



Fall Newsletter



A congratulations goes out to ALL of NPARI's award winning and trail blazing NPs!

Jeanette Thibault, MSN, APRN-CNP, FNP-C was honored at AANP 2023 National Conference in New Orleans, LA for Nurse Practitioner Excellence.

Suzy Barcelos Winchester, MA, MSW LCSW was also honored as NP Advocate for 2023.



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Nurse Practitioner of the Year:

HASSAN SAADA, DNP, APRN-CNP, AGNP-C

Urology Nurse Practitioner, LGBTQ+ Veteran Care Coordinator
Providence VA Medical Center

Featured in *Rhode Island Top Nurses 2023*
– *Rhode Island Monthly*

"I proudly serve veterans who are a unique patient population with specialized needs. I consider VA clinicians specialists in this regard because there are significant implications for practice that must be considered when approaching this population. There is a greater prevalence of PTSD from combat or military sexual trauma, psychiatric comorbidities, traumatic injuries, and conditions related to exposures to chemical or radioactive agents. Not only does this require specialized training and experience, but also a holistic approach that takes all these factors into account when considering assessment and treatment, which is very consistent with NP training in general."

See full article: <https://www.rimonthly.com/2023-excellence-in-nursing-awards/> ■



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Nurse in an Academic Setting of the Year:

DEBRA SERVELLO, DNP, AGNP

Chairperson at Rhode Island College Zvart Onanian School of Nursing
Graduate Department

Featured in *Rhode Island Top Nurses 2023*

– *Rhode Island Monthly*

“I love my students; they keep me going, they keep me challenged. You never stop learning. A CRNA brought forward a case study that I didn’t have a lot of knowledge on, and I had to study. Something you learned twenty years ago is not the same as today.”

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NPARI BYLAWS – Advancing our Organization



Our bylaws are currently under construction. Our board and committees are working on reviewing the language to meet the needs that our group requires such as roles and responsibilities, office duration, voting, membership status and benefits, etc.

If you are interested in doing more for nurse practitioners in your state, consider joining a committee to help achieve the goals we need to accomplish to better our role, patient and community understanding of our role, autonomy, and optimal patient care.

We will be able to better complete the nominations process for eligible positions once the bylaw update is finalized! ♦

NP'S AND THE TEAM AT THE ACC



The Rhode Island Chapter of the American College of Cardiology (RI ACC) have been busy with legislators and their community. As with most things, COVID has halted many of these plans. But keep an eye out for a community outreach program partnering with the American Heart Association to deliver teaching and heart health education to local schools.



Congratulations to **Ashley Arnold** on her induction to ACC as an Associate and also receiving her DNP this year!



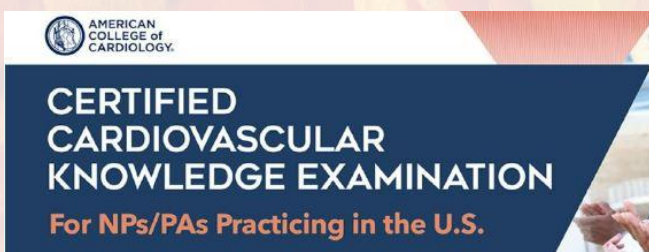
CTC and Me - How the Care Transformation Collaborative is being endorsed by NPARI

"The mission of CTC-RI is to support the continuing transformation of primary care in Rhode Island as the foundation of an ever-improving integrated, accessible, affordable, and equitable health care system. CTC-RI brings together critical stakeholders to implement, evaluate and spread effective multi-payer models to deliver, pay for and sustain high-quality, comprehensive, accountable primary care."

So, what does that mean? The CTC encompasses all primary care providers (NP, PA, MD, DO). This organization is working to help Rhode Islanders gain access to getting primary care. Primary care providers are tough to come by, therefore, one of the efforts the CTC has launched includes a tax credit proposal (like what we had previously introduced for NPs) but specific to anyone working in primary care OR taking primary care students. CTC as an organization with multiple degrees involved, this increases a strength in numbers and addresses multiple problems at once. NPARI endorses their mission for primary care access and incentive for primary care provider training.

For more information visit:

<https://www.ctc-ri.org/> ◆



Enrollment period for CCKE is closed for this year but follow ACC to enroll next year if eligible!

A letter from the President:

As my tenure as President of the Nurse Practitioner Alliance of Rhode Island is approaching its end I want to thank all the member for allowing me to serve you and represent the organization as we continue to grow in numbers and strength.

To the Board of Directors and Executive Committee I thank you for sharing your time and talents planning the path forward for NPARI.

I especially want to thank the Education Committee for their dedication and volunteerism, allowing for 12 consecutive years of planning an annual conference which has provided for educational scholarship as well as a day of learning, socializing, and sharing conversation with colleagues and friends.

The Organization has grown and will continue to grow thanks to all who unselfishly volunteer their time and efforts to allow NPARI to continue to serve as the solidifying body and voice of the Nurse Practitioner in Rhode Island.

A special thanks to Janel Snowden our administrative assistant who works tirelessly "behind the scenes" working closely with me and lending her enthusiastic support to all NPARI functions and events.

NPARI will continue to thrive and grow under the new leadership of Desirae Heys who will assume the office of President on January 1, 2024. I wish her success and ask that all members support Desirae in her new role. A great way to do so is to consider volunteering!

*With love, respect, and appreciation,
Mary Cabral*

Looking for Nominations for new AANP State Liaison!

Current state liaison, Denise Coppa, has completed her commitment to this position and we are seeking a replacement for an NP to represent our state to the national committee!

This is a 2-year commitment that officially starts June 2024. However, nominations are due Tuesday October 31st!

This is a great way to stop on top of all the AANP does for NPs too.

For more details and to nominate self, go to:
<https://www.aanp.org/about/about-the-american-association-of-nurse-practitioners-aanp/aanp-leadership/elections>



Happy Nurse Practitioner Week!
November 12th-18th, 2023

Save the Dates, '23-'24

AANP Region 1 (New England) Member Meeting – Online

Saturday, October 28, 2023 8:30 am-12 pm



NPWH 26th Annual Premier Women's Healthcare Conference

Sunday October 29 - November 1
Hyatt Manchester San Diego, California

NPARI Annual Fall Symposium

Managing the Complex Patient: Updates in Diabetes, Wound Care, and Female incontinence
Saturday, November 4th, 2023
Kirkbrae Country Club, Lincoln, RI

Emergency Medicine Boot Camp

December 12-15, 2023
Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, NV

2024 New England Regional Nurse Practitioner Conference

Thursday, May 2, 2024
Boston Marriott Newton

NPARI MONTHLY MEETINGS:



Please Check the NPARI website for updates and sign up for email notifications (Summer recess July-August).

Meetings are typically on the first Monday of every other month and have recently transitioned to Zoom. Announcements will be made for special events/dinner meetings. **Dinner meeting events are limited to members only.**