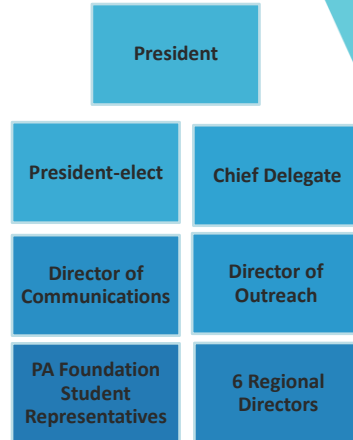




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Assembly of Representatives (AOR) Meeting Annual Report

Student Academy Board of Directors



Advocacy & Policy Student Volunteer Group



- **2017-01: The Student Academy resolves to create a letter template, which contains language that supports PAs providing care and managing Medicare patients in hospice settings. PA students can use this letter template to correspond with their elected representatives.**
- Volunteer Chair: Western Regional Director Tara Ibe
- In February 2018, Congress passed into law two improvements to Medicare. One will allow PAs to manage and provide hospice care to terminally-ill Medicare patients, and another will allow PAs to supervise cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation programs under the Medicare program.

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Advocacy & Policy Student Volunteer Group



- **2017-03: The Student Academy resolves to promote the advancement of the PA profession with thoughtful discussion leading to an AOR-led, student society-based advocacy workshop.**
- Volunteer chair: South Central Regional Director Phillip Foster
- This student volunteer group created an Advocacy Toolkit, which contains a student advocacy presentation by Director of Grassroots Advocacy Kristin Butterfield, a template letter for students to use while contacting their representatives, and links to advocacy resources on the AAPA website.
- This toolkit is under review and will be available online after Conference.

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Advocacy & Policy Student Volunteer Group



- **2017-11: The Student Academy proposes to increase PA advocacy by creating a template letter to be disseminated to students to facilitate and encourage written and electronic communication with state and federal representatives.**
- Volunteer chair: Mid-Atlantic Regional Director Jessica Zosky
- Student volunteers created a template letter, with tips on how to find your representatives, how to refer to a bill in the letter and how to write an effective letter.
- This template letter is available on the AAPA website.

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Communication & Outreach Student Volunteer Group



- **2017-05: The Student Academy resolves to increase student awareness of the AAPA's many constituent organizations and their student leadership, scholarship, and educational opportunities, including but not limited to workshops, pamphlets and handouts.**
- Volunteer chair: Chief Delegate Mia McDonald, PA-C
- The volunteer group created a short document that lists all of the student opportunities by type and then by constituent organization (CO).
- This document will be available online after Conference.
- Throughout the year, Mia worked with the Director of Student Communications Emma Reeve to post student leadership positions, student memberships and scholarship information for COs.

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Communication & Outreach Student Volunteer Group



- **2017-07: The Student Academy resolves to explore opportunities for diversity promotion and methods by which diversity can be highlighted among the PA student community.**
- Volunteer chair: Southeast Regional Director Jonathan Albers
- Jonathan and student volunteers organized a Diversity Spotlight for the Student Academy Facebook page. Students would fill out an online form with information about themselves highlighting diversity, and their story would be posted to the Student Academy Facebook.
- As of this May 2018, there have been two spotlights, and we hope to continue sharing spotlights moving forward.

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Communication & Outreach Student Volunteer Group



- **2017-09: The Student Academy resolves to educate PA students on the current opioid crisis and how to get involved on a student level.**
- Volunteer chair: PA Foundation Student Representative James Millward, PA-C
- James and the student volunteers created a two-page opioid factsheet, discussing the issues that Americans are facing with regards to opioids, how PAs can help, and resources available to PA students.
- This document is under review and will be available online after Conference.
- Allied Against Opioid Abuse Pledge

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Leadership Student Volunteer Group



- **2017-10: The Student Academy resolves to revise and re-implement the AOR toolkit to empower the individual PA programs and assist in a smooth transition between AOR reps in order to continue excellent leadership.**
- Volunteer chair: North Central Regional Director Julianne Knezovich
- Julianne and student volunteers reviewed the outdated AOR Toolkit and edited it for clarity and accuracy.
- Student volunteers also created a concise one-page document with steps for success to assist AOR reps in their role.
- Both of these documents are available on the AAPA website.

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Service Student Volunteer Group



- **2017-06: The Student Academy resolves to continue the work of the Student Academy Service Group in respect to the promotion of student service during National PA Week.**
- Volunteer chair: PA Foundation Student Representative James Millward, PA-C
- James and student volunteers created a Facebook event and infographic to promote the 2018 PA Student Service Week. They also created an online form to collect data on the service projects and the number of PA students that participated.
- James wrote a blog post about the service week for AAPA News Central – 31 PA programs participated over the course of the week.

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Service Student Volunteer Group



- **2017-14: The Student Academy resolves to promote the education and awareness of PA students regarding the presence of human trafficking.**
- Volunteer chair: Director of Student Communications Emma Reeve
- Emma and student volunteers organized a social media campaign for the month of March on the Student Academy Facebook and Twitter pages. They posted eight times, with data about the prevalence of human trafficking, what to do if you encounter human trafficking, and organizations to contact for more information.
- They also shared an article written by a PA student who encountered a human trafficking victim while on a clinical rotation.

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Mental Health Task Force



- **2017-04: The Student Academy resolves to continue the efforts of the Mental Health Task Force through the 2017-2018 year by working to increase education on mental health disorders and disparities, culminating in a PA student led national mental health awareness event in May 2018.**
- Volunteer chair: Northeast Regional Director Kurt Futral
- Kurt and student volunteers created a mental health guide that focuses on the role of PAs in mental health, at-risk populations, and tips for holding a mental health awareness event.
- This document is under review and will be available on the AAPA website after Conference.
- There is a SPARK Session tomorrow morning in the St. James Ballroom on Mental Health First Aid. Presenters include one of the PA Foundation's Mental Health First Aid fellows.

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Resolution 2017-12



- **2017-12: The Student Academy resolves to promote a social media based resource where PA students can emphasize their passion for the profession by sharing inspiring service experiences, and motives to entering the profession.**
- This resolution is considered complete due to the existence of the Huddle. The Huddle is an online community for PAs and PA students. PA students have access to both the members community and their own student-only community.



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What else did PA students accomplish?



- The HOD Student Delegation submitted two policies to the HOD—one on supporting parity for PA student loan limits, and the other supporting funding for the creation of PA programs at HBCUs and HSIs;
- 93 Challenge Bowl teams—the most we have ever had!
- The Student Board of Directors co-sponsored a resolution (A-04) in the HOD to fully recognize and align the important work of the Student Academy within AAPA's Bylaws;
- 30 students pre-declared their candidacy for Student Board positions;
- Double the amount of PA Student of the Year Award applications from 2017;
- More student societies registered than in 2017;
- A condensed and meaningful student schedule at the AAPA 2018.

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2017 PAs on the Plaza



More than 200 PAs and PA students from 15 PA programs visited the Today Show in October 2017 to promote PA Week and the PA profession.

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2018 Leadership & Advocacy Summit



Fifty PA students from more than 20 programs came to LAS and met with their representatives in March.

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