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ANNUAL REPORT & RECOGNITION



The AANA Foundation 2024 Annual Report is dedicated to celebrating Dr. Lorraine Jordan's 36+ of service and leadership to the AANA Foundation. Thank you for dedicating your career to advancing Nurse Anesthesiology Education & Research.



A Message from the Fiscal Year 2024 Chair

Hello AANA Foundation Supporters,

As Chair of the Board of Trustees, it is my distinct honor and pleasure to share with you our Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2024. In this report you will find an overview of the year's achievements, research initiatives, program and award recipients, our dedicated volunteers and generous donors, and so much more. We are proud to celebrate and share our accomplishments which are a testament to the collective effort of our dedicated team of supporters, like you. Our programs are possible by your unwavering support and dedication to our mission to advance the science of anesthesia through education and research. Thank you!

A Special Tribute to Our Cherished CEO, Dr Lorraine Jordan:

This year marks a bittersweet moment for us as we bid farewell to the Foundation's long-time and beloved CEO, Dr. Lorraine Jordan. Lorraine has been the heart and soul of the Foundation for 36+ years, leading us through periods of growth and transformation with unwavering dedication and inspiring vision. Under Lorraine's leadership, we have not only grown in size but also in our capacity to effect positive change. Her commitment to nurse anesthesiology education and research, and her visionary approach, have laid a solid foundation for the future. We will forever be grateful for her contributions and her indelible legacy. Thank you, Lorraine! Listed below are many of Dr. Jordan's most notable AANA Foundation achievements, each accomplished with the help of dedicated staff and CRNAs:

- First Leadership Program - Burroughs Welcome Leadership Institute
- First Senior Citizen Perceptions of Anesthesia Providers and Medicare
- Landmark Study - No Harm Found When Nurse Anesthetists Work Without Supervision By Physicians
- First Executive Director for the AANA Foundation
- Developed programs such as: scholarships, poster abstract presentations, grants, scholars and fellowship programs, post-doctoral fellowships
- Friends for Life
- Rise Above Campaign
- Health Policy Research Program
- Closed Claim Research Studies
- Fellows Program
- Founded the Nursing Foundation Alliance
- First Research Analysis of Nursing Foundations
- Public Perception Study - Received an Honorable Mention for Best Poster at IFNA
- Health Policy Institute
- Awards and Recognition: Researcher of the Year, Philanthropist of the Year, Advocate of the Year, and Program Administrator's Outstanding Student Researcher Award

Looking Forward:

This year marks the end of my term as AANA Foundation Chair. I will be passing the gavel to my brilliant colleague and friend, Lori Schirle, PhD, CRNA. I genuinely appreciate all those who have supported my vision for the Foundation. As we step into a new chapter, we are excited about the possibilities that lie ahead and are confident that, with your continued support, we will achieve even greater heights. The Foundation remains steadfast in its commitment to supporting CRNAs/nurse anesthesiologists and students/residents. Thank you once again for your unwavering support and belief in our mission. Your generosity and commitment are the driving force behind everything we do.

Peace and blessings!

Sincerely,

Marjorie Everson, PhD, CRNA, FNAP
AANA Foundation, Chair

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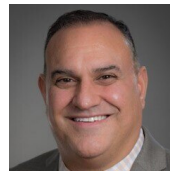
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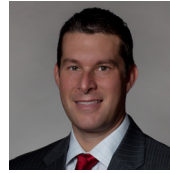
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AANA FOUNDATION

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF NURSE ANESTHETISTS (AANA) FOUNDATION

The AANA Foundation was established in 1981 as a charitable organization to support the AANA membership. The AANA is the professional association representing more than 61,000 CRNAs/nurse anesthesiologists and residents (CRNAs/NAs and RRNAs).

MISSION

To advance the science of anesthesia through education and research. As the philanthropic arm of the AANA, the Foundation raises funds and invests in projects that directly support the nurse anesthesia profession.

CORE VALUES

Knowledge - Integrity - Excellence - Scientific Inquiry - Stewardship - Diversity - Equity - Inclusion

VISION

To serve as the leading resource for assuring safe anesthesia care through education and research.

DEI VALUES

The AANA Foundation is an organization focused on research and education. As such, the AANA Foundation values the importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion in all aspects of our work while excluding and rejecting bias. Addressing bias and inequities for CRNAs/NAs, RRNAs, and our patients is critical for improved health and wellness for all.

