



President's Letter

Curtis Robison, DNAP, CRNA

Spring 2021

This continued unprecedented time has lasted longer than any of us imagined or hoped that it would at this point. COVID-19 continues to force our hand and maintain virtual meetings to get our members CEUs.

The board wants everyone to know that we truly listen to everything our members say and take it into consideration with every move. We recently did a members survey asking what the membership would prefer and it appeared overwhelming that the membership still wants to do our meetings virtual.

I hope all of the membership and families have been able to stay safe and employed throughout this challenging time. At this point, hopefully there are no CRNAs out of work as it seems that the demand across our state has never been higher. I believe every hospital and surgery center is back to doing elective cases as patient testing and vaccine rolling out in the state of Missouri has allowed for this.

I can always say with confidence that your MOANA board has not rested as we are constantly guarding and advocating for the profession that we all are passionate about. We have some new blood/perspective on our board, which is exactly what we needed. Anyone who is interested, please get involved as we are always looking for that new blood and fresh perspective.

I am coming up on the end of my presidency as Cassandra Decker will be taking over the reins once again in the Fall. She is very passionate about our profession and did a fantastic job as president previously. We still need all member participation to keep our practice safe. Whether that's showing up for meetings, contributing to our PAC, or just reading this article, we really appreciate all that you do everyday for our great profession.

Chris Black, MoANA Education Chair, has arranged another great meeting so we may earn CEUs virtually just as the membership requested with the survey. I hope everyone can participate. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns. The other board members and I are at your service.

Hopefully we can all get back to in person meetings starting in October in St. Louis. The '21 Fall Meeting is scheduled to take place at the Chase Park Plaza Hotel in St. Louis on Oct. 22-24, 2021. Mark your calendars now and we can all look forward to being together. But for now, we have to remain safe and responsible hope to see you all virtually next month. Thank you.

Meeting Dates:

Virtual Spring Meeting—April 10-11, 2021—10 hours of CE

LIVE Fall Meeting—October 22-24, 2021, Chase Park Plaza, St. Louis, MO

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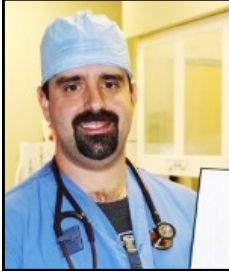


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Please e-mail completed form, current *Curriculum Vitae* (include previous offices and committee positions held), and a recent photo to: ckemna@bardgett.net

Please send no later than Monday, Sept. 6, 2021.

MoANA Treasurer's Report



Scott Broughton CRNA MoANA Treasurer

In February, I had the honor of representing MoANA, along with Jeanie Skibiski and our attorney Tom Rynard as the Senate Committee for Professional Registration heard arguments supporting and opposing the Committee Chair, Senator Jeannie Riddle's, Senate Bill 8. This bill adds language that is supposed to ensure "truth in advertising" in health care provider's communications. Every one of these hearings I have attended has seemed to me to be a little crazy. This one was no exception. The old adage about making laws being like making sausage has its merits for sure.

We had been told that we would have 3 minutes for comment. Three minutes is not much time to lay out all the reasons why this is a poorly written bill or the unintended harm that it could cause. The word 'unintended' used here out of respect. To be sure, this bill has very intended consequences for the CRNAs of Missouri. Anyway, three minutes is not long. A billed heard in the committee before SB 8 went a bit long and when it became our turn, we were instructed to try to limit our comments to "two to three minutes and to try and not repeat what others before you have said."

Our attorney, Tom Rynard, was the first to speak for the opposition. The committee began warning him that his time was almost up before he was even two minutes in. This was painful! He did get to elaborate briefly about his First Amendment objection to the bill thanks to a question from a member of the committee, but he did not get to say much of what he intended.

So, now our three-minute comment time limit was apparently going to be just two minutes. I had prepared and rehearsed three minutes worth of material. I had to give the committee the Cliff's Notes version. I really wish we had had more time.

What was much more painful than the time limit were the comments made by those testifying in support of the bill. They clearly didn't mind misrepresenting the facts at all. With the time limits imposed on us, we didn't have time for our own arguments, let alone fact checking the nonsense they were spewing!

"The old adage about making laws being like making sausage has its merits for sure."



We learned some valuable lessons at that hearing. One of the biggest was to save our lawyer for last. He is well suited to fact checking. As a matter of fact, he sent a letter to all the committee members after the hearing that laid out the absolute wrongness of what they had heard from those testifying in support.

MoANA Profit and Loss Report

October 2020 through February 2021

	<u>Oct '20 - Feb 21</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
AANA Dues	
605-AANA Active Mem Dues	122,567.29
Total AANA Dues	122,567.29
Interest on Checking Account	
694 - interest on Checking	19.02
Total Interest on Checking Account	19.02
MoANA Fall/Spring Meetings	
624 - Fall Conference reg fees	8,085.64
632-Fall Conf. Exhibitor	900.00
Total MoANA Fall/Spring Meetings	8,985.64
Total Income	131,571.95
Gross Profit	131,571.95
Expense	
General/Administrative Misc.	
807-chap office supplies & exp	171.97
873-Copies/Printing	0.24
879-Telephone Service	0.36
880-AANA Foundation Scholarship	3,000.00
882-Postage	17.55
886-Accounting	2,715.00
914-Service Charge	224.94
Total General/Administrative Misc.	6,130.06
Legal Expense	
885-legal fees	4,350.00
Total Legal Expense	4,350.00
Legis. Monitoring & Assn Mgmt.	
891-Lobbying/GR	15,583.32
Association Management	15,583.18
Lobbying	3,916.50
Legis. Monitoring & Assn Mgmt. - Other	12,249.96
Total Legis. Monitoring & Assn Mgmt.	47,332.96
MoANA Committee & Website	
851-PR Exp	5,011.74
915-Internet Home Page	1,581.16
MoANA Committee & Website - Other	775.00
Total MoANA Committee & Website	7,367.90
MoANA Meetings	
836-Fall Meeting Meals, etc.	543.62
839-Fall Mtg Speaker Expenses	3,900.00
Total MoANA Meetings	4,443.62
Total Expense	69,624.54
Net Ordinary Income	61,947.41
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Unrealized Gain/Loss	4.48
Total Other Income	4.48
Net Other Income	4.48
Net Income	61,951.89

