



Advocating for the PA Profession: How can PA Students get Involved?

AAPA Leadership & Advocacy Summit
Friday, September 29, 2023

Moderator: Kierra Gipson, PA-C

- Accepted a cardiothoracic surgery position at Montefiore Hospital in New York
- Student Academy President
- AAPA Board of Directors Student Director
- Recent graduate of Lincoln Memorial University (LMU)
- HOD student delegate 21-22



Panelist: Kristin Butterfield, MA



- AAPA Director of Grassroots & Political Advocacy
- Staff advisor to the PA Political Action Committee (PA PAC)
- Champion of student involvement in advocacy
- Grassroots advocacy professional for more than 30 years

Panelist: Beth Ehlers, PA-C

- North Carolina Academy of PAs Student Director-at-Large
- Psychiatry PA practicing in North Carolina
- Recent graduate of Campbell University
- Former SAR alternate and state chapter student representative on Campbell's student society



Panelist: Patrice Farquharson, MPH



- Mid-Atlantic Regional Director on the Student Academy Board of Directors
- Second-year PA student at Drexel University
- Former Pennsylvania Society of PAs student director-at-large
- Former HOD student delegate
- Former diversity chair for Drexel's student society

Panelist: Aaron Woodall, MPAS, PA-C

- President-elect and legislative committee co-chair of the Arkansas Academy of PAs
- Family practice PA at ARcare in central Arkansas
- 2020 graduate of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS)



LAS student panel

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 - Aaron Woodall, MPAS, PA-C, Arkansas Academy of PAs President-elect