

Dear Program Director,

After a difficult two years spent in a virtual world, I am so excited that our next conference will be held in person in Indianapolis, Indiana May 21-25, 2022. I hope you will support and encourage your students to attend [AAPA2022](#) by being flexible with academic and clinical deadlines and by considering creative ways to provide your students financial support. Today's students are the future of our profession and it's important that they have an opportunity to enhance their clinical learning with professional, business and advocacy programming offered at AAPA2022.

AAPA 2022 will be an unparalleled experience for PA students, presenting opportunities to connect and network with the more than 5,000 attendees and exhibitors, and to attend a wide variety of medical education offerings, policy discussions, and hands-on learning. For example, students may:

- Attend [General Session](#) to experience a personal conversation between two professional powerhouses—award-winning gymnast Simone Biles and Emmy Award-winning journalist Jane Pauley – about their very personal mental health journeys.
- Experience the infallible spirit of [PA Hayley Arceneaux](#) – pediatric cancer survivor, pediatric oncology PA at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, youngest American to travel in space, and first PA Medical officer for a space flight, appropriately named Inspiration4!
- Contribute to the energy and excitement of AAPA's hallmark student event, the [National Medical Challenge Bowl](#).
- Engage with national student leaders at the [Assembly of Representatives \(AOR\)](#) meeting and at the [Student Academy Board of Directors](#) meeting.
- Attend AAPA's [House of Delegates \(HOD\)](#) meeting, which offers an opportunity to students interested in learning how professional PA policy is determined.
- Attend [CME presentations and workshops](#) on a wide variety of clinical topics (although students are not eligible for CME).
- Connect with potential employers at the [Career Fair](#), of particular interest to those students transitioning from PA school to that first job.

Our AAPA team is putting the finishing touches on an impactful and exciting student conference experience, and we can't wait to welcome your students to AAPA2022. We consider their engagement, perspectives, and contributions at our conference of tremendous value to AAPA and to the future of the PA profession.

For more information about AAPA2022, please visit the website: [www.aapaconference.org](http://www.aapaconference.org). And if you have specific questions about student programming, please don't hesitate to reach out to either Caitlin Harrison ([charrison@aapa.org](mailto:charrison@aapa.org)) or Katie Desmond ([kdesmond@aapa.org](mailto:kdesmond@aapa.org)).

I look forward to welcoming you and your students to AAPA2022!

Sincerely,



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