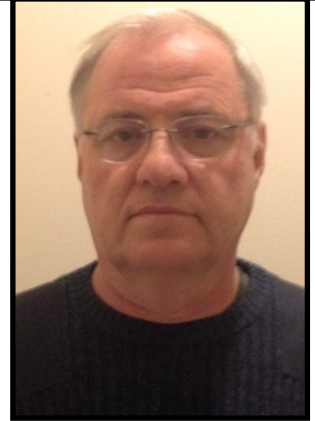
Wondering if you should be a vaccinator? A day in the life of a “retired” CRNA volunteer:

I have been volunteering with St. Charles County Health Dept since January, after my own 1st vaccine. To date I have volunteered approximately 120 hours often 2-3x a week for 0800-1730 shifts. Actually working harder than as a CRNA!

I have taken to wearing my Camelback to stay hydrated since I can slip it under my mask to drink instead of using a cup or a bottle. Talking with my friend and former supervisor—I tell him I am up before dawn, working 10 hour shifts, might as well come back to work!

Breaks are short usually when getting a new vial delivered, lunch is 10-15 minutes to minimize a station not manned. Former Army Nurse and 38 years of anesthesia taught me eat when you can and there is always mission waiting. Always a need for more vaccinators especially if available vaccine increases. St Charles is doing 2000-2600 a week, limiting factor appears to be vaccine supply. Lots of retired RNs and MDs helping out.

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MoANA Member Tom McHugh, CRNA



You have a particular set of skills.

Volunteer to be a vaccinator!



If you’ve seen the 2009 movie *Taken* starring Liam Neeson, you likely remember the somewhat ominous and quite thrilling phone scene where he provides the bad guys with a foreshadowing of his “talents”:

“...What I have are a very particular set of skills. Skills I have acquired over a very long career...”

This quote about “skills” came to mind when I saw the photo on the left of CRNAs Jean Skibiski and Cheri Weter masked up and assisting with administering vaccinations at the Christian County Health COVID vaccination clinic.

OK...just to be clear, I know CRNAs don’t share the *same* skills as Neeson’s heroic character (and I am happy to say that no one needs to worry about Jeanie and Cheri hunting them down and...well I don’t want to ruin the movie if you somehow missed all of the frequent showings.) But it is undeniable that CRNAs “have a particular set of skills.” Skills that are invaluable to those who depend

on them. Skills that are used every day to help save lives.

Since the onset of the pandemic, CRNAs have demonstrated that they know how to adapt and do what is needed. CRNAs’ expertise in rapid systems assessment, vascular volume resuscitation, airway management, general and regional anesthesia and pain management, team coordination, and resource management have been vital as healthcare facilities throughout the state have scrambled to meet the often overwhelming demands of their communities. CRNAs have the skills—and they use them.

Now that more doses of the vaccine are becoming available and there appears to be some light at the end of the long, dark, COVID – 19 tunnel; there is a growing concern that there will not be enough individuals to help administer the vaccine. Once again, CRNAs are coming to the rescue. You possess the right set of skills.

If you are interested in volunteering to be a vaccinator, please register on this site:

<https://covidvaccine.mo.gov/vaccinators/>

Years from now, young family members and friends are sure to ask you about the pandemic. They will probably be shocked to learn that over 116,000,000 cases of the virus were confirmed worldwide and over 2,000,000 people (including over 500,000 Americans) lost their lives. They will ask you what it was like. What you did. How you helped.

You may always look back on the past year with profound sadness. However, you can look those inquiring young individuals right in the eyes and answer those questions with pride—because you helped. You were part of the solution. You used what you have to save others. You can honestly say, ***“What I have are a very particular set of skills. Skills I have acquired over a very long career...”***

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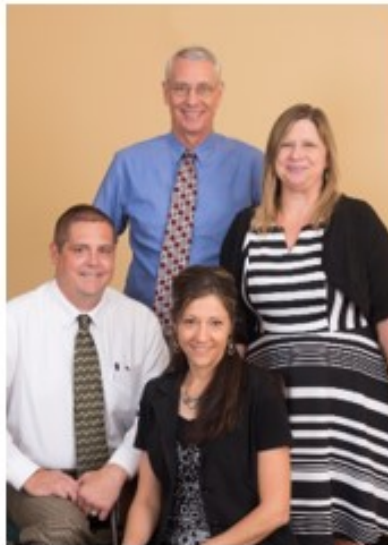


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2021 MoANA Virtual Spring Meeting Agenda April 10-11, 2021

