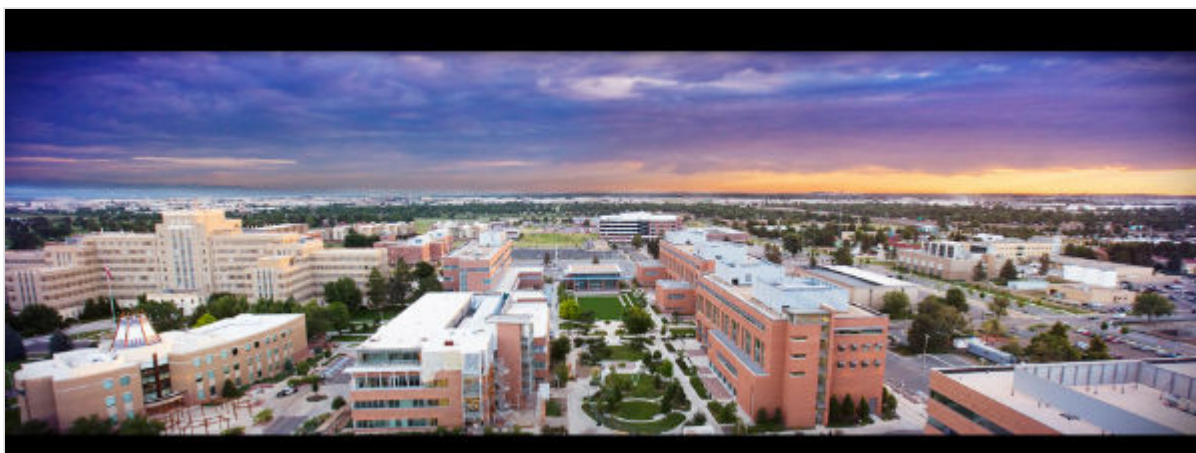


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Current information about the CHA/PA Physician Assistant Program at the University of Colorado Denver.



CHA/PA Newsletter

Read on to learn more about upcoming events, faculty and graduate accomplishments, scholarship recipients, and much more!



Students Help Vaccinate Colorado

Many of our students graciously volunteered their time over the past month to help UCHHealth vaccinate over 10,000 Coloradans through the Covid-19 mass vaccination event that took place at Coors Field.



Information Session

Prospective students seeking more information about the CHA/PA program, admissions, and the PA profession are invited to join us for an Information Session on Friday, March 5, 2021 via Zoom. For more information and to register, please visit our [website](#).

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of individuals were able to get in and out within 30 minutes. With this success, team members who organized the event are creating a playbook to share with other healthcare systems within Colorado and across the US so events like it can be replicated!

Our students were eager to be a part of such a gratifying experience and hope to participate in future events.

–Megan Schwarz
CHA/PA Class of 2023



CRHC Rural Lobby & Advocacy Day

This event was organized by the Colorado Rural Health Center (CRHC) and was the 2nd annual event. It was held virtually. CRHC Policy & Advocacy Manager Kelly Erb, arranged for hospital CEOs, administrators and others to meet virtually with Colorado House Representatives and Senators to discuss policy priorities that will impact healthcare delivery in rural and frontier counties. In addition to topics addressing reimbursement of services, provider recruitment and retention was highlighted as a major issue to be addressed. Joyce Nieman attended on behalf of the CHA/PA program and provided helpful



Leading the Change for Equity and Inclusion

Founding members Katie Ganser and Lauren Norheim of the DEIA (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Accountability) Committee recently authored and shared an article outlining the efforts of the group to address the lack of diversity in the PA profession. Hopefully inspiring other programs to follow suit, the article was published by PAEA and can be read on their [website](#).



CHA/PA Students Vaccinated

As all 3 cohorts of CHA/PA students are involved with clinical work during rotations, all students have been granted the opportunity to be vaccinated along with Children's Hospital Colorado providers. The program would like to thank School of Medicine Dean Zimmer and the hospital for their efforts in facilitating the vaccination of our students.

