



WELCOME TO OUR
Newsletter



Greetings from the Spring 2026 edition of the TASNA newsletter. We hope that 2026 is starting off strong and that you are as excited as we are for the year ahead!

We kicked off this year at the Capitol in Nashville for Day on the Hill! SRNAs and CRNAs from all over Tennessee showed up to lobby and discuss with legislators about circulating bills that can affect our future profession! Read on to find out what we advocated for on the Hill!

As always, enjoy this newsletter update and we encourage you to share your stories and experiences with us for future newsletters! We love to hear from you!

- Erin Newberry, TASNA President &
Levi Garrett, TASNA President Elect

↓ In this newsletter you will find:

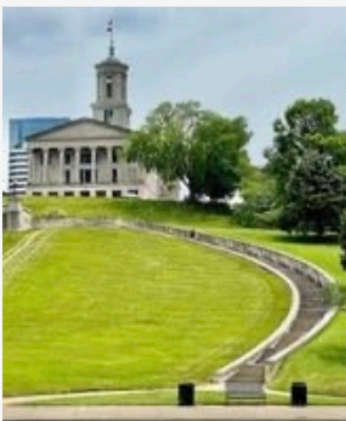
↓ SRNAs at Day on the Hill, Tennessee SRNA highlights, and upcoming events!



Candidats at Day on the Hill



IT WAS AN AMAZING DAY ON CAPITOL HILL IN NASHVILLE ADVOCATING FOR OUR PROFESSION! WE HAD A GREAT TURN OUT THIS YEAR AND FEELING FIRED UP FOR MID YEAR COMING UP IN APRIL! THANK YOU TO ALL THE SRNAS WHO SHOWED UP AND SHOWCASED THEIR PASSION AND DEDICATION FOR TENNESSEE'S FUTURE NURSE ANESTHETISTS.



WHAT WE WERE ADVOCATING FOR AT DAY ON THE HILL



One of the Bills addressed at Day on the Hill was **SB 2155 (HB 2619)** which focuses on how health insurance companies reimburse healthcare providers. One of the main issues the bill addresses is “downcoding,” a practice where insurers change a provider’s billed service to a lower-paying code, which can reduce reimbursement even when the original service was appropriately performed. In addition to limiting downcoding, the bill includes several other major provisions, such as creating a new state commission to handle disputes between providers and insurers, requiring human oversight when artificial intelligence is used to review claims, restricting sudden contract changes by insurers, and promoting more consistent reimbursement across different types of licensed providers performing the same service.





MID-YEAR ASSEMBLY IN WASHINGTON, D.C. **ADVOCACY IN ACTION!**

Advocating for the CRNA profession isn't just important—**it's essential**. The policies being shaped today directly impact our future scope of practice, patient access to care, and the advancement of our profession. Being in Washington, D.C., surrounded by passionate peers and dedicated leaders, showed us the real impact we can make when we stand up and speak out.

Let's keep the momentum going. Join us at this year's Mid-Year Assembly and be part of the movement to protect and promote nurse anesthesia on the national stage. The more voices we bring, the stronger our message becomes!!

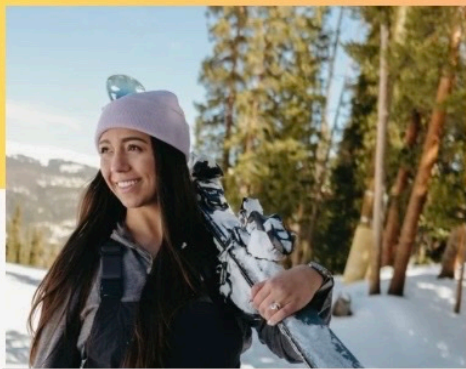
Your voice matters—and we need **YOU** this April! There are opportunities to be sponsored by TANA to attend! Reach out to Erin or Levi for more information!

 **SAVE THE DATE!**
 **April 24-April 29, 2026**
Washington, D.C

 <https://www.aana.com/meetings/mya>

ADVOCACY STARTS WITH SHOWING UP. LET'S MAKE THIS YEAR EVEN BIGGER, BOLDER, AND LOUDER—FOR OUR PROFESSION AND OUR PATIENTS.
SEE YOU ON THE HILL!





CAROLINE RODGERS
UTHSC - 2028



RAND PRESSLEY
UNION - 2026



ALLISON HAMILTON
LMU - 2026



LOGAN COLBAUGH
UTC - 2027



2026 TASNA rep highlights

Meet some of our TASNA representatives! 🎉

These students are proudly representing their schools while getting involved with TASNA/TANA and helping strengthen the voice of future nurse anesthetists.

We are incredibly grateful for their hard work, leadership, and dedication. Even with the demands of school, they continue to step up! Thank you for all that you do!



