

Join the Activities of the Fellows of AANP at the Annual Conference

The Fellows of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (FAANP) Program was created to formalize a program for NP recognition. The AANP board of directors approved the FAANP Program in 1999 and it was activated in 2000 as an official program of AANP.

Goals of the Fellows of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Program are to:

- Recognize nurse practitioners who have made outstanding contributions to health-care practice, research, education, or policy
- Develop leadership programs
- Develop mentorship programs

A total of 21 nurse practitioners were inducted in 2000 as Charter Members of the FAANP. With the selection of 47 new members for 2009, the total number of Fellows will be 215.

“Becoming a Fellow is a highly coveted honor that goes only to those nurse practitioners who exemplify outstanding contributions and leadership,” said Judith Berg, PhD, RN, WHNP-BC, FAAN, and chair of the FAANP.

Criteria used to select members of the Fellows includes:

- Outstanding contributions and leadership in the areas of NP clinical practice, research, education or health policy
- Significance and scope of influence of the applicant’s efforts in the areas of clinical practice, research, education, or health policy
- Continuing commitment and leadership in NP clinical practice, research, education, or health policy
- Potential for contributing to the mission of the AANP and to FAANP initiatives

A mentorship program, which began in 2006, focuses on the use of experts within the Fellows to connect innovative, less experienced nurse practitioners with a mentor who has proven abilities in a specific area.

“There are a wide-range of things that mentors and mentees get together for,” she said.

“We’ve been doing this for several years. It is a program that is both strong and popular that has been growing steadily.”

The structure of the mentoring program enables a formalized commitment between the mentor and nurse practitioner.

The Fellows also host a periodic Think Tank, which also facilitates the achievement of the FAANP goals and objectives.

The Think Tank is used to discuss the future of NPs and healthcare outside the confines of traditional thinking. At the end of these visionary brainstorming sessions, reports are submitted to AANP, with sug-

gestions for future directions or options for problem solving.

FAANP Conference Events

This year, the Fellows are hosting their first “Meet & Greet” session during the AANP National Conference.

The Session, scheduled Friday from 5:30–7 p.m. in the Presidential Ballroom North, will allow interested NPs to learn more about the FAANP program and application process, as well as to meet Fellows from their geographic region or clinical area.

“All nurse practitioners who attend the conference are invited to attend this first-time event,” said Dr. Berg. “It’s expected to be an informal gathering in which we’ll have hors d’oeuvres and a cash bar.”

Dr. Berg added that this event is the perfect time for non-Fellows to make connections, speak with FAANP members, and find out what the program is all about.

“The idea of the Meet & Greet is for people to meet Fellows in their region with the potential for finding sponsors.

“As with many Fellow groups, we have the protocol that potential members must be sponsored by two current Fellows, which means that truly the sponsors need to be familiar with the individual’s work and background to create a successful application.”

The Fellows look forward to this opportunity to discuss this program with AANP Conference Attendees. Stop by tonight to learn and socialize.

Another first for the Fellow’s organization this year is a lecture series.

“Since the Fellows were created, there have always been Fellows in positions of leadership in AANP and many that have made presentations at the annual conference, but they’ve never done so on behalf of the Fellows group,” said Berg.

This year there will be two lectures in the Fellow’s lecture series, which are open to all AANP members.

“One of the presentations will have to do with professional portfolio development, while the other focuses on dealing with the media and public speaking,” she said. “They should be very exciting presentations.”

The Fellows of AANP would also like to invite all AANP members who are interested to attend the induction ceremony for new Fellows, which will be held Saturday evening at the Delta Wedding Pavilion.

“With this new class of inductees there will be more than 200 Fellows in the organization,” said Dr. Berg. “You can see these are indeed very special, outstanding nurse practitioners.”

2008-09 Scholarship & Grant Recipients

The largest program of the AANP Foundation is the Scholarship & Grant Program, which provides educational scholarships and project and research grants exclusively to members of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners. As of December 2008, the program had awarded \$549,650 worth of scholarships and grants to AANP members.

The 2008 AANP Foundation Scholarship & Grant recipients are listed below.

2008 Scholarship Recipients

Amy Starke Michigan
 Candace Lord Ohio
 Carol Miller Ohio
 Cheryl Stacy North Carolina
 Colette Estrada New Jersey
 Dana Hanson Kansas
 Debra Palmer California
 Dorothy Stoner Colorado
 Elaine Searle Connecticut
 Elizabeth VanDyk New Jersey
 Enoch Farmer Ohio
 Giselle Holness New York
 Heidi Brillhart Kansas
 Iris Sanchez Texas
 Jennifer Fine-Schmidt Pennsylvania
 Jennifer Marrero North Carolina
 Jennifer Sounart Colorado
 Jessica Garland Joseph Georgia
 Joseph Ndongwa New York
 Kathleen Bernard Maine
 Khairunisa Lalani Illinois
 Laura Markwick New York
 Lisa Bauer Nebraska
 Lucille Vara Tennessee
 Marcy Purnell Mississippi
 Mary Petermann Garnica Oklahoma
 Melissa West Kansas
 Rena Jaffe Massachusetts
 Renee Johnson Kansas
 Rhonda Parker California

Roanne Mancari Idaho
 Ronda Miller-Ernest Utah
 Parvaneh Bashardoust Indiana
 Paul Linson Connecticut
 Sandra Leiby Pennsylvania
 Scarlett Uhlenkott Idaho
 Sherese Price-Chapman New Jersey
 Teri Scott Kansas
 Tonia Lower Ohio
 Tricia Beveridge Idaho
 Valerie Alef Michigan
 William Novak Kansas

2008 Grant Recipients

Ann Miller Bode Nebraska
 April Zarifian Louisiana
 Beverly Metze Indiana
 Carolyn Laabs Wisconsin
 Dixie Harms Iowa
 Hope Moser Texas
 Jan Zdanuk Texas
 Janette Bowers Indiana
 Kathleen Yao Nebraska
 Lois Hamel Maine
 Lois Wessel Maryland
 Martha Summers West Virginia
 Patricia Sweeney Pennsylvania
 Patricia Thompson Leavitt Maine
 Ronald Stein Louisiana
 Sally Miller Nevada
 Valerie Caton Montana

FAANP Schedule

Friday

5:30-7 p.m.

FAANP Meet & Greet (Presidential Ballroom North)

Saturday

6:15-7:45 p.m.

FAANP Induction Ceremony (Delta Wedding Pavilion)

STATE AWARD WINNERS HONORED



NPs and NP advocates from across the country were honored at a special State Awards Reception Thursday evening.