



New Jersey State Society of Physician Assistants

Pandemic and Family Roles

Are you a spouse of a first responder and know the feeling of concern of the job? Check out the affect COVID-19 had on one family and how being the spouse of a health care worker hit close to home! Check it out on page 2!

ATTENTION PA STUDENTS

CLINICAL ROTATION ADVICE WEBINAR

June 2021
Sign up today!

WELCOME!

NJSSPA's vision is to be recognized and respected by the healthcare community and the public as the prominent physician assistant state organization. NJSSPA is dedicated to promoting education, advocacy and partnership to achieve quality, cost-effective healthcare.



Extra Extra!

Meet our election candidates for House of Delegates and Members at large and how to vote on page 3 through 5!



PA-C's, PA-S's, and Pre-PA's are invited to network in NJSSPA's

PA Mentorship Program

Want to be a mentor or mentee?
Check your email and fill out the attached google form.

Looking to be a mentor? Join our mentorship program! It's open to PAs, PA students and Pre-PAs. Fill out [this](#) form and submit it to get involved!

What's coming up?

Check out more information on upcoming events, webinars and more on page 6!

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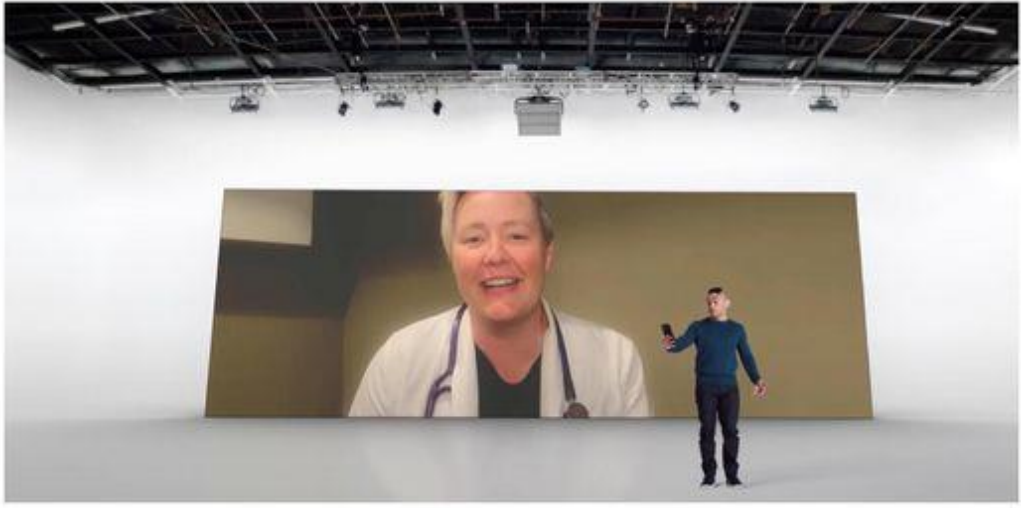
HOUSE OF DELEGATES AND MEMBERS AT LARGE

ELECTION CLOSES MAY 23, 2021



First Responders and Health Care Workers: The Perfect Pairing

How one family's journey through the pandemic makes the feeling of fear real and how communication is key!



Click the photo above to watch the video!
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Meet the Candidates!



House of Delegates!



Erica Amianda, PA-C - Candidate for House of Delegates

Erica Amianda, PA-C graduated from York College PA Program in Jamaica, NY in 2010 and is the Lead PA of the Center for Advanced Practice at Hackensack University Medical Center, and works clinically in Bariatric Surgery. Erica served as the Student Director for the NY State society as a PA Student and has served as the Treasurer of NJSSPA for the since 2018. She also was CME chair in the past 2 years helping organize conferences hosted in conjunction with the Seton Hall University PA Program and the College of St. Elizabeth PA Program. At Hackensack Erica is actively involved in the PA Council, precepting PA Students from Seton Hall, and organizing research and quality projects with practicing PAs and PA students. She has a dedicated interest in increasing visibility for the PA profession through leadership, mentorship and lobbying annually with the AAPA in Washington, DC for our profession.



Diane Bruessow, PA-C - Candidate for House of Delegates

Diane Bruessow, MPAS, PA-C, DFAAPA (she/her) divides her times between academia, clinical practice and service. She has a faculty appointment at Yale School of Medicine PA Online Program. She has been practicing transgender medicine since 2001 and with Healthy Transitions (Montclair, NJ), serving transgender and nonbinary patients across the lifespan, since 2012.

Bruessow has received awards for academic, clinical, humanitarian, and leadership excellence. She was honored by NYSSPA in 2019 as the PA of the Year, and as the Outstanding Humanitarian of the Year by NJSSPA in 2017. Bruessow has held appointed and elected leadership positions on several national board, councils, and commissions- including many years of service to the AAPA House of Delegates as a delegate and as an author or coauthor of resolutions- all of which have successfully become policy. She currently serves on the editorial board of the Transgender Health journal and is the President-elect of the American Academy of PAs.

