

# Announcing the NARAP Alumni Association

## Calling all former NARAP Research Associates

The National Alliance of Research Associate Programs (NARAP) is proud to announce the launch of our Alumni Association, which resulted from the simple question:

***How could NARAP provide ongoing support to its greatest asset, its Research Associates after their volunteer experience at NARAP ended and they continued to pursue their health care education and eventually their careers in health care?***

In launching our Alumni Association, NARAP has bridged the gap between introducing pre-health students to the medical field through Emergency Department research and their eventual careers in medicine.

Now former Research Associates (our Alumni) have the means for advice, education, mentorship, networking, and support from NARAP throughout their health care journey. Whether in nursing school or in residency, completing a Master's in Public Health or practicing as a Physician Assistant, NARAP's Alumni Association welcomes the opportunity to help Alumni, advance their careers!

According to Dr. Keith Bradley, NARAP's Chief Executive and Chief Medical Officer, *"There are over 10,000 pre-health professional students that have served as NARAP Research Associates in hospital emergency departments across the United States. Today these students fill prominent positions in the health care industry and we are excited to offer them the opportunity to join our Alumni Association."*

Indeed, NARAP has brought those individuals together in an online Alumni Forum, found on the NARAP web site or through this link: <http://www.thenarap.org/forum>. This Forum was designed as a one-stop-shop for health care professionals and students to build networks, ask questions and expand their horizons. Here we feature weekly ongoing educational opportunities, networking, mentorship, and collaborations with other past Research Associates who share common interests and experiences.

In the first month alone, the NARAP Alumni Association has facilitated a mentoring relationship, helped connect an alumna with a local physician who shared her clinical interests, and featured an alumna trying to develop a Research Association program of his own! You can learn more about him and the stories of other wonderful alumni by visiting the ***Where Are They Now?*** web page on the NARAP web site at <http://www.thenarap.org/where-are-they-now>.

If you are a former Research Associate, we encourage you to join us. Become a member of the NARAP Alumni Association by completing the registration form found at <http://www.thenarap.org/alumni>.

**Membership in the NARAP Alumni Association is FREE!**

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You can also help us grow the NARAP Alumni Association by referring a fellow alumnus! Each referral you provide will enter you for a chance to **win a \$100 Amazon gift card**. We will hold the drawing once we reach 100 Alumni, which should occur in the next couple of weeks. The more people you refer the more chances you will have to win.

If you have any questions regarding the Alumni Association, or an interest in growing the program with us, please email Henry Siccardi, the NARAP Alumni Association Coordinator at [hsiccardi@thenarap.org](mailto:hsiccardi@thenarap.org).