



2020 1st Quarter Newsletter

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Editor's Note

The World Health Organization designated the year 2020 as the Year of the Nurse and Midwife in part to honor the 200th birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale. Nurses and midwives play a vital role in providing health services across the globe. The World Health Organization website said *“these people devote their lives to caring for mothers and children; giving lifesaving immunizations and health advice; looking after older people and generally meeting everyday essential health needs. They are often, the first and only point of care in their communities. The world needs 9 million more nurses and midwives if it is to achieve universal health coverage by 2030.”* ---World Health Organization (2020). *Year of the Nurse and the Midwife 2020 WHO Campaigns.*
<https://www.ajc.com/news/world/2020-will-the-year-the-nurse-world-health-organization-announces/xtZZzeovgKIDkwhWwMJQoI/>

This year has brought unfortunate news of the loss of one of our organization's founders, Dr. Kyle Kincaid. He was a consummate nurse, nurse practitioner, leader, educator, husband, dad and friend. This newsletter will offer a beautiful remembrance of his life.

It also has brought on the reality of what our frontline health care providers are now challenged with while caring for those afflicted by the Corona Virus. This newsletter will supply education, weblinks and stories through a community forum site offered by the AAENP website.

A hero is someone who, in spite of weakness, doubt or not always knowing the answers, goes ahead and overcomes anyway. Christopher Reeve.

When written in Chinese the word "crisis" is composed of two characters — one represents danger and the other represents opportunity. – John F. Kennedy, address, 12 April 1959.

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In Remembrance: Dr. Kyle Kincaid, Founder



American Academy of Emergency Nurse Practitioners (AAENP) Mourns Loss of Founder

Richard Kyle Kincaid, DNP, FNP, ENP, a founder of the American Academy of Emergency Nurse Practitioners (AAENP), died Wednesday, February 05, 2020 after a brief illness. He was 44.

His vision for the advancement of the ENP role led him, along with two colleagues, to create the AAENP organization in October 2013. Arlo Weltge, MD, FACEP and AAENP co-founder describes Kyle as “a leader and innovator on the front lines, but also a calm and kind friend. Losing Kyle is a loss to ENPs... we have all lost an ally.”

Kyle served as AAENP’s President in 2016-2017. He was instrumental in establishing the organization’s bylaws, financial processes and business structure. His passion for a national organization to strengthen ENP practice shaped the future for emergency care delivery and will continue to do so. Kyle held a faculty appointment at the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston where he taught for over a decade in the post-master’s emergency/trauma nurse practitioner program with AAENP co-founder Elda Ramirez, PhD, ENP, FAAN, FAANP. “Kyle had no boundaries. He was fearless! Kyle gave everyone around him courage to do what seemed impossible. We will miss him every day!”, Ramirez said.

Kyle had a vision for supporting future ENPs with educational scholarships, particularly those from rural communities such as his in Victoria, Texas. Current AAENP President Andrea Smith-Brooks noted that “Kyle will be greatly missed by all. We will continue to honor Kyle and his contributions to our profession.” Additionally, through his role as director at Schumacher Clinical Partners, Kyle worked tirelessly to support nurse practitioners and physician assistants working in Emergency Departments throughout the country. In honor of his efforts for ENP advocacy and to further his vision, a memorial scholarship is currently being developed in his honor. Further details will be announced by AAENP as they become available.

For more information regarding the memorial scholarship, contact Anna Jovel at aaenp.info@gmail.com.

Kyle’s alma mater also has set up a scholarship fund: The Richard “Kyle” Kincaid, DNP, MSN Memorial Scholarship Fund. You can make a gift by sending a donation to UTHealth, PO Box 1321, Houston, TX 77251-1321 or by visiting <https://giving.uth.edu/memorial> ; Please include the purpose of the gift on the memo line.





Founder's Inspirational Message

When my son was 7 or 8 I used to tell him stories of Indian warriors who would hunt and protect their tribe. I talked to him about how everyone had a job from the Chieftain to the toddler. The importance of trust and reliance on each other for survival. I told him stories that were vivid - so vivid we could smell the wet dirt and feel the wind touch our face. We raced through the monte (brush) on our horses and as brave warriors defended our tribe. In the story - the bravest of warriors prepared for war with peace and nurturance from their tribe - all the while knowing blood would be shed and some may not return. My son is a man now and I am still a story teller.