DEI VISION

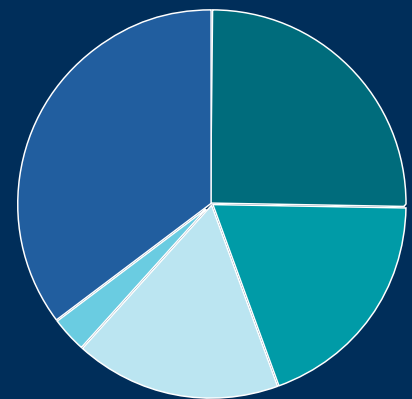
The AANA Foundation envisions a continuous integration of diversity, equity and inclusion throughout its nurse anesthesia education and research programs. The Foundation will create opportunity for all through scholarships, leadership, research, professional development, and philanthropic efforts with the intention to expand knowledge and understanding of diversity, equity, and inclusion within the nurse anesthesia community.

OVERVIEW OF FOUNDATION SUCCESSES

The Foundation provides financial support to CRNAs and Student/Residents through a variety of programs. Over the course of its history, the Foundation has awarded more than \$6 million to more than 4,700 individuals as detailed below.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 212 research grants to CRNAs totaling \$1,431,028 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 62 student/resident research grants totaling more than \$84,287
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1,606 scholarships totaling \$3,139,500 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2,721 poster presentations at AANA Annual Congress & ADCE totaling \$184,750
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 192 fellowships/CRNA Scholars totaling more than \$1,342,757 to assist CRNAs & SRNAs pursuing their PhD and DNP degrees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In addition, since 2017, over \$2.5 million has been allocated to 17 Health Policy Research Studies for total funding of more than \$8.6 million

FOUNDATION TOTAL PROGRAM FUNDING



- 36% SCHOLARSHIPS
- 30% RESEARCH
- 15% CRNA SCHOLARS
- 17% GRANTS
- 2% POSTERS

OVERVIEW OF THE YEAR'S SUCCESSES

AANA Foundation supports critically important nurse anesthesia education and research programs and opportunities for CRNAs/NAs and RRNAs nationwide. Thank you to all who have supported the Foundation with their time, treasure, and talent!

The AANA Foundation raises the funds needed to focus on initiatives that meet its research and education mission, ensure efficiency, and provide the nurse anesthesia community with the necessary resources for furthering the profession. Due to the generosity of Foundation donors, the following are the major strategic goals accomplished this fiscal year.

FISCAL YEAR 2024 ANNUAL FUND ACHIEVEMENTS

In FY24, more than \$377,400 was awarded to the following program recipients:

- 100 scholarships totaling \$297,000 to support nurse anesthesia
- 1 research grant totaling \$62,667
- 1 student research grant totaling \$3,205
- 1 educational grant totaling \$4,945
- 1 CRNA Scholar Totaling \$5,648
- 78 poster presentations at AANA Annual Congress totaling \$4,000

Additional FY24 Accomplishments include:

- 3 Student Emergency Educational Scholarships (SEES) totaling \$9,180
- Nationwide representation by 44 State Advocates and 74 Student Advocates

- Honored the following CRNAs for their efforts in the areas of research, philanthropy, and volunteerism:

John O'Donnell
Michelle Gonzalez
Bimpe Adenusi

FISCAL YEAR 2025 APPLICATION DEADLINES

SEPT 15	SEPT 30	DEC 1	DEC 31	MAR 1 & 31
"State of the Science" General Poster Session (Assembly of Didactic and Clinical Educators)	- Research Grants (General & Dedicated) - Dean Hayden Resident Research Grant - DEI Initiative Grant	Resident Scholarship Donors	- Research Grants (General & Dedicated) - Dean Hayden Resident Research Grant - DEI Initiative Grant	- Resident Scholarships (3/1) - Research Grants (General & Dedicated) - Dean Hayden Resident Research Grant - DEI Initiative Grant
APR 1	MAY 1	JUNE 15	JUNE 30	OPEN SUB
- CRNA Scholar Program - AANA Foundation Awards (Researcher, Philanthropist, Advocate, Humanitarian)	- "State of the Science" Oral and General Poster Presentation (Annual Congress)	Friends for Life	- Research Grants (General & Dedicated) - Dean Hayden Resident Research Grant - DEI Initiative Grant	- Program Administrator's Outstanding Resident Research Project Award & Resident Scholarly Project Award - Postdoctoral Fellowship - Resident Emergency Educational Scholarship



The **Proof Is Power Annual Fund** supports our Annual Fund Achievements (see page 5). Proof is Power programs create opportunities for CRNAs/NAs and R RNAs nationwide through Grants, Scholarships, CRNA Scholars Program, Posters, Fellowships, Leadership Opportunities, and more. These programs are the result of hard work, bright minds, and the generosity of donors and volunteers who believe in the power of education and research. Your support is essential. Visit aanafoundation.com to learn more or make a donation.



The AANA Foundation’s **RISE Above Campaign** for Research In Safety & Effectiveness continues to raise donations to support critical, large-scale Health Policy Research studies to expand the body of research that confirms that nurse anesthetists are safe and effective. Thanks to the continued generosity of State Associations and CRNAs/NAs and R RNAs new donations continue to support important health services and policy research.

