

2026 Program Administrator of the Year
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It is with great humility and gratitude that I accept this award for Program Administrator of the Year. I am grateful for the AANA in selecting me to receive this award. It is said that a team's recognition and support are what makes an individual a successful leader. The recognition and support that I have received over the past 14 years from my family, and from the Rosalind Franklin University Nurse Anesthesia team—including our kind and generous faculty, students, and staff—are the heart supporting this achievement. A very special thank you goes to my friend and colleague Dr. Ginna Kim and those faculty and students who took the time to submit my nomination and to provide letters of support. Six months after I became a Program Administrator, the COVID-19 pandemic created great disruption for our program and our world. Those early leadership challenges caused our team to navigate without a map. The strengths we forged through those experiences have helped our program continue to grow and thrive since. I couldn't be prouder to serve as the Program Administrator for RFU. To my dearest husband Bill and daughter Aimee, and to all my RFU family, I say THANK YOU!