



## Physician Assistant History Society

Honoring our History; Ensuring our Future

### PA Program Associates:

PA Programs are encouraged to become “Associates” of the Society on annual basis. Their (\$1,000, \$500 or \$250) contribution provides several benefits to both programs and students. **PA Program benefits** include:

- **access to the PAHx online *50th Anniversary Toolkit*** provides commemorative materials such as a poster, slide presentation, timeline banners and more, for use in educating, promotion and celebrating the profession’s semi-centennial anniversary.
- **access to the PAHx online *Educational Toolkit*** which provides primary and secondary source materials to help students learn and appreciate the development, growth and impact that the PA Profession has had on American Medicine for the past 50 years.
- **access to the PAHx online *Historian Toolkit***. Toolkit provides guidance in documenting and preserving a program or institution’s history and milestones.
- **a feature on the PAHx website *home page*** with content provided by the program. The featured program page could include historical information, faculty profiles, student achievements, and/or other unique features. The Associates are featured on the PAHx website homepage with a link to the Program’s own website.
- **access to the PA History Society *Speakers’ Bureau*** for assistance in identifying an appropriate speaker for significant events in the academic year, such as the white coat ceremony or graduation exercises. PAHx Trustees are also available to conduct telephone or email interviews with students for class projects.
- **access to the Society’s digital images ‘free of charge’** for program exhibits.
- **listing on the PAHx website *Associates page*** with a link to the Program’s own website.
- **display of their program’s first graduating class picture** on the Associates *First Graduating Class page* on the website with a link to the Program’s own website.

### PAHx Products:

***The Physician Assistant: An Illustrated History***, this book provides a concise history of the people, places, and events that have propelled the concept of the physician assistant from its inception at Duke University, in 1965, to its position as a major force in American medicine today. It is available for a modest fee through our Society’s website. All proceeds go to the Society.

***Just Say for Me***, the little blue book of “Steadisms”, is a collection of insightful and often witty thoughts on medical care by Dr. Eugene Stead.

***The Way We Were: A Conversation with the PA Profession’s Early Leaders***. This DVD features the first Presidents of three of the professional PA organizations, discussing important history about the establishment of these organizations. Featured speakers are Thomas Piemme (NCCPA), Alfred Sadler (PAEA), William Stanhope (AAPA), and Ruth Ballweg moderates the conversation.

For more information about the PA History Society, its programs and services, please contact the Society via email at: [contactus@pahx.org](mailto:contactus@pahx.org) or by telephone at 678-417-8682.

**PAHx:** [www.pahx.org](http://www.pahx.org)

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/PAHistory>

**Twitter:** [https://twitter.com/pa\\_hx](https://twitter.com/pa_hx)

**Blog:** [www.pahistorysociety.wordpress.com](http://www.pahistorysociety.wordpress.com)

**LinkedIn:** <https://www.linkedin.com/company/physician-assistant-history-society>

The Physician Assistant History Society is a charitable organization that exists for educational purposes, and is exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. It has no “membership,” and its Trustees are volunteers. Accordingly, the Society is dependent upon charitable contributions from its constituency, and the professional and educational communities of the PA profession.



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## PAHx Toolkits for Educators and PA Students

### Educational Toolkit

The *Educational Toolkit on the History and Legacy of the Physician Assistant Profession* is a compendium of PowerPoint™ slides, photographs, and video clips that can be integrated into personalized lectures; a series of five self-directed learning modules; a Syllabus of major themes that can be explored using the PAHx Website; a textbook primer - *The Physician Assistant: An Illustrated History*; and the DVD - *The Way We Were: A Conversation with the PA Profession's Early Leaders*. The Educational Tool Kit is a continuum of the PAHx Society's efforts to make the history of the PA profession come alive, meaningful and inspirational for future generations of physician assistants.



### Historian's Toolkit

The Society's *Historian's Toolkit* is designed to help our Associate Historians identify, gather, organize and maintain their institution's history according to archival standards and to make this knowledge available to their constituents and to the general public. The contents of the toolkit will help our Associate Historians understand the basics of archiving and what types of materials to collect and maintain. It provides links to online resources useful in conducting oral histories and digitizing documents and images and provides templates used by the PAHx Society to grow its archival collection of personal papers, photographs and videos, oral histories and biographies. Working collaboratively, the PAHx Society and our Associate Historians will assure that the local, regional, national (and international) history of our profession is being preserved and made readily accessible for educational, research and literary purposes.

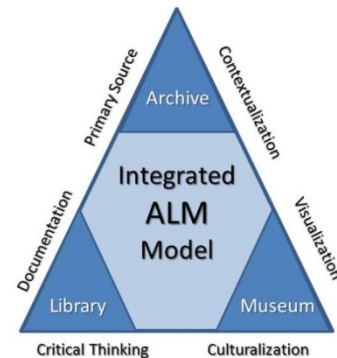


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## ABOUT OUR COLLECTION

The Society's **Archive, Library and Museum (ALM) Collection** chronicles the development of the Physician Assistant Profession and its various professional organizations which have promoted the education, certification, deployment and effective use of physician assistants throughout the US. Included are papers of key leaders who established and led these organizations, and pioneering physician assistants who proved the value of using non-physician personnel to enhance the provision of health care services. The Society's historical collections provide primary source material, valuable to educators, students, policy-makers and researchers who want to understand the legal, social, economic and professional issues that helped shape the PA profession during its formative years and allowed it to become an integral part of the American Health Care System. As the collection grows it will trace the expansion of the physician assistant movement nationally and internationally. (The Triangle is too small for me to read the small print – we need to enlarge it or eliminate it)



The **Archive** is a valuable repository of primary source material that provides a historical context for accurately describing events that occurred during our development as a profession. It contains Organizational Records and Personal Manuscripts, preserved according to national archival standards and best practices. The materials include documents, correspondence, clippings, reprints, photographs, and video. In addition the archives contain a digital collection of oral histories, photographs and videos, either donated to or produced by the Society. *{The Archives currently contain 5 Organizational Records Collections, 20 Personal Manuscript Collections, 63 recorded interviews, 200 videos, and 2500 images.}*

The **Library** is a valuable repository of publications that encourage historical critical thinking necessary to determine if a statement, finding or conclusion is valid. It contains printed materials such as journals, books, dissertations, reports, newsletters and copies of articles. It also includes first editions, signed copies and other rare books. *{The Library consists of 261 books, 781 articles, 32 dissertations, 68 serials, 216 reports, 32 manuscripts and 42 journals consisting of series of journals of major PA organizations.}*

The **Museum** is a valuable repository of objects that provides a visual understanding of our professional heritage, legacy and culture. It holds a variety of objects that embody the PA Profession's development and evolution, including artwork, uniforms, lapel pins, student PA program patches, medical instruments, awards, certificates, and artifacts. *{The Museum Collection contains over 200 donated items from various individuals and over 70 items from the Eugene A. Stead, Jr. estate.}*