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NCANA Save the Dates

Meeting	Date(s)	Location
2016 Annual Meeting	November 4-6, 2016	Asheville Renaissance Asheville, NC
2017 District 3 & 4 Educational Meeting	February 4, 2017	Great Wolf Lodge Concord, NC
2017 Capital Day	February 2017	TBD Raleigh, NC
2017 District 1 & 2 Educational Meeting	June 24, 2017	Renaissance North Hills Raleigh, NC
2017 Annual Meeting	October 20-22, 2017	Marriot Grand Dunes Myrtle Beach, SC

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Mid Year Assembly 2016

Greetings!

This is an exciting time for CRNA's in North Carolina and across the nation! After **SEVEN** years of hard work, we finally have a proposed rule published in the Federal Register that states the Veteran's Administration (VA) believes that **ALL** advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) should be able to practice to the full scope of their education, licensure and training.

This is a major accomplishment for ALL CRNAs For two reasons: First, the VA houses the largest healthcare system in the United States. They are larger than Medicare and the private insurance market (Blue Cross Blue Shield, United Healthcare, etc). Once Medicare and private insurance carriers see the vital impact that APRNs can have in expanding access and cutting cost while providing increased access to care to our cherished veterans, they will be likely be more inclined to do the same. Second, if this proposed rule is actually published as a final rule, we can prove on a very large scale that APRNs are crucial to America's healthcare system. We have been fighting legislation on the national and state level for decades that tries to limit scope of practice. The practice change in the VA will allow APRNs to prove with hard data in large numbers that we increase the access to and affordability of healthcare while delivering high quality care.



WE NEED YOUR HELP! Once a rule is proposed, there is a 60-day comment period before the VA decides to make the proposed rule a final rule. We need you to submit comments. As strange as it seems, comments are viewed as “votes”. Therefore, this will be won by supporters casting more “votes” than our opponents of the rule via the comment process. AANA has set up a website to make this easy to do: **VeteransAccessToCare.com**. Please visit this website to submit your comments in support of the proposed rule. Also, share this link with friends, colleagues and veterans that you know so they may submit comments in support of this rule. No doubt we all know (or are ourselves) brave men and women who served our country and want to improve the VA health system by reducing wait times and increasing access to care. Finally, add a statement somewhere in your letter that

says what this means to you. It might be that your family member is a veteran, you worked or were educated in a VA medical center, anything that personalizes the letter. This helps our cause immensely rather than submitting boilerplate form letters.

While it is surprising that there are groups that oppose increasing access to care for our veterans who are plagued by long and, in some cases, deadly wait times, there are and **THEY ARE SUBMITTING COMMENTS TOO**. We must show the VA that CRNAs support our veterans and their health! Please submit your comment today and encourage friends, colleagues and family members to do the same.

Mid Year Assembly 2016

Switching gears, we had a VERY successful Mid-Year Assembly in Washington DC this past April! NC was once again the largest delegation with 78 CRNAs and SRNAs attending meetings and speaking with our legislators on Capitol Hill! If you could not attend, rest assured you were well represented by your colleagues. We discussed three issues with our legislators this year: VA full practice authority, Protecting Medicare's rural pass through funding for access to anesthesia care and workforce development funding for nurse anesthesia.



Senator Thom Tillis continues to be an ardent supporter of ours in the senate - not just on the VA issue but many APRN issues and workforce development funding as well. He sits on the important Veterans Affairs Committee and co-sponsored legislation (S 2279) in support of APRN full practice authority in the VA system. This is a rare and bold move for a freshman senator which demonstrates what a friend he is to CRNAs in NC and across the nation. I encourage every CRNA to send him a quick thank you note via email (Tillis.senate.gov) or snail

mail (Senator Thom Tillis 185 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510) to thank him not just for his support, but his *action* in the US Senate.

Walter Jones (Jones.house.gov) David Price (Price.house.gov) and Alma Adams (Adams.house.gov) also supported our VA endeavors in the House of Representatives. Jones and Adams are co-sponsors of HR 1247 and Price is one of our biggest supporters of nursing and APRN issues in the House of Representatives. If they are your representative, please take the time to contact them as well and thank them for their support of CRNA practice.

