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JUNE 20-21, 2014

2014 SUMMER CME PROGRAM
MARRIOTT PORTLAND SABLE OAKS
SOUTH PORTLAND, MAINE

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2014 MEAPA Annual Award Nominations

These Awards for outstanding service are presented each year in recognition of outstanding service to the PA Profession and to the Maine Association of Physician Assistants. Nominations are made to the Chair of the Awards Committee, who presents the names to the Board of Directors for final selection. The awards are presented at MEAPA's Annual Meeting, held in the Spring of each year. To make a nomination submit name with a brief statement of why this individual should be nominated using the options below.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/6YWG7PW>

Mail, fax or email nominations to:

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DEADLINE: April 14, 2014

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AL-TBI Pilot Program

Kirsten Thomsen, MEAPA chief delegate, would like for all MEAPA members to be aware of a very important bill that affects our Veterans in the country. We can take immediate action to help with this bill. The wife of one of our PA colleagues shared the information below and we hope that you will act on it.

Bill Fenn, our PA colleague and Glynna's husband, was very active in the AAPA House of Delegates for many years. He also served as Speaker of the House and was a PA educator prior to his very unfortunate fall at home which resulted in his medical injuries. He is a veteran so is directly affected by this bill.

Message below from Glynna Fenn

I've had some questions on how to go about contacting your senators and representatives regarding the AL-TBI Pilot Program from the VA. A good question.

You can get email addresses and phone numbers for all of the Congress members at congress.gov.

What to say/email? Tell them that Bill S.1950, Section 313, specifically the AL-TBI Program under the VA, MUST be voted on and extended past the end of this fiscal year. That it's only right that veterans with traumatic brain injuries get the treatment and care they've earned defending our country. Brain injury rehabilitation centers are very expensive because of their specialized treatment. Not many people can afford them out-of-pocket. So it's imperative that Congress vote on this bill, and extend the Pilot Program so veterans who have served their country so well, can get some semblance of their lives back.

Tell them you have a friend in the program, who needs it very, very much.

Thank you all for your support on this. It means so much.

Glynna



Susan Vincent Memorial Scholarship

Each year, the Maine Association of Physician Assistants (MEAPA) awards a \$1,000 *Susan Vincent Memorial Scholarship*, in memory of fellow PA, Susan Vincent.

Scholarship Requirements

- 1) The student applicant must be a Maine resident at the time of acceptance into a PA Program and share a desire to work and serve in Maine upon graduation.
- 2) The student must submit a letter of acceptance from an accredited Physician Assistant Program.
- 3) The applicant is asked to submit a brief statement detailing why she/he deserves and needs this scholarship. (maximum length - 2 single-typed pages)
- 4) The applicant should exemplify those qualities that Susan Vincent modeled during her life - against the odds, achieving goals set forth educationally and career-wise, while serving his/her community. Volunteerism was very important to Susan.

Background

Susan Vincent grew up in New Jersey and attended the Rutgers's Physician Assistant Program. PAs at the time could not practice in NJ, though this did not stop Susan from pursuing her goal to become a PA. Prior to becoming a PA, she and her husband at the time both volunteered with their community EMS. Volunteer work and giving back to her community was very important to Susan.

Susan Vincent lived and worked as a physician assistant in Maine during the early 1980's and served on the MEAPA (formally DEAPA) Board of Directors during that time. She worked at the University of Maine Cutler Health Center with a focus on family medicine. She became aware of the high cost of health care and made it her focus to practice preventative medicine with a mind toward cost effective provision of care.

Susan loved the outdoors, enjoyed hiking and camping, and was a veteran of Walt Abbott's Wilderness Canoe Course at the University of Maine. She was an avid bicyclist and also enjoyed singing with the University of Maine chorale group. While in the university setting, she began taking courses to prepare herself for the next step in her career with a goal to attend medical school. She then attended the University of Vermont College of Medicine and nearly completed her residency in Pediatrics when her previously diagnosed malignant melanoma returned. Despite her illness, she continued to study and was accepted into the Pediatric Oncology Fellowship Program just before her death.

MEAPA (formally DEAPA) honors Susan Vincent through this scholarship for her zest for life and strong determination to reach her goals despite all odds. She enjoyed life to its fullest and encouraged others to do so and to give back to the community unselfishly. This Association feels her example will inspire many to achieve set goals and to become a strong and caring member of the health care team.

Deadline for Submission: May 1, 2014