

# FELLOWSHIP ALUMNI NETWORK

ADVANCED PRACTICE PROVIDER FELLOWSHIP



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## Happy New Year!

2019 was an amazing year for our APP Fellowship and we are excited to embrace all that is yet to come in 2020!

Below you will find some of the latest updates to our program.

### International Elective Punta Gorda, Belize

As we continue to expand mentorship education and opportunities to our Senior Fellows, in August of 2019 we formalized an optional rotation in rural southern Belize. Through Hillside Healthcare International, our APP Fellows receive a temporary license to provide primary and urgent care services, while precepting four PA and NP students.

To date, five APP Fellows have participated; Anna Caldwell (Cohort 11), Meghan Bynum (Cohort 11), Marie Barkley (Cohort 11), Daina Worcester (Cohort 12) and Amy Slana (Cohort 12) and we have secured several more for the upcoming cohorts.



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*Belize was my first true experience as a solo provider nearing the end of my fellowship. At first, I was nervous about flying solo and leading a team of students. First line medications were not always available, but we utilized the resources that we had to provide the best care to our patients. I really enjoyed working with and learning from the students, providing support just as the fellowship had done for me. I came home with a new confidence that eased the transition from fellow to my new role as a provider. I am so thankful for the opportunity to go to Belize and cannot wait to go back soon.*

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**- Meghan Bynum, FNP  
Urgent Care APP**

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*My experience in Belize was one of the highlights of fellowship year! The trip provided us with a unique opportunity to think outside of the box and treat patients in an environment with little resources. Additionally, the trip gave us the chance to step into leadership roles and precept multiple students. Overall, the experience left me feeling more confident in my abilities as a practitioner.*

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**- Anna Caldwell, AGPCNP  
Geriatric APP**

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## New Tracks in 2020

We are proud to announce the launch of our  
**Acute Care Surgery** and **Rural Family Medicine** tracks!

Our Acute Care Surgery track will offer surgical training in general and oncologic surgical specialties, with experience in the pre- and post-operatively medical management of the surgical population. Dr. Cesar Aviles will be overseeing Acute Care Surgery.

Rural Family Medicine will be based in Mount Pleasant, North Carolina and focus on preventative care of the life span from a rural perspective.

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# Meet your FAN Leadership!

The Fellowship Alumni Network has a voice of leadership from its previous APP Fellow Graduates. This leadership will guide the opportunities for its alumni and shape the strategy for connection, professional engagement, mentorship and purpose. The FAN Leadership positions are held for one-year terms and voted on by active members. There is no limitation to the number of terms an active member may run for and if elected, hold office. We are excited to announce the election of the following alumnus to the FAN Leadership.

[Read More >](#)

## FAN Serves

We had a great day at Second Harvest of Metrolina Food bank sorting items and volunteering our time. Thank you all who came out! Check out some of the pictures!

If you live locally and are involved in volunteer activities, let us know! We would love to expand the opportunity for involvement.

[Pictures >](#)



## How do you get involved?

No matter your location, we would love your involvement! There are plenty of opportunities to connect with both current APP Fellows and with Fellow Alumni.

Fellowship Alumni have supported our current APP Fellows and our system by giving back their time, knowledge and support. We would be glad to arrange a **lecture** for you to provide, pair you for **mentorship**, or connect you with a student to **precept**.

We would also appreciate your feedback of how we can meet your needs as an alumni network or connect you with alumni in your area.

Email us if you are interested in these opportunities!

## Save the date!

Coming this July, we will be having a celebration in Charlotte for the 1-year anniversary of our kick-off event! Details to come in our next newsletter.



## Atrium Health Corner

For alumni currently employed by Atrium Health, this section of the newsletters will include current system reminders.

### **Atrium Health Physician and APP Appreciation Gala**

“Havana Nights” | February 22

**Pay it forward!** Interested in becoming a preceptor?

Email [CAPFAN@atriumhealth.org](mailto:CAPFAN@atriumhealth.org) to learn more!

**APP Comp:** The new APP Compensation Plan follows three guiding principles

- To be market competitive in total cash compensation
- To align with the physician plan and pay practices where appropriate
- To move more toward a salary-based plan with minimal hourly pay practices.

All APPs (regardless of work location/specialty) will now be on the step plan with acceleration to midpoint in 5 years. Fellow graduates who accept a job after Fellowship within Atrium Health will start on step 2 (getting two years of work experience credit for one year of Fellowship training)

## Upcoming Dates

### **Cohort 12 Research and Innovation Showcase**

March 9 | 10-12:30pm

### **Cohort 12 Graduation**

March 26 | 5-7pm



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