



# York College of Pennsylvania / WellSpan Health NURSE ANESTHETIST PROGRAM

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## 78<sup>th</sup> Annual AANA Meeting

This year's Annual AANA Meeting was held in Boston, MA from August 6-10 at the Hynes Convention Center. York College's CRNA program was well represented by Class of 2013 members Jeremy Bullock, Jung Ju, Emily Kaiser, Sonhi Kim, Cathy Lawry, Amanda Rossman, Kara Witmer, alumnus Sarah Canero, and assistant program director Jason Lowe.

Educational highlights of the meeting included difficult airway management, pediatrics, obstetrics, pharmacology, and trauma lectures. Interactive workshops on airway management and ultrasound techniques allowed students to gain hands-on experience with these challenging aspects of anesthesia care. The annual Anesthesia College Bowl was a fun time and provided students a great review of pertinent clinical information. Students also visited the vendor area where they experimented with new anesthesia products and spoke with representatives from various anesthesia-related companies. Additional conference events included a trolley tour of Boston, a student luncheon, and the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Wake-up for Wellness Fun Run/Walk.

When not participating in AANA educational activities, our students took advantage of all that Boston has to offer. Students visited the Ether Dome, where anesthesia was first administered and Fenway Park, home of the Boston Red Sox. All who attended the conference were able to enjoy the city and return home with current anesthesia information to use in their clinical practice.



## AANA National Student Writing Contest Award Winner



Amanda Rossman, a member of the class of 2013, received 1<sup>st</sup> place in the AANA National Student Writing Contest on August 8 at the AANA's 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting held in Boston, MA. Amanda's winning manuscript titled "The Physiology of the Nicotinic Acetylcholine Receptor and its Importance in the Administration of Anesthesia" will be published as a journal course worth 6 CE credits in the October 2011 edition of the *AANA Journal*. Amanda will receive \$1000 for the manuscript's use as a journal course.

Congratulations Amanda on this amazing accomplishment!



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**AANA Foundation Scholarship Winner**

Michele Taylor, Class of 2012, was awarded a 2011 scholarship from the AANA foundation. The \$1000 scholarship was sponsored by the GALA group. Since 1981, the AANA Foundation has invested more than \$2.2 million in advancing nurse anesthesia education and research. This year, the AANA Foundation received 1,133 competitive student scholarship applications, and 64 scholarships were awarded totaling \$129,000. Michelle was recognized during the 78th Annual AANA Meeting in Boston, MA.

Congratulations Michele!!



**Help us Welcome Our New Novice Class**



Welcome Class of 2014! Congratulations on beginning your journey to becoming CRNAs! This year's incoming class of 9 students is the program's 6th class to begin the 32-month nurse anesthetist curriculum. The students will spend the next 12 months completing the didactic portion of their education in preparation for their clinical training.

- Kelly Martin- Linesville, PA
- Ashley Piper- Roaring Spring, PA
- Trina Zito- Westminster, MD
- Emily Decker- Harrisonville, PA
- Amy Crerand- York, PA
- Stacey Loeschner- Baltimore, MD
- Jamie Caudill- Lebanon, PA
- Christi Catalano- Mechanicsburg, PA
- Jason Huffman- Murfreesboro, TN

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**Junior Class Update**

The class of 2013 entered the OR to begin their clinical education this September. In preparation, a majority of the summer was spent in the classroom and in the Simulation Lab at York Hospital. A big thank you to seniors Alicia Harris and Zahid Kahn, and alumnus Katie Sullivan-Jensen for volunteering their time and expertise in the Sim Lab.

Five SRNAs began their training at York Hospital, and five SRNAs have been afforded the opportunity to begin their clinical journeys at the following hospitals: the VA Hospital in Lebanon, PA; Holy Spirit Hospital in Camp Hill, PA; Memorial Hospital in York, PA; Gettysburg Hospital in Gettysburg PA; and Pinnacle Health Hospital in Harrisburg, PA. This is the first time outside clinical sites have offered educational opportunities to novice students. A special thank you is extended to these facilities as they work with our students during this critical time in their education.

The SRNAs at York Hospital began their endotracheal intubation training using the Glidescope training blade. The training blade allows the instructor to watch the camera screen and see what the SRNA is visualizing during laryngoscopy. This allows for the SRNA and the clinical instructor to discuss the airway anatomy that is visualized and to achieve correct blade placement. The training blade was an excellent teaching tool and provided some amazing airway videos that will be included in classroom training. The nurse anesthesia program would like to thank George Haritos, DNAP, CRNA, clinical coordinator at York Hospital for securing this device and organizing this training.





