

33rd AAAP Annual Meeting and Scientific Symposium Recap



First In-Person Annual Meeting Since Pandemic a Great Success

This year's Annual Meeting, our first in-person meeting since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic, was a meeting filled with energy and excitement. Thanks to the hard work of the AAAP Board of Directors, Scientific Program Committee, staff and attendees, all went smoothly. We hope that all our attendees found the meeting to be as enlightening, informative, and fun as we did.

Throughout this brief recap, you'll see lots of photos that will bring back great memories for attendees. The weather was perfect, allowing attendees to spend time outside enjoying the Florida sunshine. If you couldn't join us this year, we hope can join us for our 34th Annual Meeting and Scientific Symposium next December. Dates and venue are pending.

A member benefit is the new Self-Assessment Examination, free to members and ABPN diplomates who attended the meeting. Participants can receive as many as 20 CME/self-assessment credits. If you are a member and you have not received your discount code or you have not received the evaluation links to evaluate and claim credit for the meeting, please contact cmecpd@aaap.org.

More than 528 physicians, nurse practitioners, PAs, psychologists, social workers, and pharmacists attended the Annual Meeting. Though this is slightly down from our last in-person meeting, it was by design

to keep everyone as safe and healthy as possible. During the meeting we had three \$500 raffles. Congratulations to Arley Giraldo, BA and Stefanie Nolder, MSW, who won the prize for uploading their Covid vaccination proof. Congratulations to Ryan Caldeiro, MD and Leslie Dixon, winners of the Sheldon Miller drawing, and congratulations to the winner of the mask decorating competition, Olivetta Uradu, MD.

This year, AAAP added two new education awards: Award for Medical Student Education and the Award for Residency Education. The Medical Student award recognizes an Addiction Psychiatrist in clinical practice who demonstrates a sustained record of outstanding contributions to medical student education in Addiction Psychiatry. Lakshit Jain, MD, of Connecticut Valley Hospital was recognized. The Residency Education award recognizes an Addiction Psychiatrist in clinical practice



AAAP President Larrisa Mooney, MD, welcomes attendees to the meeting.



Lakshit Jain, MD, (right) receives the Medical Student Education Award from AAAP CEO Kathryn Cates-Wessel.

who demonstrates a sustained record of outstanding contributions to psychiatry residency education in Addiction Psychiatry. William Jangro, DO, of Thomas Jefferson University received this award.

View the list of travel awardees [here](#).

AAAP's Underrepresented Minority Scholarship was given to 19 medical students, residents, and fellows we hope to see as future leaders in the field. This scholarship is given to trainees who identify as a member of an underrepresented minority racial and ethnic category. The trainee must have a strong interest in addictions and be ready to take an active role in AAAP.

Additionally, three posters were recognized for their excellence and awarded prizes:

1st Place – [A Peer Recovery Coach Intervention for Hospitalized Patients With Opioid use Disorder: A Pilot Randomized Controlled Trial](#) (Bianca Martin, BA)

2nd Place – [Preliminary Efficacy of the “Medication Adherence Therapy: Psychosocial Leverage Using a Significant Other \(MAT-PLUS\)” Intervention to Support Adherence to Medications for Substance Use Disorder](#) (Kevin Wenzel, PhD)

3rd Place - [Impact of Maternal Dual Diagnosis on Newborns Custody with Child Protective Services: Findings From a Community-Based Acute Inpatient Psychiatric Hospital](#) (Tyler Torrico, MD)

AAAP Past President Shelly F. Greenfield, MD, MPH was awarded the Founders' Award and Regina LaBelle, JD, a Distinguished Scholar and Director of the Addiction and Public Policy Initiative at the O'Neill Institute at Georgetown University Law Center, received the AAAP Arts and Advocacy Award. We applaud both Dr. Greenfield and Ms. LaBelle for all their contributions to the field!

One of the biggest highlights of the meeting were the three scientific symposia that covered topics on *Cannabis Policy: Misaligned With Science?; Improving Outcome of*



William Jangro, (right) receives the Residency Education Award from AAAP CEO Kathryn Cates-Wessel.



Founders' Award winner Shelly F. Greenfield, MD, MPH (left) with AAAP President Larissa Mooney, MD.



Regina LaBelle, JD, winner of the Arts and Advocacy Award (left) with AAAP President Larissa Mooney, MD.



2022 John Renner Travel Awardees pictured with AAAP Past President John A. Renner Jr., MD.



Recipients of AAAP's Underrepresented Minority Scholarships.

Medication Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder: Predictive Modeling; and the Potential for Adaptive Clinical Strategies, and Inequities in Substance Use Treatment for Marginalized Communities: Challenges and Opportunities.

Attendees had the opportunity to participate in 15 workshops, 14 papers, 75 posters, 1 film workshop, a Medical Update on *Transgender Medicine*, a Case Conference on *In-Hospital Substance Use and the Use of Civil Commitment for Substance Use Disorders* and to collaborate in various educational activities, committee meetings, regional meetings, and fun/relaxing events.

Although we did not have a silent auction this year, we did urge attendees to contribute to the Sheldon Miller Fund during registration. This year, \$2,480 was raised. Thank you to all who donated! A trainee will benefit from your generosity.

We hope to see you for the next Annual Meeting! Check out the AAAP [website](#) for updates after the first of the year.

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