AGENDA - Saturday, April 10 – 6 hours of CE

- 0745-0800: **Welcome Message from President Curtis Robison, DNAP, CRNA
CE Chair Chris Black, DNAP, CRNA**
- 0800-0900: **The Impact of the Coronavirus in our Workplace –
Bernadette Henrichs, Ph.D., CRNA, CCRN**
- 0900-1000: **Postoperative Nausea and Vomiting, including 2020 Updated PONV Guidelines
(including Barhemsys) -
Bernadette Henrichs, Ph.D., CRNA, CCRN**
- 1000-1100: **Changes in Anesthesia - Randall Moore, DNP, MBA, CRNA , AANA CEO**
- 1100-1200: **Human Factors and Patient Safety - Jeanie Skibiski, CRNA, DNAP**
- 1200-1300: **From ISIS to Ebola: Experiences and lessons learned from being in over my
head in medical missions Eric Kramer DNAP, CRNA, FNP-C**
- 1300-1400: **MoANA Membership Business Meeting**

AGENDA - Sunday, April 11 – 4 Hours of CE

- 0800-0900: **Being a CRNA Preceptor - Nick Curdt, DNAP, CRNA**
- 0900-1000: **Best Practices in Clinical Education – Kelli Pryor, DNP, CRNA**
- 1000-1100: **Ivermectin – Evan Perez, CRNA**
- 1100 -1200: **Fast and Furious – Four 15-minutes Research Presentations!**

**Since we can't have a live PAC EVENT...
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After you register, I will send you the Zoom link and an evaluation link.
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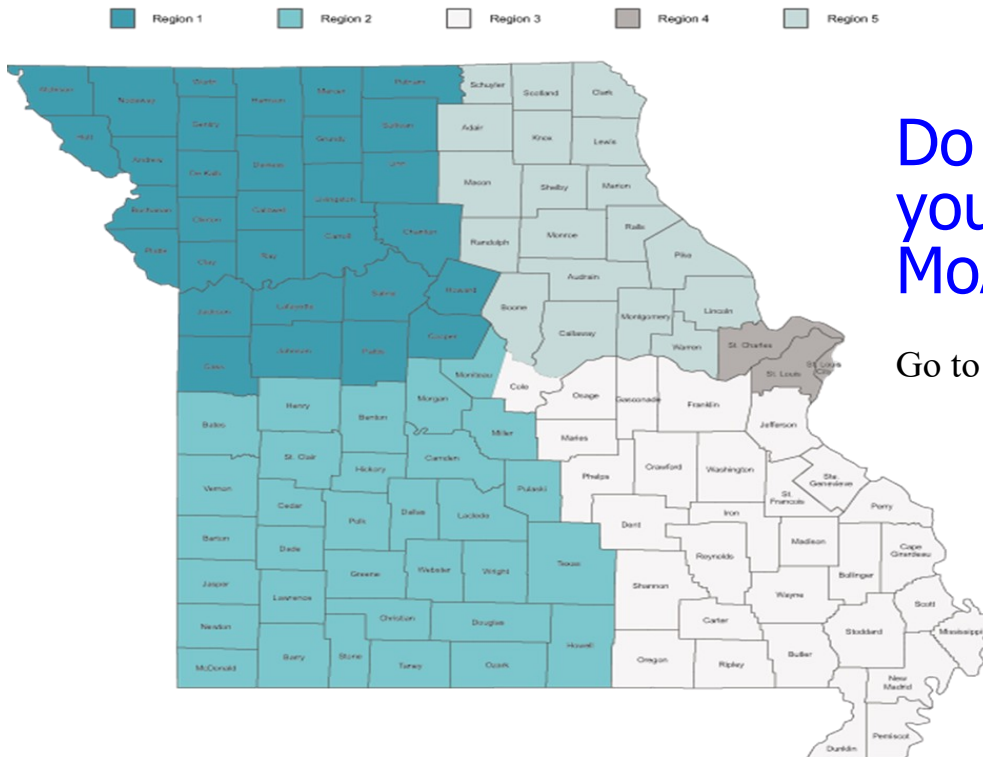
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60

Class A

40

Class B

For this first CPC cycle, you will need 60 Class A credits and 40 Class B credits (Note: you can use extra Class A credits over the required 60 towards the Class B requirement).



No Core Modules are required in this first cycle.



There is no CPC Assessment component for your first 4-year cycle, just the Class A and B credit requirement. (The CPCA is not pass/fail.)

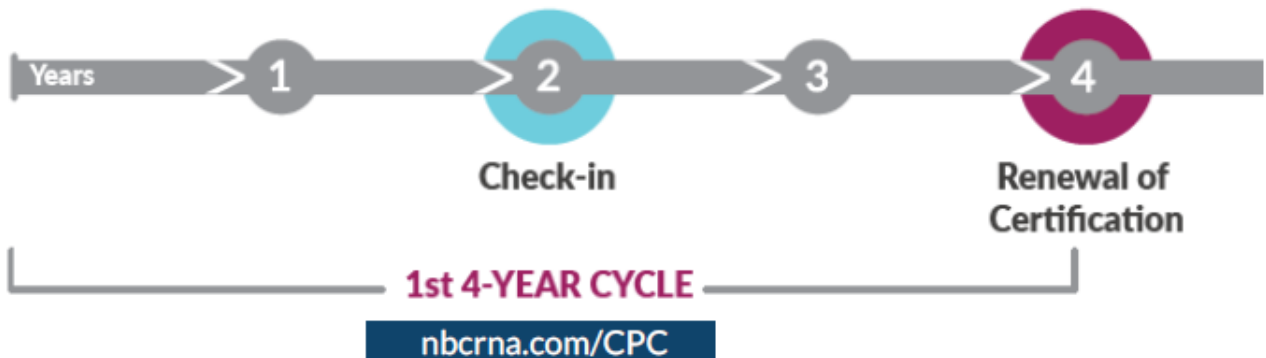
There are 20 activity categories that count as Class B credit. [View the Class B Table for a complete listing.](#)



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What you need for this first renewal cycle:

- For this first CPC cycle, you will need 60 Class A credits and 40 Class B credits (Note: you can use extra Class A credits over the required 60 towards the Class B requirement).
- Core Modules are *not required* in this first cycle.
- The CPC Assessment component is *not required* for your current/first 4-year cycle, just the Class A and B credit requirement. And the CPCA is *not* pass/fail.

