity to present at the "State of the Science" Top Abstract/Oral Poster Session during the AANA Annual Congress.

Sixteen top abstract/oral poster presenters were selected to present at the 2025 poster session. A complete list of 75 general poster presenters can be found on the Foundation website at www.aanafoundation.com.

Research Title: Ciprofol versus Propofol on Injection Site Pain in Gynecologic Surgery

Presenter: Cole Givens, BSN, RN
Co-Authors: Amanda Virginia, DNP-A, CRNA
Primary Affiliation: Texas Christian University

Research Title: Dexmedetomidine for the Parturient: A Survey for Pioneering Safe and Effective Bolus Dosing in Labor Epidurals

Presenter: Sarah Reynolds, MSN, CRNA
Co-Authors: Jeremy B. Donegan, MS, MMHC, CRNA; Luisa P. Moya, MSN, CRNA; Jordan Billings, DNAP, CRNA; Hallie Evans, DNP, CRNA; Nicolette Hooge, DNP, MBA, CRNA; Thomas Baribeault, DNP, CRNA
Primary Affiliation: Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia (MTSA)

Research Title: Enhancing Safety in Non-Operating Room Anesthesia Environments: Optimizing Anesthesia Workspace Design

Presenter: John M. Edwards III, DNAP, MS, CRNA
Co-Authors: Stace D. Dollar, DNAP, MS, CRNA; Syed Z. Ali, MD, FASA
Primary Affiliation: University of Kentucky Department of Anesthesiology

Research Title: Evaluation of a Dexmedetomidine Infusion Protocol in Pediatric Patients Post-Cardiac Catheterization

Presenter: Mikayla Morgan, BSN, RN
Co-Authors: Edmund Jooste, MB.ChB.; Beth Demarco, BSN, RN; Grace Bounds, BSN, RN; Julie A. Thompson, PhD; Emily Funk, DNP, CRNA
Primary Affiliation: Duke University School of Nursing

Research Title: From Vulnerable to Visible: Improving CRNA Awareness of Child Trafficking

Presenter: Kate Gordon, MSN, RN
Co-Authors: Audrey Rosenblatt, PhD, CRNA, APRN, FAANA
Primary Affiliation: Rush University

Research Title: Incorporation of Preoperative Prayer into Ambulatory Surgical Patients' Experience and Its Impact on Patient Anxiety and Satisfaction

Presenter: Jocelyn Bahnmann, BSN, RN
Co-Authors: Robyn Finney, DNAP, CRNA, APRN; Terra Pollert, MSN, RN; Janet Stapelton, MSN, RN; Annie Lorenz, DNAP, CRNA, APRN; Andy Hanson, MS; Caila Rinker, MDIV, BCC; Yvette Martin McGrew, MD, PhD
Primary Affiliation: Mayo Clinic School of Health Sciences Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Program

Research Title: Marburg Outbreak: Lived Experience of Nurse Anesthetists at Three Referral Hospitals in Kigali, Rwanda

Presenter: Janet A. Dewan, PhD, MS, CRNA
Co-Authors: Assumpta Yamuragiye, PhD, RNA; Christine Ufashingabire Minani, PhD, RNA; Kelly A. Gallant, PhD, MS, CRNA
Primary Affiliation: Northeastern University

Research Title: Ondansetron and its Use in Preventing Spinal Anesthesia-Induced Hypotension in Non-Obstetric Patients

Presenter: Christopher Carroll, BSN, RN
Co-Authors: Scott Schultz, BSN, RN; Dawn Specht, PhD, MSN, RN, APN, AGACNP-B; Jessica Ann Hessel, DNP, CRNA
Primary Affiliation: Drexel University

Research Title: Pediatric Emergence Delirium Education for Post-Anesthesia Care Unit Registered Nurses: An Evidence-Based Practice Project

Presenter: Alecia Graef, BSN, RN
Co-Authors: Janeen Vest, BSN, RN; Jessica Storey, DNP, CRNA; David Prasnal, DNP, CRNA; Sara Dailey, DNP, CRNA
Primary Affiliation: University of Cincinnati

