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Hello!

Welcome to the third edition of The PA+PER!

It's 2024, and waves of elections are expected across the world, from the USA, UK, and France. Heck! there are even elections for board members at the FPARCP! So wherever you are, make sure to cast your vote!

2024 is off to a flying start already, and we have a great year ahead of us in PA-land. Most excitingly, GMC regulation by the end of 2024! We are planning a whole edition to help you understand what this means later in the year, touching on everything that you need to know.

Our theme in this edition, is Education, Education, Education!

Ever wondered what it takes to run a PA course? We did. So we asked Mohammed Hussain from the University of Bradford to help guide us through all the effort it takes to make sure our PA courses are producing amazing PA graduates.

We follow up on this by exploring what life is like as a PA student by asking the FPA's very own student representative, Manhoor about the challenges she faces as a PA student, needing to juggle revision, clinical placements, exams, and finding time to relax between it all. Also, the cost-of-living crisis has bitten into all our finances, so we take a look at some costs you need to consider for your PA studies course.

We also have brilliant articles about the new FPA ePortfolio, find out more about problem-based learning as a teaching method, and hear from Ross who is a PA undertaking a PhD in medical education.

Finally, Shayan gives us reasons to be through his fantastic achievements and countless awards of recognition about how he teaches PA students on placement, whilst working as a PA himself.

Yours sincerely

Alexander

Alexander Reynolds PA-R, Editor-in-chief

Words from our guest editor...

Spring is on the horizon. The weather is warmer and soon the first flowers of the year will begin to bloom again. It's a joyous occasion that provides a time for reflection, and a chance for new beginnings.

For PAs, there is a lot to take from what this season offers. Our new beginnings will start once regulation occurs, which hopefully will be by the end of the year. Spring can also be a time for celebration and to take joy in how far we have come as a profession. I hope you enjoy this edition, all about PA education, and feel inspired by our stories.



Yours sincerely

Mohammed

Mohammed Hussain

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