There are 20 activity categories that count as Class B credit. View the [Class B Table](#) for a complete listing.

CPC Renewal Applications to Open March 2, 2021

The application window for 2021 certification renewal opens March 2, 2021 for CRNAs due to renew their certification by July 31, 2021. Watch your mail for notification from the NBCRNA to begin the application process. View the checklist and download the infographic below to find out what you need for this first CPC cycle.



Registration Is Now Open for Virtual Mid-Year Assembly
- April 23-25, 2021

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January 23-29, 2022



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Please know that \$80 of your MoANA state membership dues is used for lobbying/political purposes and is not tax deductible.

*P.S. Don't forget to
"spring ahead" and set your clocks up an
hour on March 14th.*

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

The final week of legislative action prior to Spring Break brought a flurry of activity in the both the Missouri House and Senate. The Senate took up two major bills this week, one pertaining to property tax reform (SB 24) and the other, a bill increasing the state's motor fuel tax (SB 262). The two topics are on opposite ends of the spectrum as taxing measures go, however, ended up getting entangled after Sen. Eigel's property tax reform bill was defeated by the full Senate on Monday evening. Tension and hours of Senate debate surrounded the matter as a new and improved Senate Substitute for the gas tax increase proposal was being PERFECTED by the Senate. In return for the Senate Conservative Caucus agreeing to "sit down and stop filibustering" the gas tax proposal, Sen. Eigel's property tax proposal would be revitalized and given a second chance at Senate approval. Meanwhile, the House approved numerous bills this week on a variety of topics with a goal of getting the legislation over to the upper chamber before the half-way mark of session arrives. Several of the House approved measures include Biodiesel mandates in fuel (HB 529), Wayfair/Cable TV franchise fee reduction (HB 554), open enrollment for K-12 students (HB 543), massive elections bill (SB 738), and Initiative Petition process changes (HJR 20, HB 333). Next week, the Missouri General Assembly will take a break and will return on March 22nd at 4:00pm for the final eight weeks of the legislative session. The legislature will adjourn at 6:00pm May 14th.

Missouri Trivia Question

Test your Missouri knowledge! *What is the official state rock that was adopted on July 21, 1967, by the 74th General Assembly?* The answer can be found at the end of the report.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Property Tax Reform

A proposal to phase out Missouri's personal property tax was front and center this week in the Missouri Senate. Debate on **SB 24**, sponsored by Conservative Caucus member Sen. Eigel (R – St. Charles), lasted all day on Monday into the night with closed door negotiations resulting in a compromise that would slowly phase out personal property tax at the same increment as real property assessments increase. This compromise was meant to create a revenue neutral cut for local governments, but would still dramatically impact public school districts, fire districts, museum districts, sewer districts and other personal property tax recipients. The Senate defeated two variations of the measure on the floor on Monday along with numerous other property tax reform measures.

The frustration of Sen. Eigel's property tax reform measure failing boiled over into the next day when President Pro Tem, Sen. Schatz, brought up his gasoline tax legislation, **SB 262**. A filibuster by some members of the Senate Conservative Caucus was finally cut off around midnight when Senate President Schatz moved to lay the bill over. While Senate leadership attempted to use the gasoline tax bill as a bargaining chip to negotiate with Sen. Eigel and members of the conservative caucus, it is unknown at the time of this report when SB 24, the property tax bill, will be brought back up.

Internet Tax Passed by Both Chambers

A major topic discussed in the Missouri legislature the past few years, referred to as the "Wayfair tax", was given approval in both House and Senate chambers this week. This legislation would allow Missouri to collect a use tax on online purchases, leveling the playing field between brick and mortar retailers and online retailers, and provide the state and local governments with a new revenue source. Missouri is one of only two states that has not passed legislation allowing this tax to be collected. Both House and Senate proposals which were passed this week contain various other tax provisions to ease "tax increase" concerns from the Conservative Caucus. Some of these provisions include a reduction of the cable franchise fee, earned income tax credits, and an individual income tax cut. The Senate proposal, **SB 153**, is believed to be the preferred vehicle by municipalities across the state. The passage of this legislation is a high priority of Governor Parson.

Gas Tax Approved by Senate

The Senate passed a gas tax proposal, **SB 262**, that would increase Missouri's fuel tax from the current 17 cents per gallon to 29.5 cents per gallon over the next four years. This proposal would not require a statewide vote of the people. The last gas tax increase in the State of Missouri was in 1996. The bill also contains an annual gas tax rebate program that allows Missouri drivers to submit their gas receipts to the Department of Revenue for reimbursement of the new tax dollars and an Electric Vehicle Task Force to study the impact electric vehicles have on Missouri's infrastructure.