Research Title: Pioneering Excellence in Anesthesia: Launching a Pediatric CRNA Fellowship

Presenter: Meg Christopher, MSN, CRNA, APRN
Co-Authors: Tyler Davis-Sandfoss, DNP, CRNA; Renee Pederson, DNP, CRNA; Audrey Rosenblatt, PhD, CRNA, FAANA
Primary Affiliation: Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital

Research Title: Substance Misuse and Drug Diversion Among Anesthesiology Professionals: A National Descriptive Comparative Study on the Implementation of an Educational Intervention for Resident Registered Nurse Anesthesiologists and Their Support Systems

Presenter: Maria van Pelt, PhD, CRNA, FAAN, FAANA
Co-Authors: Rachel Sabin, BSN, RN; Daniel King, DNP, CRNA, CPPS, CNE; Connie Lorette, PhD, CRNA, FAANA; Claudia Garcia, MBA, BSN, RN, LAC; Rigo Garcia, MSN, MBA, CRNA, FAANA
Primary Affiliation: Northeastern University

Research Title: The Development and Implementation of AI-based Educational Applications in Nurse Anesthesia Simulation

Presenter: Christian Cansino, DNP, CRNA, FNP, ACNP
Co-Authors: Alexandra Fusco, MSN, CRNA
Primary Affiliation: Columbia University

Research Title: The Effect of a Ketamine Infusion on Postoperative Opioid Consumption in Pediatric Patients Undergoing Posterior Spinal Fusion Surgery

Presenter: Jakob Owens, RN, BSN
Co-Authors: Jacob Thomas, RN, BSN; Michael Robinson, RN, BSN; Martina Steed, PhD, CRNA, NSPM-C, FAANA, CHSE; Diana Olive, DNAP, CRNA
Primary Affiliation: Webster University

Research Title: The Impact of Organizational Climate on Burnout, Job Satisfaction, and Intention to Leave among Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists in Rural Settings

Presenter: Christina Congdon, MPhil, MS, CRNA
Co-Authors: Jianfang Liu, PhD, MAS, MPA, BE; Allison Norful, PhD, MSN, ANP-BC, FAAN; Donald Boyd, PhD, CRNA; Gregory Alexander, PhD, RN, FAAN, FACMI, FIAHSI
Primary Affiliation: Columbia University

Research Title: The Lived Experience of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists with the Nonsurgical Pain Management-Certified Credential: A Phenomenological Perspective

Presenter: Suzanne Ariza, PhD, CRNA, CCRN, PMGT-BC
Co-Authors: James D. Mendez, PhD, CRNP, ANP-BC; Linda Copel, PhD, RN, CNS, BC, CNE, NCC, FAPA
Primary Affiliation: Drexel University

Research Title: The Utilization of Intranasal Remimazolam versus Midazolam in the Pediatric Population for Post-Operative Delirium: An Evidence-Based Project

Presenter: Hannah Gwyneth Tabora, BSN, RN
Co-Authors: Yasmine N. Campbell DNP, CRNA, APRN, CNE, CHSE; Keshia M. Gattorno DNP, CRNA, APRN
Primary Affiliation: Florida International University

RESEARCH INITIATIVES

RESEARCH GRANTS

In Membership Year 2025, the AANA Foundation Board of Trustees awarded four research grants totaling \$147,761.37.

