

AAAP's First Virtual Meeting Was a Rousing Success...Thanks to You!

AAAP's 31st Annual Meeting and Scientific Symposium, held December 10 – 13, 2020, was an event to remember. Not willing to risk the safety of our 700 attendees' health due to the Coronavirus pandemic, nor deprive them of our yearly conference, AAAP made the decision to host the Annual Meeting virtually for the first time ever—and it was a huge success!

Thank you to the AAAP Board of Directors, Scientific Program Committee, staff and support partners, speakers, award winners, attendees and sponsors for making this year's event one



to remember. Together we accomplished something amazing and laid the foundation for expanding our reach to more people in the future. If you were not able to join us for the Annual Meeting last year, have no fear because we are going virtual again December 9 - 12, 2021.

If you were unable to join us, see what you missed:

- four symposia
- 22 engaging workshops
- eight paper presentations
- 70 poster presentations,
- film workshop
- Medical Update, *Clinical Update in Pulmonary Conditions Associated with Tobacco Dependence and E-cigarette Use: A Case-based Approach*
- Case Conference, *Harm Reduction During the COVID-19 Pandemic: When to Go Above Our Comfort Zone?*
- other on-demand virtual activities to inspire learning and peer-to-peer connection

Our 2020 symposia topics included:

- *Telehealth Delivery of Opioid Use Disorder Treatment in the Age of Covid-19*
- *Addressing the Re-Emerging Methamphetamine Use Challenge: New Research Findings and Clinical Implications*
- *Increasing Access to and Utilization of Medications for Addiction Treatment: Innovative, Tailored Approaches, and*
- *Interactive effects of Chronic Stress and Sleep Disturbance on Opioid Use Disorder: Implications for Disease Progression and Treatment Outcomes*

We are thankful to our symposia speakers for presenting these timely topics at the Annual Meeting and for sharing their knowledge with our attendees.

AAAP was honored to present the 2020 Founders' Award to [Dr. Mary Jeanne Kreek](#), who sadly passed away last month. The AAAP Founders' Award is presented by to an outstanding member of the community who works in the field of addiction and who has contributed significantly to the science, teaching, treatment, or public policy in the addictions.

We were also honored to be able present [Dr. Patrice A. Harris](#) with the first ever AAAP Arts and Advocacy Award. This award is presented to an outstanding member of the community who has made significant contributions to the public's understanding of substance use disorders and co-occurring mental disorders through their work in politics, advocacy, or the arts.

Prior to the meeting, AAAP held two virtual courses—*The Addictions and Their Treatment Course* and the *Advanced Addiction Pharmacology Course*. Each course drew a record number of participants, 271 and 307 respectively. In the past, these courses had been held in conjunction with the annual meeting.

While we would love to see you in person this December for our 32nd Annual Meeting, AAAP's leadership has decided to hold our meeting virtually again for 2021 to keep you all safe. We hope you will join us Dec. 9 - 12, 2021. See you there!

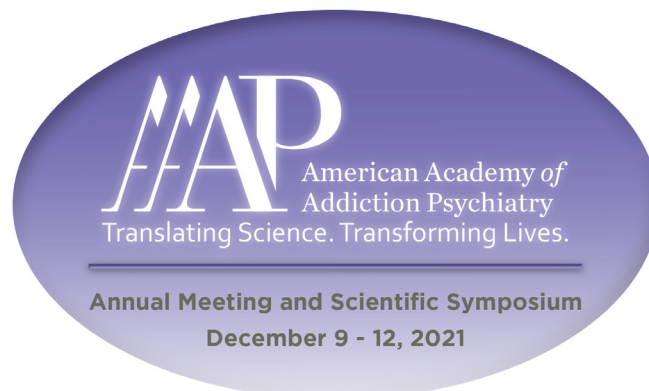
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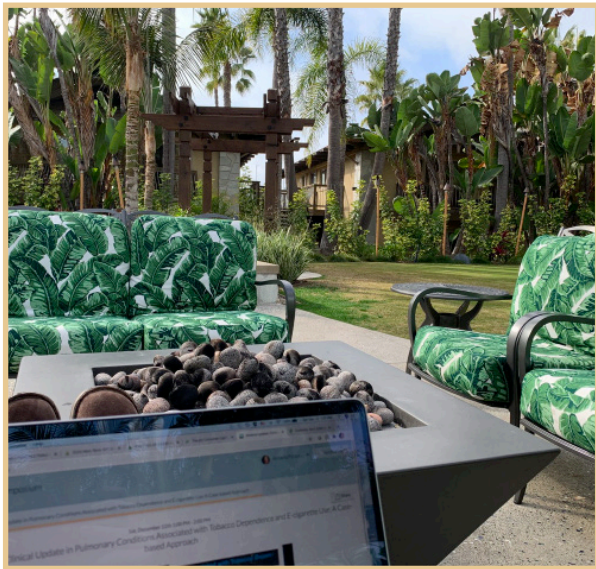
We asked folks to share pictures of where they were when they were attending and here's what people posted:



Jose Devito, MD, jumping for joy over the meeting.