My story today is about a tribe of ENPs. The story I tell is about love, intelligence, instinct and survival. This tribe, so passionate and fierce, fighting in a war against an invisible enemy. I tell about the bravery in every single member awaking with the fear in the pit of their belly – yet arriving with armor and confidence to fight another day. My story is about a piece of my soul and gash on my heart - it tells of so many of **my** tribe in dangers way – but forever there - to save the day.

Eida Ramirez
AAENP Founder

President's Message

In the past month, we have entered a crisis unlike anything most of us have ever witnessed. A crisis underpinned by ambiguity, creating widespread uncertainty in our country and our world. Life as we knew it has fundamentally changed, leaving many frustrated, overwhelmed, afraid, and unsure. Anxiety of the unknown lingers, as there no real way to understand exactly what will happen, how long it will last, and what the long-term impact will be.

These are, of course, incredibly challenging times. This pandemic has undeniably challenged us in ways unparalleled. Yet, we continue to rise to the occasion. In the last few months, we have seen and heard great examples of healthcare teams coming together to fight this pandemic. I'm encouraged by your stories of teamwork, collaboration, resilience, innovation, and leadership.



These examples further illustrate that emergency nurse practitioners are incredibly valuable members of the emergency care team. You continue to demonstrate your dedication, commitment, and passion for our profession! I am truly honored to serve such an amazing group of healthcare heroes!

Take care of yourselves and each other. Always remember, AAENP is here for you!

Yours in Service,

Andrea Smith-Brooks, DNP, MBA, FNP-BC, ENP-C

President, American Academy of Emergency Nurse Practitioners

Chair's Message



In the midst of a worldwide pandemic and as we face one of the most challenging times in our healthcare careers, I am very proud to be part of the American Academy of Emergency Nurse Practitioners Family. The support, encouragement, selflessness and heroism I have witnessed in our members is indescribable. THANK YOU! Thank you for being there to care for our patients and communities and thank you for being the shoulder to lean on when we ourselves need care. If you have not participated in the AAENP Virtual Social Hour, I highly suggest you mark the next date in your calendar. This is a wonderful opportunity to laugh and decompress- no PPE required. Stay safe, wash your hands and remember together we WILL make a difference.

Amanda Comer, DNP, FNP-BC, ACNP-BC, ENP-BC, ENP-C

COVID-19 Update

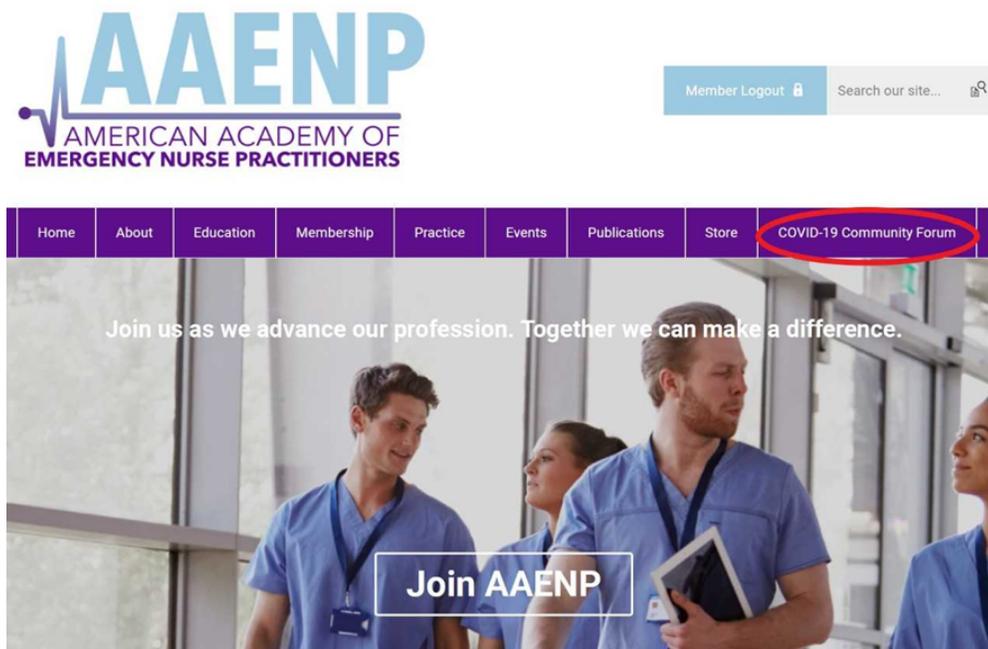
AAENP's Community Forum

The American Academy of Emergency Nurse Practitioner has added a COVID-19 Community Forum to the website. It can be accessed at the AAENP under the "COVID-10 Community Forum" tab.

