

2025 AANA Staff Excellence Award

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It's such an honor to receive this award, thank you. It's a privilege to be a part of the AANA staff, the best in the association world.

To all of the state leaders and members of the AANA Government Relations Committee I've worked with over the years, thank you. Nothing we do matters without all that you do every day.

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Thank you for this honor, and let's keep winning!