



ARKANSAS NURSE PRACTITIONER ASSOCIATION

# Quarterly Newsletter



**To Unite, Support, Educate, And Enhance The Professional Identity Of Nurse Practitioners**



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# A Message from the President: Looking Ahead to 2026

As we step into 2026, I'm filled with optimism about what lies ahead for ANPA and the nurse practitioner profession in Arkansas. While we're proud of our 2025 accomplishments (cited in the next article—"ANPA 2025 Year in Review") we're also taking time to evaluate our challenges and chart a stronger course forward.

## **We Heard You**

Your voices matter. The membership survey we conducted at the end of the last board term gave us invaluable insight into your priorities, and I want to share what we learned and how we're responding.

### **What you told us you need most:**

- Timely, relevant professional information on practice updates and regulatory changes
- Strong legislative and regulatory advocacy at the state level
- More continuing education and professional development opportunities
- Support with career services

### **Your biggest practice challenges:**

- Time pressures and scope-of-practice restrictions
- Reimbursement issues affecting autonomy and job satisfaction
- Barriers that impact patient care, especially in rural and underserved communities
- Professional burnout

These concerns align directly with our organizational priorities, and we're taking action.

## **Our 2026 Focus Areas**

### **Improving Communication:**

We know staying connected with you is essential. While we currently reach members through social media and email, we recognize these aren't ideal for everyone. We're exploring new website platforms that could offer additional options like text alerts and SMS notifications. This transition will take time, but it's underway. We also continue to host district meetings for face-to-face engagement—and we'd love to see more of you there.

### **Expanding Education:**

Our annual state conference remains our flagship educational event, and our conference committee works year-round to make it valuable. We've also offered specialized fall conferences on opioid education for the past two years and plan to continue similar opportunities. Looking ahead, we're exploring online CE options, though we're still working through the logistics of cost, speakers, and topics.

### **Advancing Legislation and Advocacy:**

2026 is a planning year, not a legislative session year, which gives us time to build relationships and prepare. Our Health Policy Committee is working to identify an NP ambassador for each legislator across the state. Our legislative priorities reflect what you've told us matters most:

- Schedule II prescriptive authority
- Insurance payment parity
- Practicing at our highest level
- Full practice authority

## **Moving Forward Together**

Thank you to everyone who completed the survey. Your input shapes our direction. I want you to know: ANPA hears your concerns, values your opinions, and shares your goals for advancing NP practice in Arkansas.

Here's to making 2026 our best year yet.

Sincerely,

Rebekka Amick

MN, APRN, AGCNS-BC, AGPCNP-BC

President

Arkansas Nurse Practitioner Association



# Reflecting on Progress, Building What's Next: ANPA's 2025 Year in Review



As 2025 ends and we move into 2026, the Arkansas Nurse Practitioner Association (ANPA) celebrates a year of historic growth, legislative triumph, and unwavering commitment to its mission. Our first great accomplishment to mention is the hiring of an Executive Director. Under the new operational leadership of Executive Director Caitlin DeVore, who joined the organization in March 2025, ANPA has fortified its role as the leading voice for Nurse Practitioners across the Natural State.

## **Unite: Strengthening Our Statewide Connection**

Community is the cornerstone of ANPA. In 2025, membership remained exceptionally stable, consistently holding between 650–680 dedicated professionals. While we are happy to maintain our numbers, we continue to strive to increase those numbers. To ensure every voice was heard, Past-President Leonie DeClerk, PhD, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, FAANP, completed a comprehensive tour of all six ANPA districts. This grassroots effort fostered deep connections that were further refined through a post-election member survey, the results of which are currently shaping ANPA's 2026 strategic goals.

## **Support: Investing in the Future of Nursing**

ANPA remains dedicated to the professional lifecycle of the NP, from classroom to practice. During 2025, in partnership with Student Representative Rhiannon Zerbe, the Association expanded student benefits to include discounted access to premier review resources like Sarah Michelle and APEA. Financial support reached new heights with the establishment of the Dr. Loretta Ford Scholarship and the distribution of educational grants during both the Spring and Fall semesters. Beyond financial aid, ANPA strengthened vital collaborations with the Arkansas State Board of Nursing, through our "Ask the Board of Nursing Anonymous Q & A" questions and answers with Dr. Shannon McKinney and our Midday Mingle sessions, to ensure NP priorities remain at the forefront of regulatory discussions.