Valuable education, stories, weblinks and support for each other during these difficult times is provided and updates frequently.

AAENP has implemented a COVID-19 task force to provide clinical and non-clinical resources to members. The COVID-19 taskforce has met twice and immediately established the COVID-19 Community Forum as a central place to find information and resources

There is also a valuable COVID-10 Article by Tiffany Andrews in the Clinical Pearls Column in this newsletter.

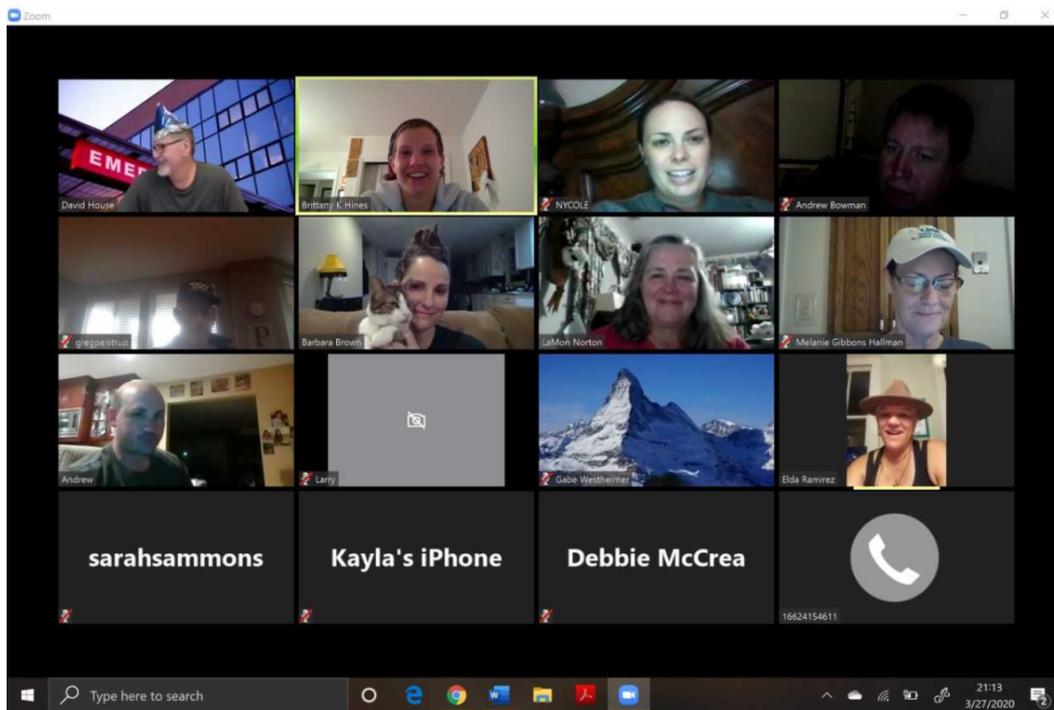


1st Virtual Social Hour

Hearing the need for “peer to peer” support, the COVID-19 task force hosted its first virtual “social hour,” Friday, March 27, 8 p.m. CDT for the membership. It was a mix of work and non-work conversation. Some shared clinical experiences and how their institutions have adapted to the COVID-19 pandemic. Everyone left the social hour with a greater sense of community knowing AAENP members are here for each other.

The COVID-19 task force is planning to hold a social hour every week alternating Fridays and Saturdays.

Watch your email and the AAENP website for the zoom link. If you have specific requests or ideas please contact us at dthouse68@gmail.com.



COVID Personal Protective Equipment Attire of Members



I am in Rural Southeastern Colorado at a Critical Access Hospital. I started a community project here making face shields. Several community members with 3D printers are printing them and we are attempting to make one for every clinical staff member. They are actually a lot higher quality than the hospital buys. Also we have members of the community making cloth face masks and gowns. Another interesting thing is that I dug out old transport ventilators from storage and we have them all now in working order with circuits. The hospital thought they only had 1 vent, but we actually have several ready now if needed.

