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How long have you been a CRNA? Do you specialize? Do you have a favorite type of anesthesia/surgeries? Describe your practice?

I have been a CRNA for 17 years specializing in education. I am an Assistant Program Director at the University of Pittsburgh. I teach didactically, in simulation and in other workshops. I serve on school of nursing and university-wide committees and work on multiple different projects to include an externally funded grant.

Why do you support the Foundation?

Because I feel that it is very important that we as a profession support our researchers. While our practice is grounded in both art and science, it makes its current strides through research. It is crucial that CRNA driven and produced research is performed on a continual basis and that it is published in the public domain.

Highlight your career, what is your proudest accomplishment?

My proudest accomplishment is my education. There was a time in my life when I doubted I would get a bachelor's degree, let alone 3 graduate degrees!

What does being professionally involved mean to you?

I serve on national AANA committees (2009-2013 on practice committee; 3 years as Chair; I am currently on the Programs Committee). I am also state president in Pennsylvania. I also hold the office of President of Eta Chapter, Sigma theta Tau International. Recently, I was also elected to Fellow status in the National Academies of Practice. To me this means that I am able to give back to the profession that has given so much to me. I am able to serve the profession, helping colleagues to build successful futures.

What do you like most about your job?

What I like most about my current job is that I can get involved in so many different things: teaching and advising students, organizing workshops, planning conferences, being involved with research, and doing some professional writing. What I like the most about nurse anesthesia is that it stretches one's mind; you really have to think when you do this job.

What are your future goals?

I have a few: To conduct my own externally funded project, to be recognized as a Fellow by the American Academy of Nursing, and to publish more.

How do you spend your free time? What are your hobbies and interests?

Reading, movies, theater, travel; the usual.