Rebecca Payne, MD, waiting for the start of the final symposium

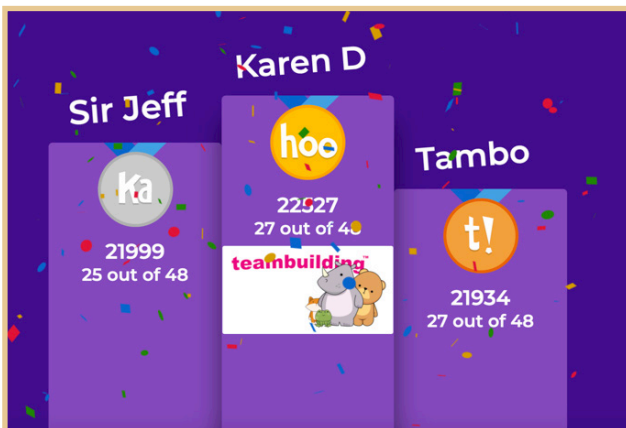
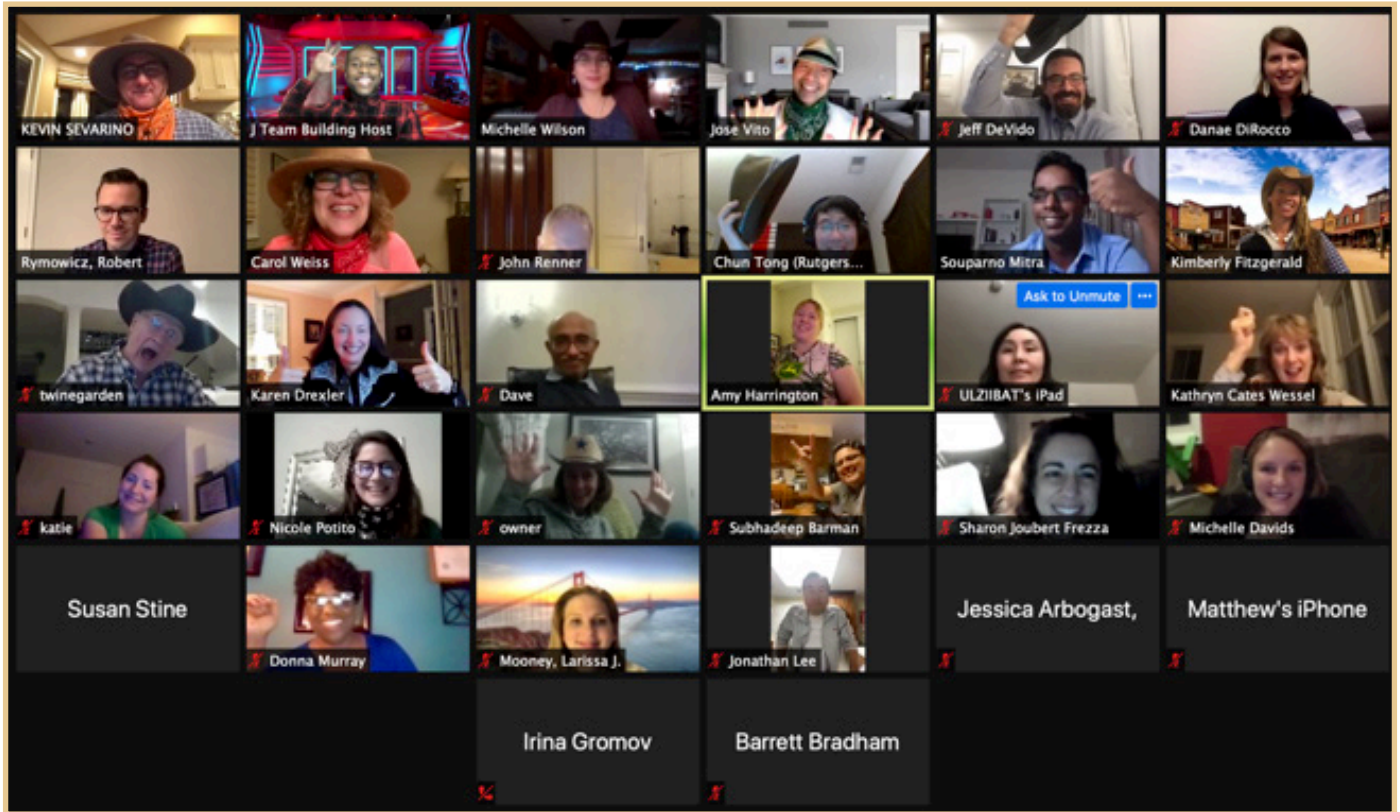


Kimberly Fitzgerald, MD, relaxing somewhere warm and sunny as she watches the Medical Update.



Mary-Anne Kowol, MD, FASAM, recruiting a new member?

The Annual Meeting wasn't all work. We had some fun too with some friendly competition at the soiree!



Save the Date!
Dec. 9 - 12, 2021
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