

2026 Didactic Instructor of the Year Award
Carrie Bowman Dalley, PhD, CRNA

I am deeply honored to receive this award. I am especially grateful to Catherine Horvath, DNP, CRNA, FAANA, for this nomination and to the Georgetown University students who have inspired me throughout my twenty years of teaching. Each cohort has pushed me to more fully examine the evidence and find more accessible, comprehensive explanations. The energy I feel during and after a lecture is extraordinary, and it has been one of my greatest joys to see our alumni advance the quality of anesthetic care and our profession throughout their careers.

I am particularly grateful for students for whom didactic education did not come easily. Your tireless efforts, grit, and unwavering drive to become CRNAs are truly inspirational. You have helped me keep perspective on just how fortunate I am to be a CRNA and an educator, and to have a profession that I love.

I must thank my incredible colleagues and mentors, past and present, for their support and collaboration. Thank you to Dean Roberta Waite for her visionary leadership and focus on inclusion. Georgetown's values, including *cura personalis*, remind us that we're forming compassionate professionals focused on optimizing the health and well-being of all people.

Thank you for this tremendous honor.