

2023 Program Director the Year

Lisa J. Thiemann, PhD, CRNA, FNAP, FAANA Acceptance Speech

Thank you to the AANA Board for selecting me as this year's AANA Program Director of the Year. This award is truly an honor as academia is where my heart lives, and educating the next generation of CRNAs will always be one of my greatest contributions. My deepest thanks to the Marquette University students, graduates, faculty, and other professional colleagues who supported my nomination. Without you, this would not have been possible.

My career path has taken me across the country, and brought spectacular mentors, friends, and professional colleagues into my life. They say you reflect the relationships that you have in life, and I am no different. Without these individuals, I would not be who I am today. There are too many people to list and thank, but they know who they are, and they know their significance to me personally and professionally. Thank you for seeing a glimmer of prospect in me and supporting me on my path.

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