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NATIONAL APP WEEK

UVA HEALTH | MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

THE WEEK WE BUILT TOGETHER

NINE MONTHS OF STORIES AND NATIONAL COLLABORATION LEAD TO FIVE DAYS OF PROGRAMMING DESIGNED TO RECOGNIZE APP LEADERSHIP, EDUCATION AND IMPACT.

THE PULSE OF PROGRESS

APPs POWERING TOMORROW

THIS MONTH: LIFELONG LEARNING, HIGH-ACUITY TEAMWORK, AWARD NOMINEES AND A DAY-BY-DAY GUIDE TO NATIONAL APP WEEK 2026.

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From The Desk

A MESSAGE FROM APP LEADERSHIP

Every year, thousands of Advanced Practice Providers bridge a critical gap in healthcare. Through specialty clinical practice, APPs expand access to care in communities and specialties that have historically been stretched thin. As APPs move into subspecialty areas, including many that did not exist just a few decades ago, healthcare leaders are making a deliberate investment in their education and growth as part of the foundation for better care.

That investment matters. Patients do not experience healthcare as a single specialty. They experience a complex and often overwhelming system during moments when they are most vulnerable. When an APP has the specialty-specific training to recognize a subtle change in a post-transplant patient, lead a family meeting about goals of care, or manage a ventilator at 3 a.m., that expertise can support faster recognition, fewer delays, higher-quality care and better outcomes.

Specialty education is more than a credential. It helps move practice from competence toward excellence when patients need it most. Healthcare is a team effort, and APPs are especially effective as connective tissue across the care team. We partner with physicians, coordinate with nursing, consult with pharmacy and translate specialty knowledge across disciplines into meaningful care plans for patients and families. We see the whole patient and serve as an essential link within the infrastructure of care.

As we enter National APP Week, September 21-25, I hope we recognize that the profession's growth is inseparable from its commitment to education. The knowledge we gain and the programs we build help ensure that a grandfather's new diagnosis is carefully managed, a mother's surgical complication is prevented, or a child's quality of life is optimized. Our education and training matter, and so do the programs that make them possible.

This sixth edition brings that commitment into focus. Beth Jackson's career shows how curiosity and mentorship can open new paths for APPs. The Oklahoma Children's Hospital Pediatric Cardiac ICU team shows how specialty expertise, trust and friendship support some of the hospital's most complex care. The pages that follow also provide a day-by-day preview of the week we have built together.



Michelle Dawson

A CAREER BUILT BY CURIOSITY

BETH JACKSON ON PREVENTION, LIFELONG LEARNING AND THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT FOLLOW

National APP Week is a time to celebrate the many ways Advanced Practice Providers improve patient care, advance healthcare, and expand the boundaries of their profession. Beth Jackson, MSN, ACNS-BC, CLS, FNLA, DIPALCM, FACC, exemplifies what is possible when curiosity, dedication, and a commitment to lifelong learning guide a career. From bedside clinician to nationally recognized lipid specialist, published author, educator, leader, and now Medical Science Liaison, Beth's journey reflects the diverse opportunities available to APPs.

As Beth reflects on her career, she is quick to point out that her path was not carefully planned.

"I never set out to become a lipidologist or a published author. I simply followed my passion for prevention and never stopped asking questions."

That curiosity led her to specialize in preventive cardiology and lipidology, ultimately becoming a Certified Clinical Lipid Specialist and nationally recognized expert in cardiovascular risk reduction. By combining lifestyle medicine, evidence-based pharmacologic management, and patient-centered care, she helped improve outcomes for patients with complex lipid disorders and cardiometabolic conditions. Her contributions were recognized in 2021 when she received the Foundation of the National Lipid Association's Clinician/Educator of the Year Award.

Beth attributes much of her success to the mentors who invested in her growth. Early in her career, she gained invaluable experience caring for acutely ill patients while building a strong clinical foundation with the support of dedicated leaders.



