

## **Nurse Practitioners and Advocates to Be Honored at National AANP Conference**

**2018 (February, 6)** – Nurse practitioners and nurse practitioner advocates, recipients of the prestigious American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) 2018 State Award for Excellence, will be honored at an awards ceremony and reception held during the AANP 2018 National Conference June 26-July 1, 2018, in Denver, CO. Kristen Marie Guida of Southington, CT will be among the recipients honored.

The State Award for Nurse Practitioner Excellence, founded in 1991, recognizes a nurse practitioner (NP) in a state who demonstrates excellence in practice. In 1993, the State Award for Nurse Practitioner Advocate was added to recognize the efforts of individuals who have made a significant contribution toward increasing awareness and recognition of NPs.

Kristen Marie Guida, DNP, ANP-C, ACNP-BC, AGACNP-BC has been selected by the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) to receive the Connecticut State Award for Excellence. Kristen is being recognized for her outstanding patient care and for the major positive impacts that she has had on patient care outcomes. Such outcomes include urgently transferring a patient that suffered a ruptured abdominal aortic aneurysm to the operating room. The patient went on to make a full recovery and is home with his family and back to work. In addition, in April of 2014, while picking up her son from daycare, she saved a 3-year-old unresponsive child's life by performing CPR. The child went on to make a full recovery. Kristen works for Hartford Hospital as one of the advanced practitioners covering the Vascular-Thoracic Surgery Service. Kristen is also employed as adjunct nursing faculty for The University of Connecticut and Capital Community College. Kristen is the current treasurer for The Connecticut Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Society and is responsible for financial oversight. Kristen is also the past-president of Southington's Town-wide Effort to Promote Success, which is an asset-based substance abuse prevention coalition. Kristen has also volunteered with Seattle-King County Disaster Team to provide health care to residents of Grand'Anse, Haiti; which is in an austere environment. Kristen also served as an Item Writer for the ANCC Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner National Certifying Examination. Kristen is a graduate of Capital Community College School of Nursing with an ADN Class of 1999; Central Connecticut State University School of Nursing with a BSN Class of 2001; Quinnipiac University in 2009 with a MSN and focus on Adult Primary Care; University of Connecticut in 2012 with a Post-Master's Certificate as an Acute Care Nurse Practitioner; Quinnipiac University in 2014 with a Doctorate of Nursing Practice.



**The American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP)** is the largest professional membership organization for nurse practitioners (NPs) of all specialties. It represents the interests of more than 234,000 NPs practicing in the U. S. today, providing a unified networking platform and advocating for their role as providers of high-quality, cost-effective, comprehensive, patient-centered and personalized health care. The organization provides legislative leadership at the local, state and national levels, advancing health policy; promoting excellence in practice, education and research; and establishing standards that best serve NP patients and other health care consumers.

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