



Your AAPA 2025 Game Plan

A Student & Pre-PA Guide

Icebreaker Poll

Complete the poll questions in the pop-up.



**Please share your questions in the Q&A box.
We will address them at the end of the presentation.**

Agenda:

- Conference Information and the Conference App
- Pre-PA Experience
- Student Experience
- Check-In Activity
- Insider Tips from PA Students
- Q&A

- **How to pick up your badge**
- **Navigating the Conference**
 - Colorado Convention Center
 - Hyatt Regency Denver



Can't Miss Events!

- **Main Stage Events**
 - **Saturday:** How Healthcare Innovation Can Work for You: A Showcase
 - **Monday:** Momentum in Medicine: Reconnect, Recharge, and Make an Impact
- **Opening Reception**
- **Expo**
- **Industry Sessions**
- **PA Night Out**
- **So many more...**



- <https://aapa2025.eventscribe.net/> - Online version of app
- Download the AAPA app then find the AAPA2025 event once downloaded
- **How to login:**
 - Email you used to register for conference
 - Maritz Confirmation ID (found on your registration confirmation email)



Login

Please type in your Registration Credentials.

Please enter the email address you used to register and the Maritz Confirmation ID that is found in your registration confirmation email.

Login

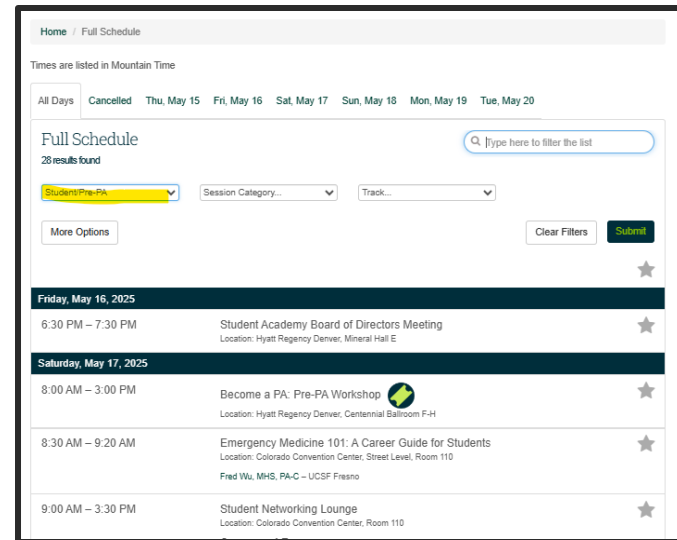
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My Conference Planner/AAPA App



- **App features to highlight:**
 - Agenda
 - Session Type – Student/Pre-PA Filter
 - Networking (if you opted in)
 - Maps
 - Connect with Exhibitors
 - Step Up Challenge
 - Scavenger Hunt





Questions on app?

- Info Booth onsite
- Meetings@aapa.org

Become a PA: Pre-PA Workshop



Saturday, May 17, 2025

Hyatt Regency Denver, Centennial Ballroom F-H



Time	Activity
8:00 AM	Doors Open
8:00 – 9:00 AM	Resource Fair
9:00 – 9:15 AM	Welcome from AAPA
9:15 – 9:55 AM	PA Student Panel - What I Wish I Would Have Known <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yasmine Affes, PA-S, University of Michigan-Flint (Moderator)• Kashaf Khatri, PA-C, CUNY School of Medicine• Lauren Pinelli, PA-S, High Point University• Fritz Batiller, PA-S, Macon and Joan Brock Virginia Health Sciences
9:55 – 10:25 AM	Breakout – Networking with PA Students
10:25 – 10:45 AM	Break
10:45 – 11:35 AM	Navigating the CASPA Application <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Erika Brooks CSPO, CSM, PMP, PA Education Association
11:35 – 12:00 PM	Unlocking PA School Scholarships: Where to Find Them & How to Win Them <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sydney Kasner, PA-S, Keck Graduate Institute
12:00 – 1:20 PM	Lunch & Resource Fair
1:20 – 2:10 PM	Crafting Your Path to PA School: Finding the Right Fit & Telling Your Story <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brittney Hulsey, DMSc, PA-C, A.T. Still University• Thomas Hartman, DMSc, PA-C, A.T. Still University
2:10 – 2:25 PM	How to Build Your Professional Network <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Malatrice Montgomery, MMSc, PA-C
2:25 – 2:55 PM	Breakout - Group Mentorship
2:55 – 3:00 PM	Closing Remarks
Select times	Sign up in advance for one 15-minute session. First come, first serve. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Personal Statement Review• Resume Review• Mock Interviewing
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Students needed as
volunteer Pre-PA Advisors

Sign up here:



<https://fs1.formsite.com/aapa/jkb2y30th6/index>

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Taking Names & Making Connections Saturday, May 17

Network, mix, and mingle with PA students from all over the country, at the exclusive PA student-only party within a party at the Opening Reception.

Come for the warm welcome, lifetime connections, and the memories – and don't forget your conference swag and prizes!



Practical wisdom from PAs who've been where you are.

- These sessions are designed *for* students and early career PAs—with topics that help you succeed in school and beyond.
- Preparing for the PANCE
- Acing Your End of Rotation Exams
- Navigating Contracts & Negotiation

Learn directly from experienced PAs who are ready to share real-world advice. Bring your questions!