Melvin Viney APRN, FNP-BC, ENP-C
 Advance Practice Registered Nurse
 Southeast Colorado Hospital System



Brittany Hines

AAENP Membership Committee Co-Chair



Elda Ramirez

AAENP Founder



Colleen Andreoni, DNP, APRN FNP-BC, ANP-BC, ENP-C

Loyola University Chicago, Niehoff School of Nursing; Med Express Urgent Care



Andrew Bowman
AAENP Indiana State Rep

Our census is down, Indiana has had restricted travel for over 2 weeks and hopefully is limiting the rapid spread. So far, no change in our hours.

I saw my first "happy hypoxic" suspected COVID19 patient. 70 yo female, no history of heart or lung disease. Had been weak for a week. Arrived with SpO2 75%, lungs clear to auscultation. CXR consistent with COVID19. Admitted for awake proning, hydroxychloroquine. Doing well. Not intubated.

Waiting for the eventual surge. Indiana is travel restricted until May 1, 2020.

Hope you all are well.





Ken Stackhouse
AAENP Past President

It's not an Easter bunny suit but it's my hospitalist bunny suit while rounding on inpatients with COVID.

Look close, we ran out of shoe covers-I have one shoe cover and one hair net on my shoes!



Laura Wittmann FNP-C
North Carolina

Geared up for the Covid-19 battle in North Carolina--our 20-bed ED is seeing more and more respiratory complaints. As of 4/6/2020, testing remains limited secondary to availability and facility still using restrictive criteria. (and utilization scrutiny with justifications for orders); hopefully getting POC testing soon, though. Generally, the worried well have been utilizing their PCPs and health departments. However, many in the general population are not taking the shelter-in-place and essential travel only restrictions seriously. Several gatherings/cookouts/neighborhood



Katie Hughes, FNP

I work in two Tampa Bay area emergency rooms, one is a medium/large Level 2 Trauma Center, the other is a small transfer center. The hospital system had a very comprehensive PPE conservation program from the start, so we are not yet facing a shortage, but they are issuing masks to employees each shift that we are expected to wear all shift & tracking usage closely. Most of us are wearing caps & goggles from home, and N95s, face shields & plastic gowns that are hospital issued.

We are all on edge, but our volumes are way down and we are not seeing large

parties broken up this weekend across the state. PPE is rationed out by hospital admin. As providers in the ED, we are reusing N95s and surgical masks across multiple shifts. (finally allowed to fit test for N95s). Surgical masks for every patient contact; N95s if known or suspected Covid-19. If no N95 available, providers required to wear PAPR. Our group of providers support each other tremendously; those like me (younger, healthy, no chronic conditions) look out for our older attendings (we have 2 over the age of 68).

numbers of COVID patients in our area. We are however discouraged from testing by the Florida Department of Health, who is not issuing enough testing supplies and severely restricting the testing centers in the state. In addition, our tests are taking up to 6-7 days to result, leaving the number of PUI at unreasonably high levels, causing confusion in the community & questions about how to staff with employees that have been exposed & tested with pending results.



Mackenzie Williams MSN, RN, FNP-BC
DNP/ENP Graduate May 2020

As a nurse I responded to the NYC healthcare crisis call and deployed to NY, where I have volunteered as an ER NP and ER RN in their level 1 trauma center. This experience has been humbling... dare i say grounding. Words simply can not describe how grateful I am to be among a family of nurses who have left their own families behind and risked their lives to serve others. As they say, "Nursing isn't just a career, it's a calling."





These photos are from UAB Medical West Emergency Dept in Bessemer, Alabama

All photos by: Kristian Gratton PA

Photos are of: Dr David Denney, Dr Stephanie Pereira, Phillip Hake ,PA, Katheryn Baglini FNP, Dr Nilam Patel, 6 Morgan Schaffer FNP, Dr David Fuller; Dr Lain McDonald, Dr Kaira King, Dr Heinz Dueffer Jason Watkins FNP-C ENP-C, Casidy Dickson PA, Kristian Gratton PA

COVID-19 Clinical Pearls by Tiffany Andrews

1. If you are thinking of starting anyone on a nebulizer, STOP. Go with MDI instead (assuming pharmacy has them). Nebulizers in the setting of possible COVID-19 can aerosolize the virus and increase possibility of transmission.
2. Fever 85%, dry cough 70%, URI sxs are not as common among the admitted patients

