

MISSISSIPPI ACADEMY OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

Quarterly Newsletter

Congratulations to our new MAPA Board of Directors for 2025-2027

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Crescent City CME 2025 in New Orleans, Louisiana

On October 15-17th the Louisiana Academy of Physician Assistants and the Mississippi Academy of Physician Assistants held a joint CME conference in New Orleans, LA. To the left, we have president Stephanie Keith and LAPA member Shelly Esnard networking between presentations. We cannot wait for next year's event!

**Have a helpful clinical "pearl" or tip
to share with colleagues across
specialties?**

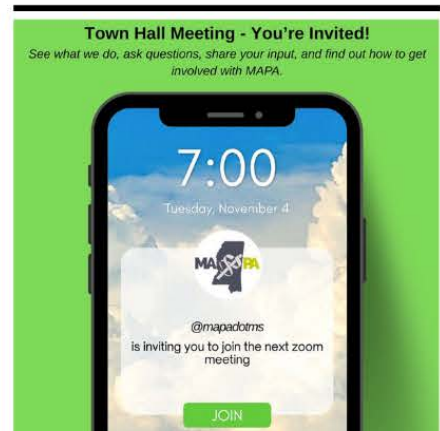
We'd love to feature it!

Send your submission to mapadotms@gmail.com

CME OPPORTUNITY

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

Save the date! Our annual Controlled Substance CME Workshop is scheduled for December 6, 2025, at the Eagle Ridge Conference Center in Raymond, Mississippi. Join us to complete your required 5 hours of controlled substance-related CME. Stay tuned for more information on session times and speakers!



MAPA Town Hall Meeting

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Town Hall Meeting! Stay tuned for future opportunities to get involved with MAPA.



UPCOMING EVENTS

December 2025

- **12/6:** Controlled Substance CME event (8am-5pm)
- **12/12:** MCPA graduation

January 2026

- **1/21:** PA day at the Capitol (1:30pm-4:30pm)

May 2026

- **5/13:** MSU PA graduation

Stay tuned for North and South Mississippi regional PA dinners in the Spring of 2026

Interested in becoming a preceptor?

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Central Mississippi MAPA social at Taste! Italian Kitchen

The Central Mississippi Region of MAPA hosted a fall gathering for local area PAs in Ridgeland, MS on October 30th. It was a wonderful opportunity to catch up with new and old colleagues alike. We enjoyed a fun evening of conversation, networking and connection as we continue strengthening our PA community in Central Mississippi.



Do you know a Mississippi PA who goes above and beyond? *We want to highlight their dedication!*

Nominate a colleague by submitting their name, specialty, and a brief explanation of why they should be featured as our **MAPA Spotlight Member**.

Send your submission to mapadotms@gmail.com