It only takes five minutes to write a quick thank you note to tell them how their support helps our practice in NC, but goes a long way to encourage them to continue to support us in the future. Most importantly, when our legislators receive positive feedback from us they continue to see that CRNAs are constituents who pay attention to what they do in Washington DC!



Thank you for all you do each day, It is such an honor to represent the CRNAs of NC as your Federal Political Director!

If you have any questions about these issues or any others on the national level, please contact me at kgwillknockyouout@gmail.com. Have a great summer and **submit your letters in support of APRN full practice authority via VeteransAccessToCare.com by July 25!**

Kimberly Gordon, CRNA
Federal Political Director (FPD)

North Carolina/Army CRNA Partnership Program: Rising to the Challenge

Today's nursing professionals find themselves in the midst of a rapidly changing healthcare environment. Their professional roles are stressed by forces of both technologic advance and economic contraction. Despite the chaotic environment, and perhaps in part owing to it, the modern Nurse also faces extraordinary opportunity in terms of career paths within the profession.

Confronted with many of the same challenges as their civilian colleagues, the Army Nurse Corps has had to adapt and transform its traditional recruitment strategies. Through greater partnership with professional associations and academic institutions, the Army Medical Department aims to increase its profile among, and potential appeal to, healthcare students and professionals.

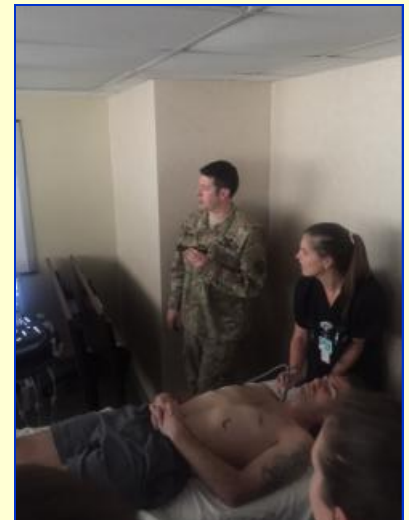
In support of this new Army "mission," Lieutenant Colonel Denise Beaumont, an associate professor of the United States Army Graduate Program Anesthesia Nursing (USAGPAN), delivered the presentation "PTSD and Emergence Delirium" to CRNAs during the NCANA District 1 & 2 meeting April 16 in New Bern, NC. From Fort Bragg's Womack Army Medical Center, a team of Army anesthesia providers partnered with UNC-Charlotte/Carolinas Medical Center Anesthesia Program to deliver a "Regional and Ultrasound Workshop" to the Charlotte students on April 15.



The Womack Anesthesia team consisted of Lieutenant Colonel Jeffrey Thompson, the USAGPAN Clinical Site Director from Womack, along with Major Indy Wilkinson, MD, Womack Acute Pain Team Chief, and Captain Deanna Phelps, a senior anesthesia nursing resident. The three-hour workshop included both lecture and hands-on instruction for ultrasound guided regional anesthesia.

The mission of these Army anesthesia professionals is not simply to find highly qualified nurse anesthetists, but to find potential Army Anesthetists, who are very much driven by a desire to serve their country. The perceived reward of this service was eloquently expressed by Dustin Degman, CRNA, Associate Professor of Anesthesia at Western Carolina University in 2012 and US Army Reservist, when he stated that these healthcare professionals have "the honor of taking care of an injured soldier, who is doing the upmost thing to take care of us as Americans."

The overall intention of these outreach missions showcasing Army Health Care, is to highlight the robust and highly qualified medical professionals in the Army and to ultimately ensure that those soldiers who defend our freedom receive state of the art medical care. To fulfill this mission, the Army anesthesia community is in search of students and anesthesia professionals who are driven by a desire to serve their country.



Serving to heal, honored to serve.
 Captain Emmanuel Canoy, RN
 US Army

For more information on partnering or inviting Army medical professionals to present within your organization, contact the Raleigh Health Care Recruiting Station, CPT Emmanuel Canoy at (919) 875-1530 or emmanuel.a.canoy.mil@mail.mil

NCNA Nurses Night & NCANA Capital Day

For many years, NCANA has hosted its own legislative reception. However, this year, we partnered with our fellow nurses for the first ever NC Nurses Night at the Legislature.