KEN PARKER
LMU - 2027



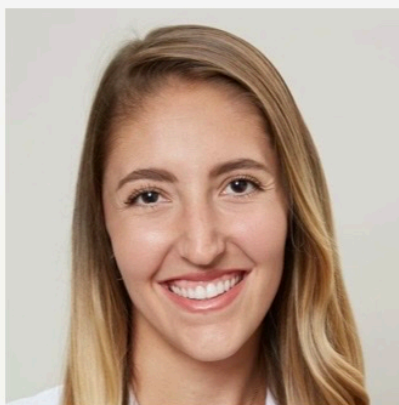
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UTHSC - 2028



LIZ CARDINAL
MTSA - 2027



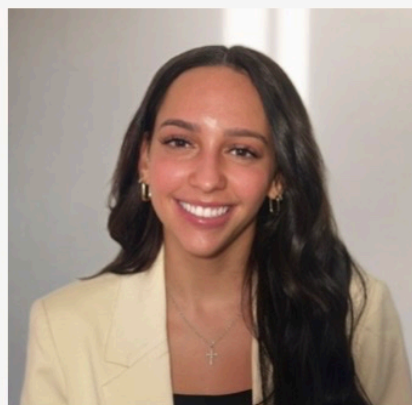
ADAM BLANK
UT KNOX - 2027



AMBER HILLEN
UTC - 2026



CHRISTIAN TRAHAN
UTC - 2027



ALEXIS LEIGH
UT KNOX - 2028

Behind the Mask

SRNAS ACROSS TENNESSEE



Student Spotlight

KELSEE DYER
SRNA AT UTHSC -
MEMPHIS

Kelsee attended Day on the Hill and wanted to share her experience:

“Attending the Tennessee Association of Nurse Anesthetists (TANA) Day on the Hill in Nashville was a valuable opportunity to advocate for the CRNA profession. We met with our local legislators to discuss the role CRNAs play in providing safe, high-quality anesthesia care and to put a face to the profession. We also discussed current legislation affecting our scope of practice and patient access to anesthesia services. It was empowering to participate in the legislative process and advocate for the future of nurse anesthesia in Tennessee.”

Thank you Kelsee for sharing and we are excited to see more students involved in advocating!



SRNA Snapshot

STUDENTS AT MIDDLE TENNESSEE SCHOOL OF ANESTHESIA TRAVELED TO GUATEMALA FOR MEDICAL MISSIONS!



MTSA students recently traveled to Guatemala on a medical mission, where they helped provide anesthesia for surgical procedures to patients in need. Working alongside experienced providers, they gained invaluable hands-on experience while helping expand access to safe surgical care for the local community. The trip was not only an incredible learning opportunity but also deeply inspiring; a great reminder of the power of service and global health outreach.



A once-in-a-lifetime experience that strengthened their passion for the nurse anesthesia profession and caring for patients everywhere. Great job for representing Tennessee and providing service to others!

Help us spotlight the SRNA experience!! From study hacks to OR selfies - send us what you've got!

Send to: erin.newberry@mtsa.edu or levi.garrett@my.uu.edu

upcoming events & ANNOUNCEMENTS



TASNA REPRESENTATIVES

Calling all TASNA/TANA representatives!!

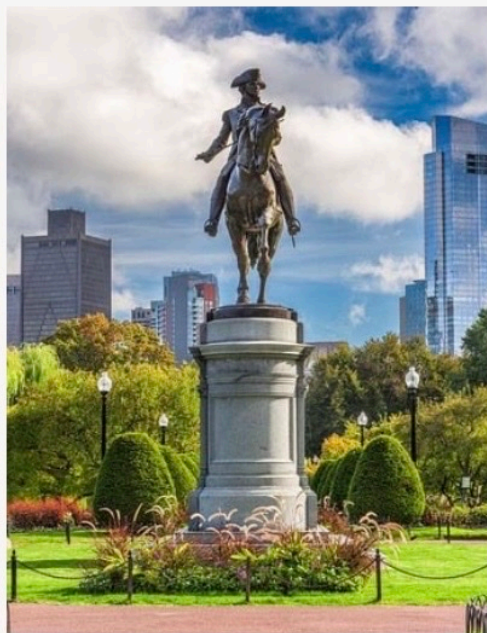
If you are a TASNA/TANA representative for your class, **please email your name, school, and graduating year to Lisa Bowler** so that we can update the website and showcase your representation! We will be using your email to relay important information about upcoming dates/events so please reach out to her as soon as possible! Here is Lisa's email: lisa@tncrna.com

AANA ANNUAL CONGRESS

August 21 - 25, 2026 - Boston, MA

The AANA Annual Congress is on the horizon this fall, and this year, it's heading to Boston! 🎉

This exciting event is a great opportunity for students to connect with CRNAs from across the country, learn from leaders in the profession, and gain valuable insight into the future of nurse anesthesia. From educational sessions and networking opportunities to celebrating our profession together, Congress is an experience you won't want to miss. We encourage students to get involved, attend, and take advantage of this incredible opportunity to grow, learn, and be inspired alongside your peers and future colleagues!



TANA ASCEND MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Be on the lookout for information about the TANA Ascend Mentorship Program where students can apply to have a CRNA mentor. This is a great opportunity to connect with a mentor in your area to help you throughout your SRNA journey!

