

Calendar of Events

- 8/20/10: Student Scholarship applications due
- 8/26/10-9/6/10: State Fair: Syracuse, NY
- 9/29/10: Medical Jeopardy applications due
- 10/6/10- 10/13/10: National PA Week
- 10/7/10- 10/9/10:
NYSSPA Fall CME Conference, Saratoga Springs, NY
- 1/8/11: BOD Meeting: Queens, NY
- 2/8/11 Nominations for PA, Doctor, & PA Educator of the Year are due
- 3/11: Lobby Day (date TBD)
- 4/8/11: BOD Meeting: Stony Brook, NY
- 5/7/11: NYSSPA Student Six Flags Great Adventure trip: Jackson, NJ (more info to come)
- 5/31/11 –6/5/11:
AAPA Conference: Las Vegas, NV
- 10/25/11-10/27/11:
NYSSPA Fall CME Conference, Saratoga Springs, NY

Facebook

NYSSPA is on Facebook! Join NYSSPA's group to get the latest information on state wide and national PA happenings.

Student Opportunities

NYSSPA Scholarship

Each year NYSSPA awards scholarships to NYSSPA Student members. If you have never received a NYSSPA scholarship and are in the professional phase (currently taking PA core classes) of an ARC-PA accredited PA program, you are eligible to apply. This year there will be four \$1000 scholarships. The application deadline is August 20th and applications are available at www.nysspa.org.

CME Conferences

There are opportunities at each conference for students to attend various lectures, compete in Medical Jeopardy, serve as moderators for lectures, and attend student receptions and Gala dinner. It's a great way to meet other students and PA's. It is never too early to begin networking.

Medical Jeopardy

This is a yearly tradition at the Fall Conference in which only one team walks away as Champions. Good board review for students and a time

to enjoy some friendly competition between PA schools. See website for complete rules and application. Applications are due September 29th.

New York State Fair:

Every year at the State Fair, NYSSPA has a booth to educate the public about the profession and student volunteers are always needed. You receive free parking and admission for working at the booth. To participate contact Tom Brown @ tbrown@nysspa.org

PA Week in October

What does your school do for PA week? To promote PA schools participation we want to post stories on the website of what schools did for PA Week. Just send us the info and pictures of your project. Please e-mail your student directors for more info.

Student Directors At Large

This is a one-year term in which you sit on the Board of Directors for NYSSPA and represent the students of New York State. You have the opportunity to work along side other board members and promote student activity in NYSSPA and in PA programs across the state. There are 2 student directors and 1 alternate elected each year. If interested, e-mail one of the student directors for more information.

Lobby Day

A day in March when PAs and students assemble in Albany to meet with our Assemblymen and Senators to lobby for better practice privileges and laws in New York State. This is a great opportunity for students to learn how to lobby. 2011 date to be determined.

Nominations

Did you have a great preceptor for your clinical rotations? Do any of your instructors go above and beyond the call of duty? You can nominate them for: Physician of the Year, PA of the Year, or PA Educator of the Year.

Awards

- 1.Schools with 100% NYSSPA student membership for all classes will receive a plaque.
- 2.Medical Jeopardy Champions

NYSSPA Committees

Committees are often looking for student members. Most of the work is done through e-mail and it is a great way to get involved with your state organization right from home. Here is a list of committees looking for student members:

Membership Committee - A committee which oversees the membership renewal and recruitment process and develops a long-term plan for recruitment and retention of members. Contact Diane Bruessow at member1@nysspa.org.

Committee on Diversity - This committee hopes to recruit people from diverse backgrounds into the profession as well as to involve more students from various populations in the society. Contact Tracy Jackson at tjackson@nysspa.org.

Public Education Committee – A committee setup to increase the awareness of the profession among the general public as well as other professions. Activities include the NY State Fair, developing a PA history DVD, and revamping the PAs in NYS brochure to name a few. Contact Tim Brown at tbrown@nysspa.org.

Student Affairs Committee - This committee concentrates on all student activities, including school visits, planning the student tract of the fall conference, and all other student interests. Contact Ariana Zaza at zaza@nysspa.org.

Conference Planning - Students are welcome to join and help organize these events and may also be asked to help during the event itself. Contact Cheryl Glick at cglick@nysspa.org.

Election Committee - The elections committee is responsible for organizing and conducting annual elections for society officers, District Directors, AAPA House of Delegate seats and Student Directors-at-Large. Contact Mindy Shaw at shaw@nysspa.org.

Government Affairs - The Government Affairs committee monitors proposed changes in the state laws and regulations as they may affect the Society and the profession. Contact Michael Frank at frank@nysspa.org.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why should I be a NYSSPA Student Member?

As a member you will have access to valuable information from NYSSPA. Access to the Members Only Section of the NYSSPA website will provide you information on scholarships, important legislative issues that will affect your future practice, conference registration with early bird specials and networking opportunities. By including your involvement in NYSSPA on your CV you show dedication to your profession and it is a great resume booster.

Should I be a NYSSPA Student Member if I plan to practice out of New York State after I graduate?

Yes, while you are in a New York PA Program you will be practicing in and under New York State law.

How can I be involved as a NYSSPA student member?

Being involved in NYSSPA as a student is a rewarding experience. Here are some ideas: student committee

member, write letters to your legislators, participate in Medical Jeopardy, scholarship applicant, run for Student Director at Large. Gain leadership experience and become active in supporting your future profession by being involved.

Do State Legislative issues affect me as a student?

NYSSPA supported and was instrumental in getting legislation passed to allow PA students to participate in clinical rotations. NYSSPA monitors legislative issues in the state that affect PAs and PA programs and continues to work on legislative initiatives. Remember you will not be a student forever and being a NYSSPA Student Member will keep you informed about current legislative issues that will affect your practice as a new graduate PA.

Can NYSSPA help to improve my PA Program?

Yes, NYSSPA has started a PA Faculty Forum. This allows faculty to meet and share ideas and problem solve for the betterment of all the programs in our state. NYSSPA additionally, will send speakers to PA programs to discuss various topics. NYSSPA supports the PA programs in New York State. The students of today will be our PA colleagues of tomorrow.

Student Resource Guide To NYSSPA

Welcome to the New York State Society of Physician Assistants! This brochure is your guide to what NYSSPA can do for you and what you can do for NYSSPA. We hope to answer some of your questions and help to enrich your time as a PA student. As your state professional society we are here to help you, so do not hesitate to contact us. Please remember, the success of our organization is based on the commitment of many volunteers. Be sure to ask one of them how you can get involved . . . the future of PAs in New York State depends on you!!!

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