BETH JACKSON

**MSN, ACNS-BC, CLS, FNLA, DIPALCM, FACC
at Esperion**

MENTORSHIP AND A WIDER FIELD OF IMPACT

A trailblazer in the field, Beth served as an inaugural board member of the Southwest Lipid Association and subsequently earned the President's Service award twice. Her passion for learning eventually led her to the National Lipid Association, which she describes as a professional home. Through the organization, she found opportunities for leadership, advocacy, national speaking engagements, committee service, and peer-reviewed publications. She went on to serve on the National Lipid Association Board of Directors and Executive Council, helping advance lipidology and cardiovascular prevention on a national scale.

Today, Beth has leveraged decades of clinical experience into a successful career in Medical Affairs at Esperion, where she continues to support healthcare professionals through scientific exchange, education, and evidence-based discussions that ultimately benefit patients.

For APPs just beginning their careers, Beth offers a simple message: seek out mentors, stay curious, and embrace opportunities to grow.

"I hope to inspire other APPs to embrace opportunities to learn, lead, teach, and contribute to the science that ultimately improves patient care."

Her career is a powerful reminder that APPs can make a lasting impact through clinical excellence, leadership, education, research, and a willingness to pursue opportunities they never imagined at the start of their journey.

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Innovation Today, for Healthier Lives Tomorrow

Esperion continues to evolve into a leading global biopharmaceutical company through commercial execution, international partnerships and collaborations, and advancement of its pre-clinical pipeline.

TRUST ON THE HARDEST DAYS

THE OKLAHOMA CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL PEDIATRIC CARDIAC ICU APP TEAM



PEDIATRIC CARDIAC ICU APP TEAM

at Oklahoma Children's Hospital

The Pediatric Cardiac ICU APP team at Oklahoma Children's Hospital cares for some of the hospital's sickest children. The clinical work is demanding, but the team still finds reasons to laugh together every day.

They describe themselves as more than coworkers. They are a close-knit group of friends whose trust, teamwork and occasional caffeine-fueled problem-solving help them deliver exceptional care to patients and families. Their connection inside and outside the hospital helps sustain the team through the demands of high-acuity care.

REGISTRATION CLOSES SEPTEMBER 21

COMPLETE REGISTRATION BEFORE THE END-OF-DAY DEADLINE

National APP Week 2026 begins on September 21. Organizations and individuals who have not registered by the deadline will not be able to participate in National APP Week events or receive the week's content.

If your organization has already submitted a registration, take a moment to verify that it appears on the registered organizations page. If it is not listed, complete or correct the registration before the deadline.

SEPTEMBER 21
FINAL DAY TO REGISTER

REGISTER HERE

National APP Week 2026

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Registered Organizations

Health systems, hospitals, and practices participating nationwide.

28 registered organizations

Parkland Health Dallas, TX	Tampa General Hospital Tampa, Florida	UCSD Health San Diego, CA	Emory Healthcare Atlanta, GA	ChristianaCare Health System Newark, DE	Nemours Children's Health, Central Florida Orlando, Florida	University Hospitals Cleveland, Ohio
Corewell Health East Southfield, MI	Penn State Health Hershey, PA	University of Vermont Health Burlington, Vermont	OhioHealth Columbus, Ohio	Dayton Children's Hospital Dayton, Ohio	UPMC Pittsburgh, PA	MedStar Health Gastroenterology Maryland, DC, Virginia
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	Baptist Health Jacksonville, Florida	Ascension St. Louis, MO	WakeMed Health & Hospitals Raleigh, NC	M Health Fairview Minneapolis, MN	Cooper University Healthcare Camden, New Jersey	Nicklaus Children's Health System Miami, Florida
Houston Methodist Houston, Texas	University of California Davis Sacramento, CA	Huntsville Hospital System Huntsville, Alabama	Stanford Health Care Palo Alto, California	Duke Health Durham, NC	UC San Diego Health San Diego, CA	Baylor Scott & White Health Texas

CELEBRATING THE 2026 NOMINEES

253 NOMINATIONS ACROSS SIX AWARD CATEGORIES

Across the country, organizations nominated APPs and teams whose clinical excellence, leadership, mentorship, innovation and service have made a meaningful difference. Every nomination reflects work that colleagues and communities wanted to recognize.