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providing incentives for preceptors to continue to train PA students. Additionally, she discussed ideas for provider recruitment such as expanded loan repayment/scholarship programs.



Community Connections in Pediatrics

Debbie Aragon (CHA/PA Class of 1982), recently reached out to the program to share some relevant experiences. She recently attended a 90th birthday tribute to Dr. Bonnie Camp led by Dr. Steve Berman on Zoom. Dr. Bonnie Camp is described as a trailblazer for her leadership roles in Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics. Debbie was the only identified member of the CHA/PA community at the event and shared her appreciation on behalf of alumni who benefited greatly from Dr. Camp's work.

In addition, Debbie also shared with us that she recently reconnected with her first patient as a CHA/PA student in 1979. Debbie followed the progress of the patient's mother's



Used Laptops Needed

The CU Anschutz CO School of Public Health Center for Global Health is in need of used working laptops for donation to their research team in Guatemala. Laptops will be reset to factory settings. If you are willing to donate a laptop please contact their team by March 7th at CSPH-CGH@LISTS.UCDENVER.EDU.



Faculty and Staff Present at 2020 PAEA

Several Faculty and Staff participated in the 2020 PAEA conference as described below:

- Longitudinal Integrated Clinical Experiences: Overcoming the Clinical Site Shortage (Lecture): Amy Akerman, Denise Ogden, Janice Baker
- Clinical Education Policy: A PAEA Government Relations Steering Committee Update (Lecture): Amy Akerman, and other members of the PAEA GR Steering Committee
- Making the Invisible Visible: Curriculum Redesign, Faculty Workload, and Sustainability

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	<p>infant when he was born. This experience is one of many that CHA/PA alums share with regard to the extra pediatric learning experience the program has historically included in the curriculum. As one of the oldest programs in existence, CHA/PA alumni are no strangers to generational connections within our local community, and we always love to hear about these reunions!</p> <p>Debbie's passion for pediatrics and children has also led her to publish a book to assist children ages 2–12 in understanding the impact of the COVID–19 pandemic. The book helps children work through the unfamiliar, unprecedented feelings and experiences they have likely been experiencing. If you are interested in receiving a copy for your practice or students, please contact us to connect you with Debbie.</p>	<p>Maldonado, Jonathan Bowser, Tai Lockspeiser</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2020 Presidents Commission Presentation: Reflections on a Pre–PA Exam (Lecture): Stephane VanderMeulen, Jennifer Snyder, Karen Hills, William Kohlhepp, Lisa Mustone Alexander, Jonathan Bowser • Let's Talk Shop: What's in Your Communication Toolbox? (Workshop): Denise Ogden, Tanya Fernandez • Turning HEADS: An Innovative Approach to Teaching the Adolescent Interview (Workshop): Tanya Fernandez, Paritosh Kaul • Adopting A Spiral Curriculum in Physician Assistant Education (E–Poster): Katya Saenz, Jacqueline Sivahop, Kirsten Broadfoot, Jonathan Bowser, Tai Lockspeiser • Student Burnout and Curriculum Design: Implications for PA Education (E–Poster): Jacqueline Sivahop, Kirsten Broadfoot, Jonathan Bowser • Translating Curricular Values into Decision Making Principles for Curricular Transformation (E–Poster): Kirsten Broadfoot, Jonathan Bowser, Jacqueline Sivahop • The Goldilocks Phenomenon: Applicant Views of the Admissions Interview Process (E–Poster): Kay Denler,

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- Pocket Passport Increases Logging for 3rd Year Physician Assistant Students (E-Poster): Tanya Fernandez, Kirsten Broadfoot, Tai Lockspeiser



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Interested in precepting CHA/PA students?

Have you considered precepting CHA/PA students? Find out about the advantages of training up our next generation of PA students and find contact information on the [Preceptor section of our website](#).



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