



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 everyday!”, 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.