

# AANP CONFERENCE CALL

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## Nashville SPOTLIGHT

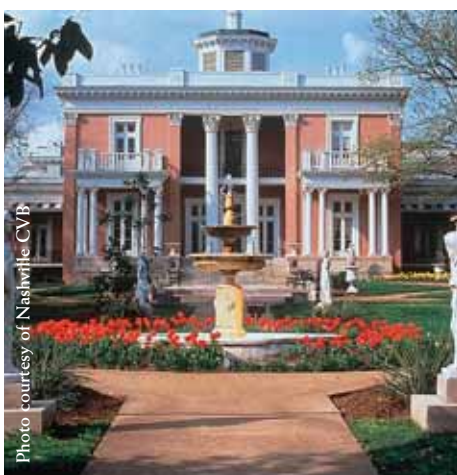


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### TODAY'S SCHEDULE

6:30 a.m.–6 p.m.

AANP Conference Check-In and On-Site Registration

7–8:15 a.m.

Industry-Supported Breakfast Product Theaters

7:45 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

FCCS Course

8 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Foundation Store Hours

8:30–9:45 a.m.

Concurrent Presentations

8:30–11:30 a.m.

Workshops and Seminars

8:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

Beginning Spanish for NPs

8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Relaxation Station Hours

9:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

Exhibit Hall Hours

10:15–11:30 a.m.

Concurrent Presentations

Noon–2 p.m.

Attended NP Invited Posters: Group 3

Noon–2:30 p.m.

Unopposed Exhibit Hall Time

Noon–2:30 p.m.

Industry-Supported Lunch Product Briefings

3–4:15 p.m.

Concurrent Presentations

3–6 p.m.

Workshops and Seminars

4:45–6 p.m.

Concurrent Presentations

## NPs Learn How to Use Media as a Health Tool

When a reporter comes calling, it can become your worst nightmare or an awesome opportunity to educate the public about current health issues.

Both Barb Dehn, RN, MS, NP—known to many as “Nurse Barb” on ABC TV—and Emmy Award-winning producer Beth Freeman offered “Secret and Successful Media Tips” to help nurse practitioners succeed in front of the camera at Friday’s Leadership Media Training workshop. Dehn also addresses women’s healthcare issues at Barb’s Daily Dose, at [www.nursebarb.com](http://www.nursebarb.com). Freeman is a news Internet producer and media consultant with Freeman Media, in San Francisco.

One of the first hurdles to overcome, both

women say, is educating the media about the NP profession.

“It’s all about perception,” Freeman said, “Who the media thinks you are.” And all too often, she added, reporters do not know what NPs do as a profession. Some of the misperceptions include physician assistant, registered nurse, and “mother’s helper.”

“This is why NPs need to create a sound byte of what an NP is,” Dehn said. “Come up with two sentences, maximum, of who we are.”

Workshop participants brainstormed, tossing out words such as, “healthcare professional, masters or doctoral degree; holistic care, partner with patients,” before deciding on the phrase, “Highly-qualified healthcare provid-

ers who diagnose, treat, and prescribe.”

“This is a seed and you may water it and change it how you wish,” Dehn said. “This is a seed for you to use and this is quick.”

When communicating with members of the press, Freeman said, it’s important for NPs to present themselves as experts on their healthcare topic.

“My most important message today is, ‘go deep with the comment,’” she said. “Do not dummy it down. Stay on message.”

“It’s also a public service for you to come on and bust a myth. Have this duality and know what you know and see what’s coming down the pipeline. Stay educated.”

Dehn agreed. “It’s important to know your topic. When I first heard about the Swine flu outbreak, I spent four hours on the CDC website over the weekend reading about it and then called my producer on Monday. I was ready to go. Remember, you’re the expert, own it.”

“Producers need you more than you need them, remember that,” Freeman added.



NPs listen as Beth Freeman explains public health strategies during “Secret and Successful Media Tips” on Friday morning.

### Beth Freeman and Barb Dehn’s Secret & Successful Media Tips

- Don’t be intimidated
- Ask questions
- Be confident and be yourself—do not list your resume
- Drive the conversation back to the point; control the flow of information
- Have quick sound bites ready

see LEADERSHIP, page 6

## AANP Gives Voice to NPs at Healthcare Reform Table

President Barack Obama has said that the debate on U.S. healthcare reform will take place around “a big table with lots of chairs.” And AANP, through its Office of Health Policy, has claimed a seat at that table.

