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Arizona Chapter

Candidate for President-elect

PERSONAL STATEMENT

I have been an actively involved member of NAPNAP for more than twenty years, and my personal and professional journey is deeply intertwined with this organization. NAPNAP has significantly influenced my development as a pediatric nurse practitioner—first in pediatric gastroenterology and now in pediatric critical care. These clinical experiences have grounded my leadership in direct patient care and reinforced the critical value of interprofessional collaboration.

As an educator, I am the founder and original coordinator of the Acute Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner program at Arizona State University. In this role, I worked closely with faculty, students, and community partners to develop and sustain a high-quality program, including guiding students through the unprecedented challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. This experience deepened my appreciation for teamwork, adaptability and compassion, particularly in supporting learners during times of uncertainty. I continue to mentor students and faculty, focusing on inclusion, innovation and community-engaged education.

My dedication to NAPNAP is shown through ongoing service at the local, state and national levels. I served as president-elect and president of the 3-Rivers Chapter (2004–2006), symposium chairperson (2006–2009), and secretary of the Arizona Chapter (2016–2017). I also contributed to the Nominations, Conference Planning, and Membership Committees, focusing on student recruitment, member retention, and meaningful engagement. Currently, I am the treasurer of the Executive Board.

I care deeply about NAPNAP's mission, its members, and the children and families we serve. I lead with kindness, humility and a strong sense of responsibility, believing that meaningful progress comes from trust, collaboration and shared purpose. My leadership is rooted in teamwork, community partnerships, and a commitment to addressing inequities. If elected, I will continue to foster collaboration, strengthen community engagement, and ensure NAPNAP remains a trusted, inclusive professional home for all pediatric nurse practitioners and pediatric-focused advanced practice registered nurses.

NAPNAP INVOLVEMENT

2025-present: Executive Board, Treasurer
2022-2025: Membership Committee, Member and Chair
2019-2022: Conference Planning Committee, Member
2018-2021: Arizona Chapter, Conference Planning Committee
2017-2019: Nominations Committee, Member
2016-2017: Acute Care SIG, Secretary
2006-2009: Three Rivers Chapter, Symposium Chair
2004-2006: Three Rivers Chapter, President

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2024-Present: Clinical Professor-Assistant Dean for Practice and Clinical Education, Arizona State University-Edson College of Nursing
2021-Present: Pediatric Nurse Practitioner-Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, Phoenix Children's Hospital
2018-2024: Doctor of Nursing Practice Program-Clinical Associate Professor, Arizona State University-Edson College of Nursing
2018-Present: Adjunct Faculty, Rush University College of Nursing
2013-2021: Pediatric Nurse Practitioner-Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, Alaska Native Medical Center

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

2023-2024: PeerLA-Leadership Academy Cohort XI (application based), Arizona State University
2020: ACUE-Association of College and University Educators, Arizona State University
2011: Post Graduate Certificate-Acute Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Rush University
2009: Doctor of Nursing Practice, Robert Morris University
2000: Master of Science in Nursing-Primary Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, University of Pittsburgh
1994: Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Indiana University of Pennsylvania