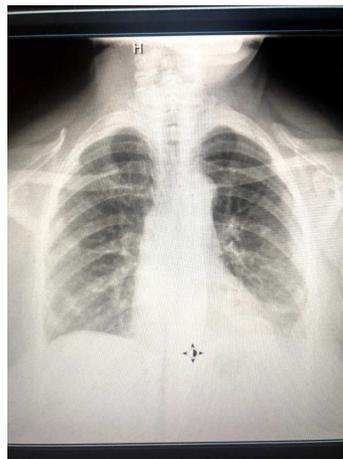
Lymphopenia 80%, LFTs often bumped (possibly predicting a higher likelihood of progression to ARDS)

3. High SOFA score, high D-dimer (>1000mcg/L), and advanced age all confer higher risk
4. Hypoxia can occur in the absence of respiratory distress make sure you follow pulse oximetry
5. CXR = hazy, bilateral peripheral opacities, CT chest (not necessary in most cases) = bilateral ground-glass opacities
6. Critical COVID-19 illness causes ARDS, but there is evidence that viral cardiomyopathy, dysrhythmias, and medullary respiratory depression may be occurring
7. Remdesivir IV is being used clinically and tested in clinical trials and is showing some promise. Hydroxychloroquine (Plaquenil) and chloroquine are also showing some results in ill patients but are not recommended for routine use in all cases, especially given side effect profiles.
8. Early intubation strategy is preferred over NIPPV
9. FULL PPE with N95, gown, gloves, mask, eye protection, negative airflow room
10. Reasonable to do low-flow passive nasal cannula oxygenation, AVOID bag mask ventilation if possible (more fomites)
11. Use Glidescope rather than DL
12. NIPPV should be reserved if vents are completely used
13. Initial vent settings: RR 20-30, TV 6mL/kg, PEEP 5 (low threshold to move to 8-10), FiO2 40% if possible to tolerate minimum SpO2 90%

There is also many FOAMED Resources on the COVID Community Forum on the AAENP Website.

Tiffany Andrews, RN, BA, BS, MS, CNE, CCNS,
ACNP-BC, ENP-C

Education Committee Chair



Regional Updates

Monitoring legislative issues impacting nurse practitioner practice.

A Call for State Representatives – Apply Now!

AAENP is announcing leadership opportunities for State Representatives to help pave the way for our organization in 2020! State Representatives are essential to helping us connect to our members, address regulatory issues within each state, and establish relationships with academic and healthcare institutions. We are looking for motivated leaders to representatives the following states:

- Alaska
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- Florida
- Maine

- Minnesota
- Missouri
- Montana
- New Hampshire

Additionally, we are increasing state representation for California, Florida, New York, and Texas.

If you are interested in supporting the mission of AAENP and serving as a state representative, please submit your updated Curriculum Vita, Letter of Interest, and Bio through the AAENP website at <https://www.aaenp-natl.org/get-involved>.

We are excited to announce our newest Regional Director and State Representatives!!

Northeastern Regional Director: Bill Nostrom, MSN, AAS, FNP, ENP, RN, BLS, ALS, PALS, ACLS, ATLS

Bill is a Family Nurse Practitioner and Emergency Nurse Practitioner being certified by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners. He graduated from Frontier Nursing University (previously Frontier School of Midwifery and Family Nursing) in 2009. He worked as an emergency nurse for seven years prior to earning his FNP license. He currently works between two emergency departments in upstate NY as well as a hospitalist/nocturnist.

Bill is particularly interested in advocating for Advanced Practice Providers. He is passionate about fair and balanced supervision policies and with the representation of APPs with attending physicians and senior administration. Clinically, he is interested in Point Of Care Ultrasound, and is working with other APPs to advance the use of ultrasound in the emergency department. He currently holds a license in New York, and is a member of the American Academy of Emergency Nurse Practitioners, and the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners. He is currently serving as the Northeast Regional Director for the AAENP.

In his rare days off, he enjoys woodworking, reading, roasting coffee and building Lego StarWars kits with his four sons.

Alabama: Jane Holston

Jane Holston is an associate professor in the Nurse Practitioner program at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama, where she serves as the coordinator of the Emergency Nurse Practitioner program. She has 24 years of experience as a registered nurse (RN) and has practiced as a family nurse practitioner (FNP) for the past 14 years. She became certified as an Emergency Nurse Practitioner (ENP) in 2019. During her career as a RN, she worked in the



neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) at Brookwood Hospital in Birmingham, Alabama. During that time, she also served as coordinator of the Family Support program that cared for families who were experiencing the loss of a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth or neonatal death.

Her primary experience and fields of interest as a nurse practitioner include neurology, pain management and emergency/Alaburgent care. She earned the Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.) from the University of South Alabama in 2012 where she completed a project that focused on head injuries in school-aged athletes.

