

**Report to the PAEA Board of Directors and Membership
September 2022**

**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,

This is my third year, and first of my new term, as Student Academy of the American Academy of Physician Assistants graduate faculty 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 charges the Academy is working on in the 2022-2023 year.

I. Resolutions pertinent to PAEA Board and Membership

2022-2023 Student Board Committee Charges

The Student Academy Leadership recently appointment committee chairs and board representatives to guide assessment and possible implementation of the proposed 2022-2023 charges. Early planning has also begun to develop the programming needed to accomplish the varied goals of the resolutions. Below are the charges pertinent to PA education and PAEA, separated by the committees responsible for implementing them.

Advocacy and Policy Committee:

1. In collaboration with AAPA staff, identify needs for students to better understand advocacy issue to become lifelong advocates for the profession.
2. The committee will review the current Student Society policies, procedures, and structure. The committee will make recommended changes for the 2023-2024 leadership year to the Student Board and Student Academy staff advisor.
3. This committee will collaborate with other Student Board Committees where the subject matter indicates opportunity and will work with AAPA staff to ensure alignment with ongoing work.
4. Committee members may be asked to act as a focus group and review AAPA and Student Academy products and services from the student perspective, keeping in mind various student needs.

Communication & Outreach Committee

1. Committee members will review the Student Program Presentations (Pre-PA, Didactic, and Clinical) from the student perspective for clarity and content. The committee will make recommended changes or additions to AAPA staff.
2. The committee will review informational Student Academy documents for clarity and content, ensuring that they are clear, concise, and comprehensible to the PA student audience. The committee will make recommended changes or additions to AAPA staff.
3. The committee will review Student Academy content on AAPA's website for clarity and ease of navigation. The committee will make recommended changes or additions to AAPA staff.
4. Committee members will share news articles and resources of interest to PA students with AAPA's communications team for AAPA's social channels.
5. In collaboration with the Leadership & Diversity Committee, committee members will review the Student Academy Representative (SAR) Toolkit for clarity and content, ensuring that the document is concise and comprehensive. The committee will make recommended changes or additions to AAPA

staff.

6. This committee will collaborate with other Student Board Committees where the subject matter indicates opportunity and will work with AAPA staff to ensure alignment with ongoing work.

7. Committee members may be asked to act as a focus group and review AAPA and Student Academy products and services from the student perspective, keeping in mind various student needs.

Leadership & Diversity Committee:

1. This committee will be responsible for collaborating with AAPA in formulating the framework for the Leadership Panel at AAPA 2023.

2. In collaboration with the Communication & Outreach Committee, committee members will review the Student Academy Representative (SAR) Toolkit for clarity and content, ensuring that the document is concise and comprehensive. The committee will make recommended changes or additions to AAPA staff.

3. Committee members will contribute to the establishment and creation of an SAR onboarding training program. The committee will make recommended changes or additions to AAPA staff.

4. This committee will collaborate with other Student Board Committees where the subject matter indicates opportunity and will work with AAPA staff to ensure alignment with ongoing work.

5. Committee members may be asked to act as a focus group and review AAPA and Student Academy products and services from the student perspective, keeping in mind various student needs.

Service Committee

1. This committee will research and make a recommendation to the Student Board scalable ideas for PA student community service during AAPA's PA Week.

2. This committee will research and make a recommendation to the Student Board ideas for a Student Academy led student-service project in Nashville during AAPA 2023 (example: local chapter charity, Habitat for Humanity).

3. This committee will collaborate with other Student Board Committees where the subject matter indicates opportunity and will work with AAPA staff to ensure alignment with ongoing work.

4. Committee members may be asked to act as a focus group and review AAPA and Student Academy products and services from the student perspective, keeping in mind various student needs.

II. August Board Conference Call

- During the September board conference call, student board committee chairs were named. These committees are Advocacy & Policy Committee, Communication and Outreach Committee, Service Committee, Leadership & Diversity Committee and Student Governance Committee.
- These committee chairs and student volunteers will begin working on the above 2022-2023 SAR resolutions.

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. The majority of student board members are attending the AAPA Leadership & Advocacy Summit from September 29-October 1, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Annie Wildermuth, PhD, PA-C
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AAPA Student Academy

Appendix A

Student Academy Board of Directors 2022-2023

President: Natalie Crump, MS, PA-C, Colorado
President-elect: Kierra Gipson, Lincoln Memorial University
Chief Delegate: Sarah Borgnes, Wake Forest University
Director of Student Communications: Weilong Li, Salus University
Director of Diversity & Outreach: Jessica Yue, Rosalind Franklin University
PA Foundation Student Representative: Jamee Williams, University of Maryland Baltimore
Northeast Regional Director: Savarah Aidun, Le Moyne College
Mid-Atlantic Regional Director: Emily Kim, George Washington University
Southeast Regional Director: Justine Danielson, Campbell University
North Central Regional Director: Alexis Bush, Indiana University
South Central Regional Director: Parker Short, Hardin-Simmons University
Western Regional Director: Nidhi Patel-Joshi, University of Southern California

Committee Chairs

Advocacy & Policy Committee: Emily Kim
Communication & Outreach Committee: Weilong Li
Leadership Committee: Justine Danielson
Service Committee: Savarah Aidun

Student Academy Advisors

AAPA Graduate Advisor: Kaci Hardstock, MS, PA-C
PAEA Graduate Advisor: Annie Wildermuth, PhD, PA-C, RD
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