WHY ATTEND THE AAP ANNUAL MEETING?

The AAP Annual Meeting is designed to cultivate the attendees' professional development, improve their education skills, collaborate on educational scholarship, encourage and facilitate mentorship, and build community with others. Practicing psychiatrists and trainees at all stages of their development are welcome and encouraged to attend. Other professionals are welcome to attend if they share these interests.

WELCOME

FROM THE PRESIDENT

In the past years' meetings, we've learned to "Adapt to Change" and "Go It Together." Both were prescient of the times and what we needed to keep growing and sharing together as psychiatric educators. With this year's theme, "Navigating the Peaks and Valleys: Education in Uncertain Times," also resonates. We can't go a day without seeing unpredictable and challenging local, national, and international headlines. These changes are outside of our control – but that is also what this is about! Our community of psychiatric educators will continue, the best we can, despite the uncertainty. We'll be sharing tools and tips to navigate whatever lies ahead. Importantly, perhaps what I value most about AAP, is the shared motivations, passions, and friendships that are the core to keep us moving ahead. Some of us are in valleys right now but hoping we can all head to a peak together in Salt Lake City this September!

With the leadership and shared vision of Program Chair Joe Stoklosa, MD, and Associate Program Chair, Adrienne Gerken, MD, we are building an outstanding program. There will be something for everyone – student to resident to senior faculty; first timers to every timers. We will be anchored by interactive Workshops, innovative E-Posters and Works-in-Progress, engaging Educator's Showcase, and creative Media Sessions. In addition to AAP's Master Educator Program, this year brings the first AACDP/AAP Master Leadership Program. We will meet new colleagues and reconnect with friends, at the Welcome Reception, Community Breakfast, Career Development Lunch, and, of course, the Night Out (and Night Out After Party – guess what will be back...)! All the sessions will be filled with "AAP Goodness" and designed to get you out of your seat and actively engaged in learning! This year we plan to continue the "Beyond the Keynote" tradition started last year. Our AAP colleagues, Drs. Kari Wolf, Shaheen Darani, and Sam Dotson will be our discussant panel, joining me for an interactive session engaging all of you as participants.

I can't wait to see you all there! It's the gathering of our AAP community that makes all these pieces a whole meeting experience! Let's navigate our way to this peak together!

Michael J Peterson, MD, PhD, DFAAP
AAP President, 2025-26

ACCREDITATION AND DESIGNATION STATEMENT

In support of improving patient care, this activity has been planned and implemented by American Psychiatric Association (APA) and Association for Academic Psychiatry (AAP). The American Psychiatric Association (APA) is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

The American Psychiatric Association (APA) designates this live activity for a maximum of 17.75 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™*. Physicians should claim only credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

NEW 2026 FEATURES!!!

*VISIT COLLABORATION STATION! *NEW**

7am - 5pm, September 16-19
Where great ideas are shared. It is about connecting ideas with people and creating synergy for great new learning opportunities. Stop by AAP's Collaboration Station at the Registration area to share your ideas and insight and connect with others.

*EMPOWERING ALL ATTENDEES! *NEW**

1pm - 2pm on Wednesday, September 16
Enjoy this pre-meeting session: "From Overwhelmed to Empowered: Strategies for Mastering Conference Attendance" Click the title above for details & sign up in registration!

AAP BUDDY PROGRAM

2pm - 2:45pm on Wednesday, September 16
AAP Buddies & First Timers - get paired at the Meet, Mingle and More! Click the title above for details and sign up in registration.

AACDP/AAP MASTER LEADERSHIP PROGRAM *NEW*

September 16-17 - Pre-registration REQUIRED & space is limited. Click on the title for details, fees and registration.

BEYOND THE KEYNOTE

9am - 10:15am on Thursday, September 17
"Wayfinding Together: Anchors and Adaptation in Psychiatric Education" Click the title above for more details.

EXPLORATION TIME: YOUR CHOICE!

3pm-6pm, Thursday, September 17
Visit Salt Lake City or get some more insider tips on what to do and where to go with your bonus three hours of free time!

AAP MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

PRELIMINARY MEETING SCHEDULE
HOTEL INFORMATION
GETTING TO SALT LAKE CITY
EXPLORING SALT LAKE CITY
PRE-MEETING ACTIVITY AT THE ART MUSEUM
MASTER EDUCATOR
AAP NIGHT OUT & AFTER PARTY
CAREER DEVELOPMENT LUNCH
Mentor/Mentee Consultations & CV Boot Camp
AAP BOOK CLUB
E-POSTERS
CULTURAL COMPENTENCY & DIVERSITY CONSULTS
MEDIA SESSIONS
WORKS-IN-PROGRESS ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS
CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

As a result of attending this educational activity, participants will be able to:

- Describe teaching approaches that improve and enhance your current educational practice;
- Identify at least one new pedagogical approach to incorporate into your current teaching practice;
- Discuss challenges facing the field of academic psychiatry and identify strategies to address these challenges effectively;
- Identify experienced medical educators who can serve as mentors in developing an effective teaching portfolio and career, as well as peers who can serve as collaborators for new educational projects and scholarly work.