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Amanda DiPiazza, PA-C - Candidate for House of Delegates

Amanda DiPiazza, PA-C, MCMSc, is a graduate of Boston University with a BS in Human Physiology. She graduated from Barry University PA Program in 2011. Amanda started her career covering multiple surgical specialties at Lenox Hill Hospital in NYC. In 2014 she started working at New Jersey Brain and Spine where she covers neurosurgical services at multiple northern NJ hospitals. At Hackensack University Medical Center Amanda serves at the Lead PA for Education in the Center for Advanced PA Practice. She teaches at both Seton Hall University PA Program as well as St Elizabeth University PA Program where she serves on the admissions committee. Amanda has been a part of the NJSSPA Board of Directors as a Member at Large and is the current chair of the NJSSPA Student Committee. Amanda also serves as Chief Delegate for NJ at the AAPA House of Delegates. She has been a part of the NJ HOD since 2019. At the 2021 HOD Amanda is serving on the Reference Committee A. Amanda hopes to continue her work representing NJ PAs at the AAPA House of Delegates.



Victoria Latella, PA-C - Candidate for House of Delegates

Victoria graduated from Stony Brook University in 2010 with a Bachelor of Science in Biology, concentrated in Neuroscience. She then graduated from UMDNJ in 2012 with a Masters of Biomedical Sciences. She worked in healthcare for several years, honing her communication and analytical skills. She is a recent graduate from Rutgers University PA Program where she served as the NJSSPA student representative. While in this position, she attended the New Orleans AAPA Conference HOD meetings and knew she wanted to help further the profession as a HOD member in the future. Victoria is currently an Emergency Medicine PA. As an active member of NJSSPA, she is passionate about the growth of the profession, PA advocacy and legislature. She was recently appointed the PA Legislative Representative at Saint Barnabas Medical Center. After participating in this year's AAPA Leadership and Advocacy Summit, she is confident she has the skills and heart to serve as your HOD representative. If you want OTP, stick with V!



Timothy Lopez, PA-C - Candidate for House of Delegates

Tim graduated from Seton Hall University with his Master of Science, Physician Assistant Studies after completing their dual degree program in 2018. He started his career in the field of neurosurgery, joining New Jersey Brain and Spine, one of Bergen county's premier neurosurgery practices. Entering his fourth year of practice, Tim hopes to passionately be involved in PA leadership, mentorship and advocacy throughout the state.



Member at Large!



Shaun Rowe, PA-C - Candidate for Member At Large

My name is Shaun Rowe. I am currently the Director of Clinical Practice for Cooper Bone and Joint Institute at Cooper University Hospital in Camden, New Jersey. I have been a practicing Physician Assistant in Orthopaedic Trauma for seven years.

I enjoy precepting PA students and working in the PA Shadowing Program. I believe in order to further our careers as PAs we need to model these future PAs to ensure they are informed and remain interested in the profession.

To further my professional growth I completed an MBA with a concentration in Healthcare Administration. I look forward to using my knowledge both clinically and in business to continue to uplift the PA profession.



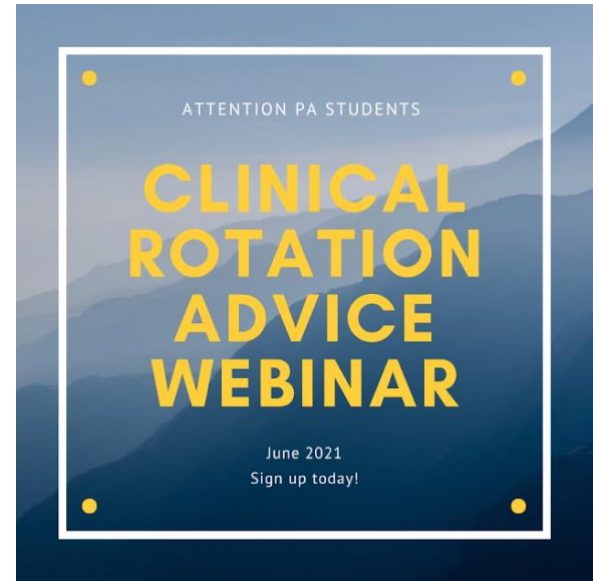
Emily Stefanicha, PA-C - Candidate for Member At Large

Emily completed her Master of Science, Physician Assistant Studies, at Rutgers University (formerly University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey) in 2010. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Biology from Ramapo College of New Jersey. She joined New Jersey Brain and Spine, a large neurosurgical practice based out of Bergen County, NJ, at the beginning of her career and is still practicing with the group as their Chief PA. She additionally serves as the Chair of the Physician Assistant Committee at Hackensack University Medical Center. She takes great pride in the advancements made by NJSSPA in the past for the PA's of NJ, at both a state and national level. Having served as a member at large on the NJSSPA Board and the Professional Development Chair for the past 1 year, she has had the opportunity to learn a great deal. If elected in 2021, she hopes to continue expanding her involvement in the organization.

Whats goin' on?



- Rotation Advice Seminar
 - Wednesday June 2nd, 2021 time TBD
 - All PA-S; NJSSPA Members – FREE! Non-members—Only a \$10 registration fee!
 - Click [here](#) to register!
- Human Research Ethics and IRB Today
 - Tuesday, June 8th, 2021 at 12:00pm
 - Click [here](#) to register!
- Closing the gap: Sepsis Care in Underserved Communities
 - Thursday June 10th, 2021 at 2:00pm
 - Click [here](#) to register!
- Pre-Physician Assistant Conference
 - July 17th, 2021
 - 3rd Annual Virtual Northeast Pre-PA Conference
 - Hosted by SEU Program and NJSSPA
 - Click [here](#) to register!



Starting PA school and need some advice?

Check out these articles!

- [Top 10 Tips and Tricks to Successfully Apply to PA School](#)
- [Top 10 Tips and Tricks for Preparing to Start PA School](#)

If you're interested in getting involved email us [here](#)!