Title: An Educational Program to Increase Point-of-Care Ultrasound Use in Nurse Anesthesiologists: A Pilot Study

Principal Investigator: Morgan Morrow

Fund: \$6,389.92

Affiliation: Midwestern University

Title: Exploring the Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist Transition from Clinician to Academician

Principal Investigator: Denise Stuit, DNP, CRNA

Fund: \$4,640.00

Affiliation: University of Missouri Kansas City (UMKC)-University Health Truman Medical Centers School of Nurse Anesthesia

Title: The Efficacy of Perioperative Intravenous Lidocaine as an Opioid Sparing Adjunct for Patients Undergoing Lower Extremity Orthopedic Trauma Surgery

Principal Investigator: Mary Golinski, PhD, CRNA, FAANA

Fund: \$73,021.55

Affiliation: Wayne State University Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

Title: Pilot Study of Suicide Prevention Video for Resident Registered Nurse Anesthetists

Principal Investigator: Charles Griffis, PhD, CRNA, FAANA

Fund: \$63,710.00

Affiliation: University of California, Los Angeles

EDUCATIONAL GRANTS

In Membership Year 2025, the AANA Foundation Board of Trustees awarded one educational grant totaling \$11,350.

NBCRNA DEI Grant

Title: Nurse Unseen

Principal Investigator: Rhea Temmermand, MSN, CRNA

Fund: \$11,350

Affiliation: Drexel University

RESIDENT RESEARCH GRANTS

In Membership Year 2025, one resident research grant was awarded this year for a total of \$1,703.45.

Dean and Fred Hayden Resident Research Grant—\$1,703.45

Sponsor: Estate of Dean and Fred Hayden

Recipient: Julia Hedge, BSN, RN

Affiliation: The University of South Florida

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR'S OUTSTANDING RESIDENT AWARDS

The Program Administrator's Outstanding Resident Research Project Award and Scholarly Project Award are given to residents who have conducted noteworthy research and evidence-based projects. This year, the following residents were honored.

Scholarly Project Awards:

Research Title: A Quality Improvement Project on the Impact of Mindfulness Education on Student Registered Nurse Anesthesiologist Success

Author: Ashley Lema, BSN, RN

Program: Florida International University

Research Title: Anesthesia Provider Use of Desflurane Following an Inservice on its Environmental Impact

Author: Katie Eifert, BSN, RN; Melissa Schroering, BSN, RN

Program: Northern Kentucky University

Research Title: Automated Blood Glucose Reminders in the Intraoperative Setting

Author: Christopher Posey, BSN, RN; Emily Mueth, BSN, RN; Zeinab Halo, BSN, RN

Program: Barnes-Jewish College, Goldfarb School of Nursing

Research Title: Examining the Use of the FATE Protocol as a Method for Preoperative, Perioperative, and Postoperative Cardiac Assessment for the Novice CRNA

Author: Samuel Berry, RN, BSN; Neil Thomas, RN, BSN; Taylor Lenard, RN, BSN

Program: University of Tennessee at Chattanooga/Erlanger Health Systems DNP Nurse Anesthesia Concentration

Research Title: Heparin Resistance and Its Implications Related to Patient Safety

Author: Lucas Maxey, BSN, RN; Kaselynn Denton, BSN, BS, RN; Marin Boerner, BSN, RN

Program: Webster University Nurse Anesthesia Program

Research Title: Implementing a TEG® 6s Algorithm for Trauma Surgery at a Military Treatment Facility: An Evidence Based Project

Author: CPT Jayden Hammond, BSN; CPT Frank Parkinson, BSN

Program: U.S. Army Graduate Program in Anesthesia Nursing, William Beaumont Army Medical Center Clinical Site

Research Title: Propofol Disposal in the Operating Room: Addressing the Practice Knowledge Gap

Author: Audreau Conley, BSN, RN; Samantha Trulove, BSN, RN

Program: Barnes-Jewish College, Goldfarb School of Nursing

Research Project Awards:

Research Title: Effects of Posterior Cul-de-Sac Infusions on Chronic Pain Following Robotic-Assisted Laparoscopic Hysterectomies

Author: Madison Burton, BSN, RN; Lori Lynn, BSN, RN

Program: Webster University Nurse Anesthesia Program

Research Title: Increasing Student Registered Nurse Anesthetist Engagement in their State's Professional Organization by Solidifying the Student Representative Role Expectations

Author: Vanessa Vega, RN; Kristi Bagal, RN; Christine Riano, RN

Program: Minneapolis School of Anesthesia

Research Title: Retrospective Analysis of the Effectiveness of Sublingual Sufentanil in Adult Patients Undergoing Orthopedic, Otolaryngology or Oral Maxillofacial Surgery

Author: CPT Inga Burkhart; CPT Laura Cyr; CPT Suwara Gassama; CPT Jillian Heide

Program: US Graduate Program in Anesthesia

Research Title: Therapeutic Play and Education with a Certified Child Life Specialist as a Method of Non-Pharmacological Anxiolysis for Pediatric Patients Scheduled to Undergo Anesthesia for Same-Day Surgery

Author: Rachelle E. Adams, BSN, RN; Braidie N. Gorman, BSN, RN

Program: Center for Nurse Anesthesiology, Albany Medical College

RESIDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

AANA FOUNDATION RECEIVED 386 COMPETITIVE RESIDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS THIS YEAR, AND 94 SCHOLARSHIPS WERE AWARDED TOTALING \$278,250. THE SCHOLARSHIPS INCLUDE:

AANA Diamond Club Scholarship (In memory of Sandra J. Kilde) —\$3,000

Sponsor: AANA Diamond Club (funded by the Past Presidents of the AANA. This year's scholarship is in honor of Sandra J. Kilde)
Recipient(s): Stefannie Wilkes-Pounders, Union University College of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Track, TN

AANA Diversity Scholarships—Three \$3,000 Scholarships

Sponsor: AANA
Recipient(s): Soo Jung Ha, Duke University Nurse Anesthesia Program, NC; Danielle Parker, Mary Baldwin University Nurse Anesthesiology Program; Taylor Ramirez, University of Texas Jane and Robert Cizik School of Nursing at Houston Nurse Anesthesia Division

AANA Foundation Scholarships—Twelve \$3,000 Scholarships

Sponsor: AANA Foundation
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Adriel G. Cansino, DNP, CRNA Memorial Scholarship—Two \$3,000 Scholarships

Sponsor: Christian Cansino, DNP, CRNA
Recipient(s): Khadijat Badejo, Rush University College of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, IL; Andrew Fernandez, Columbia University School of Nursing Program in Nurse Anesthesia, NY

ALANA Scholarships—Three \$3,000 Scholarships

Sponsor: Alabama Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Recipient(s): Javier Figueroa, The University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Nursing Post-BSN to DNP Pathway for Nurse Anesthesia, AL; Regina Oliver, Samford University Department of Nurse Anesthesia Moffett and Sanders School of Nursing, AL; Darby Clymer, University of Mobile Nurse Anesthesia Program, AL

Art Zwerling Memorial Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Pennsylvania Association of Nurse Anesthetists (in memory of Art Zwerling, CRNA)
Recipient(s): Jasmine Lord, University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, PA

Barry Anthony Cranfill Memorial Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Sentry Anesthesia Mgt. (in memory of Barry A. Cranfill, CRNA)
Recipient(s): Kathleen Eviza-Ford, Medical University of South Carolina, SC

Birgitta Johansson Scholarship Fund—\$3,000

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Recipient(s): Cary Hoffman, Charleston Area Medical Center, WV

CRNA Financial Success Scholarship—\$3,000

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Recipient(s): Alexandra Jones, Duke University Nurse Anesthesia Program, NC

Cynthia McNerney Scholarship—\$3,000

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Recipient(s): Ryan Watson, UNC Greensboro School of Nursing Doctor of Nursing Practice, Nurse Anesthesia Concentration, NC

Dean M. Cox Memorial Scholarships—Four \$3,000 Scholarships

Sponsor: David R. Javaheri, in memory of Dean M. Cox, CRNA
Recipient(s): Helen Conley, University of Tennessee Health Science Center, TN; Jessica Sparks, The University of Akron Nurse Anesthesia Program, OH; Amber Todd, University of Michigan-Flint Nurse Anesthesia Program, MI; Faith Koroma-Coker, Northeastern University Bouve College of Health Sciences School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, MA

