



From the Director's Desk

Rebecca Lee, DNP, CRNA Director, Anesthesiology Programs

Hello Barry Family,

It's been a while! I hope this message finds you well and that life continues to bring you fulfillment in unexpected ways. This edition of <u>The Anesthesia Circuit</u> is packed with exciting updates and milestones, along with pivotal moments that have shaped our graduates, program, and college. We hope you enjoy reading and celebrating these achievements with us.

One major announcement: Effective July 1, 2025, the College of Health and Wellness will be renamed the College of Health Professions and Medical Sciences to better reflect our expanding programs, including the School of Podiatric Medicine and the School of Social Work and Mental Health.

Additionally, Barry University is making bold strides in technology and innovation. The newly announced **Technology Innovation Initiative** will integrate AI and emerging technologies into academics, student experiences, and administrative operations.

A dedicated **AI Center** will serve as a hub for education, research, and industry collaboration—ensuring our students are prepared for high-demand careers in healthcare.

As a proud Barry alumna and CRNA nearing 25 years in practice, I'm honored to continue leading Florida's oldest and largest program. Stay tuned for our upcoming podcast, coming to your inbox soon!

Stay safe, and always be Barry Proud!

Dr. Rebecca Lee

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Match the Puppy to its Anesthesia Owner!

Guess the Barry Good Dog

Turn to page 4-6 and see if you can figure out which pooch belongs to which anesthesia member!

Hint: There is a theory that states dog's tend to look like their owner.



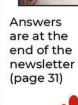
















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Stay informed, stay inspired - follow us today!

Meet the Barry Anesthesia Team!



Rebecca Lee, DNP, CRNA

Dr. Lee serves as the Program Director and is a proud Barry Alumna. With expertise in situation awareness, simulation, and non-technical anesthesiology skills, she is dedicated to enhancing patient safety and education. Dr. Lee has mentored student nurse anesthetists, co-authored research on anesthesiology and distance learning, and continues to practice clinical anesthesia across Florida.



Ron Dick, PhD, RPh

Dr. Dick joined the
Anesthesiology program in
2002. His responsibilities include
teaching basic scientific
principles in Pharmacology,
Pathophysiology, Biochemistry,
and Physics. He is also actively
involved in developing, testing,
and implementing new
teaching methodologies for
synchronous and asynchronous
online courses.



Paul Czerwonka, DNP, CRNA

Dr. Czerwonka, a Barry Alumnus and experienced CRNA, specializes in research exploring Al and technology in anesthesia, as well as enhancing surgical team communication.

Committed to education, he mentors student nurse anesthetists as a dedicated preceptor. He also serves as the Orlando classroom site administrator.



Theresa Reed, DNP, CRNA

Dr. Reed has built a distinguished career combining clinical excellence with a passion for education and mentorship. Her professional journey has included roles in practice, teaching, and leadership in academic level one trauma centers, community hospitals, and ambulatory surgery centers, with expertise in pediatric and obstetric anesthesia.



Dawn Welliver, DNP,CRNA

Dr. Welliver, a seasoned nurse anesthetist, has worked at top institutions, including Thomas Jefferson and Mount Sinai. An independent contractor for over 20 years, she has served as Editor-in-Chief for Anesthesia eJournal, peer reviews for major journals, and co-edited Drug/Drug Interactions for AANA Publishing.



Linda Wunder, PhD, CRNA

Dr. Wunder, a Barry Alumna and Assistant Program Director, specializes in simulation-based training, regional anesthesia, pain pathways, and multimodal anesthesia. An AANA Doctoral Fellow awardee, she is a Fellow of AANA. She previously served as chief anesthetist at Memorial West and is a frequent speaker and AANA Journal reviewer. Additionally, she serves as a COA reviewer.

Meet the Barry Anesthesia Team!



Lori Tolson, DNP, CRNA

Dr. Tolson, a South Florida native, CRNA, and Barry Alumna, is passionate about patient safety and education. With a background in critical care and leadership at a Level 1 trauma center, she champions evidence-based anesthesia practices and mentors future providers. She values perseverance, innovation, and lifelong learning.



