

# e-Chapter News

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## e-Chapter

## Pediatric-Related DNP or PhD Doctoral Scholarship

*Applications are open*

**August 1, 2019 to  
midnight September  
15, 2019**

## Letter from the President (2019-2020)

**Dear e-Chapter,**

I am honored to now assume the role as your Chapter President. I have been a PNP for 12 years and currently live in New York City. I am currently the PNP program director at Columbia University School of Nursing. I also practice part-time as an inpatient NP at Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital in the Progressive Care Unit. I have been part of the e-Chapter for several years. I started out as the Communications Chair before becoming the President. I fully acknowledge I have big shoes to fill as Linda Frye (immediate past-president) and the board worked tirelessly for the past year to make the e-Chapter what it is at this moment.

We accomplished great things over this past year, one of which was hosting the NAPNAP National Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana (my home state!). The board is looking forward to doing even more exciting things in the next year. We have several things in the works. We are now NAPNAP CE providers so please be on the lookout for our CE offerings that will be made available to our chapter members for free. We also offer two scholarships- a doctoral student scholarship and a conference scholarship. These funds are available you- our chapter members so please consider applying for one of these scholarships if you are eligible. We are always looking for ways to engage our members who are spread throughout the country. We would love to hear from you about what how we can make the e-Chapter work best for you. Please feel free to email us at [napnapechapter@gmail.com](mailto:napnapechapter@gmail.com). I look forward to being your President over this next year.



**Jaime Panton**  
DNP, APRN, CPNP-AC/PC  
e-Chapter President  
2019-2020

**Sincerely,  
Jaime Panton**

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The e-Chapter board is pleased to announce the opening of the 2019 selection process for the

## e-Chapter Pediatric-Related DNP or PhD Doctoral Scholarship

*Applications are open from*

**August 1, 2019 to midnight September 15, 2019**

*for use in either Fall/Winter term/semester 2019 or Winter/Spring term, 2020.*

The recipient of the \$1000 scholarship (not to be used for tuition) will be announced October 1, 2019

Application and details are attached as a Word document at the following link:

[https://higherlogicdownload.s3.amazonaws.com/NAPNAP/e9161b1b-284b-4774-a5ae-d3ed30668d70/UploadedImages/eChapter\\_DoctoralScholarship\\_July 21 2019 final .docx](https://higherlogicdownload.s3.amazonaws.com/NAPNAP/e9161b1b-284b-4774-a5ae-d3ed30668d70/UploadedImages/eChapter_DoctoralScholarship_July_21_2019_final_.docx)

This award acknowledges and honors a member of the e-Chapter who has made the personal, professional, and financial investment of doctoral education and who:

- Are board-certified nurse practitioners working in pediatrics or in a practice or specialty impacting children and their families; or are BSN-DNP students working with children & families or whose work or activities impact children & families.
- Are enrolled in a PhD program and have reached candidacy with IRB approval or documentation from the university IRB of project exemption or
- Are enrolled in a DNP program and have their pediatric capstone or terminal project approved.

**The project or research must support pediatrics and NAPNAP's mission and strategic plan.**

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## e-Chapter Awards

### 2018 e-Chapter Awards

#### **Nancy Cavanaugh, MAT, APRN, CPNP-PC Founder's Award**

This award is presented by the e-Chapter board to recognize Nancy as the person with the vision and inspiration behind formation of the e-Chapter in 2008. Her vision was to develop an online chapter to unite those members without a chapter in their areas. Nancy knew the connection with other members was critical to help members achieve the optimal benefits from their NAPNAP membership and strengthen their ability to serve the patients and families in their care.



**Nancy Cavanaugh**

#### **Laurie Finger, MSN, MN, CNS, NP, CCNS, CPNP-AC Preceptor of the Year**

This award is presented by the e-Chapter board to recognize Laurie for her service as a preceptor for APRN students and exceeding the expectations in precepting students as a service to our profession. Laurie is recognized for her dedication to mentorship, education, research, and teaching skills for the future generation of pediatric nurse practitioners. Through her service as a preceptor, she raised the bar for all to follow as an example of a higher standard quality of pediatric care.



**Laurie Finger**

#### **Melissa Feliz Nunn, APRN, MSN, CPNP-PC PNP of the Year**

This award is presented by the e-Chapter board to recognize Melissa as a pediatric nurse practitioner who exceeds the expectations as a professional Advance Practice Registered Nurse providing care to children. She is recognized for her admirable character, selfless dedication, and outstanding efforts in elevating our professional practice and promoting the health and welfare of children in the community. Melissa's professionalism perpetually raises the bar for everyone and helps establish a higher standard of quality care. Melissa's dedication to providing exceptional care for children leaves a legacy for other APRNs who follow in her footsteps.



**Melissa Feliz Nunn**

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## e-Chapter Legislative Update

### Legislative Committee Information

Typically, there is a lot of activity taking place in Washington DE regarding health policy issues. I strongly recommend reading NAPNAP's Inside the Beltway to stay up to date on legislative issues. It is available at NAPNAP website.

