



## **Arkansas Academy of Physician Assistants Board of Directors Elections 2026**

### **Meet the nominees:**

#### **President-Elect:**

**Audrey Roberts, MPAS, PA-C**, graduated from the UAMS PA program in 2024 and works as a PA in hematology/oncology as a bone marrow proceduralist. She has been involved with ARAPA since her time as a PA student, attending the AAPA Leadership and Advocacy Summit and serving on the CME committee. Audrey is passionate about advancing the PA profession in Arkansas. She and her husband live in Conway, Arkansas.

#### **Vice President:**

**Aaron Woodall, MPAS, PA-C**, is an Assistant Professor and Director of Didactic Education at the UAMS PA Program. He has six years of experience in family medicine and continues working clinically at Arcare and the UAMS 12th Street Health and Wellness Center. He graduated from the UAMS PA Program in 2020 and has been active with ARAPA's legislative committee since being a student. He is completing his term as Past President of ARAPA and has really enjoyed serving ARAPA in numerous capacities. He is interested in serving as Vice President to continue working with the Board of Directors and Legislative Committee to further advance PA practice in Arkansas.

#### **Secretary:**

**Ashley S. Hallbauer, MS, PA-C**, is a board certified physician assistant. She grew up in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and she attended Baylor University in Waco, TX for her undergraduate education. She then studied at Harding University Physician Assistant Program for graduate school. During graduate school, she became passionate about surgery. She loves the opportunity to educate patients during their hospital stay so that surgical procedures are less daunting. She is an active member of American Academy of PAs, Arkansas Academy of PAs, American College of Surgeons, and American Association of Surgical Physician Assistants. Outside of the hospital, Ashley enjoys spending time with her husband, Grant, and their wheaton terrier-poodle mix, Nala. They enjoy hiking, traveling, and hosting game nights with friends.

### **Northwest Director-at-Large:**

**Amber Acord, MS, PA-C**, has been employed by River Valley Primary Care Services, a federally qualified health center, for the past four years. She has worked at RVPCS locations in Ratcliff, Fort Smith, and Waldron. After completing her undergraduate education at Arkansas Tech, she obtained her Master of Science degree in Physician Assistant Studies from Harding University in 2018. She has served ARAPA on the CME committee both as a member and co-chair and has previously been elected Northwest Director-at-Large.

### **Southeast Director-at-Large:**

**Allen Childers, MPAS, PA-C**, graduated from UAMS and entered the Physician Assistant profession in 2017. Immediately after graduation, he began his career in Urology and continues to practice in this specialty today. He started practicing in Little Rock but made his way to south Arkansas where he currently sees over 6000 patients a year in El Dorado, Monticello, and White Hall. He is amazed at the growth of the Physician Assistant profession in the state of Arkansas in the years he has practiced. This is what led him to run for ARAPA Southwest Director so that he could help support and facilitate the continued growth of the Physician Assistant profession in this great state. Since joining ARAPA BOD, Allen has also joined the CME committee. In his “spare time”, he enjoys reading, spending time with family, hunting/fishing, and cheering on the Arkansas Razorbacks.

### **Central Director-at-Large:**

**Payton Williams, MPAS, PA-C**, is a surgical spine PA at OrthoArkansas, where she has practiced for nearly six years. She brings a strong clinical foundation and a commitment to patient-centered care in the field of orthopedic spine surgery. During her training, she served as president of her physician assistant class, demonstrating early leadership and dedication to the profession. She is now seeking to expand her impact by becoming more actively involved with local PA organizations and academic programs, with a focus on mentorship and professional development. As a candidate for Central Director-at-Large, Payton is passionate about advancing the PA profession through advocacy, increasing public and legislative recognition, and strengthening connections among PAs across central Arkansas.

### **AAPA House of Delegates Representative:**

**Audra Wilson, DMS, MS, PA-C**, graduated from the Harding University PA Program in 2018 and worked in family medicine for two years before transitioning to full-time academia. She currently serves as Director of Didactic Education for the UAMS PA Program and is an assistant professor. Additionally, she is the Associate Director for the 12th Street Health and Wellness Center, a student-run free clinic serving Little Rock’s uninsured patient population. As Chief Delegate for the AAPA HOD representing Arkansas for the past 5 years, she attends the annual AAPA conference and votes on policies and legislation that affect PAs across the country. Audra currently serves as the President of ARAPA. In her free time, she loves to travel, read, and spend time with family.