Lisa Ferrand, PhD, CRNA

Dr. Ferrand, a Barry Alumna and nurse anesthetist, specializes in obstetrical anesthesia, nursing education, and genomics in anesthesia. An NIH scholar, she was the first Nurse Anesthesiologist on the Inter-Society Genomics Committee. She is actively involved in AANA, FANA, and Sigma Theta Tau and serves as a Faculty Senator.



Mercedes Diaz

Ms. Diaz Pinero joined the Anesthesiology Program in 1997 and serves as the Associate Director of Administrative Affairs. She holds a BS in Professional Administration with a concentration in Human Resources and assists the Program Director in managing and directing administrative services at our five remote sites. She oversees the major functions and ensures compliance with policies and regulations. She also serves as a liaison between the Program and clinical sites.



Lisa Buonadonna

Ms. Buonadonna, an Administrative Specialist, has been with the university since 1993, serving as Office Manager for Occupational Therapy for 31 years before transitioning to Anesthesiology in 2024. She holds a BS in Psychology and has been actively involved in various university councils, demonstrating her long-standing dedication.



Jennifer Sanchez

Ms. Sanchez, an External Relations Coordinator specializing in admissions, credentialing, and compliance, holds a BA in Business Management and an M.Ed. in Business with a minor in Human Resources. With a passion for furthering her education, she plans to pursue her doctoral studies in the future. #FutureBuc

We Love Our Adjunct Faculty!



Steve Clarke, MS, CRNA

Professor Clarke is a Simulation Coordinator and educator with over 20 years of experience in nurse anesthesiology. He specializes in critical decision-making, crisis management, and high-risk obstetrical emergencies. He has also held leadership roles in professional anesthesia organizations at both state and national levels.



Clifton Hamilton, Ed.D

Dr. Hamilton is an experienced educator with a background in curriculum development. With 25 years of experience as a middle school teacher, he holds an EdD in Higher Education and has a strong interest in inferential statistics and action research. He has been involved in higher education since 2003.



Susan Perry, PhD, CRNA , Col. USAF (Retired)

Dr. Perry holds a PhD in Nursing from the Uniformed Services University, specializing in malignant hyperthermia research. A board-certified nurse anesthetist, she has extensive military and clinical training, including Air War College and disaster health response. With decades of expertise, Dr. Perry excels in advanced patient care and research.



Tony Umadhay, PhD, CRNA

A distinguished Barry Alumnus and leader in anesthesiology education, Dr. Umadhay is an experienced clinician, administrator, and educator with over 30 years in the field. Recognized nationally and internationally for contributions to nurse anesthesiology, Dr. Umadhay has held various leadership roles in academia and professional organizations. Their expertise spans clinical practice and hospital administration.



Jennifer Theo, DNP, CRNA

A distinguished Barry Alumna, she is a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist with over 10 years of experience in diverse clinical environments. She holds a Doctorate in Nursing Practice and serves as a DNP Project Chair and university instructor. Skilled in anesthesia management, patient safety, and evidence-based research with a focus on opioid reduction, she is also an experienced writer and instructional designer. Licensed in Florida and New York with multiple certifications, she is passionate about education and innovation.



Michael Greco, PhD, DNP, CRNA

Dr. Greco, a proud Barry
Alumnus, is a highly
accomplished clinical leader,
educator, and administrator
with 20+ years of expertise in
anesthesia, healthcare
management, and academia.
Skilled in strategic program
development, mentoring, and
interdisciplinary collaboration,
Dr. Greco has led transformative
initiatives in medical education,
patient care, and healthcare
operations across prestigious
institutions.

Dear Vice Provost

Thank you for all you have done!