## **Educate: Excellence in Clinical Knowledge**

The 2025 Annual Conference served as a premier educational milestone, and momentum is already building for the 2026 Annual Conference in Hot Springs (April 16–18, 2026). ANPA also addressed critical public health issues by hosting a Fall Opioid Conference in Pine Bluff, supported by the Arkansas Attorney General's Office. These efforts, alongside new virtual CME events, ensure members stay at the cutting edge of clinical practice.

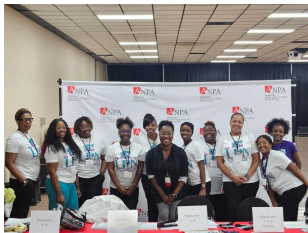
## **Advocate & Enhance Professional Identity**

A Year of Victory 2025 marked a major legislative victory for Arkansas NPs. Effective August 5, NPs gained the authority to delegate medication and immunization administration to medical assistants, a change that significantly optimizes clinic workflows. These advocacy efforts were bolstered by the Health Policy Committee and the NP Ambassador Program. Simultaneously, ANPA celebrated the individual excellence of its members, honoring those recognized as Great 100 Nurses 40 Under 40 Nurse Leaders.



## Engage: Fostering Innovation and Transparency

Communication saw a resurgence this year with the reinstatement of the quarterly ANPA Newsletter and the launch of Midday Mingles, providing regular touchpoints for busy professionals. Additionally, the establishment of the NP Business Owners Group has created a vital monthly space for networking and education for those navigating the complexities of private and independent practice.



As we look toward 2026, ANPA remains the steadfast champion for the Nurse Practitioner profession, driven by the successes of 2025 and a clear vision for the future of Arkansas healthcare.





# Upcoming Events

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**FEB 1** **CONFERENCE EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT ENDS! (\$100 OFF)**

**FEB 3** **DISTRICT 4 MEETING**  
TIME: 6:00 PM  
LOCATION: EL DORADO COUNTRY CLUB | EL DORADO, AR  
HOSTED BY: NEUROCRINE BIOSCIENCES

**FEB 12** **NP BUSINESS OWNERS MEETING**  
7-8 PM (VIRTUAL)  
TOPIC: THE POWER OF THE RIGHT NICHE: ALIGNING PASSION, DEMAND, AND PROFIT  
GUEST SPEAKER: SHEILA HAYES APRN | RESTORATION WELLNESS | CONMAY AR

**FEB 15** **SCHOLARSHIP & AWARD DEADLINE**  
2026 SPRING EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CLOSES  
2026 OUTSTANDING NP AWARD NOMINATIONS END



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**FEB 19** **FEBRUARY MIDDAY MINGLE**  
12-1 PM (VIRTUAL) [REGISTRATION REQUIRED]  
TOPIC: FINANCIAL ADVISOR  
GUEST: JOE TEAGUE

**MARCH 5** **DISTRICT 3 MEETING**  
TIME: TBA  
LOCATION: TBA  
SPEAKER: JAY WAYMACK HUFF

**MARCH 12** **MARCH MIDDAY MINGLE**  
12-1 PM (VIRTUAL) [REGISTRATION REQUIRED]  
TOPIC: INCLUSIVE HEALTHCARE  
GUEST: SPECIAL OLYMPICS AR

**MARCH 12** **NP BUSINESS OWNERS MEETING**  
7-8 PM (VIRTUAL)  
TOPIC: TBA



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**APRIL 16** **DR. LORETTA FORD MEMORIAL FUND**  
GOAL: \$25,000  
SUPPORT NURSE PRACTITIONER STUDENTS- ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

**APRIL 16-18** **ANPA SPRING CONFERENCE**  
GAME CHANGERS: NP LEADING THE WAY TO A HEALTHIER ARKANSAS  
LOCATION: HOT SPRINGS CONVENTION CENTER-HOT SPRINGS, AR



## ONGOING EVENTS

**ONGOING** **MEMBER SPOTLIGHTS**  
SUBMIT YOUR MEMBER, STUDENT, OR BUSINESS OWNER HIGHLIGHTS FOR UPCOMING FEATURE

**ONGOING** **ASBN ANONYMOUS Q/A**  
DON'T FORGET TO SUBMIT YOUR ANONYMOUS ASBN QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS.



## 2026 ANPA Spring Conference



# Early Bird Discount

Sign up by February 1st and receive \$100 off your registration fee!

**REGISTER HERE →**



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Sign up by **2/1/2026** to receive \$100 off your registration fee.

### Questions?

Email [conference@anpassociation.org](mailto:conference@anpassociation.org)

**Click Here to Register**

## We're now seeking vendors for our April 2026 Conference!

This is a great opportunity to showcase your products and services, connect with attendees, and increase your visibility. Program ad opportunities are also available for organizations looking to promote their brand before and during the conference.

### *Interested in participating?*

Reach out to [vendors@anpassociation.org](mailto:vendors@anpassociation.org) for more information.



## 2026 Outstanding NP Award Nominations



**2026 OUTSTANDING  
NURSE PRACTITIONER AWARD**

**SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATIONS TODAY!**

Nominees should demonstrate excellence in one or more of the following areas at the local or state level:

- Precepting
- Clinical practice
- Service to the community
- Increasing awareness and recognition of Nurse Practitioners

**YOU MUST BE A MEMBER OF ANPA TO NOMINATE, BUT ANY ARKANSAS LICENSED NURSE PRACTITIONER IS ELIGIBLE TO WIN.**

SCAN THE QR CODE  
TO SUBMIT YOUR  
NOMINATION TODAY.



ANPA is accepting nominations for the Arkansas Nurse Practitioner Association **2026 Outstanding Nurse Practitioner Award**.

You must be a member of ANPA to be nominated for this award.

Eligible nominees must be currently licensed as a certified nurse practitioner residing in the state of Arkansas. Nominees do not need to be members of ANPA.

Self-nominations are not accepted.

Members of the Board of Directors of the ANPA and their family members are not eligible for this award.

Nominees should demonstrate excellence in one of more of the following areas at local or state level:

- Clinical practice
- Precepting
- Increasing awareness and recognition of NPs
- Service to the community.

You must provide your contact information, the nominee's name, email address, and phone number. Write a short (no more than 350-word) paragraph stating why the nominee should receive this award.

Nominations are open January 1, 2026 through February 15, 2026. The winner will be notified no later than March 15.

The winner will receive:

- Certificate of Recognition
- Name added to ANPA Outstanding NP award plaque
- 1-year free membership to ANPA
- Free registration to the 2025 annual conference.

We look forward to the many nominations highlighting the contributions of the NPs of Arkansas.

To nominate an outstanding NP, please complete the nomination form available via the QR Code or via. survey link.

**Click Here to Access the  
Nomination Form**

# Spring 2026 Educational Grant Applications



The Arkansas Nurse Practitioner Association (ANPA) is pleased to announce the application for a **\$500 educational grant for an active student member of ANPA**. This grant will be awarded in April 2026.

The applicant must be enrolled in a Nurse Practitioner (NP) master's, post-master's, or Doctoral NP program. The grant is a one-time monetary award given directly to the recipient. See the attached Survey Monkey for application. The application criteria is below.

**Application deadline will be February 15, 2026 for the Spring 2026 grant.**

## Criteria for eligibility include:

- Hold a current, active Arkansas RN License
- Be a resident of Arkansas
- Current member of ANPA
- US citizen or legal resident
- Initial NP licensure applicants will have completed at least one semester of accredited NP program and submit a verification letter from the NP program director stating your current enrollment status and number of hours for upcoming semester enrollment
- Post-master's certificate and DNP students must submit verification letter from the NP program director stating your current enrollment status and number of hours for upcoming semester enrollment
- Provide a copy of most recent official transcript and hold a current GPA of 3.2 or greater
- Provide copy of NP program of study requirements
- Provide two letters of professional reference
- Submit a typed personal letter describing overall educational and career goals. Include why you want to become a nurse practitioner or attain a new NP concentration and why you should be considered for the grant. Letter needs to be 500 words or less
- Applicant cannot be a member of the ANPA board of directors or a family member of an ANPA board member

[Click Here to Access the Grant Application](#)

## Member Spotlights

Do you know a deserving nurse practitioner, nurse practitioner business owner, or nurse practitioner student who deserve recognition? Scan the appropriate QR code below or click the link to recognize them.

### WE WANT TO CELEBRATE OUR MEMBERS



Nurse Practitioner  
Business Owner



ANPA Member



Nurse Practitioner  
Student



# District Updates



## **District 1 Representative:**

**Jessica Matthews**

**MSN, APRN, FNP-C**

District 1 is currently working on scheduling dinners for the year. Please share the names of your favorite pharmaceutical DME reps so we can set up an event in Jonesboro or a location near you



## **District 3 Representative:**

**Nan Means**

**MSN, APRN, FNP-BC**

District 3 will not hold a meeting in February. Our next regular meeting is scheduled for March 5 with Jay Waymack Huff, APRN. Additional details, including time and location, will be shared soon.

We are also planning a bonus meeting with Joe Teague of Edward Jones Financial Services, focused on financial planning for APRNs—covering retirement preparation and considerations for those interested in opening a private clinic. This opportunity was made possible with the help of Tiffany Teague, APRN, an ANPA member and Joe's wife. Time and location details will be announced shortly.

District 3 is also looking ahead to the ANPA Spring Conference in Hot Springs, taking place April 16–18.



## **District 2 Representative:**

**Katrena Wilson**

**MNSc, APRN, AGACNP-BC**

At this time, District 2 does not have any updates or scheduled meetings to report. Additional information will be shared as plans develop.



## **District 4 Representative:**

**Christy Wust**

**APRN, FNP-C**

District 4 will host an educational dinner meeting on February 3 at 6:00 PM at El Dorado Country Club in El Dorado, Arkansas, hosted by Neurocrine Biosciences. There are no additional District 4 events scheduled at this time; members are encouraged to follow ANPA's website and social media channels for updates related to this meeting and future events.



**District 5 Representative:**  
**Mary Lunsford**  
**MSN, APRN, FNP**

The District 5 educational meeting originally scheduled for Tuesday, January 27 at 6:00 PM at BluPoint Seafood & Steak – The Wine Room in Barling was canceled due to winter weather. The planned program, A Clinical Overview of Vraylar®: Exploring Anhedonia in Major Depressive Disorder, will be rescheduled if possible. Planning is currently underway for a February meeting, and additional details will be shared as they are finalized.



**District 6 Representative:**  
**Mark Foster**  
**DNP, APRN, NP**

District 6 had an excellent turnout at our January 20 meeting in Mountain Home, with 16 attendees present. The meeting was graciously hosted by Stanley Pharmacy and featured education on Bio-identical Hormone Replacement Therapy.

Our next District 6 meeting will take place in March in Paragould. Additional details will be shared soon—please watch your email for the official meeting announcement.

## NP Business Owners Monthly Meeting



**Join Us Every 2nd Thursday** of the month @ 7PM - 8PM

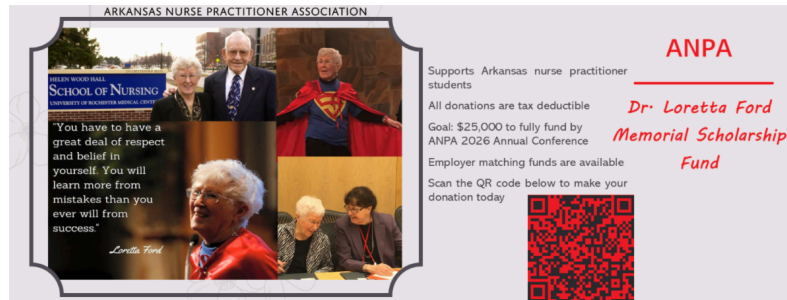


**Where:** [meet.google.com/vbp-dtzq-rkp](https://meet.google.com/vbp-dtzq-rkp)

Join us at the next ANPA Business Owners Group's virtual meeting on **Thursday, February 12**. This Group is designed for nurse practitioner business owners and aspiring business owners to connect, share insights, and explore critical topics from staffing efficiency and profitability to regulatory updates and growth strategies. Whether you're establishing your practice, scaling operations, or fine-tuning your business model, Angela and Bill guide the conversation with practical advice and peer-driven discussion. To participate, simply join via Google Meet with the link above. If you're interested in the group or would like more information, please email [director@anpassociation.org](mailto:director@anpassociation.org)

**Angela Simmons, APRN, FNP-BC & Bill Wells, APRN, FNP-BC**  
**ANPA NP Business Owners Group Co-Chairs**

# Empowering the Future of Nurse Practitioners Through Philanthropy



The Arkansas Nurse Practitioner Association (ANPA) stands strong in its mission: *"To unite, support, educate, and enhance the professional identity of Nurse Practitioners in Arkansas while promoting and advocating for excellence in practice."* One of the ways we execute this is supporting nurse practitioner (NP) student education with financial assistance. Twice a year, ANPA invests in the future of our profession by awarding education grants to Arkansas NP students. These grants provide important financial support to individuals pursuing nurse practitioner education. The students will become NPs and serve our communities, leading to improved access to care.

Scholarship philanthropy is more than financial aid, it is an investment in education, leadership, and compassion. ANPA has partnered with the Arkansas Community Foundation to establish the Dr. Loretta Ford Scholarship fund in memoriam of her profound legacy while supporting the future of our profession. By contributing to the Dr. Loretta Ford Scholarship Fund, donors help ensure the ongoing support of resolute Nurse Practitioner Students. Your financial support allows the recipients to focus on their studies, expand their clinical expertise, and continue serving patients in their communities.

ANPA invites members, community partners, and healthcare leaders to join us in strengthening this tradition of giving. Every contribution, large or small, sends a clear message to the next generation: "You belong in this profession, and we believe in you."

## Act Today: Get Involved

You can support ANPA's scholarship philanthropy by:

- Making a one-time or recurring (tax-deductible) donation to the Dr. Loretta Ford Scholarship Fund.
- Honoring a mentor, colleague, or NP preceptor with a gift in their name.
- Encouraging your organization or practice group to donate.
- Sharing the scholarship opportunity with NPs, friends, family, and colleagues in your network.

Your generosity helps to:

- Ensure continued academic scholarships for Arkansas nurse practitioner students who demonstrate academic excellence.
- Support the pipeline of highly skilled, practice-ready nurse practitioners across our state.
- Support ANPA's mission to support and educate nurse practitioners in Arkansas.

Help ANPA continue to unite, support, educate, and enhance Nurse Practitioner practice across Arkansas through the power of scholarship philanthropy. Your support directly fuels the education, growth, and professional identity of Nurse Practitioners who will deliver excellent care in every corner of our state. Remember all donations are tax deductible.

**Give Now:** <https://www.arcf.org/give-online/?fund=ANPA+Dr.+Loretta+Ford+Memorial+Fund>

For questions about giving or scholarship opportunities, please contact:

[webmaster@anpassociation.org](mailto:webmaster@anpassociation.org)

**Julia Ponder**

**DNP, FNP-C, AGACNP-BC, CEN**

**ANPA Scholarship Task Force Chair**



## ANPA EXCLUSIVE Charm Necklaces & Bracelets

Available in NP, RN, and CNS



20% of proceeds donated to the Dr. Loretta Ford Scholarship Fund



If purchasing outside of the "Nurse's Collection" please write  
"SCHOLARSHIP" in the order notes

## Give Back in Style: ANPA x Kinsey Designs

We're excited to share a special collaboration with Kinsey Designs, a longtime supporter of ANPA who joins us at our conferences year after year. Kinsey Designs has created an exclusive collection of charm necklaces and bracelets just for ANPA, available in NP, RN, and CNS styles.