THE 2026 NATIONAL APP WEEK AWARDS RECOGNIZE NOMINEES IN SIX CATEGORIES:

- APP of the Year Award
- APP Team of the Year Award
- APP Mentor of the Year Award
- APP Rising Star Award
- Legacy Builder Award
- Emerging Leader Award



The six award recipients will be announced during the National APP Week Awards Ceremony on Thursday, September 24.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNITY

GET INVOLVED

[REGISTER HERE](#)

As of August 27, 228 organizations had registered to participate in National APP Week 2026. The growing list spans children's hospitals, academic medical centers, community systems, specialty practices, professional associations and universities across the country.

That reach reflects something larger than a single observance. APPs practice in nearly every part of healthcare, and each registered organization adds another place where their work can be seen, named and celebrated.

SHARE YOUR STORY

[SUBMIT HERE](#)

Every edition of this newsletter features APPs driving measurable impact. If you have a story, a quality improvement initiative, a program you built, an outcome worth documenting, submit it for consideration.

REGISTERED ORGANIZATIONS

[VIEW REGISTERED ORGANIZATIONS](#)

Don't see your organization or need to correct its information? Register or contact the National APP Week team before registration closes at the end of the day on September 21.

STAY CONNECTED. FOLLOW



Stay Connected Follow National APP Week on social media and share your participation using the official hashtags. Tag your institution, your team, and your stories.

SUBMIT YOUR CONTENT

[SUBMIT HERE](#)

National APP Week will take shape differently across every organization. We want to see how your team recognizes APPs, brings colleagues together and shares the celebration with patients and communities.

During the week, take photographs of your events, team gatherings, educational sessions, recognition activities and community outreach. Selected photographs will be featured in next month's National APP Week newsletter.

OPENING CEREMONY AND OPENING KEYNOTE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Attendees can expect a forward-looking conversation about creating more connected, personalized, and proactive care, and the important role APPs can play in turning new possibilities into everyday clinical practice.



The poster for the National APP Week 2026 Opening Ceremony and Keynote features a dark blue background with orange and white text. At the top left is the UVA Health logo. The main title 'OPENING CEREMONY' is in large, bold, white and orange letters. Below it, the date 'MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2026' is displayed, along with the tagline 'KICKING OFF A WEEK OF INSPIRATION, INNOVATION & CELEBRATION'. A circular graphic on the right says 'MARK YOUR CALENDAR! SEPTEMBER 21'. The featured speaker is Dr. Daniel Kraft, a physician, scientist, and innovator, with a circular portrait of him. His keynote theme is 'The Future of Health & Medicine, Where Can Technology Take Us?'. Below this, four icons represent the event's goals: 'BE INSPIRED', 'DISCOVER', 'CONNECT', and 'CELEBRATE'. The bottom of the poster includes the text 'NATIONAL APP WEEK 2026 THE PULSE OF PROGRESS: APPS POWERING TOMORROW' and a heart icon with a pulse line.

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— Join Us! —
OPENING CEREMONY

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2026
KICKING OFF A WEEK OF
INSPIRATION, INNOVATION & CELEBRATION

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
SEPTEMBER 21

FEATURING OPENING KEYNOTE SPEAKER
DR. DANIEL KRAFT
PHYSICIAN. SCIENTIST. INNOVATOR.
AND LEADING VOICE ON THE FUTURE
OF HEALTH & MEDICINE

KEYNOTE THEME:
*The Future of Health & Medicine,
Where Can Technology Take Us?*
An inspiring look at how emerging technologies,
data, and human ingenuity are transforming
healthcare and shaping a healthier tomorrow.

BE PART OF THE EXPERIENCE

- BE INSPIRED**
by visionary ideas
and future trends
- DISCOVER**
the endless
possibilities of
technology in
healthcare
- CONNECT**
with APP leaders
and organizations
from across the nation
- CELEBRATE**
the impact and
excellence of
APPs

NATIONAL APP WEEK 2026
THE PULSE OF PROGRESS:
APPS POWERING TOMORROW

**AVAILABLE
THROUGHOUT
THE DAY**

**MONDAY
SEPTEMBER 21**

National APP Week 2026 begins with an opening ceremony led by Bill Lombardi of UVA Health, followed by the week's opening keynote from Dr. Daniel Kraft.