The AANP has been active in the Congressional stakeholder groups and briefings, as well as in its response to concept papers and legislative language being developed by the Congressional committees of jurisdiction for healthcare reform. Issues of importance to nurse practitioners and their patients include the provision of high-quality care through increased access.

“Of critical importance is the recognition of nurse practitioners as primary care providers in all healthcare reform legislation, particularly in the medical home provisions that are included in the legislation,” said Jan Towers, PhD, NP-C, CRNP, FAANP, FAAN, in her well-received presentation at Wednesday morning’s AANP General Session, “So What’s Going to Happen Now? Health Care and NP Life: 2009 and Beyond.”

The patient-centered medical home seeks to provide coordinated, comprehensive preven-

tive and primary care. Fierce lobbying efforts to include NPs in this definition have met with positive responses by legislators in both the Senate and House, said Dr. Towers, who serves as AANP’s director of health policy in Washington, DC.

“It is critical that NPs continue to lobby for inclusion if we are to facilitate access, fair reimbursement, and the provision of quality, cost-effective primary care for our patients,” she stressed.

One recommendation being pushed by AANP on behalf of NPs is that the IOM definition of primary care—“the provision of integrated, accessible healthcare services by clinicians who are accountable for addressing a large majority of personal healthcare needs, developing a sustained partnership with patients and practicing in the context of family and community”—be utilized in the development of healthcare reform agendas, and that nurse practitioners be recognized as primary care providers within that framework.

“A ‘medical home’ encompassing this definition would provide the U.S. population with a

regular source of primary care, which is associated with better outcomes at lower costs,” Dr. Towers said.

“Nurse practitioners also need to be included in the design and development of all healthcare reform models at their full scope of practice.”

Other key initiatives that AANP’s Office of Health Policy is focusing upon include state and national issues that promote the ability of the nurse practitioners to function autonomously and at their full scope of practice.

Refusing to be boxed into the current health-care—see HEALTH CARE POLICY, page 6

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# FAANP Mentoring Program Continues to Thrive

In 2006, the Fellows of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners initiated the FAANP Mentoring Program. The initiatives of FAANP include the development of leadership and mentorship programs for nurse practitioners and nurse practitioner students. The Mentoring Program provides a means through which FAANP can put this intent into action and contribute to the development of other NPs. Successful candidates to the program are paired with a FAANP member mentor. FAANP members are NP leaders who have been recognized for contributions in a range of areas including clinical practice, research, teaching, and health policy.

“The mentorship program was one of the first projects embraced by the Fellows,” said Judith Berg, PhD, RN, WHNP-BC, FAANP, and chair of FAANP. “Any nurse practitioner who is a member of AANP can apply and be linked with a Fellow through this program.”

A limited number of applicants are selected each year, based on a review of a submitted application. Applications include information such as: identification of specific goals and related plan of action, description of experience and qualities, and professional references. Applicants may be novice NPs or have significant experience with an identified plan for development in a new area. Selected mentees will be paired with a member of FAANP who has volunteered to assist them with development in their area of interest.

“There are several areas of interest that might be pursued,” she said. “Some people are looking for professional development, and to set a goal of writing a manuscript or a grant application. Others want mentoring in a particular area of clinical practice and some want mentoring in an area such as leadership or health policy.”

The FAANP Mentoring Program is a one-year program. During this period the mentors will serve as a guide or coach, assisting their mentees in achieving their identified plans of action and goals. While applicants may request a specific FAANP mentor, there is no guarantee that the requested Fellow will be available or able to participate.

“The process is that a member applies to the mentorship program and they are linked with a Fellow that has the expertise and is willing to be the mentor,” Berg said. “Together they develop goals and at the end of the year they have a completed project.”

A list of current Fellows of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners is on the AANP website ([www.aanp.org](http://www.aanp.org)).

Mentoring involves a formalized relationship, mutually beneficial to both participants. For success, both participants must share mutual respect and trust, as well as a commitment to the project. Mentors will have extensive knowledge, experience, and contacts in their field and have expressed willingness to contribute to the development

of others, through formal and supported experience. They will contribute to mentee development by sharing experience, knowledge, passion, connections, and/or influence. Successful mentees will have qualities such as flexibility, resourcefulness, and organization skills, as well as a passion for their identified area of growth.

Throughout the process, the relationship and ongoing communication will be supported by FAANP.

