



Thank you, PAs!

National PA Week | October 6-12

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Dear PA Colleagues:

On behalf of the ARC-PA, AAPA, NCCPA and PAEA- Happy National PA Week!

Each year, from October 6-12, our organizations join the nation in celebrating PAs and their valuable contributions to health care teams. This year, we couldn't be prouder to celebrate the remarkable care that each of you (over 150,000!) provide to approximately 9.9 million patients per week.

For over a year now, many of you have served valiantly on the frontlines of COVID-19, sometimes acting as surrogate family members and enduring seemingly endless emotional strife as you work diligently to help defeat this insidious disease. Other PAs have worked to ensure continued access to high-quality care to patients with non-COVID related issues, a responsibility not without its own challenges in our "new normal."

The days have been long, and undoubtedly tough, but through it all you have been steadfast - showing amazing resilience and leadership, and we join America's patients in saying thank you for all that you do.

As we recognize PAs this week, it is important to reflect on [our rich history](#), and to note that PAs standing in the gap to meet health care needs isn't just a pandemic response- it is the very essence of who PAs are, and just one reason why the PA profession continues to be ranked the [#1 job in the United States, health care, and STEM](#).

From the medical exam room to the classroom, the boardroom, the halls of Congress, [outer space](#) and everywhere in between- PAs continue to make a difference.

If the trend continues, by this time next year over 10,000 newly Certified PAs will enter the workforce, and we can confidently say to them that the future is bright for PAs.

If it isn't clear, or perhaps you haven't heard it enough- we appreciate you. Thank you once again for all that you do, and have an amazing week!

Sincerely,

[American Academy of PAs \(AAPA\)](#)

[Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc. \(ARC-PA\)](#)

[National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants \(NCCPA\)](#)

[Physician Assistant Education Association \(PAEA\)](#)

