

**Report to the PAEA Board of Directors and Membership  
September 2021**

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**Physician Assistant Education Association Graduate Advisor to the Student Academy of AAPA and PAEA  
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Dear PAEA Board of Directors and Members,

In July, I began my second year as Student Academy of the American Academy of Physician Assistants graduate advisor. The Student Academy has been busy working to increase its relevance to students and PA Programs and is currently gearing up for PA Week in October. I provide this report to recap the activities of the Student Academy and to update you on pertinent resolutions the Assembly of Representatives (AOR) has in place for the 2021-2022 year.

**I. Resolutions pertinent to PAEA Board and Membership**

**2021 - 2022 Student Board Resolutions**

Currently, the Student Academy leadership is in the process of selecting student members to serve in implementing the approved resolutions. Early planning has also begun to develop the programming needed to accomplish the varied goals of the resolutions. Below are the resolutions pertinent to PA education and PAEA, separated by the committees responsible for implementing them.

Advocacy and Policy Committee:

- **Resolution 2021-04:** The Student Academy recommends creating educational campaigns focused on increasing awareness of how to treat sexual and gender minority-specific medical concerns.
- **Resolution 2021-05:** The Student Academy recommends identifying barriers individuals with disabilities experience when applying to PA school.

Communication & Outreach Committee

- **Resolution 2021-02:** The Student Academy recommends that there is an annual Student Academy meeting open to all AAPA student members held to provide means of direct communication with the Student Board.
- **Resolution 2021-03:** The Student Academy recommends investigating ways to connect with other health profession student organizations and make recommendations to the Student Board.

Leadership Committee

- **Resolution 2021-06:** The Student Academy recommends creating a campaign informing student members of pathways on which they can remain involved as leaders in the PA profession following graduation.
- **Resolution 2021-08:** The Student Academy resolves to continue to raise awareness of AAPA and its constituent organizations' diversity policies and initiatives.

## Service Committee

- **Resolution 2021-01:** The Student Academy recommends that they collaborate with PAEA to update PAEA's Project Access resource.
- **Resolution 2021-07:** The Student Academy recommends continued efforts in promoting mental health awareness to PA students through educational platforms and resources in collaboration with AAPA's and PAF's ongoing mental health initiatives.

### II. August Board Conference Call

- Student board committee chairs are pending. These committees are Advocacy & Policy Committee, Communication and Outreach Committee, Service Committee, Leadership Committee and Student Governance Committee.
- These committee chairs and student volunteers will begin working on the above 2021-2022 SAR resolutions in the near future.

### III. Student Board Meeting

- Given the COVID-19 pandemic, there is currently no annual, in-person meeting planned; this meeting typically would be held in October 2021. Regularly scheduled monthly Zoom calls will continue in the interim, until it is safe to gather in person again.

Respectfully submitted,

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AAPA Student Academy

**Appendix A**  
**STUDENT ACADEMY LEADERSHIP 2021-22**

**Board of Directors**

**President:** Mariah Leroux, PA-C

**President-Elect:** Natalie Crump

**Chief Delegate:** Whitney Hewitt

**Director of Diversity & Outreach:** Christina Mason

**Director of Student Communications:** Sara Naeem

**Regional Director – Western:** Ella Monteverde-Vo

**Regional Director – South Central:** Shara Rosen

**Regional Director – North Central:** Sarah Smith

**Regional Director – Southeast:** Connor Wasilnak

**Regional Director – Northeast:** Erin Hillis

**Regional Director – Mid-Atlantic:** Frances Adams

**Committee Chairs**

**Advocacy & Policy Committee:** Pending

**Communication & Outreach Committee:** Pending

**Leadership Committee:** Pending

**Service Committee:** Pending

**Appointed Position**

**PA Foundation Student Representative:** Julia Josowitz – Stanford University

**Student Academy Advisors**

**AAPA Graduate Advisor:** TBA - Pending

**PAEA Graduate Advisor:** Annie Wildermuth, MMS, PA-C, RD, University of Nebraska Medical Center

**AAPA Director of the Student Academy:** Caitlin Harrison, AAPA

**Appendix B**

**Regional Distribution of the Student Academy of AAPA**

- Mid-Atlantic: DC, DE, MD, PA, VA, WV
- North Central: IL, IN, IA, MI, MN, ND, OH, SD, WI
- Northeast: CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, RI, VT
- South Central: AR, KS, LA, MO, MS, NE, NM, OK, TX
- Southeast: AL, FL, GA, KY, NC, SC, TN
- West: AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY