

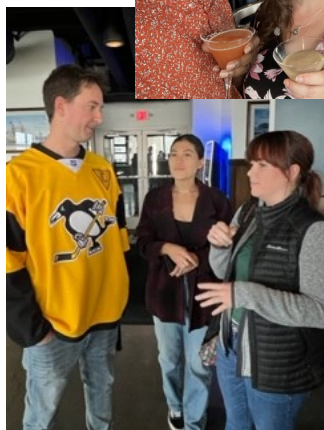
Anesthesia Update

CONGRATULATIONS on 10-Year Accreditation

Congratulations are due after a rigorous evaluation from the Council on Accreditation (COA) on the accomplishment of the maximum 10-year accreditation for the UPMC Hamot School of Anesthesia/Gannon University. The school is looking forward to several more years of continued success since the program has transitioned from a masters (MSN) to doctorate (DNP) program.

The school admitted the last Masters of Anesthesia class in the fall of 2021 which will graduate in the spring of 2024. The first Doctorate of Nursing Practice class started May of 2022 and will graduate in the spring of 2025.

The Doctorate of Nursing Practice is online from May through December of the first year of admission and then in person from January through the subsequent 28 months. The changes are exciting and allow for continued excellent clinical and didactic education through the dedication of the faculty from Gannon and UPMC Hamot School of Anesthesia.



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Special Points of Interest

- First Annual Symposium for the UPMC Hamot School of Anesthesia
- Transition to DNP Program
- Scholarship Winners
- Director earns awards
- We want to hear from alums

A shout-out to our new Rotation Sites:

- ♦ UPMC Williamsport
- ♦ UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh

Looking forward to more great clinical experiences!

UPMC Hamot School of Anesthesia

First Annual Anesthesia Symposium

We are very excited to host the First UPMC Hamot School of Anesthesia *Annual Symposium* which will be September 16, 2023. The *Annual Symposium* will be held at the Bayfront Convention Center, Erie, PA. Ten AANA continuing education credits will be awarded to attendees. Early registration will be available until June 1, 2023, with registration available up to and including the day of the conference.

Topics include pediatrics, business of anesthesia, airway management, PANA/AANA updates, and cardiac and trauma. Speakers will include the PANA vice president, PANA government relations CRNA, surgeons, anesthesiologists, and CRNAs. Breakfast, lunch, and two drink tickets included as well as a cash bar available during the afternoon into the social hour. \$250/CRNA \$150/SRNA. \$200/\$100 early registration. Register using the QR code.

6:30 am	Registration & Breakfast (provided)
7 am	Lectures begin
11:30 am	Lunch (provided)
4 pm	Social interval (cash bar)
5 pm	Lectures conclude & Closing

UPMC Hamot School of Anesthesia Annual Anesthesia Symposium



We would
LOVE to hear
from our
alumni

Please reach out with updates on your lives, jobs, families, new babies, new pets, etc., so that we can include those in future newsletters.

We will be excited to hear from you!

Alumni Corner

Posts Reels



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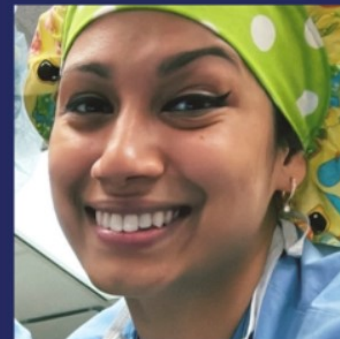
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Thank you to Ashley Alex, CRNA, for sharing what she finds most rewarding about being a nurse anesthetist. We agree with you, being able to console and comfort our patients is a gift each day. Thank you for sharing, Ashley!
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"MY FAVORITE THING ABOUT BEING A CRNA IS HOLDING MY PATIENTS' HAND TO REASSURE THEM THAT I WILL KEEP THEM SAFE AND COMFORTABLE DURING SURGERY."

NYSANA



Ashley Alex, Class of 2022, featured on the NYSANA Facebook & Instagram pages.

Changing of the Guard

Change is afoot at the School of Anesthesia. As the classes shift in and out annually, change is common, but adjustments in administration don't happen often. But these days, there are many new faces walking these halls.

The first occurred in August of 2019 with Don Larmon, a 2007 graduate of the program, accepting the director position after serving five years as the associate director. Don successfully helmed the school through the rigorous COA certification process of the new DNP program.