Each year, the mentoring experience begins with an orientation session scheduled during the AANP National Conference, held in June. During the orientation session, ground rules and expectations will be reviewed and the mentor—mentee pairs will have an opportunity to meet and share with one another. After meeting during the conference, the pairs will be able to communicate and share their progress through the year, participating in a Mentoring Program listserv. Quarterly progress reports will be required and the final report will include an evaluation of the mentoring relationship and program. Mentees then have an opportunity

to share the outcomes of their project at the next AANP National Conference.

“We’ve been doing this program for several years and it’s very strong, popular and growing,” Berg said.

Mentee applications for the 2010 FAANP Mentoring Program will be available on [www.aanp.org](http://www.aanp.org) in November 2009. The application packet includes a more detailed timeline for the one-year program.

## 2009 FAANP Mentoring Program Participants

The Fellows of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners congratulate the following Mentees and their Mentors for selection to the 2008 FAANP Mentoring Program:

### Mentees

Ms. Betty Cartwright  
Mr. Daniel Hartley  
Dr. Carmen Paniagua  
Dr. Lisa Chism  
Ms. Jan Zdanuk  
Ms. Karen Ketner  
Ms. Karen Kopan  
Ms. Kathy Willits  
Ms. Kelly Sanderson  
Ms. Louann Bailey  
Dr. Maria Kidner  
Ms. Nakisa Garris  
Dr. Tomika Harris

### Mentors

Dr. Randolph Rasch  
Dr. Judith Lynch  
Dr. Elias Vasquez  
Dr. Janice Davidson  
Dr. Susan Chaney  
Dr. Deb Kiley  
Dr. Mary Jo Goolsby  
Dr. Elizabeth Barker  
Dr. Elda Ramirez  
Ms. Mary Ellen Roberts  
Dr. Michael Zychowicz  
Dr. Penny Jensen  
Dr. Kathy Blair

## Q & A FROM THE CONFERENCE

What has been your favorite thing about the 2009 conference so far?



Philip Holton  
Roebuck, SC

“This morning I went to Pharmacotherapy in Men’s Health. It went over a lot of pertinent information. Most of it was review, but he was a good speaker.”



Karen D. Cummins-Marks  
Mount Juliet, TN

“Probably asthma. I did increase my knowledge. Also, I will be working with a population of people who have a high instance of asthma.”



Lorette Mitchem  
Greenville, SC

“Probably the Pesky Personality Disorders session. It was psych based and pertinent to primary care as well as people with primarily psych patients.”



Brittany Webb  
Nashville, TN

“The gyno one this morning—Refining Your Gynecologic Examination Skills—I thought she touched on a lot of things that aren’t very common and gave good advice about what to do.”



Sheila D. Riley  
Talihina, OK

“The ECG course, Analysis of the 12-Lead ECG, was my favorite. She broke it down and it all came together for me. The way she put it, I was realized, ‘Oh! That’s it!’”



Stephaine Matthews  
Fort Myers, FL

“The Exhibit Hall is my favorite. It’s a lot of up-to-date information and pertinent exhibits to see what is going on now.”



Pamela Crutchfield  
Columbia, GA

“There’s been quite a few. I liked the sports medicine and I did Pesky Personality Disorders yesterday, because I’m a psych nurse. That was great.”

## Webnp.org Offers NPs an Online Community to Call Their Own

AANP members seeking an online community to call their own now have a home at AANP's new Social Networking site Webnp.org.

The free site, launched in April, offers members an opportunity to communicate with other members via blogs, discussion groups, and forums, said Mike Tiller, IT director at AANP, who helped design the site. Members also can share photos, create their own private or open discussion groups, and add calendar events.

"We built Webnp.org to provide our members with the ability to easily share opinions, expertise, and experiences with other members, as well as build lasting relationships with their peers," he said.

While other online sites such as Facebook® and LinkedIn® offer social networking opportunities, they do not have this NP focus, Tiller noted.

"Small online communities form on these sites but the tools are too generic to really assist these groups," he said. "Webnp.org offers NPs a focused tool so they can build their own community; a central place where they can discuss specific issues."

