Francis Feld '97, DNP

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Seventy-five years after his mother served in the U.S. Navy as a nurse at the Pensacola Naval Air Station Hospital, Francis Feld '97 graduated from La Roche with a degree in nurse anesthesia. In 2016 he completed his DNP at Carlow University.

Dr. Feld's love of caring for others propelled him on many different career paths. He worked with students as an athletic trainer, a paramedic, a registered nurse and a nurse anesthetist. Dr. Feld currently delivers anesthetic care for complicated thoracic surgery cases and supervises nurse anesthesia students at UPMC Passavant.

"You must have faith and dedication in order to safely care for patients who are seriously ill, and are looking for hope and sometimes just a smiling face," he said.

Dr. Feld's love of helping extends outside of his job, as he has volunteered for over 25 years. A former medical volunteer for the Pennsylvania Special Olympics, he currently serves as Medical Group Supervisor for the Allegheny County Hazmat Medical Response Team and a paramedic for Ross West View EMS.

As a part of the PA-1 Disaster Medical Assistance Team, Dr. Feld recently worked as a supervisory nurse specialist with the Department of Health and Human Services. The federal government sent the team to Haiti after a devastating earthquake in 2010. His team also responded to eight hurricanes and several national special security events over the course of his time within the organization.

"I spent nine days giving anesthesia in a field surgical hospital, working an average of 18 hours a day. It was a humbling experience, and nobody who went to Haiti came home the same," he said.

Along with his work in Haiti, he was part of Operation Walk, Antigua, Guatemala in 2018, where he was a member of a surgical team. Together they performed total joint replacements for 50 people.

Dr. Feld said, "Most people feel it is easy to take and hard to give back, but I think the opposite. It is much easier to give than to take."