The event was held on Tuesday, May 17 at the NC Museum of Natural Sciences. The legislative reception welcomed over 260 nurses from across the state, representing 13 nursing organizations. Additionally, over 100 legislators and legislative guests indicated their plans to come to attend.



The next day, over 100 NCANA members gathered at the Holiday Inn Downtown to kick-off Capital Day. The morning started with a welcome by our Government Relations Chairs - Ian Hewer and Nancy Maree. Following our chairs, NCANA President Brett Morgan welcomed everyone and stressed the importance of Capital Day and taking the time to meet with elected officials. NCANA Lobbyist Tracy Kimbrell and Patrick Ballantine next shared with attendees important tips for meeting with legislators and their staff. And even though NCANA didn't have any pending legislation for or against, it was an important day to build relationships, said Ballantine.

One important item shared with this year's attendees was our leave behind that focused on CRNAs who are military veterans. The document, headlined "From the Frontline to our Homefront", detailed the important role our veterans play as they return from the battlefield to play an important role as healthcare providers back home.



As a special treat to those in attendance, fellow APRN, Rep. Gale Adcock, took a few minutes to wrap-up Capital Day. She gave her perspective as a healthcare professional and a legislator and also discussed the importance of "telling your story." Legislators, she said, need to hear from the actual professionals so they can make informed decisions.



Once Rep. Adcock concluded, NCANA members made their way over to Jones Street to meet with members of the NC Legislature and their staff. The legislative building was a buzz as NCANA members walked the halls of both legislative buildings making their way to and from meetings.

NCANA Capital Day wrapped-up with the NC Senate recognizing CRNAs from the floor. And even though there was no discussion about any particular legislation, this year's Capital day was a great chance for NCANA members to promote safe, affordable, accessible, quality anesthesia care.

An Update from Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center



Students Engage in Professional Activities

24 students attended the AANA's Mid-Year assembly in Washington, D.C. More recently, 28 students attended legislative day at the NC capitol. Thanks to the leadership of Darcy Dennison-Harwood and other members of the student professional activity committee for organizing and coordinating student meetings with their representatives during both of these legislative-themed activities.

(Pictured Left) Students and faculty attended the Assembly of School Faculty meeting in San Antonio.

New Clinical Sites Expand Opportunities

Dr Cliff Gonzales has done an outstanding job as our Associate Director for Clinical Education. He has established a clinical educational program which is fairly distributed among students, and he goes out of his way to customize rotations to support students' future employment plans. He also works tirelessly to ensure access to crucial clinical experiences. To respond to students' requests for more regional experience, he has established two new rotations this year. Following success with Catawba Medical Center, in March, he gained approval for a site at Watauga Medical Center in Hickory, NC. He also re-activated our former clinical site at Portsmouth Naval Hospital to augment opportunities for obstetric regional anesthesia experience. Students are also greatly enjoying our CRNA-only site at Cannon Memorial Hospital. These distant sites would not have been possible before our facility upgrade last year, which has given us the capability to deliver didactic education electronically to the students who participate in these optional, distant rotations.

Research Program

Faculty members have been engaged in various research projects to support our students and our institution. Michael Rieker is involved in a research study in conjunction with Wake Forest Innovations and one of our clinical instructors to evaluate a new piece of equipment in the OR. He is also working with a group of students on a study regarding OR attire and infection control. Courtney Brown facilitated two student research projects- one regarding the effect of pre-matriculation learning modules on reducing new students' stress. In another, she worked with Dr. Gonzales in facilitating a student research project which satisfied the capstone requirement for the global health certificate program. Dr. Brown is also serving as project chair for an out-of-state alumna's Ph.D. research, and she is mentoring a DNP project for one of our clinical instructors.

NCANA president-elect Kimberly Gordon talks to senior students in the professional issues course about the role and importance of NCANA.