To maintain her clinical skills, she currently works part-time in a pain management clinic and part-time in an emergency department, in addition to teaching full time in the emergency nurse practitioner program at Samford University.



Arkansas: Nycole Oliver, DNP, APRN, RN, FNP-C, ACNPC-AG, CEN

Nycole Oliver is a dual-certified Emergency Department, Hospitalist, and Primary Care Nurse Practitioner who graduated from the University of South Alabama's Emergency Nurse Practitioner dual track program with her Masters and Doctor of Nursing practice degrees in 2015.

Prior to APRN graduation, Dr. Oliver worked in the Emergency Department as an Emergency Department (ED) technician starting in 2001, then as an ED Registered Nurse beginning in 2004, and finally as an APRN in 2015. As an RN, Nycole progressed through the ranks as RN, charge nurse, House Supervisor, Clinical Coordinator, and Educator. She began teaching nursing students at a local college while working as an ED nurse and educator. She developed a TNCC program at her local hospital, for which still teaches and acts as Course Director in her state.

As an APRN, Nycole started practice as a Hospitalist NP, and began working as an APRN in the ED in 2017. She continues to practice in both positions, as well as working in a Primary Care clinic. Dr. Oliver started teaching APRN students at the University of South Alabama in 2016. She has been a speaker and keynote speaker at several local, state, regional, national, and international nursing and NP conferences since graduating in 2015. She is also on several national committees and has authored in nursing textbooks and journals.

During her doctoral studies, Dr. Oliver implemented a project for early recognition of sepsis in the emergency department, which has been published and she has presented at several NP conferences. She has precepted several students during her time as both a nurse and as a nurse practitioner, and greatly enjoys this aspect of her professional role. She has won several awards as an NP, showcasing her outstanding contributions to NP and emergency nursing practice.



Hawaii: Rick Ramirez, DNP, APRN-Rx, AG-ACNP-BC, FNP-BC, ENP-C, CEN, CPEN

Dr. Ramirez obtained his Bachelor of Science from Middle Tennessee State University, his Master of Science in Nursing with specialty emphasis in Emergency Nurse Practitioner from Vanderbilt University, and his Doctor of Nursing Practice from Vanderbilt University with a focus on physical trauma in global health. Dr. Ramirez is board certified as a Family Nurse Practitioner, Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, and Emergency Nurse Practitioner. With over 20 years of nursing experience, 15 of which have been working in adult and pediatric emergency departments, Dr. Ramirez remains passionate about nursing, emergency, trauma, and point of care ultrasound use in the ED. In addition to his current position as an Assistant Professor within the DNP program at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa, he is currently serving as the Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner program coordinator and is the Clinical Program Faculty Coordinator. He recently served as a nurse practitioner in the Adult Emergency Department at Vanderbilt Medical Center, he serves as a lecturer in Vanderbilt University School of Nursing Emergency Nurse Practitioner program and is adjunct faculty within the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner program at Maryville University. Additionally, he provides board review lectures for the ENP certification exam with Barkley & Associates. His previous nursing experience includes, among other specialties, ED, ICU, Med/Surg, and Cardiac Catheterization lab. He is an active member of the, American Academy of Emergency Nurse Practitioners, American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, Sigma Theta Tau, Emergency Nurses Association, and the American Assembly for Men in Nursing. He enjoys spending time outdoors, surfing, running, and playing with his dog.



New York: Stephen Goeller, MSN, NP, FNP-BC, CEN, CCRN, EMT-B

Stephen is a Family Nurse Practitioner certified by both the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners and the American Nurses Credentialing Center. He received his RN nursing degree in 2003 and his Masters Degree in 2016. He has 20 years emergency medicine experience starting as an emergency medical technician in 2000. Prior to becoming a nurse practitioner he worked in hospitals throughout the NYC Metropolitan area as an emergency department and ICU nurse. He also attained certifications in both emergency nursing (CEN) and critical care nursing (CCRN). Stephen is currently a nurse practitioner in the Emergency Department at Catskill Regional Medical Center in Harris, NY. He also works per diem as a Transitional Care NP at The Valley Hospital in Ridgewood, NJ. Stephen is currently completing his requirements to sit for the Emergency Nurse Practitioner Certification.

Stephen is passionate about promoting nurse practitioners in the emergency department setting and is constantly participating in different continuing education opportunities. He is a member of the Nurse Practitioner Association of New York and is a lifetime member of the Emergency Nurses Association. His special interests include palliative medicine in the emergency department and emergency medical services (EMS).



