

  
**LA ROCHE UNIVERSITY**  
2022 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI CIRCLE AWARD RECIPIENT



**Daniel Pace, M.S. '13, BSN, CRNA, APRN**  
*Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist*  
YPS Anesthesia

As a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist for YPS Anesthesia in Texas, Lieutenant Colonel Daniel Pace, M.S. '13, BSN, CRNA, APRN, plans, administers and manages patients' anesthetic course. He administers and manages labor analgesia, and provides off-site anesthesia or analgesia services throughout the hospital.

Lt. Col. Pace's previous work experience includes: Assistant Chief Flight Instructor and Chief Aircraft Dispatcher for Louisiana Tech University, and Registered Nurse for LSU Health Sciences Center Shreveport.

"My practice has evolved and advanced to where I am practicing at the full scope of my license as a CRNA in Texas," he said. "I am now able to help others at one of the most vulnerable times in their lives, utilizing the most cutting-edge methods and technologies to get them home to their loved ones."

For 20 years he has been a member of the Civil Air Patrol, the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary, mentoring the next generation in the Cadet Program. He has taught the history and the continued importance of aerospace sciences, and participated in the search and rescue, disaster relief, homeland security and counter-drug operations. Currently he holds the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and serves as a Level II Incident Commander.

Lt. Col. Pace earned the Meritorious Service Award and the National Commanders Commendation from the Civil Air Patrol. He also was named Pennsylvania Officer of the Year (2016), and Louisiana Cadet of the Year (2004) by the Civil Air Patrol. He is a member of the Alpha ETA Rho - Aviation Honors Fraternity.

An alumnus of Louisiana Tech University, Lt. Col. Pace graduated Cum Laude and earned a Bachelor of Science in professional aviation. He holds a Master of Science in health sciences (nurse anesthesia) from La Roche University, and a Bachelor of Science in nursing from Creighton University.

"La Roche's heritage values of compassion, justice and peace were apparent to me as a graduate student through my interaction with professors and staff," he said. "This mindfulness of virtue is a pillar I carry with me with every patient interaction in my career."

He and his wife, Rebecca, have two sons: Lucas and Liam.

