



AANP Member Spotlight: Joshua Green, ND

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1. What is your background and why did you pursue naturopathic medicine?

I pursued Naturopathic Medicine for many reasons, the holistic view on health/disease/healing, the focus on philosophy of treatment vs. treatment modalities, the miracle cures of the patients it helped, the eclectic nature of its practitioners (makes me feel at home), the fact that I have to continuously work on my own healing in order to best help my patients with theirs, and there's more but those are the highlights. I came from a background in anthropology as I was drawn to its holistic view (big surprise, right?), and my dream was to study nutritional

anthropology (still fascinated by it, so maybe when I retire!).

2. What do you like most about being a naturopathic doctor?

My favorite part of being a Naturopathic physician is that I have a profession that allows me to come home every day knowing that I am making a living truly helping people. I am daily seeing and being a part of the 'miracle' healing stories. It is truly an honor.

3. Why do you choose to be a member of the AANP? (and how did you find out about the AANP?)

I chose, and choose to be a member of the AANP largely because a super minority of practitioners with loud voices were making changes to our profession that did not represent the super majority of our profession. I wanted to fight for inclusivity where all voices were heard, where all opinions can be honored and when possible, create rules and make statements that allow for the full breadth of our professions' views and beliefs. I decided to be a part of the discussion from within. I am pleased to say that there has been a positive shift in direction from the major issues in the past, but the problem with the thinking that a small number of people know what's best for the majority persists. This is a worldwide problem, not isolated to our profession nor our association. I am honored to be a part of the discussion, and to fight for all voices, the super minority, the super majority, and all those in between, and I thank AANP for allowing me to do so.