Wisconsin: Martin Hevesy APN, ENP-C, FNP-C

Martin R. Hevesy is board certified as an Emergency nurse practitioner, family nurse practitioner and has over 10 years of experience in emergency medicine experience. His career began as an ER/Trauma nurse at a level 1 trauma center in Central Illinois. He received his BSN from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, and went on to receive a MSN from the University of Illinois at Chicago. He completed a postmaster's fellowship in Emergency medicine at Northshore University Health Systems in conjunction with Rosalind Franklin and Loyola Universities. He is currently functioning as an emergency nurse practitioner with Aurora Advocate Healthcare in the Milwaukee region.

Martin has presented at the Emergency Nurses association ENA national convention and has published with the AENJ (Advanced emergency nursing journal). He holds licensure in the state of Illinois and Wisconsin, and he is currently serving on the AAENP membership committee.

Interests include advancing and promoting the future of emergency nurse practitioner practice, research, Sepsis, trauma ,and tactical medicine. Outside of medicine, Martin enjoys aviation (he holds a private pilot certificate) and travel.

*AAENP reports the current policy and advocacy that is previously, currently, and potentially occurring state and nation wide to keep our members informed. However, it is not supported or opposed by the AAENP organization unless specified.

Membership Committee Update

The membership committee is pleased to announce the:

Supporting Research and Evidence Based Practice Policy.

Aligning with AAENP's strategic plan of supporting research and evidence-based practice in emergency care, AAENP will now distribute a research or evidence-based practice survey each quarter to members. Applicants can submit their work for consideration at the AAENP website . This opportunity is open to all professional researchers and PhD/DNP students.

More information can be found at <https://www.aaenp-natl.org/aaenp-supporting-research-and-evb-policy>.

The membership committee is also working on a new student benefit with more information to come in the next few months.

Brittany K Hines, MSN AGACNP-BC FNP-C ENP-C
AAENP Membership Committee Co-Chair

Validation Committee Update

The Validation Committee has been focused on streamlining the processes for review of fellowship and academic graduate ENP programs. Specifically, the committee:

- has formalized the review process for academic programs, with anticipated fellowship program processes to be published latter part of summer
- is finalizing plans for online submission process of program reviews (both fellowship & academic)
- has partnered with APGAP to develop & publish a fellowship Toolkit providing institutions with the resources for program development

The Validation Committee welcomes our newest committee member, Rick Ramirez (Hawaii). We look forward to the energy and new ideas he will bring to the team."

Jennifer Wilbeck, DNP, APRN, FAAN, FAANP | Professor & Director, ENP Specialty
Vanderbilt University School of Nursing

AANP-CB: NP Certification News

In response to the circumstances related to the 2020 coronavirus pandemic resulting in the closure of the majority of PSI test centers and cancellation of live continuing education meetings, AANPCB may grant a temporary extension of time to complete the recertification requirements to *Recertify by Examination and Recertify by CE & Clinical Practice*.

How to submit a request for a temporary extension:

- Individuals who are unable to complete the certification maintenance requirements due to extenuating circumstances related to the 2020 coronavirus pandemic may request a hardship temporary extension.
- All requests for a temporary certification extension must be in writing and submitted to Certification@aanpcert.org with an explanation of the circumstances involved. If the request for extension is approved, the credential holder will be allowed up to 120 days to complete the recertification requirements.
- An extension of time does not relieve the applicant of their responsibility to complete the certification maintenance requirements by the end of the extension period. During the temporary extension, the certification will remain active.
- If requirements are not met by the end of the approved extension period, the certification will be expired. If an application for a temporary extension is denied, an appeal may be filed. Only written requests for an appeal are accepted.

To make a request for a temporary extension of the certification end date:

1. A Recertification application must be submitted with payment before the request will be reviewed.
2. Provide a rationale for needing additional time to meet the recertification requirements.
3. Email the written request identifying the type of recertification mechanism (e.g., Extension is needed to (1) Recertify by Exam or (2) Recertify by CE & Clinical Practice) along with the rationale for the extension to Certification@aanpcert.org
4. Telephone requests will not be processed.