An Update from Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center (continued)

In Memoriam

We were saddened by the passing of a number of alumni in the past year. **Donna West** passed away on July 6, after a battle with cancer. After graduating from our program, Donna was a clinical instructor here for several years. She retired from Spartanburg Regional Medical Center. Donna left a generous gift in her estate to support the nurse anesthesia program which she called home for many years. **Juanita Riddle Karres Sluss** of Sanford passed away in December. Juanita completed her B.S. degree in nursing at N.C. Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem in 1946 as part of the National Cadet Nurses Corps to help WWII efforts. Her class was the largest NCBH Nursing class at that time, with 41 members. She later returned to complete her nurse anesthesia training in 1959. She worked as a CRNA at N.C. Memorial Hospital at Chapel Hill for almost a decade, before returning to Sanford. She retired in 1989. We lost two members of the class of 1960. **Rayma Wrenn** passed away in January in a hospice facility in High Point. She worked for Carolina Anesthesiology at High Point Regional Medical Center. **Margie Azalee Reece** passed away in August. She worked as a CRNA in Miami, San Francisco, and Greenville, SC. This spring, **Nell Hanes**, of the class of 1958, passed away in April. Nell was part of the NCBH family throughout her life. Sandy Ouellette noted that, “Nell was known as a clinical star, especially in pediatric anesthesia. Her influence lives on as her students care for our smallest of patients throughout the country and many will pass her pearls on to the next generation of CRNAs”. Betty Petree noted that “Nell was very respected by the anesthesiologists and surgeons. She was a hard-worker and took call until the week she retired”.

Remaining on the cutting edge in education

Our new situation in the School of Medicine and our new facility has given us the opportunity to make some improvements in our educational program. While some people assume that education is a routine program which gets repeated every year, the opposite is true. Changing science, improving educational techniques and technology, and especially evolution of students and their expectations make education a constantly-changing endeavor. To remain at the top requires constant updating of the program. A truism that relates to education is, “If you don’t like change, you’re going to like irrelevance even less.” This past year, Dr. Courtney Brown (Associate Director for Didactic Education) and Kristin Henderson (Educational Innovator) implemented a more engaging and active learning structure in our program. A series of clinical cases provided the background for Inquiry-Based Learning, where the students take a more active role in seeking the knowledge they need, while faculty members serve more as facilitators than traditional lecturers. Not only is this format more effective for learning, but it helps to tailor the content more specifically to the students’ needs. To foster interprofessional learning, we continued our lumbar puncture workshop for PA students, but we also found opportunities to extend that sharing of resources with other departments. The nurse anesthesia program and skills lab has become “LP Central”, with neurology and emergency medicine now regularly coming to us to learn this skill. Our LP workshop was not only featured on the AANA Journal cover, but Michael Rieker and PA program faculty member Janie McDaniel submitted a poster presenting data on this activity and student outcomes to the Emswiller Interprofessional Symposium. The CRNA and PA program also coordinated an intersection of problem-based learning cases, where students from both programs came together to work through a surgical case. The event was a great experience to share different knowledge sets and perspectives on a common case, as graduates will eventually do in the “real world”. In other interprofessional education, Dr. Gonzales provided help with airway teaching to emergency medical residents, while Michael Rieker serves as teacher and evaluator of clinical skills for 3rd year medical students. At the Assembly of School Faculty meeting, an alumnus of the Wake Forest anesthesiology residency, Dr. Brian Kradel provided a very engaging presentation on new directions in education wherein our current undertakings were highlighted. We are currently recruiting for additional faculty members, as we look to get our clinical doctoral degree planned and accredited. We are hoping to hire two additional faculty members before next fall, with the expectation of getting the new degree operationalized before 2019.

An Update from Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center (continued)

Mentoring leaders

While alumna Sharon Pearce recently completed her term as AANA president, senior student Whitney Benfield is serving as the student representative to the AANA education committee. Wake Forest has leaders in every stage of development, and we specifically want to recognize and encourage those who are on their climb to assuming leadership roles throughout our profession.

To honor our recognized leaders and encourage those who are upcoming, we have established a new alumni award. The Progressive Leadership Award will recognize those alumni who are following in the footsteps of our many accomplished leaders. If you know of a Wake Forest alumnus/a who has demonstrated some leadership accomplishment, but specifically with a potential for continued growth into larger leadership roles, please consider nominating them. An award committee has been formed and will plan to recognize the first awardee at the alumni meeting next March. You can find the nomination form using this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NAPleader>

Student Achievement

Our students have been working hard and stepping up to the plate. Eight seniors have submitted manuscripts for publication in the International Student Journal of Nurse Anesthesia this year. Students have been serving on student-formed wellness, service, and professional activity committees. Whitney Benfield is serving on the AANA education committee, while Stacy Yancey is serving as a student representative on the NCANA board. We congratulate Courtney Youngs for being the first Wake Forest student ever to be a speaker at the World Congress for Nurse Anesthetists. Courtney presented the research completed by her and Kelsey Brown, Chantelle Wallin, and Stacy Yancey regarding pre-matriculation learning modules at the meeting in Glasgow, Scotland in May.