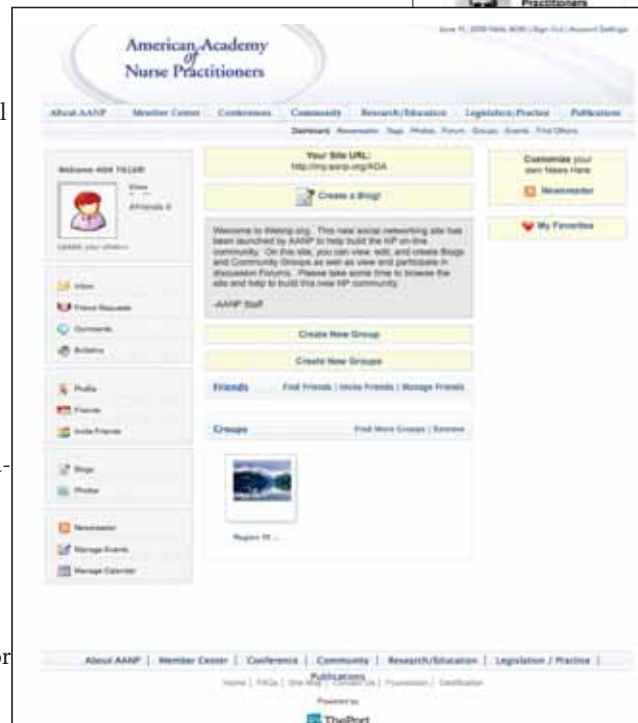
To provide a seamless-user experience, the

log-in information members use to access AANP online services is the same log-in they use to enter the networking site. The main page of Webnp.org provides an overview of site offerings, as well as a site navigation tutorial.

In the near future, the capability to upload files to the site, such as legislative documents, will be added. Plans also include adding webinars — seminars or lectures delivered live via the worldwide web. Webcasting either can be conducted one-way or allow for interaction between lecturers and members. This feature also will be used to present sessions from regional AANP meetings and the annual AANP national conference.

To date, approximately 300 AANP members belong to Webnp.org and more than two-dozen discussion groups have formed, addressing such topics as pain management, orthopedics, neonatal, and veterans.

"The goal is to involve all of the organization's members," Tiller said. "Ideally, Webnp.org will become the 'go-to' spot for the NP community."



The webnp.org website is tailored specifically for AANP members. Find a home and useful tools at this online community, which features group discussions, blog spotlights and detailed profile options.

## Upton Educates Pistachios at Group Member Luncheon



Julie Upton, nutrition communications consultant for Paramount Farms, speaks at the Group Member Luncheon Friday.

Attendees of the Group Member Leadership Luncheon learned all about nuts today from speaker Julie Upton, nutrition communications consultant to Paramount Farms, luncheon meal sponsor.

"I'll be talking about the role of pistachios in cardiovascular health, type II diabetes, and their role in a diet concerned with weight management," she said.

Upton, a registered dietitian and communications expert specializing in nutrition,

fitness and health, shared pistachio health information with luncheon attendees. She also touched on the importance of environmental sustainability in food.

"Eating a more plant-based diet is more environmentally friendly and emits less greenhouse gases," said Upton, who is also the coauthor of *Energy*

to Burn: *The Ultimate Food and Nutrition Guide to Fuel Your Active Life*.

Resources about pistachio health and nutrition are available on pistachiohealth.com, where NPs can find resources like a tree nut comparison chart, which compares different nutritional values of various nuts. The website also features a selection of tip sheets, recipes and more to share with patients, all of which are easily downloadable.

"As dietitians we create things coming from a practical point of view of educating the consumer," she said. "I would imagine some of the same things are of interest to nurse practitioners."

Paramount Farms is the world's largest vertically integrated supplier of pistachios and almonds.

The company owns 30,000 acres of pistachio orchards, the largest in the Western hemisphere.

For more information, stop by the Paramount Booth.

The AANP Group Member category provides a venue for NP groups and educational programs to join with AANP for networking, advocacy, and mutual support.

**Fun Fact:** Humans have eaten pistachio nuts for at least 9,000 years.

## Submit an Abstract for next year's Conference

The AANP Conference staff and committee members invite all attendees to submit an abstract to share their expertise and knowledge at the 2010 AANP National Conference.

Abstracts are for the 30-minute concurrent and/or poster sessions. With over 4500 registrants expected at the conference in Phoenix in 2010, topics will cover the full range of clinical specialties, practice settings, and experiential levels.

Major categories include clinical/practice and research with interest in novel clinical or education interventions, innovative models of care, emerging health conditions, evolving leadership and policy issues, original research findings, and resourceful outcome measures.