The next change occurred in December 2019 with Rachel A. Wolfe accepting the associate director position. Rachel is a 2015 graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, working at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh prior to starting at UPMC Hamot in 2018. She completed her DNP in December of 2021 through Gannon University. Rachel has subsequently orchestrated the addition of Children's Hospital as a rotation site for the SRNAs.



Phyllis Machaek, the School's administrative assistant for 13 years, decided that it was time to retire in July of 2020, and Angela M. Rood graciously accepted the position. Angela came to the School of Anesthesia with extensive education experience working for both Gannon University and LECOM in administrative positions. She has done an excellent job with taking on greater administrative duties and assisting in the transition from a Masters to Doctorate of Nursing program, rapidly becoming a senior administrative assistant.



In January of 2022, the school expanded with dedicated adjunct faculty, adding Michele MacKenzie, a 2007 alum, and Kelsey Fuller, a 2021 alum. Michele comes with a myriad of experience in rural anesthesia and graduated with her DNP from Gannon University in 2018. Kelsey is actively working on her DNP and has augmented the staff well.

The biggest news and changing of the guard is that Valerie Hoover, education coordinator, retired in January 2023. Valerie has dedicated 26 years to the School of Anesthesia, working under multiple deans through Gannon University and four Anesthesia School directors. As a demonstration of her loyalty to the School of Anesthesia, she offered to stay as a casual employee to assist in the cyclical duties of the position while her replacement, Cathy Miseta, adjusts to the new position.

Cathy Miseta comes to us very qualified, having a 20-year math teaching career from the Erie and Iroquois school districts as well as a micro-masters in instructional design. Her enthusiasm for excellence and identifying and closing learning gaps by designing engaging instructional experiences for diverse learners will be a great asset to the School of Anesthesia. We are incredibly sad to say "Good-Bye" to Valerie Hoover but know that she will be enjoying her new position as "Grandma" as of January 2023.

We thank all of the alumni for their continued support as the School of Anesthesia continues to grow and develop as a Doctorate of Nursing Practice Program.





SIM Pediatric
Airway
Management



Preparing
for Sim Lab



Freshman Students 2022 Working Through
Patient Scenarios in SIM Lab



**Thank you
PANA for
the financial
donation
towards
equipment
for the SIM
Lab.**



Freshman
2021 - SIM
LAB Practicing
IV Starts

Seniors Teaching Junior Students



Utilizing Ultrasound to Scan Peripheral Nerves for Block Placement



A little bit of fun with the SIM buddies



In 2021, using chicken and corrugated tubing for cricothyrotomy practice and demonstration.



In 2022, SIM Lab progress with a second-year student practicing a cricothyrotomy on pig lungs following the demonstration.



Summer 2021 SIM Lab Arterial Line Placement

Faculty Accomplishments

Donald E. Larmon, DNP, CRNA

- ◆ 2019 PANA Awarded
"Clinical Instructor of the Year"
- ◆ 2021 AANA Awarded
"Didactic Instructor of the Year"

Michele MacKenzie, DNP, CRNA

- ◆ 2018 DNP project completed
"Using an SMS Text Messaging Service to Reduce Patient No-Shows."

Rachel A. Wolfe, DNP, CRNA

- ◆ 2021 Blog on Empathy & Compassion

<https://napaanesthesia.com/news-and-insights/overcoming-unconscious-bias-with-empathy-and-compassion/>



- ◆ 2021 DNP Project Completed

"Interprofessional Differential Diagnosis Simulation Focusing on Anesthesia Patient Safety in the Operating Room"

- ◆ 2022 Presented at the AANA Annual Congress

"Compassionomics: How Compassion Improves the Patient Experience and Adds Value to Healthcare Quality"

- ◆ 2021 Blog on Building Trust with your Patient

<https://napaanesthesia.com/news-and-insights/just-five-minutes-to-make-an-impression/>



Larmon earns two major awards

As evidence of his hard work and dedication, the director of the UPMC Hamot School of Anesthesia, Don Larmon, has been recognized twice in the last few years by nationally known organizations.