Several important developments have taken place in Fiscal Year 2024. The AANA Foundation awarded a contract for the following studies which are currently underway: CRNAs’ Role in Improving Access to Maternal Care in Urban Underserved and Rural Communities; Patient Outcomes and Safety with CRNA-provided Anesthesia; VA study regarding Anesthesia Outcomes; and Closed Claims Study. Thank you to all FY24 RISE Above donors whose names are included in the Annual Donors listing.



LORRAINE JORDAN LEGACY FUND

The Lorraine Jordan Legacy Fund is in honor and celebration of Dr. Jordan’s 36+ years of leadership and accomplishments with the AANA and AANA Foundation. The Lorraine Jordan Legacy Fund will support critically important health policy research. During her 36+ year career with AANA, Lorraine worked with many colleagues and made many friends. The following is a list of those who donated \$360 or more to the Lorraine Jordan Legacy Fund this year:

INDIVIDUALS

Champion - \$3,600+

- Marjorie Everson
- Michelle Gonzalez
- Dale Jordan
- Lorraine Jordan

Partner - \$1,000 to \$3,599

- Michael Anderson
- Vicki Callan
- Nat Carmichael
- Michael Greco
- Adrienne Hartgerink
- Louise Hershkowitz
- Paul Hilliard
- Leslie Jeter
- Shayne Hauglum
- Mary Jeanette Mannino
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- Janet Setnor
- Stephen Smith
- Lori Schirle
- John Woods

Friend - \$360 to \$999

- Kay Argroves
- Craig Atkins
- Ann Bassett
- Paul Beninga

- Pamela Brasher
- Ann Briggs
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- Susan McMullan
- Angela Mund
- Paul Packard
- Lawrence Stump
- Lisa Thiemann
- Maria Van Pelt
- Rachel Wolfe

BUSINESS & STATE ASSOCIATIONS

Platinum - \$100,000+
AANA

Bronze - \$10,000 - \$24,999
AANA Insurance

Diamond - \$5,000 - \$9,999
Michigan Assn of Nurse Anesthetists
Florida Assn of Nurse Anesthesiology

Ruby - \$2,500 - \$4,999
Council on Accreditation

RESEARCH INITIATIVES

'STATE OF THE SCIENCE' TOP ABSTRACTS/ORAL POSTERS

FOR 19 CONSECUTIVE YEARS THE AANA FOUNDATION HAS FUNDED MEMBERS TO PRESENT AT THE "STATE OF THE SCIENCE" ORAL POSTER SESSION DURING THE AANA ANNUAL CONGRESS. SIXTEEN SELECTED PRESENTERS WERE AWARDED \$250 EACH TO PRESENT AT THE HYBRID POSTER SESSION. A COMPLETE LIST OF OVER 70 POSTER PRESENTERS CAN BE FOUND AT WWW.AANAFUNDATION.COM.

Research Title: An Evidence Based Practice Educational Module Utilizing Norepinephrine to Treat Post-Spinal Anesthesia-Induced Hypotension in Parturient Undergoing Elective C-sections.

Presenter: Sadikie Clarke, MSN, FNP-BC, CCRN
Co-Authors: Ann Miller, DNP, CRNA, APRN, FAANA
Primary Affiliation: Florida International University
Funding: \$250

Research Title: Deep Sedation with a Natural Airway is a Viable Alternative to General Anesthesia with Endotracheal Tube for Isolated Transcatheter Pulmonary Valve Implantation

Presenter: Lynsey Schmidt, BSN, RN
Co-Authors: Keith Wemple, BSN, RN; Abigail Yaneff, BSN, RN; Eric Kern, APRN, CRNA; Matthew Koedam, APRN, CRNA, DNAP; Elena Swan, MD, PhD; Elizabeth Vogel, MD, PhD; Sean Loughran, APRN, CRNA, DNAP
Primary Affiliation: Mayo Clinic
Funding: \$250

Research Title: Evaluating and Improving Anesthetic Management of Patients on Medication for Opioid Use Disorder

Presenter: Maiko Yamashita, DNP, CRNA
Co-Authors: Olena Stewart, BSN, RN; Kalyna Witkowsky, BSN, RN
Primary Affiliation: Rush University
Funding: \$250

Research Title: Hello Professor, it's me Margaret: Showing students you care through quality online course design

Presenter: Andrea Roberts, DNAP, CRNA
Co-Authors: Lindsey Barthel, DNP, FNP-C
Primary Affiliation: Mount Marty University
Funding: \$250

Research Title: Ultrasound Guided Regional Anesthesia Workshop for Registered Nurse Student Anesthetists

Presenter: Amanda Wyrick, BSN, RN
Co-Authors: Michael Johns, BSN, RN; Carrilee Powell, DNP, CRNA; Jordan Crouch, DNP, CRNA; Kelly Vogel, DNP, CRNA
Primary Affiliation: University of Cincinnati
Funding: \$250

Research Title: Quiet KIDZ (Keep It Down Zone)- An Evidence-Based Project to assess and improve distraction in the operating room during the critical period of induction of general anesthesia at Mott Children's Hospital

Presenter: Laura Wetzel, CRNA
Co-Authors: Andrea Meyer, MSN, CRNA; Tonie Owens, MSN; Lora Gibbs, CRNA, CMNL
Primary Affiliation: Michigan Medicine, Division of Pediatric Anesthesiology
Funding: \$250

Research Title: The effect of a mindfulness application on the perceived stress and anxiety of nurse anesthesia students.