The submission deadline is Sept. 15. The Call for Abstracts form is available at the entrance to the Exhibit Hall and at the Research & Education Booth near Registration.

## Don't Miss Your Chance to Buy the 2009 Supporter Pin

**P**urchase your 2009 AANP Foundation Supporter Pin for a tax-deductible donation of \$20 at the AANP Foundation Store today. This unique pin is a great way to show your support of the AANP Foundation Scholarship & Grant Program. The purchase will also get you two entries into the 2009 AANP Foundation Sweepstakes, offering a variety of fantastic prizes and a \$500 grand prize.

The AANP Foundation's goal is to sell 600 pins. Reaching this goal will raise \$12,000 for the Foundation. For the eighth year in a row, Novo Nordisk is sponsoring this event and is matching the \$12,000 pin sale goal by adding an additional \$12,000. If the AANP Foundation reaches the goal of selling 600 pins, a total of \$24,000 will be raised. Last year the goal was exceeded by almost \$2,500.

2009 marks the 12th anniversary of this important event. "This annual event has really become a conference attendee favorite," said Kimberly Dempster-Gonzalez, AANP Foundation director of development. "NPs come back each year to add to their pin collection. You'll see a lot of attendees wearing pins from multiple years."

Conference attendees have four days, Wednesday through Saturday, to make their tax-deductible donation by purchasing a 2009 AANP Foundation Supporter Pin, which makes them eligible for the AANP Foundation Sweepstakes prize drawing.

Also, for those attendees who see the value of collecting a unique pin each year,



Buy your Supporter Pin from the Foundation Booth today for a tax-deductible donation of \$20

but may have misplaced some, pins from previous years are available for only \$5. If you would like to collect pins from every year, purchase the 2009 pin package and take home 12 years of unique Foundation pins for a \$60 tax-deductible donation and receive six entries into the AANP Foundation Sweepstakes.

"Proceeds from this event go directly to support the AANP Foundation Scholarship & Grant Program," she said. "I can't think of a better way to get a tax-deduction while

helping an outstanding cause."

Don't forget to visit the AANP Foundation Store to purchase your 2009 AANP Foundation Supporter Pin.

Then, stop by Novo Nordisk's booth in the exhibit hall to thank them for their continued support of NPs through the AANP Foundation.



2009 AANP Foundation Pin

## Join Forces with the NHBA to Promote Heartburn Awareness

**O**nce again, the National Heartburn Alliance (NHBA) is calling on nurse practitioners to participate in Heartburn Awareness Month this November.

"Studies show that people experience more heartburn during the holidays, and therefore the month of November is a perfect time for practitioners to reach out to patients who might be suffering," said Danielle Davis, program coordinator for the NHBA, referring to the many holidays that feature heartburn-inducing food.

This is the third year AANP and NHBA have worked together to bring educational resources to NPs and heartburn sufferers.

"Nurse practitioners can offer patients free educational literature and tools available through the NHBA to help patients learn about their condition, medication options, and helpful lifestyle changes," she said.

"Given the current healthcare environment, the NHBA board members feel that patient-education programs are essential to public health."

Visit booth 100 to learn more and see samples of the products available for those who sign up for the program. NPs who choose to participate in Heartburn Awareness Month can sign up at the booth and will receive a free toolkit later in the mail.

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program coordinator for the NHBA

## Pick Up Your Lip Balm Today

**S**top by the membership desk to pick up your 25th anniversary lip balm!

It will serve as a reminder to register for the National Conference in Phoenix next year. Plan your trip to the Valley of the Sun now.

See page 7 for more about the many things to do in Phoenix.



## INFORMAL NETWORKING OPPORTUNITY



An Informal Networking Opportunity held yesterday evening was a great success, with many AANP members in attendance. Everyone took time to meet and network with colleagues from a variety of specialty and practice arenas at this brand new event.

The kit contains patient education brochures, patient screener forms, an in-office poster, a suggested activities list and other helpful materials.

Participants are also encouraged to visit [www.HeartburnAlliance.org](http://www.HeartburnAlliance.org) for more information.

The NHBA is an advisory board of prominent, recognized healthcare professionals, including experts in digestive disease, family practice medicine, pharmacy, nutrition, and nursing.

Their mission is to establish a recognized authority that provides a community of support for heartburn sufferers by providing education about the causes and effects of heartburn, as well as solutions that offer them relief and improved quality of life.