Dr. John McFadden

Ph.D., CRNA, APRN

Dr. John McFadden, CRNA, has made remarkable contributions to the field of nurse anesthesia and higher education. As the Provost of Barry University, he has been a driving force in advancing academic excellence and expanding opportunities for students. With decades of experience as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) and educator, Dr. McFadden has played a pivotal role in shaping nurse anesthesia education, advocating for the profession, and mentoring future leaders. His dedication to innovation, research, and leadership has strengthened Barry University's reputation as a top institution for healthcare education.

Happy Retirement

Happy retirement, Dr. McFadden! Your dedication and leadership have made an incredible impact on Barry University and the CRNA community. From serving as Program Director of the Nurse Anesthesia Program to Dean and ultimately Vice Provost, you have been a guiding force in advancing education, mentoring students, and strengthening the profession. Your passion and commitment have shaped the future of so many, and your legacy will continue to inspire. While we will miss you dearly, we are excited for you to enjoy this well-earned retirement. Wishing you endless joy, relaxation, and new adventures ahead!





Celebrate

Class of 2024 & Class of 2023 at the beautiful Marriott in Hollywood Florida!

Congrats Graduates!

It has been some time since we celebrated with you all, but it's never too late to do so! Let's take a trip down memory lane and reflect on your incredible accomplishments, hard work and dedication that brought you to this moment.





Congratulations to the Barry University Nurse Anesthesia Class of 2023 and 2024 on this incredible achievement! Whether completing the Post-Baccalaureate or Post-Master's program, your hard work, perseverance, and dedication have led you to this well-earned milestone. We celebrate your success and the impact you will make in anesthesia. Wishing you all the best—this is just the beginning!

Barry CRNA for Life. Barry Will Always Be Your Home.

We want you to know how much we miss you! We hope you are all thriving in your careers and making a lasting impact as CRNAs. No matter where life takes you, Barry will always be home!



2024 Commencement























Barry University
ANESTHESIOLOGY

Celebrating the Nurse Anesthesia Class of 2024

Celebrating the hard work, dedication, and resilience of the Post-Bacc Class of 2024! From countless hours of studying to mastering anesthesia care, this milestone is well deserved.





















We are incredibly proud of the Nurse Anesthesia Class of 2024 for their dedication, perseverance, and commitment to excellence. As they transition from students to anesthesia providers, we honor their achievements and the bright future ahead.

Earn Your DNP Online

with Specialization in Anesthesiology







A DNP DEVELOPED BY CRNAs, FOR CRNAs

24 months/\$1000 per month. Classes begin every August and program is 2 years in length.

The DNP with Specialization in Anesthesiology is a flexible, part-time program for CRNAs with a master's degree or higher. It features webmediated coursework with online sessions and a once-a-year campus visit in South Florida each fall. Designed for working CRNAs, the program enhances clinical, organizational, financial, and leadership skills to improve healthcare outcomes. The curriculum builds on prior scientific, management, and leadership training from nurse anesthesia education and CRNA practice.

To learn more contact:

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The Post-Master's Doctor of Nursing Practice with a Specialization in Anesthesiology Program is accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs, 10275 W. Higgins Rd., Suite 906 Rosemont, IL 60018-5603, Main Number: (224)-275-9130, Email: accreditation@coa.us.com, through May 2032. All of our clinical partners are accredited through their respective healthcare facility accreditation organizations.

Class of 2024

POST MASTER'S













Poster Presentations is an opportunity for graduates to share their research findings and quality improvement initiatives with peers, faculty, and the broader healthcare community.





POSTERS reflect each student's commitment to evidence-based practice, quality improvement, and leadership in healthcare.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

















The PINNING CEREMONY is a time-honored tradition that symbolizes the transition from CRNA to clinical and professional leadership. Let's celebrate the achievements of the Post-Master's DNP Class of 2024, recognizing their dedication, perseverance, and commitment to advancing healthcare. This milestone represents not only the culmination of their post graduate journey, but also the beginning of their impact as doctoral-prepared nursing leaders.

DNP POST MASTER'S

Class of 2024 PINNING CEREMONY







We look forward to supporting you on this journey and celebrating your achievements along the way. Welcome to a community of scholars, leaders, and change-makers!





