

AAMA update

Have You Heard? The AAMA Has a Podcast!

In each episode of the AAMA's podcast, the AAMA explores various aspects of medical assisting, from essential skills and qualities that make a great medical assistant to the latest advancements and legal victories for the profession. We interview subject matter experts, discuss real-life scenarios, and share practical tips to help you navigate the challenges and triumphs of medical assisting.

In the newest episode, "Insights and Discussions for the Future of the CMA (AAMA) Credential," AAMA CEO and Legal Counsel Donald Balasa, JD, MBA, and AAMA Director of Certification Katie Gottwaldt discuss the evolving landscape of medical assisting.

Together, they discuss critical workforce trends, the shrinking pipeline of accredited training programs, and the AAMA's innovations to help meet today's health care demands. Learn how the CMA (AAMA) credential stands apart from other certifications—and get an inside look at the proposed CMA (AAMA), I.V. microcredential, a powerful step toward expanding clinical competencies and elevating the role, reputation, and recognition of medical assistants nationwide.

Want to Submit Your Membership Dues Renewal via Mail?

Keep an eye on your mailbox in November for the 2026 Membership Dues Remittance Form so you can renew your membership by mail for the 2026 membership term.



2025 Conference Highlights

Hundreds of medical assistants from near and far enjoyed new educational possibilities at the 69th AAMA Annual Conference in Arlington, Virginia. More than 500 people connected with their peers and furthered their knowledge as medical assistants, and more than 300 people participated in the CMA (AAMA) Knowledge Bowl!

Many thanks to the Annual Conference Education Committee, the members of the Virginia State Society of Medical Assistants, and the 2024–2025 Annual Conference Committee for a fun and informative weekend dedicated to medical assisting professionals.

The AAMA congratulates all the Excel Award winners who took home awards from the conference. You go above and beyond to positively represent the AAMA and the medical assisting profession, and your recognition is well-earned. Also, congratulations to Betty Springer, CMA-C (AAMA), for receiving the 2025 AAMA Life Member Award.





Standout Students

Congratulations to this year's recipients of the Maxine Williams Scholarship:



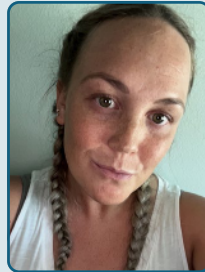
Name: Danielle Carroccia
Expected Graduation: May 2026
Institution: Bryant & Stratton College
In Their Own Words: "I want to be recognized as a dedicated and compassionate medical assistant who makes a meaningful difference in the lives of patients and contributes to the success of my organization."



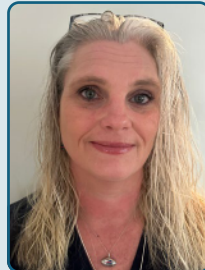
Name: Layla Carvajal
Expected Graduation: December 2025
Institution: El Paso Community College
In Their Own Words: "My ultimate goal is to become a trusted and valued member of the health care team, known for my compassion, work ethic, and ability to provide exceptional patient care."



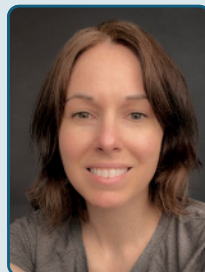
Name: Jennifer Kelly, CMA (AAMA)
Graduated: August 2025
Institution: Tennessee College of Applied Technology at Chattanooga State
In Their Own Words: "I chose medical assisting for the endless possibilities and stable career field."



Name: Cheyenne Koop, CMA (AAMA)
Graduated: July 2025
Institution: UAF Community & Technical College
In Their Own Words: "I have always seen myself working in the medical field [and] doing my best to help others as much as possible, while making a positive impact on the health care system and potentially even the world."



Name: Jennifer Maikranz
Expected Graduation: December 2025
Institution: Anne Arundel Community College
In Their Own Words: "I chose medical assisting because I like taking care of people and their families."



Name: Mallorie Quiring, CMA (AAMA)
Graduated: August 2025
Institution: Clark College
In Their Own Words: "I chose to become a medical assistant because I feel passionate about being someone who can advocate for and work with patients on some of their hardest days."



Name: DorieSue Walker, CMA (AAMA)
Graduated: August 2025
Institution: Greater Altoona Career and Technology Center
In Their Own Words: "I feel very confident that this is exactly the path I am meant to be on."