



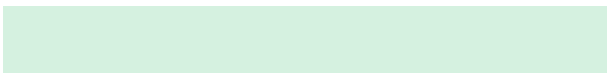
“WE ARE THE FUTURE”

FLORIDA SCHOOLS



UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA

UNF just welcomed the class of 2019 into clinicals, where they will begin observing the culture and practice of anesthesia. This past summer, SRNAs attended CRNA day in Tallahassee where they spoke to senators about the independent practice bill that is passing through congress. Students also attended mid-year assembly in Washington, DC where they met with lawmakers and discussed the responsibilities and lives of CRNAs.



UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

POLITICAL ACTIVISTS

This year at mid-year assembly, USF students advocated for expanding access to care and allowing CRNAs to practice to their full scope in the VA healthcare system. Dr. Perry led a team which included two USF SRNAs - Mary Ligad and Nicole Greenlee - and three CRNAs - Rick Yanes, Cathy Devito, and Kendall Pease to meet with members of congress or their staff that represented different districts around the Tampa Bay area. They met Congressman Bilirakis and explained the concern about limited practice at the VA healthcare system. Following were meetings with Congressman Crist, Congressman Ross, and Congressman Webster’s staff.

Friday morning, students participated in a rally on Capitol Hill with AANA members from all over the United States. All 50 states were represented at this meeting. After the rally, approximately 30 members or so from the state of Florida met with Senator Rubio and Senator Nelson’s staff.

Hector Colon and Heather Rasmussen had the privilege to care for the people of Guatemala this past March as part of Team Mesen, a legacy group that has provided orthopedic and general surgical services to the indigenous population through the organization Faith in Practice for almost 20 years. Over 110 procedures were provided over the course of four days. The work was hard and fast, but beyond rewarding.

### FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

In April, Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos chose FIU as her first public university to visit after taking office. Secretary DeVos and her entourage toured the Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing and Health Sciences simulation lab. After which Secretary DeVos held a Q&A session with students and faculty.

In October FIU will be proudly represented at the AANA conference with 6 posters presentations. These posters will be competing for Best Evidence Based Practice. Some of the topics being presented are Transthoracic Ultrasonography during Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, ERAS protocol utilizing Gabapentin and Identifying non-technical skills during Malignant Hyperthermia. While at the Annual AANA Conference say hello to one of FIU's own SRNA's, Christina Gaffey, as she will be participating as a model for ultrasound guided spinal.

Lastly, thanks to Dr. Ann Miller, FIU was recently awarded an \$88,000 grant to incorporate sono-sim technology into the upcoming curriculum. The sono-sim technology will be used for acute and chronic pain management. FIU continues to create a positive impact on the profession of anesthesiology nursing by producing nurse anesthetists who will become future leaders of our profession through practice, education and research.

### FLORIDA ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY

In April, In May, two senior students went to Merida, Mexico to participate in a mission trip with Sharing Smiles. Sharing smiles provides healing and hope to needy children in developing nations. The team worked 12-15 hour days, mostly repairing cleft lips and other facial reconstructions. Mission trips are also planned for September, November, and December to Mexico and Peru.

### BARRY UNIVERSITY

This program offers flexibility by having 5 locations in the state of Florida. Tampa, Ocala, Orlando, West Palm, and Miami are all options for the prospective student. With over 17 clinical sites, a diverse faculty, and excellent NBCRNA pass rates, Barry University is a full time program that has proven its excellence in Nurse Anesthesia education.

The program consists of an intense academic didactic curriculum with a comprehensive clinical component modeled as a residency and offered at premier health care facilities throughout the state of Florida.

Barry University faculty members are leaders in their own right, with many being board members or past presidents of nurse anesthesia associations. Barry faculty also just recently completed their first mission trip where they provided free anesthesia services to a large community in need.

Barry University also offers a Post masters DNP program and is in the process of transitioning the program to entry level doctoral program to meet the requirements of the nurse anesthesia school accrediting body.

### UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

The University of Miami students recognize the need for more public awareness and outreach in the local community. This recognition prompted the creation of the Nurse Anesthesia Student Association at the University of Miami. Our full mission is to promote the nurse anesthesia profession through interdisciplinary collaboration, professional involvement, and community engagement by way of empowerment and education. This fall, UM SRNAs will create and host events for the community that will educate adults as well as children on the role of a CRNA with the underlying hope of inspiring another generation of nurse anesthetists

### WOLFORD COLLEGE

Wolford is excited to announce many new clinical sites in 2017, specifically in Orlando, FL ( Orlando Regional Medical Center, Nemours Children's Hospital, Winnie Palmer Hospital, Arnold Palmer Hospital, South Seminole Hospital, and Dr. Phillips Hospital), and in the local area, Lee Health facilities (Gulf Coast Medical Center, Lee Memorial Hospital, Health Park Medical Center, and Cape Coral Hospital). Wolford College has also expanded the Dorsch Simulation Laboratory to help facilitate more hands-on learning with state of the art technology and software.

### FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

Uwi Ugokwe is in her final months of clinical training in Florida State University's (FSU)'s Nurse Anesthesia program. She did not always know this would be her path. As a registered nurse (RN), Uwi had the opportunity to serve others by attending a mission trip to Honduras in 2014 through the Health Caring Services organization. Uwi did not realize this trip would be a life-altering experience for her, in more ways than one. She watched Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA)s and Student Registered Nurse Anesthetist (SRNA)s autonomously manage the patient's care from beginning to end, and realized the impact the health care team had on so many lives.

Uwi immediately knew where her life journey was

taking her, and sought out her goal to become a CRNA.

Uwi started her 28-month anesthesia program at FSU Panama City in the Fall of 2015. She excelled clinically, and knew that she wanted to return to Honduras to serve in the capacity of a SRNA. In August 2017, David “Joe” Hamrick, a CRNA at Bay Medical Center Sacred Heart, Panama City, gave Uwi a chance to fulfill her dream to return to Honduras through Emerald Coast Medical Missions and the Health Caring Services organization. In Uwi’s own words, “With the gentle nudge, out of the birds’ nest from Laramie, CRNA and guidance from Joe, CRNA and Hayden, CRNA I reached a whole new level of independence and feeling confident. From beginning to end I did it all; I brought the patients back, induced them, intubated, ran my anesthetic (again with no end tidal, fancy buttons machines or piped in oxygen) extubated and brought my patients to recovery. I felt that I had gone full circle from 2014 and it was a tremendous feeling.”

Joe has been instrumental in the mentorship of SRNAs for over fifteen years. Joe speaks highly of any student who is willing to pay their own way to travel to another country to serve others. In a recent letter received by Dr. VanDyke, the FSU Nurse Anesthesia Program Administrator, Joe Hamrick sings the praises of another senior student who attended the same trip, Natalia Alford. “Natalia and I were members of a surgical team in May 2017 which performed 36 cases. In July, Natalia and I returned with the team I have been to Honduras with many times. This team had two general surgeons, one OB/GYN, three CRNAs, two SRNAs, two ARNPs, four other nurses, one first year med student, two SRNAS (one Gator and one ‘Nole), and six other volunteers. This team was much busier doing 84 cases...She did not fail making herself available for cases... I would never be reluctant to recommend Natalia for any position or work on a mission with her again.” Both Uwi and Natalia are set to graduate with a Master in Science of Nurse Anesthesia from Florida State University December 15, 2017. For more information and photographs, please see the Emerald Coast Medical Missions Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/EmeraldCoastMedicalMission/>.



**Register for the FANA  
2017 Annual Meeting to Compete!**

Does your school have what it takes to win? Come test your anesthesia knowledge at the Third Annual Student College Bowl on Saturday, October 28, 2017, at 6:00 PM, at the Tampa Marriott Waterside Hotel & Marina!

This Jeopardy-style game will test your knowledge on the latest developments, techniques, and skills impacting the CRNA profession. To sign up for the College Bowl, simply register online and indicate that you wish to compete.

Join us directly following the College Bowl for the First Annual Student College Bowl After Party!  
Desserts and drinks will be provided.

In order to compete, all students participating in the College Bowl must register for the FANA 2017 Annual Meeting.

**Don't delay,  
register today!**

