

2012 SPECIAL GRADUATION EDITION NAP NEWS

Congratulations New Graduates!



The York College of Pennsylvania/WellSpan Health Nurse Anesthetist Program celebrated the graduation of its fourth class of student registered nurse anesthetists on May 11, 2012. The members of the class of 2012 have succeeded in doing something many registered nurses can only dream about, completing a certified registered nurse anesthesia program. In a profession that accepts only the brightest, most ambitious, and hardest-working individuals, their accomplishment is not to be taken lightly.

Ask any graduate where they were when received news they had been accepted into the program and it is

guaranteed they will remember the exact day, place, and time. Acceptance was proof they were among the best in critical care nursing, that the months they took completing the application process was worth it, and the day long interview went as well (or not as poorly) as they thought it did. It signified the beginning of a monumental personal and professional transition that was about to take place in their lives.

For thirty-two months, the nine members of the class of 2012 dedicated their lives to the York College of Pennsylvania/WellSpan Health Nurse Anesthetist Program. They spent countless hours in the operating room and in the classroom. Studying became their new priority and they began to see the world through anesthesia-colored glasses. Over time, the class has evolved into knowledgeable, compassionate, and vigilant nurse anesthetists. Their recent graduation marks the culmination of a goal that has been years in the making.

To the Class of 2012, Congratulations on a job well done! We are proud of your accomplishments, have enjoyed watching you grow, and look forward to watching you continue to develop as CRNAs!!

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Program Director's Clinical Excellence Award

Congratulations to graduate **Anne Parson**, recipient of the Program Directors' Clinical Excellence Award. All who have worked with her recognized Anne's passion for anesthesia and hard work in the clinical setting. During her time as a nurse anesthesia student, she went far above and beyond her clinical requirements and consistently demonstrated her desire to be a compassionate, knowledgeable, and vigilant certified registered nurse anesthetist.

Anne was presented with this award at the annual graduation dinner and her name will be permanently displayed at the school with previous recipients of the award. Congratulations Anne!

Hazel P. Currier Memorial Award

Congratulations to Class of 2012 graduate **Jessica Leathery**, the fourth recipient of the Hazel P. Currier Memorial Award. This award is given to the student whose clinical practice, academic work, and community service best exemplifies the program motto of "Vigilance, Knowledge, and Compassion." Jessica has continuously demonstrated these clinical values during her time here at York College of Pennsylvania/WellSpan Health Nurse Anesthetist Program.

The recipient of last year's Hazel P. Currier Memorial award, alumnus Katie Sullivan-Jensen, presented Jessica with the award and a check for \$500. Jessica's name will be inscribed on a plaque with the previous recipients' names and displayed at the school.

Ms. Currier was a remarkable figure who served as President of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA) in 1967. She also received the prestigious Agatha Hodgins Award in 1993. We are very grateful for this award that was donated at Ms. Currier's request to the York Health Foundation.

Final Friday Forum

It's amazing how fast 32 months can pass us by! The weekend of graduation celebrations kicked off with a special Final Friday Forum dedicated entirely to the Class of 2012. Michelle Taylor and Anne Parson presented an inspirational slideshow chronicling their journey from novice students to graduating seniors.

Dr. Haas presented the 4th Annual Final Friday Forum Graduating Senior Awards as many memories were recaptured and laughs shared with the nine graduating seniors. The graduating class also presented each faculty member with a gift as well as a stained glass portrait representing the York College of Pennsylvania/WellSpan Health Nurse Anesthetist Program. The day was filled with laughter and inspiration as we watched the Class of 2012 bring this chapter in their lives to a close.



Congratulations to all and thank you for the great memories!!

Graduation Ceremonies



The graduation weekend was packed with family, friends, and alumni. Following Final Friday Forum, the graduating class participated in nursing convocation where they received their academic hoods, which signifies their Master's Degree accomplishment.

There was also presentation of the Hazel P. Courier Memorial Award and the Program Director's Clinical Excellence Award. Following the convocation, the graduation dinner was held in the Pennsylvania Room at the York Expo Center.

It was a pleasure to have the families and friends of the Class of 2012 gather to celebrate 32 months of hard work and dedication. The festivities included words of encouragement by

Dr. Haas for the graduating class and their families and friends. In graduation tradition, all joined in a champagne toast to the graduates. A special thanks to Diane Dube and Poonam Upreti for their hard work and assistance with this graduation celebration.

The weekend was completed with the York College of Pennsylvania commencement ceremonies. Attendees from the Class of 2012 included Anne Parson, Ryan Dreikorn, Jessica Leathery, and Michelle Taylor.

Congratulations to the entire class of 2012 for an amazing journey filled with many accomplishments!



Enjoy The Memories



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Enjoy The Memories, continued...



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...and don't forget; Upcoming Events



Final Friday Forum Schedule 2012



August 31 – York Hospital
 September 28– York Hospital
 October 26– York Hospital
 November 30– York Hospital