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Alicia Olmoz, MSN, FNP-BC, ENP-C soon to be DNP (May 2020) is currently employed as an ED NP in a suburban community hospital for the past 7 years. Prior to becoming an advanced practice nurse, I worked

in the emergency department as a staff nurse, an educator, a trauma coordinator, and an assistant nurse manager. Combined, I have been in the emergency department for 22 years

Ms. Olmoz currently working on getting her community hospital ED credentialed as a Geriatric Accredited Emergency Department which is also her DNP Capstone. This became her passion after hearing several lectures regarding geriatric care (and the need to do better) in emergency departments across the country.



Tiffany Andrews, MS, BS, BA, RN, CNE, CCNS, ACNP-BC, ENP-C, from Baltimore, MD, is the APP Education Coordinator for the East Region (MD, VA, WVA) of US Acute Care Solutions. She is currently working on developing their LMS and content for CE for their members. She is also working on Advanced practice content for the Emergency Nurses Association National Conference.

The University of South Alabama, College of Nursing recently announced that Dr. Wesley Davis, DNP, ENP-C, FNP-C, AGACNP-BC, CEN will be the 2020 recipient of the Emerging Alumni Achievement Award at the University of South Alabama College of Nursing Community Awards.

Dr Davis is an Assistant Professor and Dual Family Nurse Practitioner/Emergency Nurse Practitioner Track Coordinator and Emergency Nurse Practitioner Specialty Coordinator. He is also the Wyoming State Representative for AAENP. There will be a celebration for this achievement in a May 2020 ceremony in Mobile, Alabama.



The Academy of Emergency Nursing recently announce that Dr. Nycole Oliver will be inducted into the Academy as a Fellow in the Academy of Emergency Nursing (FAEN). The Ceremony will take place at the National Emergency Nurses Association 2020 Conference this fall.

Nycole is a Family Nurse Practitioner at Baptist Health – Fort Smith. She is a graduate of the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith and the University of Southern Alabama.



She was also highlighted in a wonderful article on “Healthcare Heroes during the COVID Pandemic.” The Arkansas Center for Nursing interviewed Dr. Oliver and found out besides her incredible work as a Nurse practitioner, wife and mom, she is concerned like all caregivers, with bringing home this disease to her family. She explained what got her through her long days was learning the art of being kind since we do not know what others are going through daily. She shared a beautiful story of kindness shown to her when a package arrived at her home. To find out what she received, go to the full article at: <https://arcenterfornursing.org/2020/04/healthcare-heroes-nycole-oliver-aprn/>

ENP Program Highlights

The Cizik School of Nursing at UTHealth, Houston, Texas admitted 24 new Postmasters Emergency Nurse Practitioner students into its Spring 2020 class.

Updates from the AAENP 2020 Eastern Conference: Chattanooga

2020 Eastern Conference registration crew!

Andrea Smith, AAENP President, starts off the day sharing AAENP's strategic priorities and the future vision of AAENP with attendees.

Keynote Speaker: Order from Chaos: Las Vegas Mass Casualty Incident Management:
Rhone D'Errico DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, PMHNP-BC, ENP-C



Blood Component Therapy & Fluid Resuscitation: Michael Gooch DNP, ACNP-BC, FNP-BC, ENP-C

Sudave Mendiratta, MD, FACEP, Kirk Krokosky, RN, BS, CCRN, AEMT, and Rachael Sweeney, DNP, FNP-BC, AGACNP-BC, participated in a panel discussion, moderated by Paula Tucker, DNP, FNP-BC, ENP-C, titled Disaster Comes to Town: Lessons Learned from Southeastern Events.

Upcoming Events

Be on the lookout in your email and on social media for registration details!

The AAENP will hold a Virtual Town Hall Meeting on May 13, 2020 at 8:00 p. EDT. You can register for this important event at this <https://www.aaenp-natl.org/aaenp-town-hall>.

Emergency Nurses Association National Conference Sept 8-11, Las Vegas, NV at the Venitian Hotel and Conference Center

50th Anniversary Celebration

- Journey through the organization's past achievements
- Walk through the Hall of Honor

- Honoring inductees to the Academy of Emergency Nursing, Lantern Award Recipients, Annual Achievement Award Recipients, State Fundraising Award Recipients
- Various Educational Tracks including Advance Practice Lectures and Workshops

American College of Emergency Physicians

Annual Meeting, Dallas Texas
26th Oct - 29th Oct 2020

AAENP will have:

- Open Board meeting on Saturday, 10/24/2020
- One-day conference on Sunday, 10/25/2020 focusing on leadership and innovation
- <http://acep-meeting.org/>



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