Welcome to the Post-Master's DNP Class of 2026









MEMORY LANE: HIGHLIGHTS OF 2024

All Roads Lead To Barry

Florida Association of Nurse Anesthesiology (FANA)









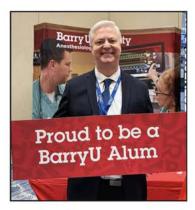


Barry University attends FANA!

FANA College Bowl | August 5, 2024

A special shoutout to College Bowl Team 4 participants! - Katie Lopez, Samantha Day, Joseph Lucchetti, Andrew Kim, John Waters - for their outstanding performance. Huge congratulations to all the university teams that competed and to the winner!







FANA: Sand & Surf

New & Old Friends!

It was great to reconnect with old friends and welcome new ones at FANA 2024, sharing stories and celebrating our profession together.









Barry's Booth!

Our booth was nothing short of amazing, showcasing Barry's legacy, innovation, and school spirit in the best way possible!



Thanks for Stopping By!



A big thank you to everyone who stopped by Barry's booth — we loved seeing so many familiar faces and meeting future leaders in anesthesia.







Dr. Tolson FANA MemberFun Fact: Before becoming a CRNA,
Dr. Lori Tolson was a two-time
All-American Division I tennis player.

Barry Breakthroughs

HC Live! Healthcare Open House

On October 5, 2024, the College of Health and Wellness hosted an Open House showcasing all its programs. Representing our CRNA program, Lisa Buonadonna, Marissa Vigo, and Chris Ace, RRNA, attended to share valuable insights and information with prospective students.





Naples Ultrasound Workshop



Class of 2026 students took advantage of an opportunity to meet Barry alumnus Christopher Lonetta in the Naples area to do ultrasound!

Healthcare Summer Camp



Barry Alumna Katarina Almskog and Barry ANE team helped teach basic airway skills to camp participants.

14th Annual Nursing Research Symposium at HolyCross



Thank you, Holy Cross Hospital, for inviting us to the 4th Annual Nursing Research Symposium! The Barry Booth had a blast connecting with RNs and discussing current topics.

A Day in the Life of a Nurse



School of Nursing inspires future RNs and show casing what CRNAs do every day!

Visit to South Lake Hospital



Visiting South Lake Hospital in Clermont, Florida with Barry alumni David Hidalgo and David Pawlikowski.

AANA: San Diego



College Bowl Winner: Mikayla Mendenhall **BarryU at AANA San Diego**

The 35th Anesthesia College Bowl was a standout event at the AANA Annual Congress on August 4, 2024, bringing together six teams of residents in a competitive test of anesthesia knowledge. After a thrilling showdown, Barry's own Mikayla Mendehall emerged as the champion, showcasing exceptional expertise and quick thinking. Congratulation to the other team college winners!





Laughter, camaraderie, and shared passion for anesthesia filled the congress, reminding everyone why this profession is truly special. Whether catching up with alumni or cheering on the next generation, it was an event to remember!







The event was a chance to reconnect with old friends and colleagues while welcoming new faces to the profession. From past classmates and mentors to rising stars in the field, the event brought together a dynamic mix of experience and fresh talent.

Difficult Airwary Workshop

Hollywood: Live in Action!

In October 2024, we hosted a Difficult Airway Workshop for the Class of 2026, focusing on techniques and procedures for airway management. In honor of Cancer Awareness Month, students and faculty also showed their support by wearing pink, uniting for both education and a meaningful cause.

















Orlando: Ready to Go!











CRNA WEEK: 2024

Lobby Days!

Each year we attend Lobby Days in Tallahassee during CRNA Week, where we unite to advocate for our profession, engage with legislators, and make a lasting impact on the future of nurse anesthesia.







Party in Hollywood





Proclamation: Ocala







City of Ocala Major Ben Marciano signed a Proclamation recognizing CRNA week as January 21-27, 2024. Chris Glenn, Class of 2018, and Barry alumni and students were at hand to accept the honor.



