

2022 AAPA Leadership & Advocacy Summit



Advocacy



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Leadership



AAPA Student Academy Board of Directors- including Campbell's own Justine Danielson -Southeast Regional Director

Networking



Emily Burchette and Beth Ehlers with other PA Students sponsored through efforts by Kaci Hardstock, PA-C

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As someone who never saw herself involved in politics, I am so glad I took the opportunity to go to LAS. I have realized over this past year from being involved with our Campbell Legislative Visit, White Coat Wednesday at the NC Capitol, and now LAS at the federal level, how important it is to use our voice for PA-related issues. For change to take place for our profession, as well as for our patients, it is crucial that we all are involved in advocacy to some degree. My interest has always been rural medicine, and having exposure to the policies that influence access in those areas is a crucial aspect to advocating for my patients that live there. I would highly encourage all students to consider getting involved in advocacy and attend next year's White Coat Wednesday and Leadership and Advocacy Summit.

EMILY BURCHETTE, PA-S



When I first started PA school I never would've thought that I would end up enjoying advocacy as much as I have. I first caught the advocacy bug after participating in NCAPA's White Coat Wednesday and participating in this year's LAS only furthered my interests. It has been said over and over again that "if you're not at the table, you're on the menu" and it couldn't be more true. As PAs we are a newer profession when compared to physicians and nurses, so we have to make sure that we advocate for ourselves. As a student I'm glad that I had the chance to be exposed to advocacy early on and I plan to continue to advocate throughout my career. My hope is that I can recruit other students and providers to advocate alongside me. I strongly encourage students and providers to get more involved with advocating for our profession. You don't need any experience and I bet you'd be surprised at how much you enjoy making a difference!

Campbell PA Students had a great time at the 2022 AAPA Leadership and Advocacy Summit. We encourage all PA students and PAs to check out the links below and look into more ways that they can be help to advocaate for the PA profession.

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