Guns on Public Transit

This week the Missouri House gave final approval to a measure that would allow Missourians to carry guns on public transit. Proponents of the bill frequently reference the high crime rates on the MetroLink in St. Louis and believe legal gun owners should have the ability to protect themselves from those that currently carry weapons illegally while riding. This proposal would only allow concealed carry permit (CCW) holders to carry firearms on public transportation. This does not apply to AMTRAK. Opponents of the bill fear this legislation will lead to an increased rate of gun related crimes and deter individuals that are dependent on public transit from riding. Unlike other second amendment legislative proposals, this bill has garnered some support from the Democratic party. This proposal now moves to the Senate for their consideration.

Roy Blunt Not to Seek Re-Election

United States Senator Roy Blunt announced this week, at the age of 71, that he will not seek re-election for his seat to represent Missouri that has been held since 2010. Blunt has a long-standing career of representing Missouri in a variety of elected offices, including: United States Senate, United States House of Representatives, Missouri [Secretary of State](#), and Green County Clerk.

Rumors immediately began swirling about who may be interested in running to replace Senator Blunt in 2022. Some of the names brought up to run include Treasurer Scott Fitzpatrick (R), retired NASCAR driver Carl Edwards (R), Congresswoman Ann Wagner (R), former Governor candidate John Brunner (R), Lieutenant Governor Mike Kehoe (R), Congressman Jason Smith (R), former Governor Eric Greitens (R), Attorney General Eric Schmitt (R), and Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft (R). Wednesday afternoon Sec. of State Jay Ashcroft announced he will NOT seek the United States Senate Seat in 2022. Attorney General Eric Schmitt (R) is expected to announce his candidacy for the Republican nomination for the U.S. Senate in the next few days. Several news outlets have speculated that there may be an interest in the Senate seat by former Governor Jay Nixon (D), Missouri's last statewide "conservative democrat".

The election will take place in November 2022.

Budget Update

The House Budget Committee is expected to draft their version of the Fiscal Year 2022 State Operating Budget when they return from Spring Break during the week of March 22nd. All thirty-one committee members will have the opportunity to offer amendments during the "mark-up" process. The offsetting rule will apply that requires members to decrease a funding amount before any increasing amount can be considered.

House Budget Committee Chairman Rep. Smith (R – Jasper) presented legislation to his committee this week that would create the 2021 Federal Economic Stimulus Fund. [HCS / HB 1236](#) is being designed to hold all monies received under the American Rescue Plan (ARP), which is awaiting President Biden's signature. The new stimulus funding package is expected to be signed today and become available as soon as April 1, 2021. State Budget Director, Dan Haug, testified in support of the bill by explaining that keeping the new federal stimulus funding within its own budget bill will allow for transparency to identify how each federal dollar is allocated.

The American Rescue Plan is a \$1.9 trillion package designed to restore state's economies, stabilize healthcare, and provide direct relief for individuals, families, and businesses from the negative impact that COVID-19 has spread across the nation. A total of \$5.4 billion of supplemental funding will be available to Missouri.

Estimates on each segment of the total \$5.4 million allocation from the ARP is outlined below, according to the Missouri Budget Project:

Estimated Funding to Missouri from the American Rescue Plan	
State & Local Fiscal Relief (Total)	\$5,475,000,000
<i>State & Local Fiscal Relief (State Only)</i>	\$2,816,000,000
<i>State & Local Fiscal Relief (Counties)</i>	\$1,190,000,000
<i>State & Local Fiscal Relief (Cities)</i>	\$830,000,000
<i>State & Local Fiscal Relief (Other Local Jurisdictions)</i>	\$442,000,000
<i>State & Local Fiscal Relief (Capital Projects)</i>	\$195,000,000
FMAP Incentive for Medicaid Expansion	\$1,150,000,000
FMAP Incentive for HCBS Expansion	\$205,990,846
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	\$1,956,529
Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund	\$631,783,000
Expanded Child Care Assistance	\$277,692,171
Child Care Stabilization Funds	\$444,140,748
Head Start	\$17,262,000
TANF Pandemic Emergency Fund	\$14,519,000
Older Americans Act Funding	\$27,000,000

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY RELATED TO HEALTHCARE

HB 1002 – sponsored by Rep. Wallingford (R – Cape Girardeau) modifies provisions relating to the credentialing of health care practitioners by health carriers. This bill was heard on Monday, March 8th by the House Health and Mental Health Policy Committee. Rep. Wallingford said HB 1682 adds a definition to modify legislation that passed last year. The modification would include pre-paid dental plans which were previously omitted. Testifying in support was the Missouri Dental Association. There was no opposing testimony presented, and no further action was taken at this time.

HB 1165 – sponsored by Rep. Riggs (R – Hannibal) establishes the 21st-Century Missouri Social Services Gap Analysis Task Force. This bill was presented to the House General Laws Committee on Monday, March 8th. No supporting or opposing testimony was presented, and no further action was taken on the bill.

HB 495 – sponsored by Rep. Ruth (R – Festus) modifies provisions relating to telemedicine. This bill was third read and passed on the House floor on Thursday, March 11th. The bill now moves to the Senate to await committee assignment.

SS#2 / SCS / SB's 51 & 42 – sponsored by Sen. Luetkemeyer (R – St. Joseph) establishes provisions relating to tort liability protection from the COVID-19 pandemic. This bill was presented to the House Special Committee on Litigation Reform Committee on Tuesday, March 9th. Testifying in support of the bill were Shook, Hardy and Bacon, L.L.P., Healthcare Services Group, the Missouri Health Care Association, the Doctors Company, Sonny's Solid Waste Services, Kansas City Chiefs, the Missouri Civil Justice Reform Coalition, Inc., the Missouri Chamber of Commerce, the Missouri Grocers Association, the Missouri Retailers Association, the Associated Industries of Missouri, BJC, Cox Health, the Missouri State Medical Association, and the Missouri Association of Osteopathic Surgeons.