Presenter: Aimee Badeaux, PhD, CRNA, APRN, CNE
Co-Authors: Susan K. Steele-Moses, DNS, RN
Primary Affiliation: Northwestern State University of Louisiana
Funding: \$250

Research Title: The Impact of Maternal Obesity and Additional Surgical Factors on Cesarean Delivery Duration

Presenter: Heather Larsen, APRN, CRNA, DNAP
Co-Authors: Erin Martin, DNP, APRN, CRNA; Emily Sharpe, MD; Darrell Schroder, MS; Erica Portner, RRT, LRT; Mark Rollins, MD, PhD
Primary Affiliation: Mayo Clinic
Funding: \$250

Research Title: The Impact of Neuromuscular Blockade Reversal on Processed EEG-Derived Depth of Anesthesia

Presenter: Timothy Schroedter, BSN, RN
Co-Authors: Robyn Ward, PhD, CRNA
Primary Affiliation: Texas Christian University
Funding: \$250

Research Title: The Role of Stigma in Cannabis Use Disclosure: An Exploratory Study

Presenter: Daniel King, DNP, CRNA, CPPS, CNE
Co-Authors: Christopher Gill, PhD, MBA, CRNA, ACNPC-AG, FACHE; Carey Cadieux, PhD, RN, AHN-BC, FAAN; Neha Singh, MS
Primary Affiliation: Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science

Research Title: The use of gastric point-of-care ultrasound (POCUS) for surgical patients receiving Glucagon-Like Peptide 1 (GLP-1) Receptor Agonists to assess residual gastric content.

Presenter: Emilio Montero, BSN, RN
Co-Authors: Russell Burney, BSN; Nathan Rokosz, BSN; John McDonough, CRNA, EdD, Dr. (habil), NScA, APRN, FRSM; Jonathan Pabalate, DNP, CRNA
Primary Affiliation: University of North Florida
Funding: \$250

Research Title: The Use of Intraoperative Intravenous Magnesium Sulfate to Reduce Postoperative Pain and Opioid Use

Presenter: Standerline Bernadin Vincent, BSN, RN
Co-Authors: Lydia Laser, BSN, RN; Nicole Johnson, BSN, RN; John McDonough, CRNA, Ed.D, Dr. (habil) NScA, APRN, FRSM; Ryan Shores, CRNA, DNP, APRN; Carol Roland, CRNA, DNP, APRN
Primary Affiliation: University of North Florida
Funding: \$250

Research Title: Ultrasound-guided Paratracheal Pressure as a Safer Alternative to Traditional Cricoid Pressure

Presenter: Andrew Gomez, BSN, RN
Co-Authors: Amiee Langley, DNP, CRNA, CHSE
Primary Affiliation: Baylor College of Medicine
Funding: \$250

Research Title: Use of Inhaled Tranexamic Acid to Treat Airway Bleeding in Anesthesia Emergencies

Presenter: Jessie Dejong, BSN, RN
Co-Authors: Jennifer Oakes, PhD, DNAP, CRNA, CHSE
Primary Affiliation: Texas Christian University
Funding: \$250

Research Title: Use of the Revised Second Victim Experience and Support Tool (SVEST-R) to Examine Second Victim Experiences of Respiratory Therapists

Presenter: Erica Allender, BSN, RN
Co-Authors: Sophia Bottema, BSN, RN; Christopher Bosley, RRT; Stephanie Holst, RRT; William Clark, RRT; Amy Weaver, MS; Enid Rivera-Chiauszi, MD; Robyn Finney, DNAP, CRNA
Primary Affiliation: Mayo Clinic School of Health Sciences
Funding: \$250

Research Title: Utilization of Artificial Intelligence Algorithms in the Perioperative Management and Reduction of Pain: An Evidence-Based Educational Module

Presenter: Cristine Jacob, BSN, RN
Co-Authors: CAPT Valerie J. Diaz, DNP, CRNA, PMHNP-BC, APRN, CNE, CHSE, NC, USN
Primary Affiliation: Florida international University
Funding: \$250

RESEARCH GRANTS & CRNA SCHOLAR

In FY24, the AANA Foundation Board of Trustees awarded one research grants totaling \$62,667:

Title: Calculating Objective Measures of Pain After Stroke (COMPAS)

Principal Investigator: Deniz Dishman, PhD, DNAP, CRNA
Affiliation: University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston Department of Research Institute for Stroke and Cerebrovascular Disease and Cizik School of Nursing

In FY24, the AANA Foundation Board of Trustees awarded one CRNA Scholar totaling \$5,648:

Title: Anesthesia Care Delivery in Rural America: The Impact of Organizational Climate on Burnout, Job Satisfaction, and Intention to Leave among Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists

Principal Investigator: Christina Congdon, MS, MPhil, CRNA
Affiliation: The Trustees of Columbia University in the City of New York

EDUCATIONAL GRANTS

In FY24, the AANA Foundation Board of Trustees awarded one educational grant totaling \$4,945:

Title: Substance Misuse and Drug Diversion Among Anesthesiology Professionals: Implementation of an Educational Intervention for Student Registered Nurse Anesthetists and Their Support Systems

Principal Investigator: Maria Van Pelt, PhD, CRNA, FAAN, FAANA

Affiliation: Northeastern University

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

THE AANA FOUNDATION RECEIVED 2,592 COMPETITIVE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS THIS YEAR, AND 100 SCHOLARSHIPS WERE AWARDED TOTALING \$297,000. THE SCHOLARSHIPS INCLUDE:

AANA Diamond Club Scholarship (In memory of Ronald Caulk)—\$3,000

Sponsor: AANA Diamond Club (funded by the Former Presidents of the AANA)

Recipient(s): Jessica Sparks, The University of Akron Nurse Anesthesia Program, OH

AANA Diversity Scholarships—Three \$3,000 Scholarships

Sponsor: AANA

Recipient(s): Cecilia Lopez, Columbia University School of Nursing Program in Nurse Anesthesia, NY; Tenzin Lobsang, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota Graduate Program in Nurse Anesthesiology, MN; Ledys Perez, University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, PA

AANA Foundation DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) Scholarships - Three \$3,000 Scholarships

Sponsor: AANA Foundation

Recipient(s): Dahriel Aron, Wake Forest Baptist Health/Wake Forest University School of Medicine Nurse Anesthesia Program, NC; Connor Nowotny, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Nurse Anesthesia Program, AR; Kendall Owens, University of Detroit Mercy Graduate Program of Nurse Anesthesia, MI

AANA Foundation Scholarships—Twenty-One \$3,000 Scholarships

Sponsor: AANA Foundation

Recipient(s): Perla Sanchez-Perez, Arkansas State University Jonesboro, AR; Jamie Atkins, The University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Nursing Post-BSN to DNP Pathway for Nurse Anesthesia, AL; Stefannie Wilkes-Pounders, Union University College of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Track, TN; Dillon Olson, Minneapolis School of Anesthesia, MN; Emily Teague, Texas Christian University School of Nurse Anesthesia, TX; Benjamin Grossnicklaus, Bryan College of Health Sciences School of Nurse Anesthesia, NE; Alyssa Reed, Mayo Clinic School of Health Sciences Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice Program, MN; Patricia Eusala, University of Southern California (USC) Program of Nurse Anesthesia Department of Anesthesiology Keck School of Medicine, CA; Kate Manuel, Goldfarb School of Nursing at Barnes-Jewish College Nurse Anesthesia Program, MO; Amber Todd, University of Michigan-Flint Nurse Anesthesia Program, MI; Mason Easterling, Samford University Department of Nurse Anesthesia Moffett and Sanders School of Nursing, AL; Cory Drietz, Clarkson College Nurse Anesthesia Program, NE; Erin Cordell, The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga /Erlanger Health System Nurse Anesthesia Concentration, TN; Kayleigh Lewandowski, Bryan College of Health Sciences School of Nurse Anesthesia, NE; Joshua Austin, Samford University Department of Nurse Anesthesia Moffett and Sanders School of Nursing, AL; Andrew Bourg, Samford University Department of Nurse Anesthesia Moffett and Sanders School of Nursing, AL; Emily Shands, Goldfarb School of Nursing at Barnes-Jewish College Nurse Anesthesia Program, MO; Abigail Wu, University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, PA; Lan Pham, University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, PA; William Carter, The University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Nursing Post-BSN to DNP Pathway for Nurse Anesthesia, AL; Julianna Jarrett, University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, PA

ALANA Scholarships—Two \$3,000 Scholarships

Sponsor: Alabama Association of Nurse Anesthetists

Recipient(s): Daniel Strom, Samford University Department of Nurse Anesthesia Moffett and Sanders School of Nursing, AL; Emily Perry, The University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Nursing Post-BSN to DNP Pathway for Nurse Anesthesia, AL