Dean and Fred Hayden Memorial National Scholarship—\$3,000

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Recipient(s): Analise Thomas, University of Miami School of Nursing and Health Studies Nurse Anesthesia Program, FL

Diana U. Davidson Memorial Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Pennsylvania Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Recipient(s): Rebecca Duncan, University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, PA

Dr. Maureen Reilly, PhD, CRNA Memorial Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Association of Veteran's Affairs Nurse Anesthetists
Recipient(s): Amanda Genau, University Health Truman Medical Center School of Nurse Anesthesia, MO

Dr. Sandra K. Tunajek Scholarship for Nurse Anesthesia Education—\$3,000

Sponsor: Kentucky Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Recipient(s): Abdullah Bholat, Northern Kentucky University Nurse Anesthesia Program, KY

Edward Hyland, CRNA Scholarship—\$3,000

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Recipient(s): Stephanie Updike, Thomas Jefferson University Jefferson College of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, PA

Elizabeth Burt Jeter Memorial Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Leslie Jeter, DNP, MSNA, CRNA
Recipient(s): Alison Hoyer, Emory University Doctor of Nursing Practice Nurse Anesthesia Program, GA

Florida Association of Nurse Anesthetists Resident Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Florida Association of Nurse Anesthetists (in honor of all Florida's Nurse Anesthetists)
Recipient(s): Kha Tran, University of South Florida College of Nursing Nurse Anesthesiology Program, FL

Frank T. Maziarski, MS, CRNA Scholarship—\$3,000

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Recipient(s): Nick CliffOrr, Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center Gonzaga University Nurse Anesthesia Program, WA

GANA Scholarship—\$3,000

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Recipient(s): Alexandra Hogg, The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, TN

George DeVane Memorial Scholarship—\$3,000

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Recipient(s): Riley Burghart, University of Kansas Nurse Anesthesia Program, KS

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Recipient(s): Karina Atienza, Florida State University, FL

The Grace and Daniel Connelly Family Scholarship—\$3,000

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Hagan Insurance and New York Life Veteran's Scholarship—Three \$3,250 Scholarships

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Recipient(s): James Warren, Samford University Department of Nurse Anesthesia Moffett and Sanders School of Nursing, AL; Leigh Barry, Northeastern University BouvéBouve College of Health Sciences School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, MA; Matthew Saunders, The University of Arizona College of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, AZ

Hazel P. Currier Memorial Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Estate of Hazel Currier
Recipient(s): Blaire Bemel, University of Minnesota School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Area of Study, MN

Elizabeth Jack Neary Memorial Scholarship—\$3,000

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Sponsor: Minnesota Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Recipient(s): Sabrina Deblaere, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota Graduate Program in Nurse Anesthesiology, MN

Kristine Goryanec Willingham Memorial Scholarship—\$3,000

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Recipient(s): Shelbie Freeman, The University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Nursing Nurse Anesthesiology Concentration, TN

Larry Lysne Leadership Scholarship—\$3,000

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Recipient(s): Zaha Bush, Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center Gonzaga University Nurse Anesthesia Program, WA

Maine Association of Nurse Anesthetists Scholarship—\$1,000

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Recipient(s): Abigail Lee, University of New England School of Nurse Anesthesia, ME

Maria Roach, CRNA Scholarship—\$3,000

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Maryland Association of Nurse Anesthetists Scholarship—\$3,000

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Michael Kelly Smith, CRNA Scholarship—\$3,000

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Michigan Association of Nurse Anesthetists Scholarships—Five \$3,000 Scholarships

Sponsor: Michigan Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Recipient(s): Rebecca Chema, Oakland University Beaumont Graduate Program of Nurse Anesthesia, MI; Kendall Owens, University of Detroit Mercy Graduate Program of Nurse Anesthesia, MI; Andrew Ruczynski, Wayne State University Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, MI; Mackenzie Cooper, University of Michigan-Flint Nurse Anesthesia Program, MI; Emily Kososki, Michigan State University Nurse Anesthesiology Program, MI