Testifying in opposition to the bill were two attorneys that work on nursing home abuse and neglect cases, hotel and lodging owner, several small business owners, Freedom Fighters, and an individual representing 2,000 Missouri citizens against "Cuomo Care" language that is being pushed in the underlying bill. No further action was taken on the bill.

HB 75 – sponsored by Rep. Murphy (R – St. Louis) modifies provision relating to public health. This bill was third read and passed on the House floor on Thursday, March 11th. The bill now moves to the Senate to await committee assignment.

Hearing Notices

House Health and Mental Health Policy Committee

Monday - 03/22/2021 - 12:00 PM - HR 7

HB 84 - Rep. Mike Stephens (R) Modifies provisions relating to advanced practice registered nurses (This bill relates to lifting restrictions in collaborative practice agreements.)

House Health and Mental Health Policy Committee

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HJR 50 - Rep. Dean Plocher (R) Proposes a constitutional amendment requiring health insurers to cover preexisting conditions

Senate Professional Registration Committee

Monday - 03/22/2021 - 2:00 PM - Senate Lounge

SB 293 - Sen. Denny Hoskins (R) Modifies provisions relating to licensing of advanced practice registered nurses

Trivia Answer

What is the official state rock that was adopted on July 21, 1967, by the 74th General Assembly? The Mozarkite

ARE YOU WATCHING FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION ALERTS?

When a bill that is favorable or unfavorable for CRNAs is heard in Committee, we will send an ACTION ALERT via e-mail to members who are *constituents of the appropriate committee members*. When you receive an Action Alert, it is critical that you contact your Senator or Representative quickly and request them to support or oppose the bill—whichever the case may be. Calls or e-mails are fine. The message is the important part.

If a bill moves out of committee and goes before the full House or the Full Senate, we will send a STATEWIDE Action Alert and request all members to contact their legislators. Sometimes we will even ask that you generate action from your family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors! If that happens, it means a bill is moving and we need to stop it, or work hard to promote it.

Whether we are trying to push legislation or trying to kill it, one thing is certain:

Legislators need to hear from their voters. Member involvement is key to legislative success.

WHAT IS GOING ON??

Important AANA and MoANA dates and events

2021—AANA and MoANA EVENTS

April 10 - April 11, 2021

[MoANA Virtual Spring Meeting](#)

Earn up to 10 Class A CE Credits, support your profession, and learn from the best!

Sessions begin at 8:00 a.m. on April 10 and end at 1:00 p.m.

2:00 pm : MoANA Business Meeting

April 23 - April 25, 2021

[Mid-Year Assembly – 2021](#)

Victory+Vision: Moving the Needle for Nurse Anesthesia Join us April 23-25, 2021 for a virtual Mid-Year Assembly to learn about the latest healthcare policies impacting our profession.

April 27 @ 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm

National PAC: [CRNA-PAC Virtual Murder Mystery](#)

August 13 - August 17, 2021

[AANA 2021 Annual Congress](#)

Austin Convention Center 500 E Cesar Chavez St., Austin

Event Date: August 13 - 17, 2021 We look forward to your joining us for the 2021 Annual Congress in Austin, Texas!

October 22-24, 2021

[MoANA Fall Meeting](#)—The plan is for this meeting to be LIVE!!! It will be held at the Chase Park Plaza Hotel in St. Louis

Watch your e-mail for registration information! WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU IN PERSON!

November 12 - November 15, 2021

[AANA Leadership Summit – 2021](#)

Marriott Resort Fort Lauderdale Harbor Beach 3030 Holiday Dr, Fort Lauderdale

CRNAs are at the forefront of change in healthcare, and the AANA Leadership Summit offers all CRNAs the opportunity to develop their inner leader.

BE SURE TO PLAN AHEAD FOR 2022!

February 16, 2022 - February 20, 2022

[Assembly of Didactic and Clinical Educators \(ADCE\) – 2022](#)

The Broadmoor 1 Lake Avenue, Colorado Springs

Save the Date for ADCE 2022 Mark your calendar now to join us next February 16-19, 2022, at the Broadmoor resort in Colorado Springs.

April 2, 2022 - April 7, 2022

[Mid-Year Assembly – 2022](#)

JW Marriott Washington, DC 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC

BE THE VOICE OF THE CRNA! Join hundreds of your fellow CRNAs and students in the nation's capital for the most productive and exciting meeting of the year.

August 12, 2022 - August 17, 2022

[AANA 2022 Annual Congress](#)

Hyatt Regency Chicago 151 E Wacker Dr, Chicago, Chicago

Join us in Chicago for the largest networking and education event in nurse anesthesia. Refresh your passion for your profession at AANA 2022.



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The vaccinations are being given to combat COVID-19 and there is excitement in the air! Hopefully, this pandemic will be behind us soon! We graduated our 15th class of nurse anesthesia students on Saturday December 19th, 2020. The college ceremony was virtual due to the coronavirus pandemic. Molly Barry, CRNA, was the guest speaker. The eight graduates were excited to receive their degrees. Five have accepted positions with the Washington University Department of Anesthesiology. Emily moved to Texas, Lindsey moved to Virginia and Brandon is working in Southern Illinois.

At the graduation ceremony, the Agatha Hodgins CRNA Award was given to Elvira Sayfutdinova. The Tsugie Watanabe Award for Outstanding CT SRNA went to Emily Imhoff and the Award for Clinical Excellence went to Elvira Sayfutdinova. Melissa Milnor and Clairra Sousa from the Class of 2021 received the Watanabe-Henrichs Endowed Scholarship Awards.



