

**2024 AANA Didactic Instructor of the Year  
Sara Myers, DNP, CRNA**

This is truly an unimaginable honor. I want to thank my students, colleagues, and the AANA selection committee for this recognition. It is overwhelming to be acknowledged by the AANA, our organization that does so much for CRNAs, and to share an award with so many notable and venerable CRNAs.

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I am very passionate about health equity and it is part of my personal mission to educate future CRNAs to be excellent providers to every patient they come in contact with, and to inspire them to participate in medical missions abroad. I can't tell you how wonderful it feels to accept this meaningful award, and I promise to work even harder to educate and mentor the future of our profession.

With gratitude and appreciation,  
Sara Myers, DNP, CRNA