Art Zwerling Memorial Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Pennsylvania Association of Nurse Anesthetists (in memory of Art Zwerling, CRNA)

Recipient(s): Patthama Phuektong, La Roche University Nurse Anesthesia Program

Barry Anthony Cranfill Memorial Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Sentry Anesthesia Mgt. (in memory of Barry A. Cranfill, CRNA)

Recipient(s): Brandon Edmondson, Medical University of South Carolina Anesthesia for Nurses Program, SC

CRNA Financial Success Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: CRNA Financial Planning*

Recipient(s): Emily Cyr, Duke University, NC

Cynthia McNerney Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Estate of Cynthia McNerney

Recipient(s): Alexandra Jones, Duke University Nurse Anesthesia Program, NC

STUDENT RESEARCH GRANTS

One student/resident research grant was awarded this year for a total of \$3,205.

Dean and Fred Hayden Student/Resident Research Grant

Sponsor: Estate of Dean and Fred Hayden

Recipient: Daniel Jaworowski, BSN, RN, CCRN; Joey Klinowski, BSN, RN, CCRN; Marta Szulc, BSN, RN, CCRN

Affiliation: Albany Medical College

Dean M. Cox Memorial Scholarships—Four \$3,000 Scholarships

Sponsor: David R. Javaheri, in memory of Dean M. Cox, CRNA

Recipient(s): Madeline DeBuys, Samford University Department of Nurse Anesthesia Moffett and Sanders School of Nursing, AL; Haleigh Somberg, Duke University Nurse Anesthesia Program, NC; Sarah Walker, University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, PA; Jasmine Juwvipart, Samuel Merritt University Program of Nurse Anesthesia, CA

Dean and Fred Hayden Memorial National Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Estate of Dean and Fred Hayden

Recipient(s): Meghan Levy, University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, PA

Diana U. Davidson Memorial Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Pennsylvania Association of Nurse Anesthetists

Recipient(s): Jeff Rodz, University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, PA

Dr. Maureen Reilly, PhD, CRNA Memorial Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Association of Veteran's Affairs Nurse Anesthetists

Recipient(s): Daniel Park, University of Minnesota School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Area of Study, MN

Dr. Sandra K. Tunajek Scholarship for Nurse Anesthesia Education—\$3,000

Sponsor: Kentucky Association of Nurse Anesthetists

Recipient(s): Jubilyn Akaragwe, Murray State University DNP Program, Nurse Anesthesia, KY

Edward Hyland, CRNA Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Delaware Association of Nurse Anesthetists

Recipient(s): Kyle Mench, Drexel University Nurse Anesthesia Program, PA

Elizabeth Burt Jeter Memorial Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Leslie Jeter, DNP, MSNA, CRNA

Recipient(s): Kayla Williams, Augusta University Nursing Anesthesia Program, GA

Florida Association of Nurse Anesthetists Student Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Florida Association of Nurse Anesthetists (in honor of all Florida's Nurse Anesthetists)

Recipient(s): Grant Nedlik, University of South Florida College of Nursing Nurse Anesthesiology Program, FL

Frank T. Maziariski, MS, CRNA Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Frank T. Maziariski, MS, CRNA

Recipient(s): Kayla Collier, Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center Gonzaga University Nurse Anesthesia Program, WA

GANA Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Georgia Association of Nurse Anesthetists

Recipient(s): Karina Atienza, Florida State University, FL

George DeVane Memorial Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Kansas Association of Nurse Anesthetists

Recipient(s): Kristina Luna, Newman University Nurse Anesthesia Program, KS

George William Jeter Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Leslie Jeter, DNP, MSNA, CRNA

Recipient(s): Julie Gallant, The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga /Erlanger Health System Nurse Anesthesia Concentration, TN

The Grace and Daniel Connelly Family Scholarship - \$3,000

Sponsor: Grace and Daniel Connelly

Recipient(s): Tiffany Nelson, Hofstra-Northwell Graduate Program in Nurse Anesthesia, NY

Hagan Insurance and New York Life Veteran's Scholarship - Three \$3,250 Scholarships

Sponsor: Hagan Insurance Group and New York Life Insurance Co.

Recipient(s): James Warren, Samford University Department of Nurse Anesthesia Moffett and Sanders School of Nursing, AL; Kelly Robinson, Barry University College of Health and Wellness - Nurse Anesthesiology Programs, FL; Matthew Saunders, The University of Arizona College of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, AZ

Hazel P. Currier Memorial Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Estate of Hazel Currier

Recipient(s): Emily Claire Sherrill, The University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Nursing Post-BSN to DNP Pathway for Nurse Anesthesia, AL

Jack Neary Memorial Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Vermont Association of Nurse Anesthetists

Recipient(s): Sean Fricke, Duke University Nurse Anesthesia Program, NC

Jeffrey Molter Advocacy Scholarship—\$3,500

Sponsor: Jeffrey Molter
Recipient(s): Elizabeth Fabrizio, St. Elizabeth Health Center School for Nurse Anesthetists, Inc., OH

