

The Nebraska Academy of PAs is preparing for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala. This is a celebration to honor the first class of PAs to graduate in Nebraska from UNMC in 1975 and all the students who have come after. Funds raised during this special 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary gala will go to PA student scholarships. Scholarships are provided to students from all 4 PA programs (UNMC, Union Adventist University, College of Saint Mary, and Creighton University) in the state. Our fundraiser will occur on August 23, 2025, at Embassy Suites and Conference Center in LaVista, NE. We are anticipating PAs from across the entire state of Nebraska to help celebrate this substantial milestone.

Over the last 50 years PAs have helped care for patients across all aspects of healthcare. There are currently over 1,900 certified PAs in Nebraska. PAs play an integral role in providing care to patients across the state. It is important to celebrate our history and to recognize the impact PAs have had since starting to practice in the state of Nebraska. The first PA class graduated 29 students (15 at Sheppard Air Force Base and 14 at UNMC campus) in 1975. NAPA was then established in the fall of 1975 by the inaugural PA class to help guide PAs that came after.

The committee member presenting this letter is a volunteer with the Nebraska Academy of PAs. They are giving their time and personal resources to help ensure the success of current and future PAs in the state of Nebraska. We rely on the generosity of individuals and businesses for support. Without assistance from community-minded individuals just like you, we would not be able to serve those in our community each year.

Please consider making a commitment to support our annual fundraiser by donating an item to be used for our silent auction. \*Please be advised NAPA is not a 501C3 - donations are not tax deductible\*

If you have any questions or would like to discuss a donation further you can reach out to the NAPA Gala committee at <a href="mailto:napagalainfo@gmail.com">napagalainfo@gmail.com</a>. Thank you for your consideration in donating to our event.

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Sincerely,

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