Senior student Courtney Youngs makes a presentation at the World Congress for Nurse Anesthetists (Left)

Program graduates and faculty who are also past AANA presidents held a panel discussion for seniors in the professional issues course. (right)



An update from WCU Nurse Anesthesia Program

Time to welcome in summer again, which is the favorite time of year for our graduated seniors, but the most stressful period for our new juniors as they begin their transition into CRNAs. We are proud of the class of 2016 who all passed their Boards on the first attempt, and are moving onto their first jobs in their new career. This year, we are sending 13 Catamounts as far afield as Idaho & Massachusetts, as well as the usual suspects closer to home. Clearly the job market is pretty open this year!



Mid-year assembly

A group of 7 students and 2 faculty attended mid-year assembly in our nation's capital, which instead of the usual sweltering temperatures was gripped in a brisk, cold snap. The jury is still out on whether it is better to get frostbite or overheated while lobbying your representatives..We all enjoyed some great lectures on topics as diverse as why Joe Biden is the emergency backup of the Democrats & why Donald Trump will not be the Republican nominee..who knew?! However, the key to MYA is to get involved in the political process; as a faculty member my second most important job after training students to give anesthesia, is to imbue them with the desire, or at least the duty, to continue the strong presence of CRNAs through both State &

National politics. We met with Senator Burr, as well as Legislative Aides for Rep McHenry, Rep Meadows, & Sen Tillis. At the time of writing, our main goal, issuance of the VA Nurses Handbook with Full Practice Authority has been partially achieved. Time for CRNAs & everyone we know in the community to stand up & be counted as we run down the final stretch.



Capitol Day

Continuing on the same thread, Professor Hewer & 12 students travelled down to Raleigh to attend the Nurses' Night Reception & then visit with our State legislators the next day for Capitol Day. Although there is no active legislation in front of the House or Senate this year, building relationships is critical for when the time comes to ask for help. Another handy fact related to living in Asheville..almost all of our legislators are Democrats, & supportive of the goals of Advanced Practice Nurses in general, which made our job somewhat easier. We visited with Reps. Ager, Turner, Fisher & Sam Queen, as well as Senator Van Duyn. Unfortunately, since the Senate was in session we were unable to see Sens. Apodaca & Davis,

but we thank our local Senator Jim Davis for honoring CRNAs in the Senate during our visit.

An update from WCU Nurse Anesthesia Program (continued)

Simulation

We were happy to host Twin Oaks Anesthesia again in February for their excellent regional workshop, which we were able to open to other CRNAs in the community as well as our students. Look for this to be an annual event in Asheville if you want to attend a Spring conference in the mountains!

Publications

Thanks to the hard work of our students, you may well have read some of their final projects in the AANA Journal, as we saw several more publications ranging from the use of thromboelastography, to the continuing problem of residual neuromuscular blockade. In addition, Brook Smathers saw her useful work on considerations for the utilization of anesthetic drugs with breastfeeding mothers published in the Journal of Perianesthesia Nursing. Congratulations to all of our students who achieved this honor.



WCU students with Dep. Democratic Leader Rep. Susan Fisher



WCU Students attending NCANA Capital Day.
(above and below)



WCU Students attending Nurses Night. (above)



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Feel free to go online to NCANA.com and donate to PAC through the website!

An Update from Eastern Carolina University

Greetings from the East Carolina Pirate Nation! The Pirate Nurse Anesthetists have been very busy this 2016 Spring Semester! First, we proudly welcome our class of 2018 who began their didactic courses in January. They are a terrific class and have immediately jumped into the “thick of things” and are excelling in their early anesthesia course work.



Front Row-Kelly Bullock, Pamela Betz, Shana Ann Caballes, Kacie Tracey, Fredy Lopez, Amanda Wrenke
Back Row-Kenneth Peterson, Blair Ward, Aaron Jamison, Dustin Carpenter, Kevin Stewart, Bradley Farrell)

The Juniors (Class of 2017) organized a fun “meet and greet” for the new students in January. Their “big buddies”, basic science faculty and nurse anesthesia faculty along with spouses and significant others all got together to welcome and get to know the newest pirates. They even brought them welcome gifts and had a beautiful cake. We all had a great time getting to know the newest class of nurse anesthetists.



