

SDSMA MESSENGER

Meet your 2025-2027 Executive Board

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Join us in welcoming our latest board member, **Christina Anderson, CMA (AAMA)** Vice President!

Hi, my name is Christina Anderson. I have been a CMA for 19 years, My family consists of Jim (husband), Courtney (daughter), Morgan (daughter) and our 2 dogs Oliver and Lou, I am currently working at Urology Specialists, where I have worked for 14 years. In my spare time I like to watch sporting events and craft.

Returning Board Members:

****Susan Hookie, CMA (AAMA)** President**

****Alexius Plooster, CMA (AAMA)** Secretary**

****Chelsea Unzicker, CMA (AAMA)** Treasurer**

****Erica Arends, CMA (AAMA)** Immediate Past President**

In the last year, Chelsea and Alexius both got married. Chelsea and her family moved in the last month to enjoy “farm” life. Alexius has been busy sewing and sharing her quilts with those she loves.

Susan’s youngest graduated high school last year and she has been enjoying her time supporting her husband’s side hustle BBQ business and Cricut projects.

Erica has been busy being the Auntie of the Year, chasing her nephews and niece to all of their endeavors. When she is not attending their events, she is visiting as many National Parks as she can.

The Medical Assisting Creed of the AAMA sets forth medical assisting statements of belief:

- I believe in the principles and purposes of the profession of medical assisting.
- I endeavor to be more effective.
- I aspire to render greater service.
- I protect the confidence entrusted to me.
- I am dedicated to the care and well-being of all people.
- I am loyal to my employer.
- I am true to the ethics of my profession.
- I am strengthened by compassion, courage, and faith.

Congratulations to our 2 Student Scholarship recipients.

Thank you to everyone who came to the STC symposium in November. We had another great Symposium put on by our future Medical Assistants. Approximately 55 attendees earned 5 CEUs.

Attendees donated and helped support STC's food pantry.



Each year up to 2 Student Scholarships are awarded at the State Convention. Students are asked to write a 500 word essay explaining why they want to be a Medical Assistant and how they will give back to their communities once they graduate. Congratulations to our 2 winners this year! We can't wait to have you serve your communities.



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Hope to see you in Arlington, VA!!!



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There are 22 new Medical Assistants in South Dakota!!!
Please welcome them at our next event! Bring them with you if
they are not planning on coming!



Students from Lake Area Technical
College, Mitchell Technical Institute,
& Southeast Technical College, we
look forward to seeing you soon!

Congratulations to the Graduating
Class of 2025!



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