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### HEALTH CARE POLICY

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care paradigm, the Nurse Practitioner Model has expanded to include healthcare settings such as school-based clinics, nurse managed centers, retail clinics, community centered care, and the medical home.

Recently introduced legislation reflects this growing recognition of the NP's expertise, Dr. Towers said.

These include:

The Preserving Patient Access to Primary Care Act of 2009 (HR 2350), which was introduced in Congress by Rep. Allyson Schwartz (D-PA) and Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-WA), addresses the critical shortage of primary care providers in the U.S. today and is a nurse practitioner inclusive bill that provides for scholarships, loans, incentive payments, medical home support, and primary care services evaluation for nurse practitioners as well as primary healthcare professionals. The bill also calls for the elimination of barriers to access preventive healthcare;

The Independence at Home Act of 2009 (HR 2560), which was introduced by Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR) and Rep. Edward J. Markey (D-MA), is a bill—if passed as proposed—that

would authorize voluntary Independence at Home chronic care coordination pilot programs for high-cost Medicare beneficiaries with multiple chronic conditions under the traditional Medicare fee-for-service program. An Independence at Home Care team of healthcare professionals directed by physicians or nurse practitioners with training in the care of complex chronically ill patients coordinates all of an eligible beneficiary's healthcare across all treatment settings and provides patient-centered care coordination services in the patient's home;

And a bill (HR 2754) to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish the Nurse-Managed Health Clinic Investment program, and for other purposes, was introduced by Sen. Daniel K. Inouye (D-HI) and Rep. Lois Capps (D-CA).

The Office of Health Policy works with AANP's Political Action Committee (PAC), and offers AANP members the opportunity to financially support NP legislative activities through PAC membership.

Dr. Towers encourages all NPs to stay abreast of legislation that benefits NP practice and to get involved.

"Contact your U.S. Senators and Represent-

tatives and educate them on the role of NPs and ask that they support our agenda," she said. "Tell them NPs must be included in legislation authorizing demonstration programs, reimbursement authorization and incentives for participation in medical homes or coordinated primary care practices."

Handouts on how to contact legislators can be picked up at the Health Policy booth or at [www.aanp.org](http://www.aanp.org) by clicking on the "Legislative/Practice" icon. Here you will find Congressional Legislative Lists and Committees with contact information, legislative updates, and a Healthcare Reform Sample Letter.

As licensed independent practitioners, leaders, and owners of clinics and practices, nurse practitioners are no longer 'just' employees, Dr. Towers concluded.

"They provide high-quality, cost-effective care and are experts in preventive care and in managing chronic illness," she said. "Nurse practitioners are a significant part of the answer to the problems of healthcare in this country and need to be facilitated to be able to undertake that role."

For further information on how to get involved, contact the AANP Office of Health Policy [dcoffice@aanp.org](mailto:dcoffice@aanp.org).

### LEADERSHIP

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- Project your commitment to educating patients and the public
- Dazzle them with your knowledge
- Do not dumb down
- Know where your emergency eject button is if you're not prepared
- If you don't know, don't guess. Acknowledge the question, then bridge to an answer you do know
- All questions, no matter how they're framed are an opportunity to dispel myths, educate the public, and promote you as an expert.
- Close the deal: "I'm always happy to help answer your questions. Please call me any time."



Barb Dehn instructs.

# See You Next Year in Phoenix

## Get Ready to Celebrate the 25th Anniversary of AANP in Sunny Arizona

Next year marks the 25th anniversary of AANP. The organization will celebrate at the Annual Conference in Phoenix. Be sure to mark your calendar now for this momentous occasion in AANP history.

The newly renovated Phoenix Convention Center will host the 2010 conference from June 23-27.

Many events are slated to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the organization. AANP has proudly served as the only full-service professional membership organization in the United States of NPs of all specialties since 1985.

Between unique events celebrating this milestone, make time to visit some of Phoenix's many attractions. Top tourist sites include a 50-acre **Desert Botanical Garden**; the **Heard Museum**, which features more than 32,000 pieces of art; the **Arizona Capital Museum**, which includes an exhibit that documents the story of the USS Arizona; and **Deer Valley Rock Art Center**, a uniquely southwestern 47-acre park with more than 1,500 Indian rock etchings.

Phoenix is an extremely popular tourist destination and ideal place for AANP members to meet.

The city has 300 days of sunshine each year and the convention center is sur-

rounded by world-class accommodations, as well as a wonderful variety of dining and entertainment options.