Orlando Classroom

Live & On-Site

We are excited to welcome Orlando and Ocala! As you begin this transformative journey, you are joining a distinguished group of anesthesia professionals dedicated to clinical excellence and patient-centered care.





CLASS -0f-2026

Welcome Gainesville! Your hard work and commitment to advancing patient care have led you here, and we are excited to support you on this path.

Hello in West Palm Beach! This marks the beginning of an incredible journey toward becoming skilled anesthesia providers. We are thrilled to have you in our program and look forward to seeing your growth, dedication, and success in the years ahead.

We are proud to welcome the South Florida Class of 2026 to our new campus at the University Center in Hollywood! This state-of-the-art facility represents our commitment to excellence in anesthesia education, providing students with an innovative and supportive learning environment. We are excited for this new chapter and look forward to all the achievements to come.



New Kids on the **Block**



Class of 2027

MEET & GREET RECEPTION











We recently had the pleasure of hosting a special Meet and Greet for our Level Entry Post-Baccalaureate CRNA students. Held at the Marriott in Hollywood, this event allowed students to meet their future classmates in person for the first time, marking an exciting milestone as they begin their journey in CRNA school.

The event was a wonderful opportunity for students to connect with one another and for their support systems to join in the celebration. Students were invited to bring a plus one — a family member, friend, or loved one—who will be their pillar of support throughout this challenging and rewarding journey.

It was truly heartwarming to see such a strong sense of community already forming, and we're excited for all the support and camaraderie that will continue throughout their time in the program. This event was just the beginning of the connections that will carry them through their CRNA education and beyond.





Class of 2027

ORIENTATION DAY

The day after our Meet and Greet, the Class of 2027 gathered for their much-anticipated orientation at Barry University. This day was packed with essential information to help students prepare for the challenges and opportunities ahead in their CRNA program.

During the orientation, students learned about the time commitment involved in the program, explored available financial aid options, and were introduced to the resources that will support them throughout their education

A memorable moment of the day was when students took their official Barry University headshots for their student IDs, marking the start of their journey as part of the Barry community.









Poster Presentations



Class of 2025 - North Florida





POSTER PRESENTATION

highlights the scholarly work and clinical innovations of our graduates. These projects reflect their commitment to evidence-based practice, quality improvement, and leadership in healthcare. Each presentation represents months of research and dedication to advancing patient outcomes, demonstrating the impact of doctoral education on real-world clinical practice



Faculty ready for o-town's presentations

Faculty members gear up to review the poster presentations, providing valuable feedback and insight on students' scholarly work. Their expertise plays a key role in evaluating research, fostering discussion, and supporting the next generation of anesthesia leaders.











Preparing for the South Florida DNP Poster Presentations



RRNA Luisa Lemos



RRNA Jorge Oroco



RRNA Hoang Lang

TRENDING NEWS

Class of 2025 Graduates in May

From overcoming challenges to mastering their craft, this graduating class has demonstrated unwavering dedication and passion on their journey to becoming future CRNAs. With the finish line in sight, their hard work and perseverance have prepared them for success, and we eagerly anticipate the incredible impact they will make next!











RRNA Claire Kim

RRNA Emma <u>Viernes-G</u>aytan





RRNA Racine Williams

RRNA Christopher Ratchko





Breaking News



BARRY BECOMES THE OLDEST & LARGEST CRNA PROGRAM IN FL

90 STUDENTS ADMITTED TO THE CLASS OF 2028



600 applications, 150 interviews, and 90 accepted— Barry University has once again identified and welcomed the next generation of Barry CRNAs!

Thanks to our strong accreditation and reputation, the demand for Barry-trained CRNAs continues to grow. We are proud to be the first program in Florida to achieve the milestone of admitting 90 RRNAs for our upcoming class.

A heartfelt thank you to our Coordinators, Faculty, Staff, and Students for making this possible. Your dedication and excellence continue to show why Barry CRNA is truly the best!