This semester, the Class of 2017 has transitioned into the clinical area and seem to be on a steep learning curve as they begin to apply theoretical principles they learned in the classroom to their clinical use in the operating room. Although they look a bit more tired this semester, they all seem to be enjoying, if not thriving in the clinical area.

(Class 2017 Front Row- Trevor Evans, Christina Chalaire, Smriti Shahi, Dana Hoyt. Back Row- Rebecca Millberg, Larissa Bruck, Joseph Tarley, Brandon Elvis, Kenneth Mullen, Kimberly Hall, Leslie Sugg, William Mallory)

Several of our students attended the AANA Mid-Year Assembly in Washington DC and had a tremendous time as they networked with other SRNAs and CRNAs from NC and from around the nation.

(Desmond Cacciotti, Natalie Tyson, Krunal Patel, Paige Ray)



An Update from Eastern Carolina University (continued)



The Class of 2016 had a very busy semester as well, winding up clinical requirements, putting finishing touches on classroom requirements, and preparing graduate portfolios. This semester culminated in their graduation weekend filled with cookouts, open houses, university ceremonies where they received their Master of Science in Nursing hoods, and a celebration dinner. They were all delighted to have successfully completed the program and move on to their practices as CRNAs. We are very proud of them, excellent practitioner all!!

(Front Row- Kara DeGlopper, Matthew Horne, Paige Jeffries, Natalie Tyson, Paige Ray, Lisa Foxworth, Katherine Odell
Back Row- Desmond Cacciotti, Krunal Patel, David Hill, Wyatt Whitley, Tyler Knowles)



During the graduation dinner we had a very special treat this year as Jay Annis CRNA President Class 2005, and “first graduate “ of the program gave the keynote speech. And what a speech it was, described as “Beyond Perfect”!! Jay gave the graduates some light hearted, but poignant advice on what their accomplishments mean, and how to approach their new jobs with gratitude and a positive attitude. (Jay Annis CRNA addresses the Class of 2016)

This semester was exceptionally busy as the program underwent the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs two day on-site review. The ECU and Vidant Administration, Clinical Affiliates, Students, faculty and staff welcomed the visitors and proudly informed them how they all contributed to provide the students with the highest caliber of didactic and clinical education. The reviewers seemed to agree as the program received a positive review with no citations and no recommendations for improvement!

We all try to live balanced lives incorporating principles of wellness into our daily lives. The class of 2018 elevated the bar this year with half of them participating in the College of Nursing 5K run. CRNA faculty were also there...providing moral support! (Shana Ann Caballes, Kacie Tracey, Kelly Bullock, Dr McAuliffe, Blair Ward, Amanda Wreneke, Pamela Betz).

We are all looking forward to a productive summer semester of didactic and clinical learning while taking a little time to take advantage of the summer activities enjoyed in Eastern North Carolina.



An Update from The Raleigh School of Anesthesia

Program Characteristics & Simulation



The Raleigh School of Anesthesia has undergone a lot of exciting changes in the 2015-2016 school year. Our final MSN class will graduate on August 20, 2016 and our inaugural DNP class started in August of 2015.

The DNP curriculum is three years in length and continues to focus on integrating didactic, simulation, and clinical learning. During the fall and spring semesters, the Raleigh School of Nurse Anesthesia faculty instructed first year students in several simulation learning opportunities including a difficult airway, regional, anesthesia delivery systems, and sequencing workshops, along with other learning opportunities. Before first year students begin clinical rotations, they are introduced to clinical skills and equipment in the simulation lab as well as the operating room at WakeMed Raleigh Campus.



In the future, the Raleigh School of Nurse Anesthesia will utilize the new Union Square Campus at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro for additional simulation experiences. The new Union Square Campus will be equipped with private simulation rooms, interactive rooms, and a fully functioning operating room with DRAGER anesthesia delivery system and EPIC capabilities.

