

## **Honorary Membership**

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I just want to take a moment to say how truly honored and humbled I am to be named an honorary member of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists. As someone who isn't a CRNA by background, this recognition is incredibly meaningful—and I don't take the significance lightly.

I want to extend a very special thank you to my friend and Beyond the Mask podcast co-host, Sharon Pearce. Sharon, your leadership in this profession has inspired so many, including me. You've been a champion for CRNAs and an advocate for excellence, and I'm grateful beyond words for your friendship—and for nominating me for this honor.

Over the years, the CRNA community has given me more than I could have imagined. Along the way, I've been embraced by so many CRNAs—now friends—whose support, trust, and camaraderie have made this time deeply personal and profoundly meaningful. Through our business, CRNA Financial Planning, we've had the privilege of walking alongside thousands of CRNAs—helping them achieve their tax and financial goals, plan their futures, and use this incredible business of anesthesia to build the lives they envision for themselves and their families. Watching so many of you thrive—whether that's through 1099 independence, retirement readiness, or just greater confidence in your financial lives—has been one of the great joys of my career.

I've also had the privilege of serving on the AANA Foundation Board, and the experience has left a lasting impact on me. Being part of an organization so committed to the advancement of the CRNA profession has been both humbling and inspiring. I'm truly grateful for the opportunity to support the research, education, and innovation that empower CRNAs and shape the future of nurse anesthesia.

And on a personal note—this profession has touched my life in the most unexpected and meaningful ways. I met my wife, Sara, an amazing CRNA, through my work in this community, and she has supported my journey every step of the way. We have three wonderful children, and it's been especially moving to see that two of them are now inspired to pursue a career as CRNAs themselves. So, when I say this industry has been good to me, I mean it on every level—professionally, personally, and as a parent.

Thank you again for this tremendous honor. I'm proud to be part of your world.