Minnesota Association of Nurse Anesthetists Scholarship—\$3,000

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Recipient(s): Addyson Sand, Mayo Clinic School of Health Sciences Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice Program, MN

Missouri Association of Nurse Anesthetists Resident Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Missouri Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Recipient(s): Riley Ebenroth, Goldfarb School of Nursing at Barnes-Jewish College Nurse Anesthesia Program, MO

NBCRNA DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) Scholarships—Three \$3,000 Scholarships

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Nebraska Resident Nurse Anesthetists Scholarship—\$1,000

Sponsor: Nebraska Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Recipient(s): Susmita Basnet, Bryan College of Health Sciences, NE

New England Assembly of Nurse Anesthetists Scholarship (NEANA)—\$3,000

Sponsor: New England Assembly of Nurse Anesthetists
Recipient(s): Jasmin Woodbury, Rhode Island College Zvart Onanian School of Nursing/St. Joseph Hospital School of Nurse Anesthesia, RI

New Mexico Association of Nurse Anesthetists Lorrie Bennett Scholarship—\$2,500

Sponsor: New Mexico Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Recipient(s): Jennifer Fife, New Mexico State University Nurse Anesthesiology DNP Program, NM

NCANA Doctoral LEAD Scholarship (Leadership Education & Development)—Two \$3,000 Scholarships

Sponsor: North Carolina Association of Nurse Anesthetists

Recipient(s): Hayden Hmiel, UNC Greensboro, School of Nursing, Doctor of Nursing Practice, Nurse Anesthesia Concentration, NC; Emily Hartley, Western Carolina University Nurse Anesthesia Program, NC

NAPF Scholarship—Five \$3,000 Scholarships

Sponsor: Nurse Anesthesia Pride Foundation (NAPF, formerly GALA)
Recipient(s): Ryan Mejia, University of Miami School of Nursing and Health Studies Nurse Anesthesia Program, FL; Ashley Hughes, National University Fresno Nurse Anesthesia Program, CA; Ryan Kuresa, Johns Hopkins School of Nursing DNP Nurse Anesthesia Program, MD; Grace Beuchert, Georgetown University, DC; Daniel Luttrell, Florida Gulf Coast University Nurse Anesthesiology Program, FL

OSANA Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Ohio State Association of Nurse Anesthetists
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Palmer Carrier Resident Scholarship—\$3,000

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Pennsylvania Association of Nurse Anesthetists Scholarships—Three \$3,000 Scholarships

Sponsor: Pennsylvania Association of Nurse Anesthetists (in honor of Mary Depaolis Lutzo, CRNA, ARNP; Sister Mary Bernard and the PANA Past Presidents)
Recipient(s): Whitley Kloeblen, Drexel University Nurse Anesthesia Program, PA; Amanda El-Chaar, University of Pennsylvania, PA; Andrew Warzinski, University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, PA

Pennsylvania Association of Nurse Anesthetists Dignitary Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Pennsylvania Association of Nurse Anesthetists (in memory of the PANA members who passed away this year, Mary Frykling and Arlene Vogel)
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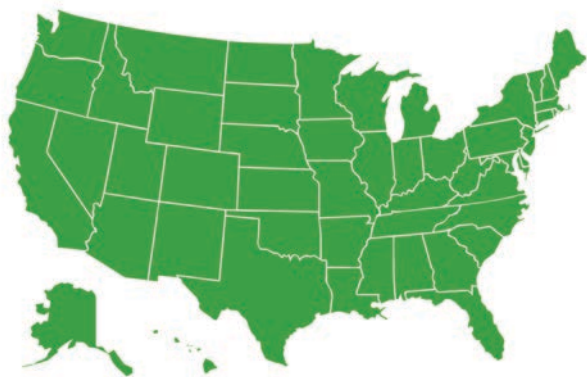
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