Even better—20% of all proceeds are donated directly to the ANPA Scholarship Fund, supporting nurse practitioners and students across Arkansas.

*If purchasing outside of the "Nurse Collection" please write "SCHOLARSHIP" in the order notes.*

[Shop the Collection](#)

## Health Policy Committee Report

This month, we received the results of our recent ANPA member survey, which highlighted several important areas of concern related to APRN insurance reimbursement. Since receiving this feedback, the Health Policy Team has already met with one insurance carrier and is actively working to engage with others. Thank you to everyone who took the time to share your experiences; your input is directly driving meaningful action, and we are excited about the improvements this will bring for APRNs across Arkansas.

We are also excited to announce the launch of the 2026 Nurse Practitioner Ambassador Program, which kicked off on January 12th. This group meets quarterly and is an excellent platform to plug into for the latest APRN legislative updates and to participate in state-level advocacy efforts. Stay tuned for the announcement of our next meeting!

Finally, ANPA will be representing Arkansas nurse practitioners at the AANP National Health Policy Conference in Washington, D.C. in early February. We look forward to advocating for Arkansas APRNs on a national stage.

Thank you for your continued engagement and commitment to advancing APRN practice in Arkansas!

For Health Policy concerns, please contact [legislation@anpassociation.org](mailto:legislation@anpassociation.org)



Neil Langer, DNP, APRN, FNP-C, CHC  
Health Policy Committee Co-Chair



Karen Reynolds, MSN, APRN, FNP-C  
Health Policy Committee Co-Chair

# Education Committee Report



We are excited to share a preview of the exceptional educational content planned for the **2026 Annual Conference**.

On Friday, **Dr. Valerie Fuller**, *President of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners*, will present *Battling Misinformation and Disinformation in NP Practice* and provide an update on AANP legislative priorities. Valerie is a dynamic, nationally respected speaker with a deep passion for advancing the nurse practitioner profession.

Saturday's keynote will feature **Mr. Cody Byrnes**, presenting *The Juggling Act: How to Juggle Work, Change, and Performance in the Post-COVID Workplace*. Yes—there will be juggling involved!

Additional general sessions include a presentation by **Dr. Shannon McKinney** from the Arkansas State Board of Nursing, the ANPA Legislative Update, and the ANPA Business Meeting and Association Updates. We are also collaborating with the Arkansas Medical Society on an Antibiotic Stewardship session—an offering that has received excellent reviews from ANPA members who have attended it elsewhere.

Our preconference program will feature **Dr. Lynn Rapsilber**, Co-Founder and CEO of the National Nurse Practitioner Entrepreneur Network. Sessions include *Entrepreneurship: Start & Grow Your Business* and *Coding Clicks, Documentation Details, and Billing Bonuses*. Whether you are a current or aspiring practice owner—or simply want to strengthen your business knowledge—this preconference offers practical, high-value insights.

Hands-on learning continues with two **suturing workshops**: Basic Suturing on Friday and Advanced Suturing on Saturday, led by **Dr. Greg Brooks**. A nominal fee will cover materials, which participants may take home for continued practice.

We will also offer a two-hour workshop, *From Pill Burden to Patient Goals: Tackling Polypharmacy in the Aging Population*, presented by **Ms. Michelle Wade**. This session brings a patient-centered, practical approach informed by years of national speaking experience in both acute and primary care.

The conference will feature **14 one-hour breakout sessions** spanning mental health, women's health, pediatrics, acute care, primary care, and professional practice topics. Several speakers have committed to recording their sessions, allowing attendees to earn additional contact hours after the conference.

**New this year:** Recorded content will be offered to members who are unable to attend the conference in person. Pricing will be determined once the number of available recorded sessions is finalized.

Finally, the Education Committee is developing enduring online opioid education to be released later this year—stay tuned for more details!