Dream big, Class of 2028 -

You are the largest cohort ever accepted into Barry's prestigious CRNA program, a testament to your dedication, passion, and potential. The future of nurse anesthesia is bright, and we can't wait to see all that you will achieve!

Breaking News

WEAREMOVING!

BARRY CRNA IS MOVING TO TWO NEW LOCATIONS

ORLANDO SITE MOVES NEXT TO THE DELANEY

We're excited to announce that our Barry University Orlando site will be moving next to the Delaney Hotel while remaining conveniently close to Orlando Health!

This new space is designed to accommodate up to 50 students, providing an improved environment for learning, collaboration, and growth.

With this move, students will continue to benefit from easy access to clinical experiences while enjoying a modern and spacious classroom setting. We look forward to this exciting transition and the opportunities it brings for our program and students!



IN FRONT OF ORLANDO CLASSROOM SITE



UNIVERSITY STATION

HOLLYWOOD SITE NEW HOME

We are thrilled to announce that our Hollywood classroom will relocate to University Station before the fall semester! The new location will feature a brand-new simulation lab, a spacious classroom, and dedicated resources for student study and collaboration. With the capacity to accommodate over 40 students, this move supports the continued growth of our program. Additionally, we will be sharing this space with the BMS program, fostering an even stronger academic community.

A Heart-Felt Thank You To Our Clinical Coordinators!



We want to extend our deepest gratitude

To all of our clinical coordinators for their incredible support and dedication to the Barry University Anesthesia Program. Your hard work and commitment to our students play a vital role in shaping the future of our CRNAs.

Without your guidance and partnership at our hospital sites, our students would not have the opportunity to gain the hands-on experience necessary to succeed in their careers. You are truly the backbone of our program, ensuring that each student receives the best possible training and exposure to real-world scenarios.

Thank you for all that you do. Your efforts make an immeasurable difference in the education of our future CRNAs, and we are so grateful for your continued support!

Sincerely, Your BarryU Anesthesia Team





Catch Up With Us At FANA & AANA in 2025

We're excited to announce that we'll be attending the upcoming FANA events and AANA Nashville this fall! Whether you're a current student, alum, or future CRNA, we'd love to connect with you at these incredible events.

Make sure to stop by our booth for a chance to reconnect with the Barry University CRNA community—and perhaps even pick up a special alumni gift!

We look forward to seeing you there and celebrating the continuing journey of our CRNA family!

FANA 2025 Sand & Surf Anesthesia Symposium

- Dates: April 4–6, 2025
- Location: Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek, Orlando, Florida

FANA 2025 Annual Meeting

- Dates: October 3–5, 2025
- Location: JW Marriott Orlando Bonnet Creek Resort & Spa, Orlando, Florida

AANA Annual Congress 2025

- Dates: August 9–13, 2025
- Location: Music City Center, Nashville, Tennessee



Keep In Touch!

We want to hear about your accomplishments and achievements!

You could be featured in the next Anesthesia Circuit!

Email us at ane@barry.edu



Would you like to help sponsor a student to attend a professional meeting?

Being an RRNA is tough—
physically, mentally, and
financially. If you'd like to "pay it
forward" and sponsor a student
to attend a professional
meeting, please email us at
ane@barry.edu. We are grateful
to our alumni who have
generously supported our
students so far!



Barry University - Breakthrough With Us!

The BarryU CRNA Program has been a leader in anesthesia education for many years, continuously growing, evolving, and setting new standards. As a program, we remain committed to breaking barriers and shaping the future of nurse anesthesia.

In this edition of The Circuit, we're recapping the many events and accomplishments we've achieved together. Stay tuned for our Summer and Fall editions as we continue to celebrate our progress and success! #BarryCRNA #TheCircuit

TRIVIA ANSWERS

- 1. Dr. Rebecca Lee
- 2. Dr. Lori Tolson
- 3. Dr. Linda Wunder
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Thank you for reading!

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Anesthesia Circuit

Can you keep up with us?