Explore specialties. Build your network. Find your people. Enjoy occasional snacks.

This dedicated student space is more than a hangout—it's a chance to connect with practicing PAs and learn about different areas of medicine.

- Hear short presentations on areas of practice
- Network with PAs from a range of specialties

Stop by between sessions—the lounge is your community hub.



PA JobSource Career Fair Hours

- Sunday: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
- Monday: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Visit the PA JobSource Booth in the Grand Concourse in the Convention Center to:

- Sign up for a complimentary resume/CV review or mock interview
- Learn how to use AAPA's members-only PA JobSource career exploration platform

Friday, May 16 - Sunday, May 18

- 35 student delegates elected by the Student Board
- All student members are welcome to observe
- May 16: Student application for the 2026 HOD Meeting

For inquiries on the HOD student delegate application, please email ibullock@aapa.org



Student Academy Events

Friday, May 16, 6:30 p.m.:
Student Board of Directors Meeting

Sunday, May 18, 5 p.m.:
Student Board Meet & Greet

Monday, May 19, 4 p.m.:
National Medical Challenge Bowl



Complete the quiz and be entered to win a prize!

Prize: \$50 Amazon Gift Card

Conference Tips from the Student Board

Before

- Print out your resume/personal statement to have on hand.
- Research which programs will be there that you may be interested in applying to.



Ana Ahmad

Director of Diversity
& Outreach

During

- Network as much as you can, people who attend conference WANT to help and network.
- Introduce yourself confidently: "Hi, I'm a Pre-PA student applying this cycle".
- Don't get imposter syndrome, everyone was a Pre-PA once and you belong here.
- Take breaks when you need to, stay hydrated and wear comfy shoes!

After

- Follow up with everyone you networked with to keep in contact. This is how I got opportunities for shadowing hours!
- Met someone really cool? Email them for long-term mentorship!
- Make sure to add this conference to your master list of PA extracurriculars.
- Hold on to the excitement you experienced at conference and use it for motivation!

Before

Know Your "Why"

Write down 2-3 personal goals

☆ e.g. Learn about residencies, meet a dermatologist PA, practice a skill

Make a Digital Business Card

Create a QR code that links to your LinkedIn or Resume

☆ Tip: Save it on your lock screen

Pre-Plan a Meetup

Post in the student conference GroupMe or on social media to find students with similar interests

☆ Tip: "Anyone into global health/ surgery/ OBGYN want to grab lunch?"

During

Post Takeaways in Real Time

Share quotes, insights, or fav moments on LinkedIn or Instagram stories

☆ Tip: Tag speakers or use AAPA hashtags

Leave Room for a Detour

Say yes to random opportunities you never know where they will take you!

Start a "That Looks Cool" List

Heard about a fellowship? Met a PA with a job you'd never considered? Write it down

☆ Great way for figuring out where your interests are actually pulling you

After

Make a One-Pager Recap

Put together a quick, fun summary of your favorite sessions, quotes, takeaways.

☆ Tip: Share it with your classmates or post it online!



Erica Chamberlain
Mid-Atlantic
Regional Director

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Conference Tips from the Student Board

Before

- Make sure you are all set to fly out (you will need either a passport or a real ID).
- Pack comfortable shoes and a jacket!
 - There is a lot of walking and the rooms can get cold.



Harlee Kelley
South Central
Regional Director

During

- Look out for student opportunities!
 - Different booths may have special giveaways or student opportunities.
- Be open to attending different sessions
 - You never know when you may discover a new interest!
- Watch out for free meal opportunities
 - There will be industry sessions that provide lunches, dinners with COs, and snacks throughout the expo
- Talk to as many people as you can!
 - Make connections, have discussions, and trade contact info!
- The Expo is a MUST visit!

After

- Consider creating a presentation to share things you've learned with your cohort
- Don't be afraid to reach out to connections you've made
 - Many of us are happy and excited to help a pre-PA/PA student!

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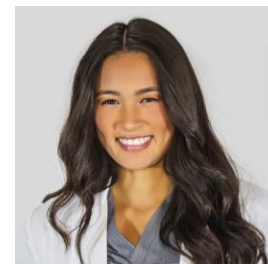
- Research the agenda and speakers
- Prepare your elevator pitch
- Update CV and Resume
- Download HiHello
- Bring a notebook and tablet
- Dress professionally (business attire)
- Join related social media groups or apps (like conference Slack or LinkedIn)
- Identify key sessions and networking opportunities

During

- Attend keynotes & top sessions
- Take clear notes
- Network actively – go to your state and specialty networking events
- Join social events – come say hello to the Student Academy!
- Visit posters/exhibits
- Stay organized (contacts, notes)

After

- Follow up (email/LinkedIn)
- Reflect on experience
- Share takeaways with peers
- Apply what you learned
- Stay engaged (newsletters, groups)
- Loved it so much? Join HOD and become more involved!



Isabella Bullock
Chief Delegate

Join the AAPA25 Student GroupMe!



Q&A?

Please share your questions in the Q&A box.

Thank you for attending!

Please complete the post-event survey.



See you in Denver.