Faculty

Nancy Shedlick, DNAP, CRNA has been named Program Director, and with her promotion has instituted changes for improving the didactic and clinical quality of study at the Raleigh School of Nurse Anesthesia. She continues to serve as an om site reviewer for the Council on Accreditation for Nurse Anesthesia Education Programs.

Linda Stone, DNP, CRNA, Associate Director of Clinical and Didactic Education completed a post-doctoral certificate in Nursing Education in December 2015. She continues to serve as the NC State Peer Advisor and is the chair of AANA Peer Assistance Advisors Committee.

An Update from The Raleigh School of Anesthesia (continued)

Christine Bazik, MSN, CRNA, Associate Director of Didactic Education, is completing her PhD at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She is a member of the inaugural class of Leadership Fellows with the NCANA and NCNA.



Kyle Elliott, MSN, CRNA, Associate Director of Didactic Education (pictured left) joined the Raleigh School of Nurse Anesthesia faculty in January 2016.

Additional faculty from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro are utilized to teach the core essentials of the DNP, such as Biostatistics, Applied Evidence Based Practice and Transitional Methods, and Informatics.

Professional Involvement

The Raleigh School of Anesthesia encourages students to participate in the advancement of the nurse anesthesia profession through advocacy and involvement in the AANA and NCANA. Twenty first and second year students attended AANA Midyear Assembly 2016 in April, and twenty first year students attended Capital Day 2016 in May. Forty-five students attended the 2015 NCANA Annual meeting in Myrtle Beach in 2015. A. Askeland, MSN, CRNA, J. Crocker, MSN, CRNA, A. Hussey, MSN, CRNA, T. Kloth, MSN, CRNA, and K. Vuyovich, MSN, CRNA won 3rd place for their poster on the perioperative effects and treatment of ACEI-induced hypotension in the NCANA 2015 Poster Session.



An Update from The Raleigh School of Anesthesia (continued)

Community Involvement

Despite the rigorous clinical and didactic demands of nurse anesthesia education, RSNA students still made time to serve the community. The first year students organized and collected stockings and donations for the Salvation Army during the fall 2015. L. Heeke, BSN, SRNA and E. Mauldin BSN, SRNA completed a mission trip in the Spring 2016 providing much needed anesthesia services in the Dominican Republic.

Student Relations

The Raleigh School of Nurse Anesthesia is proud of the comradery among and within classes. Team building activities are scheduled during orientation for incoming classes. Students enjoyed themselves at the 2015 RSNA Christmas party as both students and faculty were able to mingle and enjoy each other's company. To maintain life balance, RSNA students make time to enjoy events together around the Raleigh area. Second year students have also had the opportunity to travel the country to attend review courses.



Both RSNA students and faculty look forward to the summer and the upcoming school year.

Are You Coming to the NCANA Annual Meeting?



Asheville has been a point of pilgrimage since the 1800s. Its is destination for inspiration, rejuvenation and expression. And this year it will be home the 75th NCANA Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting will take place November 4-6 at the Renaissance Asheville Hotel, which is conveniently located in downtown Asheville .

In addition to providing up to 17 hours of Class A CEUs, the Annual Meeting is your chance to network with your colleagues and rock out at the 75th Anniversary Bash. Of course, The Annual Meeting isn't the only thing that's happening in Asheville. Just outside the doors of the hotel is an experience like no other.

Looking for a treat for your sweet (or yourself)? Check out the French Broad Street's Chocolate Lounge. With decadent truffles, cakes, brownies and cookies, this is the perfect place to indulge your sweet tooth!

After you've had your feel of networking in the hotel, take the networking to one of Asheville's many craft breweries. Asheville boasts more breweries per capita than any city in the country.

The Annual Meeting offers several times to explore and if you like to eat (and who doesn't) you are blocks away from some amazing edibles. Chances are if you have a craving, Asheville has a restaurant that will satisfy it.

And once you've eaten and drank your way around Asheville, you can spend some time walking off those calories. Asheville's downtown has more art deco architecture built in the late 1920s and early 1930s than in any other southeastern city outside Miami

So, come to Asheville for this year's NCANA Annual Meeting.

Cost to attend the Annual Meeting is valued at nearly \$700, however, if you register before August 1, you can save over \$200.

The early-bird rate is \$499.

For more information about the agenda, book your hotel and register for the meeting, visit www.ncana.com.



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