Jeffrey Molter Leadership Scholarship—\$3,500

Sponsor: Jeffrey Molter
Recipient(s): Jacob Hunter, University of Cincinnati, College of Nursing Doctor of Nursing Program - Nurse Anesthesia Major, OH

John F. Garde Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs
Recipient(s): Vivian Dang, University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing, Nurse Anesthesia Program, PA

Joyce W. Kelly, EdD, CRNA Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Kaiser Permanente School of Anesthesia
Recipient(s): Adrian Bermudez, University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, PA

Kathryn Waud White, Student Leadership Scholarship—\$3,000

Sponsor: Minnesota Association of Nurse Anesthetists
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Maine Association of Nurse Anesthetists Scholarship—\$1,000

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Michael Kelly Smith, CRNA Scholarship—\$3,000

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Recipient(s): Jessi Emmons, University of Michigan-Flint Nurse Anesthesia Program, MI; Justin Walukonis, University of Detroit Mercy Graduate Program of Nurse Anesthesia, MI; Brittany Garoufalis, Wayne State University Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, MI; Christopher Nader, Michigan State University Nurse Anesthesiology Program, MI; Justeena Kuiper, Oakland University Beaumont Graduate Program of Nurse Anesthesia, MI

Minnesota Association of Nurse Anesthetists Scholarship—\$3,000 Scholarship

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Missouri Association of Nurse Anesthetists Student Scholarship—\$3,000

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Nebraska Student Nurse Anesthetists Scholarship—\$1,000

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New England Assembly of Nurse Anesthetists Scholarship (NEANA)—\$3,000

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New Mexico Association of Nurse Anesthetists Student Scholarship—\$2,500

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NCANA Doctoral LEAD Scholarship (Leadership Education & Development)—Two \$3,000 Scholarships

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Recipient(s): Ryan Watson, UNC Greensboro, School of Nursing, Doctor of Nursing Practice, Nurse Anesthesia Concentration, NC; Macey Arrington, Duke University Nurse Anesthesia Program, NC

NAPF Scholarship — Five \$3,000 Scholarships

Sponsor: Nurse Anesthesia Pride Foundation (NAPF, formerly GALA)
Recipient(s): Jesse Horner, University of Louisville Nurse Anesthesia Program, KY; Andrew Roman Gartee, University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, PA; Caleb Martin, University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, PA; Jennifer Raab, Michigan State University Nurse Anesthesiology Program, MI; Kevin Pasquale, University of Detroit Mercy Graduate Program of Nurse Anesthesia, MI

OSANA Scholarship—\$3,000

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Palmer Carrier Student Scholarship—\$3,000

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Pennsylvania Association of Nurse Anesthetists Scholarships—Three \$3,000 Scholarships

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Recipient(s): Jasmine Lord, University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, PA; Margaret Schluter, University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, PA; Samantha Tyson, University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program, PA

Pennsylvania Association of Nurse Anesthetists Dignitary Scholarship—\$3,000

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Recipient(s): Jodi-Ann Taylor, South College DNP Nurse Anesthesia Program, TN

TANA Education District #4 Scholarship—\$3,000

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Program Administrator's Outstanding Student Awards

The Program Administrator's Outstanding Student/Resident Research Project Award and Scholarly Project Award are given to students who have conducted noteworthy research and evidence-based projects. This year, the following students were honored:

Research Title: Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist Acceptance of Perioperative Guidelines to Prevent Emergence Agitation in Veterans with Post-traumatic Stress Disorder: A Quality Improvement Project

Author: Alexandra Baker, BSN, RN; Margaret Will, BSN, RN
Program: Webster University Nurse Anesthesia Program

Research Title: Comparing Accuracy Between Palpation versus Ultrasound in Identifying the Cricothyroid Membrane by Novice Resident Registered Nurse Anesthesiologists

Author: Jonathan Dillow, BSN, RN; Justin-Lloyd Garma, BSN, RN
Program: Webster University Nurse Anesthesia Program

Research Title: Sternal Intraosseous Epinephrine Administration in a Hypovolemic Pediatric Cardiac Arrest Model

Author: LT Hannah Melkun, BSN, RN, ANC, USA; LT Jared Barnhill, BSN, RN, ANC, USA; CPT Blair Beougher, BSN, RN, ANC, USA; CPT Aaron DeHart, BSN, RN, ANC, USA; CPT Ghislaine Dongmo Kenfack, BSN, RN, ANC, USA; CPT Steven Shrives, BSN, RN, ANC, USA
Program: US Army Graduate Program in Anesthesia Nursing

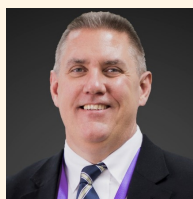
Research Title: The Impact of Education for Anesthesia Providers Regarding Best Practice with Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) Orders in the Perioperative Setting