**Leonie DeClerk PhD, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, FAANP**  
**Immediate Past-President**  
**ANPA Education Chair**



# Webmaster Committee Update:

## Supporting Arkansas Nurse Practitioners

The ANPA Webmaster Committee continuously focuses on improving ANPA's identity including website and social media presence. Our work includes making information easier to find, improving member engagement, and supporting clear communication around professional and regulatory topics. Recognition of ANPA members and their professional contributions are important. Member Spotlights are designed to make it easier to share achievements, highlight service to the profession, and recognize leadership within the nurse practitioner community across Arkansas. We have three categories including students, members, and business owners. Member recognition strengthens our professional voice and celebrates the work NPs across Arkansas are doing in clinical practice, education, advocacy, and community service. Watch your email and ANPA social media platforms each Friday to learn more about colleagues and their important work being done throughout the state.

ANPA supports communication that allows all nurses (no matter their licensure) to submit Anonymous Questions for the Arkansas State Board of Nursing (ASBN). Many nurses don't feel comfortable contacting ASBN themselves, so we offer this service to nurses of all licensure. If the person asking the question is not a member and provides their contact information, then we ensure the ASBN response is provided when we receive it. All questions and answers are shared with ANPA members. Anonymous submissions encourage open participation and help identify shared concerns among Arkansas nurse practitioners. These questions help ANPA identify common areas of concern, support the development of general educational resources, and identify advocacy needs for members. This opportunity is intended to promote understanding and awareness, not to replace formal guidance.

Member input helps ANPA better support nurse practitioners across the state.

### Call to Action:

- Submit Member Spotlights: **NP Business Owners, NP Student Members, and NP & Associate Members**
- ANPA encourages peer nominations and self-submissions for Member Spotlights.
- Email professional achievements to **director@anpassociation.org**
- Submit your **ASBN anonymous question** to help all of us learn more about our practice.

### FAQ

#### How can you help?

Members play an essential role in strengthening the visibility and impact of the Arkansas Nurse Practitioner Association. The ANPA Webmaster Committee regularly updates Association eBlasts and social media communications to share timely information, advocacy efforts, educational opportunities, member highlights, and more.

We encourage all members to read, engage with, and share ANPA website content within their professional networks. Follow us on social media, read each eBlast, and share ANPA communications to help promote the value and significance of nurse practitioners statewide. By amplifying these messages, you help elevate the nurse practitioner profession, support ANPA initiatives, and extend the Association's reach across Arkansas.

Respectfully Submitted,  
**Julia Ponder, DNP, AGACNP-BC, FNP-C, CEN**  
**ANPA Webmaster Chair**





# Student Representative Report



Hello everyone! I'm Ally Davis, your Student Representative for the Arkansas Nurse Practitioner Association (ANPA) this year. My goal is to increase student engagement, activities, and networking by connecting NP students with nurse practitioner professionals across the state. I also aim to expand access to education, mentorship, and key resources. A key part of this includes creating a student-specific webpage that will serve as a central resource hub. This new resource will provide guidance for your studies, help you maximize your clinical experiences, and prepare you to graduate with confidence. It will include information about preceptors and important precicensure steps, along with exclusive ANPA discounts on NP board review and prep courses from APEA, Fitzgerald Health Education, Sarah Michelle, and others. Our goal with these discounts is to give students a valuable opportunity to save on essential study tools and exam prep. More details will be shared once these partnerships are finalized. Additionally, I want to remind everyone that the Spring Educational Grant application deadline is February 15! Be sure to submit your application for a chance to receive the \$500 ANPA Educational Grant. This is an excellent opportunity, and we are glad to support NP students in reaching their goals. The grant winner will be announced at the ANPA Annual Conference in April 2026. Thank you all for staying engaged and active in ANPA. I look forward to connecting with you throughout the year!

Ally Davis BSN, RN, EMT-B  
ANPA Student Representative

## Get Involved– Volunteer with Us!

Looking for a way to make a difference? Join us to learn more about our volunteer opportunities! Whether you're looking for a small way to give back or want to dive into committee work, there's a place for you. The Health Policy Committee & Webmaster Committee are especially in need of volunteers — come find out how you can help support their important work!



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