In 2019, the Pennsylvania Association of Nurse



Anesthetists recognized Don's skills as a teacher and clinician with the "Clinical Instructor of the Year" award. He followed up that achievement with national recognition by the American Association of Nurse Anesthesiology in 2021 with the "Didactic Instructor of the Year" award. Great work, Don!



Annual District 1 PANA Meeting

Thanks to the hard work and organization from the School of Anesthesia PANA Student Representatives, we have had two years in a row of well-attended District 1 PANA Meetings in Erie, PA.

The student representatives, Roderick Thomas and Cameron Bast, planned the location and event and recruited the region's SRNAs and CRNAs. A special thank you for their hard work on top of their normal expected responsibilities. Kudos!



Mid-year assembly 2021
PANA sponsored SRNAs



PANA District 1 meeting 2022



PANA District 1 meeting 2023



NEW LOOK AT THE UPMC HAMOT SCHOOL OF ANESTHESIA



In order to encourage school pride and promote the hard work and history of the UPMC Hamot School of Anesthesia, we have been working diligently to honor the history of anesthesia as well as the program and the numerous alumni who have graduated from the school. We have added a showcase highlighting the history of the Hamot School of Anesthesia as well

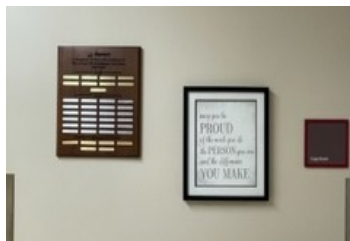
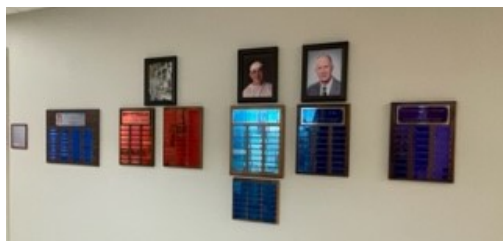
as the history of anesthesia, featuring equipment and books written by alumni.

We now have an awards wall which shows all the winners' names displayed. Many posters of the masters and doctorate projects are displayed in our classrooms encouraging the sharing of knowledge as well as accomplishments achieved.



The most recent update is the Alumni Wall which proudly features all of the class pictures from the founding of the School of Anesthesia to the present. This has been a real crowd pleaser and has really emphasized the long history and legacy the school has provided. Feel free to drop by the school to view your legacy and find your picture.

Speaking of legacy, we would love for you to continue to provide your support through scholarships for our prospective CRNAs as you have been so willing to do in the past. As you remember, the program is not cheap and not easy. This would be a great boost for us and tax exempt for you! It's a win-win. We would appreciate any small gift.



SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Congratulations to UPMC Hamot School of Anesthesia SRNAs on winning scholarships from the **Stephen Anderson CRNA Professorial Endowment Fund** (provides funding for scholarship support of the CRNA program) and the **Sandra Shreve Pickens**

Anesthesia Fund (to support the education of CRNA students through scholarships and to support research activities and equipment).

2018—Alan Kim, Christian Alvarado

2018—Tatiana Grant

2019—Sarah Horvath, Lisa Vellky

2020—Kelsey Fuller

2021—Bethany Hemmes

2022—Tiana Grant

AANA & PANA Sponsored
Mid-Year Assembly SRNA
Attendees 2022

- ◆ Katie Lowe
- ◆ Megan (Malay) Vidro
- ◆ Roderick Thomas

Sandra Shreve Pickens
Anesthesia Fund Sponsored
Mid-Year Assembly SRNA
Attendee

- ◆ Ashley Alex

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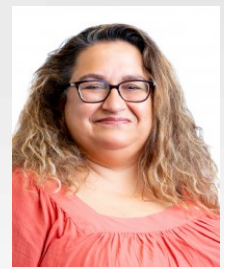
Angela M. Rood, BA
Sr. Administrative Assistant

Emily Britton, PharmD
Faculty

Michele MacKenzie, DNP, CRNA
Faculty

Kelsey Fuller, MSN, CRNA
Faculty

Jerome T. Rupp, MSN, CRNA
Clinical Coordinator



UPMC Hamot School of Anesthesia
Annual Anesthesia Symposium



SAVE THE DATE—first UPMC Hamot School of Anesthesia Annual Symposium coming September 16, 2023.

REGISTER EARLY FOR GREAT SAVINGS!

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