

ELON PA PROGRAM GOALS (SSR 14H)

RISE (Boldy Elon): Leading (DPAS)

Goal 5: Promote leadership opportunities for learners

The [Competencies for the PA Profession](#)¹ go beyond patient care to include a team-based framework, leadership skills, and advocacy. At Elon PA, these *leadership opportunities* include the potential to serve as leaders in the PA student society of their cohort, within PA advocacy groups (e.g., the AAPA, the NCAPA, the Piedmont Association of PAs), and as coordinators of activities within their cohort. Learners at Elon PA are also supported in their applications for [National Health Service Corp](#) (NHSC)² scholarships, [PAEA fellowships](#),³ the [AAPA Leadership and Advocacy Summit](#),⁴ and to participate in the [AAPA Challenge Bowl](#)⁵ and [SPOCUS iScan competition](#).⁶

Our curriculum allows learners to participate in leadership opportunities by designing a modular break for the AAPA conference and policies that support learners to make up class activities to participate in these leadership opportunities.

Benchmarks/Outcomes

B5.1 The program supports each cohort in the election of a student representative of Elon PA at the national, state, and regional level

- Outcome 5.1a: The program provides a liaison (advisor) for the Elon PA Student Society (EPASS)
- Outcome 5.1b: The program supports the process and operations of the EPASS, including the election of officers
- Outcome 5.1c: A student leader represents Elon PA at the AAPA (national), NCAPA (state), and Piedmont Association of PA (regional) level

Table 5.1: Elon PA Student Society officers and leaders				
Office	c/o 2023	c/o 2024	c/o 2025	c/o 2026
Faculty/Staff Liaison (a)	Bennett/Henderson	Stephanie Henderson	Stephanie Henderson	Stephanie Henderson
Executive Officers of EPASS (b)				
President	Doreen Brune	Natalie Gadaleta	Julia Wyner	Amiee Littlejohn
Vice President	McLean Achziger	Sloan Horejsi	Lina Meikle	Trevor Minshull
Secretary	Nicole Cort	JW Galina	Laura Staeheli	Tiye Jones Amen Hetep
Treasurer	Caroline Mea	Jillian Salisbury	Mike McCormack	Sarah Renken
Cohort/Student Activities (b)				
In-reach Chair	Grace Reilly	Summer Dunlap	Drea Roberson	Landyn Williams
Diversity Chair(s)	Rachel Alexander/ Trisha Manio	Haley Harris	Vivian Tiet	Brooke Beall
Historian(s)	Clara Van Eck	Linneah Olsen	Lilly Kerchinsky/ Savannah Summy	Trina Phan/Suki Kaur

Local (b)				
Outreach Chair	Mary O'Connell	Barbara Ramirez	Brianna Bromley	Alane Taratuska
Open Door Clinic Coordinator	Ryan Lu	Gabriella DeCoste	Yeimi Reyna-Romero	Carter Jenkins
Fundraising Chair	Josh Pugliese	Anthony Jericho	Sarah Adams	Clara Mays
Regional (c)				
Piedmont Area PAs Representative	Nicole Cort	Dylan Kantor	Tyler White	Mia Bylykbashi
State (c)				
NC Academy of PAs Representative	Sarah Haley	Hannah Durkin	Savannah Richardson	Brandee Wagner
National (c)				
AAPA Assembly of Representatives (AOR) Delegate	Ben Ho (c/o 2022)	Tate Phillips (c/o 2023)	Lilly McGonegal (c/o 2024)	Katrina Jackson (c/o 2025)
AAPA AOR Alternate	Tate Phillips (c/o 2023)	Lilly McGonegal (c/o 2024)	Katrina Jackson (c/o 2025)	Siri Condikey (c/o 2026)

- B5.2 The program sponsors a team of representatives for the AAPA Challenge Bowl and national iScan competition.
 - Outcome 5.2: The program supports a team representing Elon PA for the AAPA Challenge Bowl Team and SPOCUS iScan competition. This includes the cost of conference registration, travel, and lodging for PA learners.

Table 5.2: Elon PA Representation at AAPA Conferences						
OPPORTUNITY	2023 AAPA Conference		2024 AAPA Conference		2025 AAPA Conference	
	1 st year learners	2 nd year learners	1 st year learners	2 nd year learners	1 st year learners	2 nd year learners
AAPA Quiz Bowl Team	X	X	X	X	X	X
iScan Team	X	X	X	X	X	X
<i>X=cohort represented; p=pending</i>						

B5.3 The program supports student application for advanced leadership and training opportunities

- Outcome 5.3: Elon PA learners apply for opportunities to grow as leaders through the National Health Service Corp and PAEA Fellowships. Additionally, the program supports one representative annually to attend the AAPA Advocacy and Leadership Summit. See Table 5.3

Table 5.3: Elon PA applications for advanced leadership and training opportunities			
<i>Opportunities for which learners applied (examples)</i>	<i>c/o 2023 (% of cohort)</i>	<i>c/o 2024 (% of cohort)</i>	<i>c/o 2025 (% of cohort)</i>
National Health Service Corp Scholars (NHSC)	13%	13%	13%

PAEA Future Educator Fellowship	5.5%	5.5%	2.7%
PAEA Health Policy Fellowship	2.7%	2.7%	0
<i>Representation of Elon PA program (examples)</i>	<i>c/o 2023</i>	<i>c/o 2024</i>	<i>c/o 2025</i>
AAPA Advocacy and Leadership Summit	X	X	0
<i>Data provided represents the % of each cohort who applied</i> <i>P=pending—this cohort hasn't completed the application cycle</i> <i>X=Elon PA students participated (one seat is held for each program annually pending application)</i>			

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