



## Director

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**Education:** Doctorate in Nursing Practice-Nurse Anesthesiology, University of North Florida, 2019; Bachelor of Science in Nursing, University of Central Florida, 2009; AA and Associates of Science in Nursing, 2009; Candidate BS in Geology and Subsurfacing Mapping, unable to finish due to family emergency, 2003. **Affiliation:** UF Health, Jacksonville. **Current Employment:** CRNA, University of Florida Jacksonville Physicians Institute, UF Health Jacksonville, 2020-present. **Memberships:** American Association of Nurse Anesthetists, Florida Association of Nurse Anesthetists. **AANA Committees:** Communications, 2020-2021. **FANA Committees:** Federal Political Director Co-Chair 2020-2021; Government Relations, 2018-present; PAC, 2018-present; Diversity/Equity/Inclusion, 2020-present; FASNA, 2018-2019.

#### Position Statement:

I firmly believe that if you expect value from your professional organization, then you should also expect to participate and be active in creating that value. It is not enough to sit by and watch as forces outside our profession fail to protect the public we serve.

I served as a FASNA representative at the University of North Florida and became immediately hooked on professional advocacy. I strive to demonstrate professional citizenship every day, whether that means precepting SRNAs, keeping our state and federal legislators informed as a FANA FPD, or working with committee and Board members on FANA initiatives.

Entering CRNA practice during the COVID-19 pandemic has only reinforced to me the importance of contributing to the value of FANA through service to the members. I am proud to have been a part of ongoing grassroots lobbying efforts to move CRNA practice in

Florida forward towards allowing all CRNAs to practice to the top of their training. Florida is one of only eight states with such restrictive practice laws, but being in the minority will not be enough to convince legislators of the need for change to increase access to care for Floridians. I encourage all Florida CRNAs to invest in our collective future through service, visits to legislators, and financial support to FANA PAC.

It continues to be my goal to help bring new opportunities for member engagement, such as the brand new SRNAs “Unplugged Session” and helping the DEI Committee begin to host career fairs to students across the state.

As a FANA Director, I hope to add to the value of your FANA Membership through continued service and professional advocacy.