It is the sixth-largest city in the country and hosts more than 12 million tourists each year.



## FAANP Inducts New Members Tonight

The Fellows of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (FAANP) program was created as a formal program for NP recognition. The AANP board of directors approved the FAANP Program in 1999 and it was activated in 2000 as an official program of AANP.

With the induction of the 2009 Fellows tonight at 6:15 p.m. at the Delta Wedding Pavilion, the total number of FAANP members will reach 215.

"The induction itself is open to the public, so nurse practitioners that are interested in becoming Fellows might be interested in seeing the ceremony," said Judith Berg, PhD, RN, WHNP-BC, FAAN and chair of the FAANP.

During the ceremony, each new fellow will be honored and a brief biography of each will be read.

"The ceremony is a very special event, as it's meant to be, because these are incredibly special people we are welcoming into the group," she said.

Inducted into the Fellows of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners this evening will be:

**Alvita Nathaniel**, PhD, FNP-BC, Princeton, West Virginia

**Amy W. Smith**, DNP, FNP-BC, Madison, Mississippi

**Angela (Russell) Golden**, RN, DNP, FNP-C, Munds Park, Arizona

**Ann C. F. Olson**, PhD, RN, FNP-BC, WHNP-BC, Winona, Minnesota

**Brenda Hoskins**, DNP, ARNP, GNP-BC, Grinnell, Iowa

**Carol Lynn Savrin**, RN, DNP, FNP/BC, CPNP, Chagrin Falls, Ohio

**Catherine Reavis**, EdD, APRN, BC-FNP, Statesboro, Georgia

**Cindy C. Cooke**, MSN, FNP, NP-C, Brownsboro, Alabama

**Cindy Parsons**, DNP, ARNP/BC, Brandon, Florida

**Dawn Lee Garzon**, PhD, CPNP-BC, O'Fallon, Missouri

**Demetrius J. Porche**, DNS, APRN, New Orleans, Louisiana

**Denise Coppa**, PhD, RNP, North Kingstown, Rhode Island

**Diane Seibert**, PhD, CRNP, Washington, D.C.

**Dianne Morrison-Beedy**, PhD, WHNP-BC, FNAP, FAAN, Victor, New York

**Rose Brault**, EdD, ARNP-C, PCRN, Avon Park, Florida

**Gail Rosselot**, MS, MPH, APRN/BC, COHN-S, Briarcliff Manor, New York

**Geraldine M. Budd**, PhD, FNP-C, State College, Pennsylvania

**James F. Lawrence, Jr.**, PhD, APRN BC, Atlanta, Georgia

**Jane Kapustin**, PhD, CRNP, Baltimore, Maryland

**Jean H. Aertker**, DNP, FNP-BC, ARNP, COHN-S, Tampa, Florida

**Josephine Anne Weiss**, PhD, FNP/BC, Okeechobee, Florida

**Julia Pallentino**, MSN, JD, FNP-BC, Tallahassee, Florida

**Kathleen Berra**, MSN, ANP-C, FAAN, Stanford, California

**Kenneth J. Wysocki**, MS, RN, APRN-BC, Phoenix, Arizona

**Lenore K. Resick**, PhD, CRNP, FNP-BC, NP-C, Emlenton, Pennsylvania

**Lori Martin-Plank**, PhD, MSPH, MSN, FNP-BC, GNP-BC, Pipersville, Pennsylvania

**Margaret Flinter**, APRN, MSN, FNP-C, Middletown, Connecticut

**Margaret Thorman Hartig**, PhD, FNP-BC, Memphis, Tennessee

**Marijo Letizia**, PhD, RN, APN/ANP-BC, Elmhurst, Illinois

**Mary Wyckoff**, PhD, MSN, ACNP/BC, FNP-BC, NNP, CCNS, CCRN, N. Miami Beach, Florida

**Monica Scheibmeir**, PhD, APRN-BC, FNP, Topeka, Kansas

**Nancy Balkon**, RN, PhD, ANP-C, APRN-CS, Huntington, New York

**Nancy C. O'Rourke**, MSN, ACNP, ANP, RnC, Hollis, New Hampshire

**Oralea A. Pittman**, RN, MS, FNP-BC, Bellefontaine, Ohio

**Pamela N. Fordham**, DSN, FNP-C, Springville, Alabama

**Reynold L. Mosier**, COL AN (MSN, MBA, CRNP), Silver Spring, Maryland

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