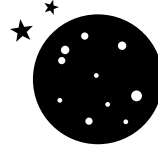




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Your Mission

Opportunities abound beginning Friday, with education sessions that will revitalize you as a medical assistant practitioner or educator. First-time attendees and students, the AAMA Board of Trustees wants to meet you at a special get-together on Friday morning. On Saturday, everyone is welcome to increase their leadership and organizational knowledge by attending the AAMA Board of Trustees and House of Delegates meetings and participating in Reference Committee hearings. State and chapter leaders, don't miss the event specially designed just for you—the State Leaders session on Sunday at 1 PM.

Along the way we throw in some food, fun, and recognition! On Friday evening, the Board of Trustees will join you at the Welcome and Awards Celebration, where the Awards Committee will welcome all conference attendees and salute the deserving winners of the 2021 state-society-level Excel Awards as well as the 2020 winners of the Awards of Distinction, CMA (AAMA)® Employer of the Year Award, and Student Essay Award. Before the ceremony, a special slideshow will spotlight the 2020 winners of state-society-level Excel Awards.

Note: The 2021 winners of the Awards of Distinction, CMA (AAMA) Employer of the Year Award, and Student Essay Award will be announced and celebrated at the Presidents Banquet Sunday evening.

Fuel Up

Your body needs fuel to get you through all those conference activities!
(Check the conference program for locations.)

Note: Vegetarian, gluten-free, and dairy-free options are available upon request.

Continental Breakfasts (Friday–Sunday)

- Orange and grapefruit juice
- Fresh sliced fruit and farm fresh berries
- Assorted freshly baked breakfast pastries (gluten-free pastries available)
- Peanut butter and orange marmalade
- Assorted individual fruit yogurts
- Hard-boiled eggs
- Coffee (regular and decaf) and teas

Welcome and Awards Celebration Buffet Stations

- Salad: Iceberg and romaine lettuce, Roma tomato wedges, shredded cheddar, and buttermilk-herb vinaigrette
- West Texas barbecue
- Smoked brisket sliders with 1955 World's Fair barbecue sauce
- Roasted, marinated bone-in chicken

- Old-fashioned mustard potato salad
- Creamy poppy-seed coleslaw
- Zucchini, corn, and tomato sauté
- Jalapeño corn bread and pull-apart bread
- Ice cream bar
- Coffee (regular and decaf), iced tea, and water

Presidents Banquet

Three-Course Meal

- Salad: Fresh baby spinach leaves, goat cheese, California sun-dried tomatoes, sliced mushrooms, spiced Texas pecans, and warm sherry vinaigrette
- Entrée: Chicken piccata with lemon caper sauce, angel hair pasta, garlic, and Roma tomatoes
- Dessert: Mini cheesecake, with a tiramisu scoop and chocolate-dipped long-stem strawberry



Allergy Alert

As part of reasonable efforts made by the AAMA to accommodate the needs of attendees, we respectfully request that you do not bring any nut products into the conference. Thank you for your consideration.

Other News

Out-of-This-World NASA Artifacts

As a special treat, NASA artifacts will be on display during the Welcome and Awards Celebration as well as the Presidents Banquet.

New Flight Paths

The 65th AAMA Annual Conference has many unique spins to celebrate how we're over the moon about the AAMA's 65 years of dedication to the medical assisting profession. Pay close attention to this year's agenda, particularly for Saturday's and Sunday's events. Additionally, photographs will no longer be available for purchase in person. You can view and purchase your photographs taken by the on-site professional photographer, Bob Evanson, via his website: <https://wcp.shootproof.com/gallery/aama2021/>.

Constellation Prizes

Check out the vendors in the Publishers Showcase, as there will be randomly distributed prize tickets for some lucky attendees to grab! (*Only one prize ticket per individual is permitted.*) The event is open on Saturday, Sept. 25, from 11 AM to 4 PM. Free beverages will be available as well.

Something's on the Horizon

Stop by the Meet the Candidates session in the Galleria Ballroom on Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021, at 9:30 AM to be some of the first to hear very exciting news from members of the AAMA Board of Trustees.

Going Out in Style

Join the AAMA Board of Trustees for the Presidents Banquet 7:30 PM Sunday. We will salute state leaders with the Parade of

Presidents, honor the departing and newly elected members of the Board of Trustees, and celebrate the 2021 winners of the Awards of Distinction, CMA (AAMA) Employer of the Year Award, and Student Essay Award. And we'll do all of it in style: cocktail attire is the dress code for the event.

Use Your Voice

The AAMA Board of Trustees and the Continuing Education Board want to hear from you. After the conference, you will receive an email directing you to two online surveys. One survey is for your feedback on the AAMA Annual Conference, and the other survey is for feedback on the continuing education sessions you attended (as well as your important suggestions for future topics). These surveys will be available for only one week, so please respond promptly. And make sure that your email address in your membership record is up to date.

Have a Field Day!

As a special bonus for 2021 AAMA Annual Conference attendees and AAMA members,* the Houston Texans are offering discounted pricing on tickets to the Houston Texans vs. the Carolina Panthers game on Thursday, Sept. 23, 2021! Use the dedicated link for this special offer (available on the "2021 Conference" webpage) to access more information on ticket pricing and seating options.

**Proof of conference attendance or AAMA membership is not needed.*

Delegates and Alternates: Got Questions?

If you're a delegate or alternate for the 2021 House of Delegates and you have any questions or concerns, stop by River Oaks on Friday 3:30–4 PM to speak with Speaker of the House Deborah Novak, CMA (AAMA), and Vice Speaker of the House Monica Case, CMA (AAMA).

Follow the Leaders!

You may notice an array of colorful badges on many attendees. Because your AAMA Board of Trustees and education board members are always on the move, they can be hard to spot, so these brightly colored badges will help you out.

Yellow: Board of Trustees

Pink: Continuing Education Board

Orange: Certifying Board

Blue: Medical Assisting Education Review Board

Red: Past Presidents

We Proudly Present

The Continuing Education Board and the Practice Managers Task Force present Lorraine Stephens, MD, system chief for family medicine at TriHealth, who will offer an 8 AM Sunday session on "Value-Based Contracts: The Future of Reimbursement."

The Certifying Board, along with the North Carolina and South Carolina state societies, invites you to be a part of the ever-popular "CMA (AAMA) Knowledge Bowl" on Sunday at 10:30 AM. Team up with your peers to answer general, administrative, and clinical questions and win prizes! Teams of four are selected randomly, and educators are eligible to participate. Space is limited, so sign up early! Sign-up sheets will be in the AAMA Registration Desk area.

Get Your CEUs on the Record



You may drop off the CE checklist in the drop box near AAMA Registration. (*If you forget to do so, fax them as soon as possible after conference to 312/899-1259, or scan and email them to Conference@aama-ntl.org.*)

Weather Forecast

If you're planning any sightseeing during your stay, we hope the weather will bid fair, but you can check the forecast at <https://www.weather.com>.