Class of 2020: Joe Balassi, Khatera Najrabi, Brandon Ufert, Adrienne Nations, Mathew Gielow, Emily Imhoff, Lindsey Schurter and Elvira Sayfutdinova.

This spring, the senior students started their specialty rotations, including Children's, OB, neuro-anesthesia and cardio-thoracic. They are already reviewing and studying in anticipation of taking their certification examination after they graduate in December. The Class of 2022 officially started their clinical experiences this semester. The excitement and enthusiasm they show is uplifting! The class of 2023 started their courses online in January.



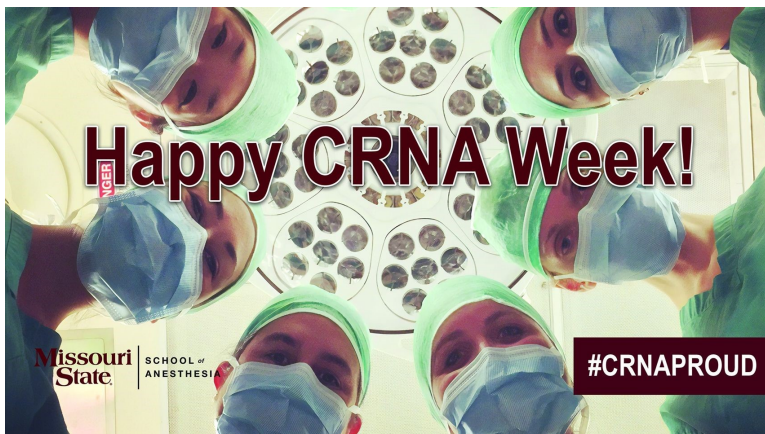
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Missouri State School of Anesthesia, Springfield, MO
Program Director: Monika Feeney, DNAP, MS, CRNA



Above: A screen shot of the December 2020 Graduation – It looked a little different, but we could watch the live stream at Missouristate.edu/

Above: Junior SIM testing in December. They now have another semester under their belts!!

Congratulations to our graduates!!



Left: NBCRNA said it best, "We are thankful to all the CRNAs who stepped up, shared expertise, and helped those in need, especially during this challenging period. This past year would not have been the same without your expert care and we celebrate you!"

SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE!
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The application for our RN to DNAP 2022 cohort is now open!
 Application deadline is June 30, 2021.
 Find the details here -->
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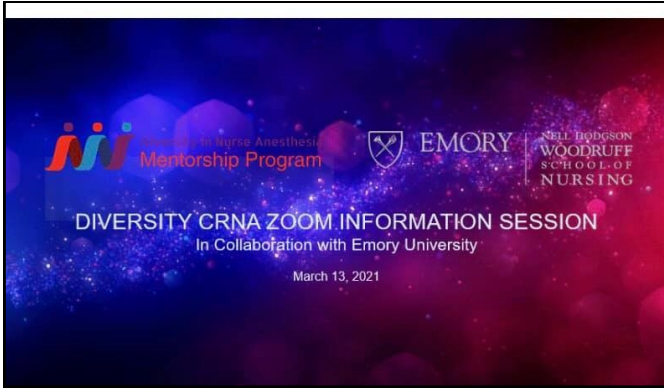


WEBSTER UNIVERSITY
Webster University Nurse Anesthesia Program, St. Louis, MO
Assistant Program Director: Jill Stulce, PhD, CRNA



Hello from Webster University!

