

2023 Honorary Membership Recipient

Luis Rivera, MBA, CAE Acceptance Speech

President Mund and AANA Board Members - I am grateful to you for bestowing upon me an AANA honorary membership. It is a great honor and privilege, and it serves as a testament to my hard work, dedication, loyalty, and passion for our organization during my 36 years of service. Thank you to CEO Bill Bruce, my colleagues, my dear family, and members for their support.

I was still in college when I joined AANA and had the privilege of receiving mentorship from our former CEO John Garde for approximately 15 years. Through his servant leadership style, I developed a greater appreciation for AANA's mission and to place our members' priorities first for the benefit of their patients. I have put that into practice during my entire tenure in the six roles that I have fulfilled.

This recognition not only affirms my efforts but also motivates me to continue striving for excellence. It will also serve as a constant reminder of my responsibility to continue making meaningful contributions to advance our organization.

Thank you again for this great honor and for welcoming me as one of your own. I look forward to many more years of service to AANA.