Dr. Kraft will present The Future of Health & Medicine: Where Can Technology Take Us? His keynote asks where technology may take healthcare next.

PRESIDENT'S PANEL DISCUSSION

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

A conversation with the leaders of national APP professional organizations

Six national leaders come together to discuss the issues influencing APP practice today and the future direction of the profession.



The poster for the President's Panel Discussion is primarily blue and white. At the top left is the UVA Health logo and 'NATIONAL APP WEEK 2026'. The central text reads 'Join Us! PRESIDENT'S PANEL DISCUSSION' with a star icon. Below this is the date 'TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2026' and the subtitle 'A CONVERSATION WITH THE PRESIDENTS LEADING OUR APP PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS'. A circular badge on the right says 'MARK YOUR CALENDARS! SEPTEMBER 22'. The 'FEATURING' section shows six headshots of panelists with their names and organization affiliations. Below this, a 'BE PART OF THE CONVERSATION' section lists four themes: 'HEAR from national APP leaders', 'ENGAGE in meaningful dialogue', 'INSPIRE the future of our profession', and 'UNITED stronger together for our patients and APPs'. The bottom banner features a heart icon, the text 'NATIONAL APP WEEK 2026 THE PULSE OF PROGRESS: APPs POWERING TOMORROW', and a group of people icon.

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PRESIDENT'S PANEL DISCUSSION

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2026
A CONVERSATION WITH THE PRESIDENTS
LEADING OUR APP PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
SEPTEMBER 22

FEATURING

- VALERIE FULLER**
American Association of Nurse Practitioners
- JACKELINE ISELER**
National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists
- DAVID BUNNELL**
American Academy of Physician Associates
- TRACY YOUNG**
American Association of Nurse Anesthesiology
- EMILY MYCYK**
American Academy of Anesthesiologist Assistants
- PETER JOHNSON**
American College of Nurse Midwives

BE PART OF THE CONVERSATION

- HEAR** from national APP leaders
- ENGAGE** in meaningful dialogue
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- UNITED** stronger together for our patients and APPs

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PANEL

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MIDWEEK KEYNOTE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23



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MIDWEEK KEYNOTE

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2026

We are honored to have Jones Loflin as our midweek keynote for National APP Week 2026 with an inspiring keynote presentation.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
SEPTEMBER 23

FEATURING MIDWEEK KEYNOTE SPEAKER

JONES LOFLIN

Leadership expert, author, and speaker who helps busy professionals and organizations get more done with less stress. Jones inspires audiences with practical strategies and a refreshing perspective on leading with purpose, clarity, and balance.

KEYNOTE THEME:
Powering Tomorrow: Leading Well in A World Of Too Much To Do

Jones empowers leaders and teams to take control of their time, reduce overwhelm, and lead with greater influence and authenticity. His insights will leave you motivated to simplify, refocus, and lead in a way that brings out the best in yourself and those you serve.

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by visionary ideas and future trends
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Powering Tomorrow: Leading Well in a World of Too Much to Do.

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**WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 23**

Leadership expert, author and speaker Jones Loflin helps busy professionals and organizations get more done with less stress. His keynote offers practical strategies for managing time, reducing overwhelm and leading with greater clarity and authenticity.

AWARDS CEREMONY

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

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Join Us!
AWARDS CEREMONY

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2026

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
SEPTEMBER 24

FEATURING

BILL LOMBARDI
UVA HEALTH

HONORE KOTLER
CEDARS SINAI

Celebrating 253 nominees across 6 AWARD CATEGORIES
and Announcing this year's National Winners!

