

2023 Alice Magaw Outstanding Clinical Practitioner Award Suzie Newell, DNP, CRNA, FAANA Acceptance Speech

Thank you to the AANA Board of Directors for this unbelievable honor! Thank you to Brian Norcia, Chris Copley, and Jennifer Lanzillotta for your confidence in me as a leader. Thank you to my husband who is truly my biggest fan and puts up with every crazy idea.

I love being a CRNA because we are the most compassionate and comprehensive anesthesia providers.

While studying Political Science in Guatemala, I met a woman who inspired me to become a CRNA. Today I hope I honor her memory. Combining my work in advocacy with leadership, I have been part of a group that creates CRNA-led teams in obstetric anesthesia. Because of this work, I get to be a part of changing the way Nurse Anesthesia Residents are educated by creating access to a full scope practice in obstetrics.

This will fundamentally change the practice scope of the CRNAs in this area. Because I am a Nurse Anesthesiologist, compassionate and comprehensive, I get to be a part of this important work in Women's Health.

My work on the frontlines of the opioid crisis has expanded into mental health.

We are so lucky to be CRNAs, and right now, me more than anyone! Thank you again.