Author: Karina Kurzhals, BSN, RN
Program: Northern Kentucky University

Research Title: Trauma-Informed Care in Anesthesia for Women with a History of Sexual Assault: Investigating Providing Perceptions

Author: Scotti Petersen, BS, BSN, RN
Program: Johns Hopkins University

JOHN F. GARDE RESEARCHER AWARD



John O'Donnell, DrPH, CRNA, FAANA, FAAN, FSSH

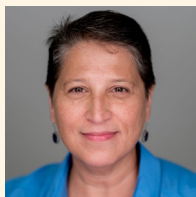
This award, which is named for former AANA Executive Director John Garde, is presented to an individual who has made a significant contribution to the practice of nurse anesthesiology through clinical research. This year, the AANA Foundation proudly presents the award to **John O'Donnell, DrPH, CRNA, FAAN, FAANA, FSSH.**

O'Donnell, DrPH, CRNA, FAAN, FAANA, FSSH.

Dr. O'Donnell is Department Chair, professor, and program director at the University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing Department of Nurse Anesthesia. Dr. O'Donnell's research is immense, with a large portion being related to the use of simulation for nurse anesthesia education. He has conducted research with his students to determine the spectrum of both technical skills and nontechnical skills that are taught and tested with simulation.

O'Donnell also serves as the WISER Associate Director of the International Simulation Fellowship where he supports their research and scholarship efforts. As part of his WISER duties, he chairs the Research and Scholarship Committee. In this capacity he is Principal Investigator of an umbrella IRB that supports simulation research and scholarship. Dr. O'Donnell is one of the first two US CRNAs honored as a Fellow of the Society for Simulation in Healthcare where he has served as Treasurer, a member of the Executive Board and currently as the Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee.

RITA L. LEBLANC PHILANTHROPIST AWARD



Michelle Gonzalez, PhD, CRNA, CHSE-A, FAANA

The Rita LeBlanc Philanthropist of the Year Award is presented to an individual who has gone beyond the call of duty as a supporter of the AANA Foundation and other philanthropic organizations. The recipient of the 2024 Rita L. LeBlanc Philanthropist

of the Year Award is **Michelle Gonzalez, PhD, CRNA, CHSE-A, FAANA.**

A longtime supporter of the AANA, AANA Foundation, CRNA-PAC, and the nurse anesthesiology profession, Dr. Michelle Gonzalez has been exceptionally generous to the AANA Foundation. As of 2024, she became a Gold member of the Foundation's Gertrude Fife Society, with cumulative Foundation donations in the \$50,000-\$99,999 range. In FY23, Dr. Gonzalez donated to the AANA Foundation's AANA Room Sponsorship campaign by sponsoring the AANA Wellness Room in the amount of \$2,500 in honor of Tara Mandy Labang, CRNA who was tragically slain in 2021. This year, Dr. Gonzalez donated \$5,000 to the Lorraine Jordan Legacy Fund at ADCE and matched donations made in the room during the Program Directors lunch up to an additional \$5,000. That day alone, Michelle donated \$10,000 to the LJ Legacy Fund. With 25 years of experience in civilian and military-based facilities as a CRNA and educator, providing services to military, hospitals, private practice, and educational institutions, Dr. Gonzalez serves as a Clinical Associate Professor and the inaugural Program Director for the DNP Nurse Anesthesia Specialty at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS).

JANICE DRAKE CRNA HUMANITARIAN AWARD



Bimpe Adenusi, PhD, CRNA, APRN, CNE, FAANA, FNAP

The Janice Drake CRNA Humanitarian Award is presented to a CRNA/nurse anesthesiologist who volunteers and provides anesthesia, education, and training in needy areas of the United States and overseas. The recipient of the 2024 Janice Drake CRNA Humanitarian Award is

presented to **Bimpe "Bebe" Z Adenusi, PhD, CRNA, APRN, CNE, FAANA, FNAP.**

The program director at Cedar Crest College Nurse Anesthesia Program in Allentown, Pennsylvania, Dr. Adenusi is also the founder and president of the Nigerian American Nurse Anesthetists Association in the United States. She is dedicated to community service and participates in various associations and outreach programs, locally and abroad.

Dr. Adenusi is a board member of the Pennsylvania League for Nursing (PLN) State Board of Nursing and an inclusive leader for LabakCare Organization (LO) and Ogun State Medical Mission in Nigeria. She is passionate about promoting equitable and inclusive health services and surgeries for vulnerable populations worldwide. Dr. Adenusi's innovative partnership with LabakCare Organization resulted in vaccinating 1,720 homeless individuals in Camden, NJ, and Philadelphia, PA, during the COVID-19 pandemic from 2021 to 2022.

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