



Physician Assistant History Society®  
Honoring our History; Ensuring our Future

**Report to the Physician Assistant Education Association  
from the Physician Assistant History Society  
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**Key Initiative:**

The Society's **new PA history book**, with the central theme of "the PA profession as a social innovation in health care," will be published later this year. The 14-chapter manuscript is written by 25 PA content experts and focuses on a variety of PA history topics while highlighting the diverse voices of the profession's historical record. We would like to thank our authors, editors, and colleagues from the national PA organizations in assisting our PAHx book editor, Leslie Kole, with research and content for the Society's book, including Mary Jo Bondy, Monica Miles, Karen Hills, and Howard Straker from the PAEA.

**Growing our Collection:**

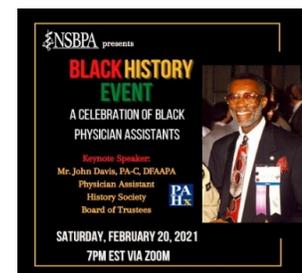
This year, the Society has posted **20 new biographies** and **25 new oral history interviews** on our website. Our growing website collection includes 10 interesting interviews from PAs in the Netherlands and students from around the world involved with the International Federation of Physician Assistant/Physician Associate and Clinical Officer/Clinical Associate/Comparable Students' Association. When visiting our [website](#), online users can access these educational and informative stories among our 276 BIOs and 225 interviews. **Six new donations** have also been received for the archives which include historical digital photographs, books written by PAs, and personal research material. If you have historical photographs, videos, museum items or other relevant material you would like to have preserved in the PAHx archives, please contact the [PAHx office](#).



IFPACS Oral History

**Sharing PA History:**

During the continued pandemic, the Society's Trustees and Historians have conducted **seven virtual presentations** to PA students and members of specialty organizations. Unfortunately, the National Library of Medicine has had to suspend the PA traveling banner exhibition during COVID-19. Recently the Society secured a set of the banners that can be shared with PA programs and constituent organizations. For more information on reserving the six-set banner exhibition, please contact the [PAHx office](#).



### **PA Veterans Garden:**

We have identified additional space in the PA garden walkway for 30 engraved pavers. If you are interested in ordering a brick for a PA who is currently serving or has served in the military and armed services, please visit the PAHx [website](#) for more information.



### **Educational Resources:**

The Board of Trustees would like to give a special thank you to annual **PAHx Associates** for their support during these challenging times. You may view the list of current Associates [here](#). The Society encourages all PA Programs and constituent organizations to utilize the Society's vast array of educational resources. The Associate benefits are effective from July 1 – June 30 each year. For more information on becoming a PAHx Associate, please visit the [Society's website](#).

**Associate benefits** include:

**Educational Learning Modules**, Instructor's Manual, and Test Questions for each of the five modules on the history and legacy of the PA profession

**Historian Toolkit** designed to help our Associates identify, gather, organize, and maintain materials that document the history of their PA program or institution

**Anniversary & Celebration Planner** includes materials to be used for special events and presentations

Access to PAHx **Speaker's Bureau**

Provide **digital images** free of charge

**PAHx Website:** monthly featured Associate on Homepage, First Class Picture online exhibit, and PAHx Associates Page

### **Circle of Friends:**

We encourage everyone in the PA community to become a Friend of the Society and help us to continue doing our important work of preserving and sharing the rich history of PAs and the contributions that they make. The Society offers two tax-deductible levels of giving: a "**Lifetime**" and an "**Annual**" **Circle of Friends**. You can learn more about these programs on the [PAHx website](#).

### **20 Years in 2022:**

Next year the PA History Society will be celebrating its **20th Anniversary** and we look forward to seeing everyone, **hopefully in-person**, to celebrate this major milestone at next year's **PAEA Forum**.



We welcome continued collaboration with the PAEA Board and staff on these and other exciting PAHx projects in the future. Stay safe and well!

Sincerely,



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President, Board of Trustees