### Senior Class Update

Senior SRNAs continue to excel in the clinical setting as they represent the York College of Pennsylvania/WellSpan Health at various clinical sites in Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Wisconsin. They have now completed their didactic education and will spend the next 2 semesters fulfilling the clinical requirements necessary for graduation in May 2012. The senior SRNAs will also be spending a lot of time studying in preparation for the National Board on Certification and Recertification of Nurse Anesthetists (NBCRNA) certification exam. This certification exam has been a requirement for CRNAs since 1945 and was developed to ensure CRNAs possess the knowledge necessary to provide competent anesthesia care and uphold professional standards.

Good Luck to the class of 2012 as they continue to work hard toward their goal of becoming CRNAs!

### Annual CRNA Picnic

Not even the torrential downpours brought by Hurricane Irene could put a damper on the annual CRNA picnic! A day filled with baseball themed activities had been planned at the sprawling Lowe estate; however, the festivities had to be moved to the famous Canadochly Valley Ambulance Club due to the inclement weather. Students took a break from studying and enjoyed an afternoon with families, alumni, and faculty. Stress-free activities included a Wii homerun derby, novice student hula-hoop contest, and team tower building contest.

Thank you to all who participated and helped to make this afternoon of fun such a success!

Hope to see everyone again next year!



### MANA Fall Conference



The entire class of 2014 and representatives from the class of 2013 attended the annual Maryland Association of Nurse Anesthetists (MANA) Fall Conference held in Baltimore, MD on September 17 & 18. This valuable conference allowed students to experience the professional aspects of nurse anesthesia while networking with fellow nurse anesthesia students, CRNAs, current MANA president Kelly Nevins Petz, MS, CRNA, and current AANA president Debra Malina CRNA, DNSc, MBA, APN.

The educational content included lectures on pulmonary physiology and pathophysiology, current transfusion recommendations and protocols, and a briefing on the new continuing education requirements for CRNAs. AANA President Debra Malina also delivered a state of the union address to all attendees.

This is the second novice class to attend this conference together. The MANA president was impressed with our strong showing for two years in a row, and has invited us to take part in student poster presentations scheduled for next year! We would like to thank MANA members for their warm welcome and support, including registration sponsorship for several students. Thank you to the class of 2014 and the representatives from the class of 2013 for your professionalism and representation at this meeting.

Keep up the good work developing strong relationships with our neighboring state's nurse anesthesia association.



**Alumni News**

Special thanks to John Kim, Class of 2011, for his donation of "Anesthesiologists Manual of Surgical Procedures" by Richard Jaffe to the CRNA library located at McKay Hall in the GAS lounge. As the junior students begin their clinical education, this book has been a wonderful resource to complete clinical care plans.

Thank you to Robin Crowley, CRNA for her donation to the "One Day's Pay" campaign for 2011. This is Robin's second year donating.



**New Clinical Site**

Pinnacle Health's Harrisburg Hospital has become the York College of Pennsylvania/WellSpan Health Nurse Anesthetist program's 13th clinical site. Harrisburg Hospital is a 552-bed teaching hospital located in Harrisburg, PA. Surgical specialties offered at this facility include cardiothoracic, vascular, neurosurgery, OB/GYN, orthopedics, general, ENT, ophthalmology, pediatrics, GI endoscopy, and cardiac electrophysiology.

Anesthesia providers staff 20 operating rooms, 2 GI suites, 2 obstetric suites, and 2 EP labs. Pinnacle provides clinical education to one novice and one senior student at a time. Clinical site coordinator is York College of Pennsylvania/WellSpan Health Nurse Anesthesia Program Alumna Holly Maley. We look forward to taking advantage of the excellent educational opportunities offered at Pinnacle Health.



**HRSA US Department of Health and Human Services Grant**

The Graduate Programs in Nursing was the recipient of a grant in the amount of \$7,678.00. The amount was divided by the total number of incoming graduate students in the Department of Nursing for summer and fall 2011. Eight of the recipients were from the nurse anesthetist track. Each student received \$383.90. Congratulations to Jamie Caudill, Amy Crerand, Emily Decker, Jason Huffman, Stacey Loeschner, Kelly Martin, Ashley Piper, and Trina Zito. *Special thanks to Dr. Pugh for her efforts in obtaining this grant!*

\*\*\* SAVE THE DATE \*\*\*



The last Final Friday Forum for 2011 will be on **Friday, December 2, 2011** from 11:00am to 1:00pm in Alumni Hall Located on West Campus. Guest Speaker will be, Kelly L. Wiltse Nicely, PhD, CRNA who is the current PANA President.

**April 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> 2012**  
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**Final Friday Forum Schedule 2012**



- January 27-Alumni Hall
- February 24-Alumni Hall
- May 4 -Alumni Hall
- June 29 -1770's Room
- July 27 -1770's Room
- August 31 - Alumni Hall
- September 28-Alumni Hall
- October 26-Alumni Hall
- November 30-Alumni Hall

**And as always, take some time for FUN!**



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