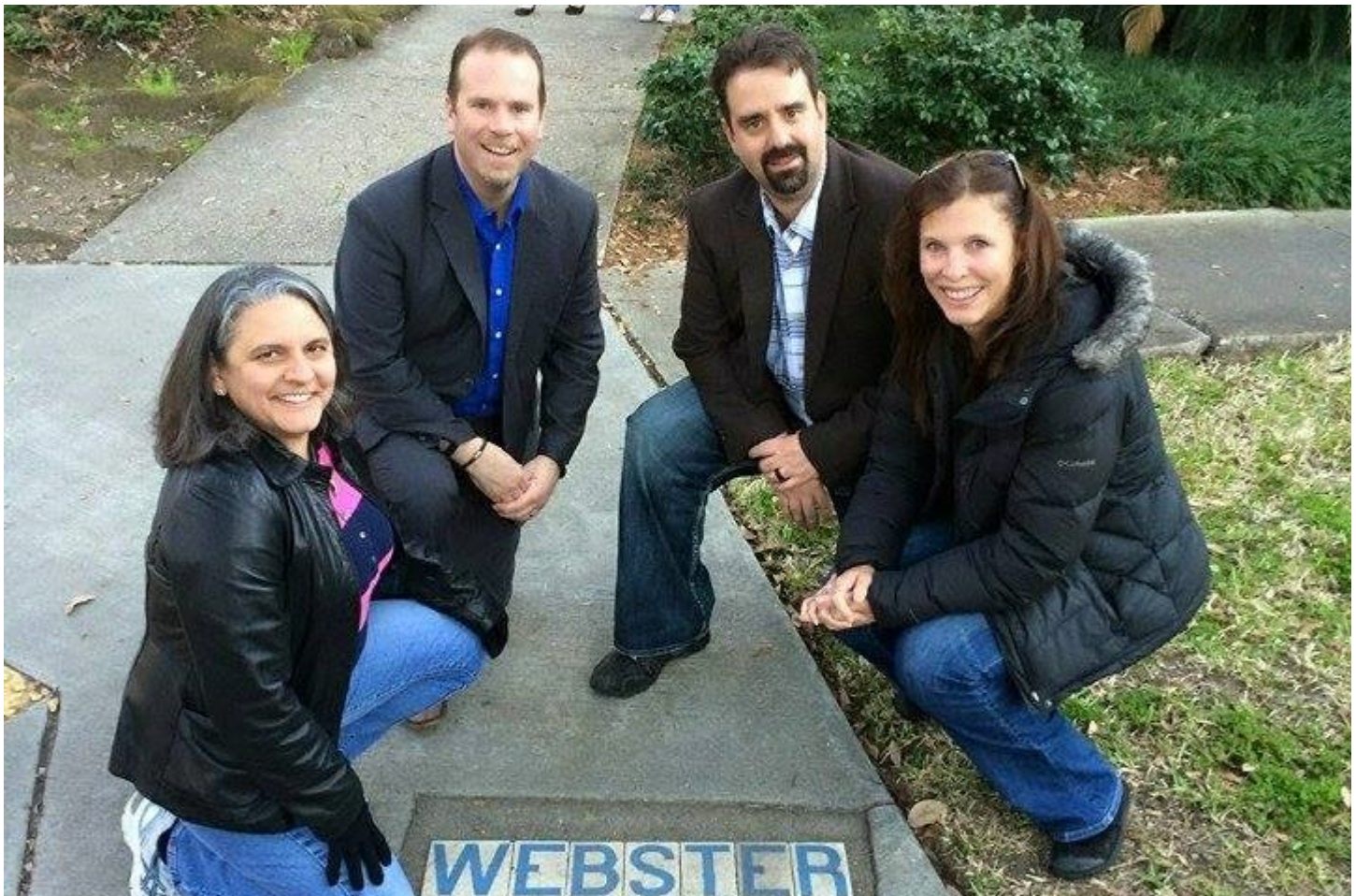
Although classes and campus life looked different this year, Webster University has been committed to the health and safety of our students, faculty, and staff. We are pivoting back to all on ground classes for the Nurse Anesthesia program. As the year progresses, we definitely want to approach a more normal college life experience.



Making a memorable virtual graduation—
Due to the continued restrictions on large gatherings in the St. Louis area, Webster University will hold its 102nd annual Commencement ceremony in a virtual environment on Saturday, May 8, 2021. Event planners are evaluating enhanced features that will make the virtual ceremony a memorable occasion for our graduates, families and friends.

Above: DIVERSITY ZOOM INFORMATION SESSION Changing the face & culture of Nurse Anesthesia.

Below: Remember when?? The Facebook Timehop photo below reminded Webster faculty of more social times. Left to Right: Marti Steed, Mike Burns, Chris Black, and Jill Stulce pause to reflect on “Webster” at the 2015 AANA Assembly of School Faculty meeting in New Orleans.





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Kansas City, MO
Program Director: Kelli Pryor, CRNA, DNP

Spring is quickly approaching and in Kansas City we have enjoyed the recent appearance of sunshine and warmer temperatures. In January, Truman Medical Center (TMC) offered SRNAs the opportunity to be among the first workforce members to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. With vaccines becoming more available, it is my hope that the end of this academic year will feel a bit more normal. Here are some of our Spring Semester 2021 program highlights:

During National CRNA Week, CRNA faculty and SRNAs enjoyed daily festivities that corresponded to the letters in our title – Coffee Bar, Relaxation Day with chair massages, Nibbles and Noshes featuring box lunches, Appreciation Day, and Spirit Day with hourly prizes. To celebrate our community of CRNA instructors, we delivered cookies to all of our clinical affiliate sites.

We hosted our first Virtual Information Session for Prospective Students on January 27. Program administrators discussed the role of the CRNA, application requirements, admission criteria, program curriculum, tuition costs and more. Due to the success of this event, we are planning a second Virtual Information Session on April 8 at 3:00 p.m. Please watch our Facebook or Instagram page for event information and encourage critical care nurses to attend.

The Class of 2021 successfully completed their DNP scholarly projects. The 3rd-year SRNAs disseminated their scholarly work at our 2nd Annual DNP Scholarly Project Showcase on March 6. This virtual event was open to TMC and affiliate clinical site CRNAs, alumni, and community members. The event offered CRNA attendees 5 free Class A CEs. We had over 100 attendees join us to support the students.

We have several more exciting events upcoming this spring, including our Capping Ceremony to recognize 1st-year SRNAs as they transition to full-time clinical rotations, a full-day Ultrasound Peripheral Nerve Block Workshop for 2nd-year SRNAs, and a Senior Send-off Breakfast where CRNA faculty flip pancakes on the graduates' last clinical day. We are moving forward with plans to host a small in-person Class of 2021 graduation dinner and ceremony in May.

We are preparing to welcome the Class of 2024 to begin the program in May. The new cohort includes eight students from outside Missouri or Kansas. The program recently received approval from the COA to increase our class size from 18 to 20 SRNAs.

Thank you for your continued engagement in our profession. I enjoy hearing from alumni and friends of TMC-HH SONA. I can be reached at kelli.pryor@tmcmcd.org.



Above: 3rd-year SRNAs at our 2nd Annual DNP Scholarly Project Showcase on March 6



According to the “Yale Book of Quotations”,
 what was the #1 quote of 2020?
 “Wear a mask.”

— *Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
 Dr. Anthony Fauci, repeatedly urging Americans to
 slow the spread of Covid-19.*

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