BE PART OF THE EXPERIENCE

- BE INSPIRED** by extraordinary APPs and their impact
- DISCOVER** innovative practice models and inspiring stories
- CONNECT** with APP leaders and organizations from across the nation
- CELEBRATE** the excellence and dedication of APPs

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Honoring 253 nominees and six award recipients

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THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 24

Bill Lombardi and Honore Kotler will present the 2026 National APP Week Awards and recognize the individuals and teams whose work has stood out across the national APP community.

253 NOMINATIONS

6 AWARD RECIPIENTS

CLOSING CEREMONY AND HOST HANDOFF

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

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2027 ADVOCATE HEALTH

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Join Us!
CLOSING CEREMONY & HOST HANDOFF

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2026

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
SEPTEMBER 25

FEATURING

BILL LOMBARDI
UVA HEALTH

BRITNEY BRODYHILL
ADVOCATE HEALTH

UVA Health passes the torch to Advocate Health as they take the hosting reins for National APP Week 2027.

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Passing the Torch for National APP Week 2027.

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FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 25

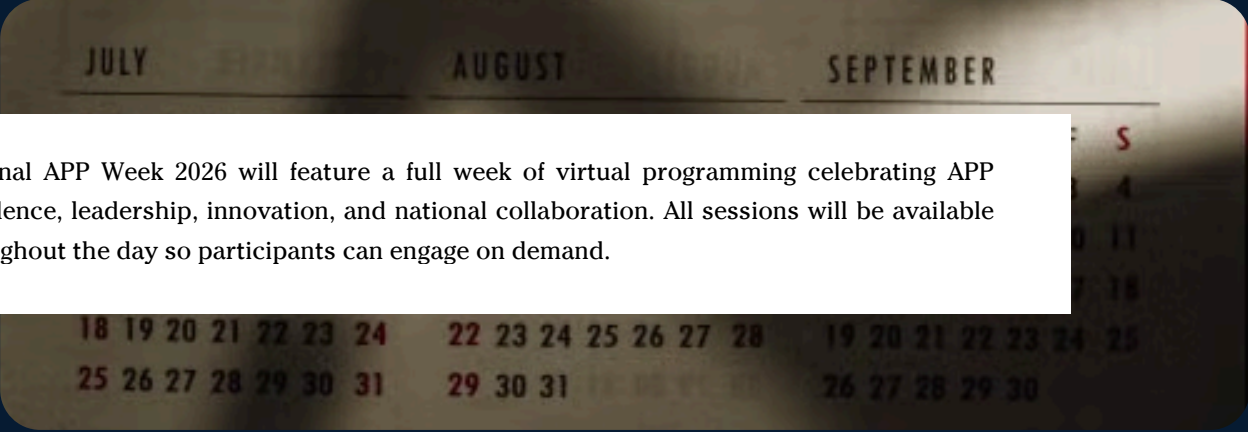
Bill Lombardi will close National APP Week 2026 and mark the handoff to Advocate Health, the host of National APP Week 2027. The closing ceremony recognizes the organizations and individuals who helped build this year's national celebration and introduces the team that will carry the work forward.

Join us for Passing the Torch for National APP Week 2027 and help close a week dedicated to the contributions of APPs across the country.



NATIONAL APP WEEK 2026 EVENT CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 21-25, 2026



National APP Week 2026 will feature a full week of virtual programming celebrating APP excellence, leadership, innovation, and national collaboration. All sessions will be available throughout the day so participants can engage on demand.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- Opening Ceremony & Keynote Speaker featuring Dr. Daniel Kraft: The Future of Health & Medicine, Where Can Technology Take Us?

Available all day to watch on demand.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- President's Panel Discussion Hear from leaders across the nation as they share insights on the future of APPs in healthcare.

Available all day.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- Midweek Keynote Speaker featuring Jones Loflin: Leadership expert, author, and speaker who helps busy professionals and organizations get more done with less stress.

Available all day to watch on demand.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- Awards Ceremony Celebrating excellence and the incredible impact of APPs across the nation.

Available all day.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- Wrap Up & Host Handoff Closing out National APP Week 2026 and passing the celebration forward.

Available all day to watch on demand.

***Together, we celebrate APP
excellence at both UVA
Health and nationally.***

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