A great way to learn about health policy related to children's health and practice is by participating in the CHPLC calls held on the first Wednesday evening of every month from September to May. The calls are open to all members. To receive an invitation contact [healthpolicy@napnap.org](mailto:healthpolicy@napnap.org).

It is critical for all APRNs to know what is happening in your state regarding children's health, immunizations, APRN practice, etc. It is also important to have a good relationship with your state legislators and they recognize you as an expert in children's health, someone they can turn to for answers to their children's health questions. The best way to accomplish this is by writing and calling them along with personal visits. It is beneficial to be known in your community as a pediatric health specialist. This happens when you are actively involved in the community speaking with school board members, city councils, mayors, parent groups, and participating in healthy living activities such as health fairs, fitness walks, health issues awareness activities, etc.

Remember when you communicate with your legislators, it is not about us and our desire for full practice; we need to keep the focus on children and their health – increasing access to care for all children, improving quality of care, and decreasing wait times to address children's health issues. We have the education and experience to address the gaps and improve the health of children. Be prepared to present the facts about children's health and the consequences of access to care barriers – the number of counties in your state without a physician, lack of mental health providers in your state, children typically have an 8 – 10 year delay from mental health symptom onset to identification and treatment of mental health issues, etc. Knowing the facts and being prepared to discuss how APRNs can bridge the gap can make a difference. Remember to stay positive in your discussions, social media posts, etc. because what you say can be used against APRNs and APRN education programs.

If you have any legislative or health policy questions, please contact Linda Frye at [napnapechapter@gmail.com](mailto:napnapechapter@gmail.com) or [healthpolicy@napnap.org](mailto:healthpolicy@napnap.org).

Linda S. Frye, PhD, RN, CPNP

*e-Chapter Legislative Chair and Immediate Past President*



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## Member Spotlight Corner

***We want to recognize our members!***

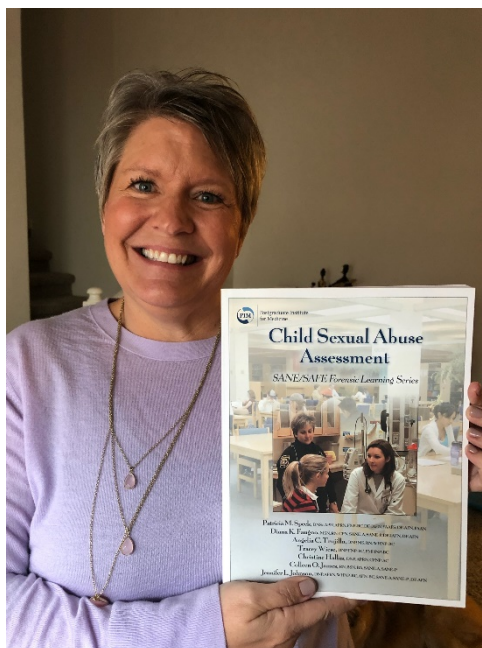
If you are interested in sharing a recent accomplishment and telling the chapter about yourself, please send an email to the attention of Sarah Scheuermann, Communications Chair, at [napnapechapter@gmail.com](mailto:napnapechapter@gmail.com) to be featured in our next newsletter.

## Get Connected



Share your practice updates, clinical pearls, advocacy, and more on our Facebook page located at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/echapnape/>



## Christine Hallas

**DNP, APRN, CPNP-AC**  
**e-Chapter President Elect**

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Assessment  
SANE/SAFE Forensic  
Learning Series  
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## e-Chapter Board

L-R: Deborah Stone, Hannah Pressler, Jaime Panton, Christine Hallas, Linda Frye, Sarah Scheuermann. Not pictured: Melissa Feliz Nunn

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## Election results

NAPNAP e-Chapter President-elect is **Christine Hallas**

NAPNAP e-Chapter Treasurer is **Deborah Stone**

Christine's Board position as Secretary became vacant as of July 1, 2019. There was a call for letters of interest.

**Melissa Ferniz Nunn** was selected by the Board to fill the remainder of Christine Hallas's term as Secretary of the e-Chapter Board. Melissa's appointed term will end June 30, 2020.



We are still looking for an Education Committee Co-Chair. If you are interested, please send a letter of interest to: [napnapechapter@gmail.com](mailto:napnapechapter@gmail.com) with the subject line: e-Chapter Education Co-Chair.

## e-Chapter 2019-2020 Board

President: Jaime Panton

President Elect: Christine Hallas

Immediate Past-President: Linda Frye

Treasurer: Deborah Stone

Secretary: Melissa Feliz Nunn

Legislative Chair: Linda Frye

Membership Chair: Linda Frye

Education Chair: OPEN POSITION

Hannah Pressler: Nominations Chair

Sarah Scheuermann: Communications Chair

**Hannah Pressler, DNP, PNP-BC, AFN-BC**

e-Chapter Past President & e-Chapter Nominations Chair