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EDUCATION

Dermatology Diplomate Fellowship - Graduate

Society of Dermatology Physician Associates

2019 – 2022

Master's of Physician Assistant Studies - Pi Alpha Honor Graduate

University of Nebraska Medical Center, Interservice PA Program

2019 – 2021

Bachelor of Science, Law - Graduate with Distinction

United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO

2009 – 2013

Physician Associate | Healthcare Advocate | Leader in Clinical Practice

Flight Commander & Physician Associate, Nellis AFB, U.S. Air Force

Nov 2021 – Present

- **Leadership & Advocacy:** Leads 70+ staff at the Air Force's busiest clinic; oversees operations for 1,300+ weekly patient visits & ensures quality care for 63K beneficiaries.
- **Dermatology Expertise:** Primary in-house dermatology consultant, performing biopsies, procedures & skin evaluations to improve patient outcomes. Delivers hospital lectures on melanoma guidelines and early detection.
- **Training & Development:** Preceptor for 18 PA students, preparing future PAs for military medicine through hands-on clinical training in Derm procedures and lesion pattern analysis.
- **Crisis Coordination:** Directs monthly hospital exercises as National Disaster Medical System Team Leader, ensuring readiness for large-scale medical emergencies.

Public Affairs Officer, U.S. Air Force

Jun 2013 – Nov 2019

- **Congressional & Media Relations:** Collaborated with congressional officials & media outlets to strengthen Air Force community presence & advocacy. Advised senior leaders on strategic communication.
- **Team Leader:** Led a 27-member team supporting 33 units for impactful messaging to the public & key military and business stakeholders.
- **National-Level Impact:** Managed national outreach campaigns, including 12 Air Force commercials, 5 tours, with an \$87K budget. Personally requested by generals & commanders for high-profile media events.
- **Marketing Expertise:** Designed national campaigns & managed contract deliverables to increase awareness of Air Force missions and recruiting.

Organizational Advocacy Experience

- **Board Membership:** Serves on the Air Force Physician Associate advocacy board developing communication plans with AAPA & House of Delegates, representing the interests of military PAs.
- **Congressional Advisor:** Advised Air Force leaders on navigating congressional regulations, and committees. Guided leaders developing key policies that affect healthcare teams & patients.
- **Congressional Board:** Interviewed & appraised candidates for congressional nominations to the USAF Academy 2024-2026, promoting diverse talent in the armed forces.

Research & Publications

- **Published Author** – Recent peer-reviewed publication in the Journal of Dermatology Physician Assistants (JDPA) on novel treatments for late-stage melanoma.

Ranaweera, E. *An intralesional approach with oncolytic viral and immunologic melanoma therapy.*

Journal of Dermatology for Physician Assistants, vol. 19, no. 2, Apr. 2025, pp. 21–28.

<https://doi.org/10.1097/jdpa.0000000000000057>.

Professional Awards

DermPA Service Award, SDPA, 2024 — Pi Alpha Honor Graduate, 2020 — Superintendent's List USAF Academy, 2013