

The Link



Since I started working for the School of Allied Health Professions, there is one question that I am always asked and have yet to find the best answer to. That question is, "So, what exactly IS the School of Allied Health Professions?" Usually I give some little speech about what departments are housed in the School and move on to the next question. But, as I sit here in my office today, I am brought back to that question, and for the first time I realize we are more than just

nine departments with one common goal. The SAHP represents much more, something special, unique and unlike anything I have ever seen.

A mosaic of healthcare, our 2009 Homecoming theme, made perfect reference to our School. I have come to think of our School as a place that exhibits diverse unity. We have a wide variety of professions, but have come to realize that not one of us can be successful without the other. We have, under the direction of our Dean, Dr. Craig Jackson, become a beautiful picture of unity in diversity.

Unity in diversity is the highest possible attainment of a civilization, a testimony to the noblest potential of the human race. This attainment is made possible through passionate concern for choice, in an atmosphere of social trust.

The concept of diversity encompasses acceptance and respect. Diversity means understanding that each individual is unique, and we choose to explore those differences in a safe, positive, and nurturing environment. It is also about understanding each other and moving beyond simple tolerance to embracing and celebrating the rich dimensions of diversity contained within each individual.

Our School is a series of connections, twists and turns that

make a complete body. As the well-known children's song, Dry Bones, makes reference to the connection of the human bones, so is the relationship between our departments. Without Health Information Management, our Physician Assistants would have no idea who their patients were, which would cripple our Radiation Technologists in their work of determining what to scan, and this in turn would handicap our Physical Therapists from making an informed treatment of patients...you get the picture. Each "bone" is important. And without our unity we can't move forward.

M. Scott Peck stated it best when he said, "Share our similarities, celebrate our differences." The SAHP faculty, staff, and students have come to realize that together we are stronger,

"We have a wide variety of professions, but have come to realize that not one of us can be successful without the other."

together we have something that no others can match, and together we will take healthcare education to new and exciting heights.

"Diversity is the magic...The greater the diversity, the greater the perfection." – T. Berry

Sincerely,

Kisha R. Norris, M.Ed.
Director of Development, SAHP

CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE

CYTOTECHNOLOGY AWARD

Written by: Kisha R. Norris, M.Ed.— Director of Development

Marlene Ota, Program Director for Cytotechnology, received the distinguished Cytotechnologist of the Year Award at the California Association of Cytotechnologists (CAC) 44th Annual State Workshop/Seminar in Sacramento. The CAC members nominated Marlene because of her work on committees and her time and effort spent to support, make changes, and organize activities for the benefit of the CAC membership.



Marlene is exceptional and outstanding as she is the only person to win this award twice, and is in the unique position of doing both direct and indirect patient care.

The majority of cytotechnologists are in laboratories as bench techs and contribute to patient care by deciding on the best way to prepare specimens, apply the correct stains, and use cytology criteria to interpret a case. Marlene not only spends time on the bench, but she indirectly contributes to patient care by being in the classroom and equipping future cytotechs with the tools needed to succeed in this field. She has graduated well over a hundred students in cytotechnology over the past 25+ years of her service at Loma Linda University.

Colleagues and former students were in attendance at the ceremony and excitedly cheered as Marlene's name was called. When asked about this award, Marlene simply stated, "This is quite an honor. I was completely surprised to receive this award for the second time."

The CAC is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to enable its members to unite their efforts for the advancement and promotion of knowledge of cytology and related areas.

SENIOR JACKETING CEREMONY

On Saturday June 13 at 7PM, the Clinical Laboratory Science department held their 2nd Annual White Jacketing Ceremony in Randall Visitors Center for their graduating seniors. Nearly 100 students, family and friends attended this special event that was held on the eve of their June 14 SAHP graduation. "This ceremony gives us a great opportunity to recognize the students' hard work and congratulate them on their entry into the professional world," says Nikki Gilbert, CLS instructor. The following awards were given during the ceremony:

- Michelle Porosky - Chairman's Award
- Miki Kawamura - Faculty Award
- Abigail Moss - Affiliate Recognition & Advancing the CLS Profession Award
- Huyen Vivian Phan - Outstanding Academics
- Rebecca Tampubolon - Outstanding Leadership

CARDIOPULMONARY SCIENCE

RESPIRATORY CARE BANQUET

Written by: Kisha R. Norris, M.Ed.— Director of Development

The 14th Annual Louisa M. Jezerinac Scholarship and Respiratory Care Awards Banquet was held on June 5, 2009 at Napoli Italian Restaurant in Loma Linda, CA. The Cardiopulmonary Science (CPS) faculty, junior and senior students, and honored guests of the CPS department attended this special event where many of the senior students were presented with scholarships and awards.

During the program, the history of the Jezerinac Scholarship was shared and Dean Jackson presented a special Honorary Alumnus Award to Peter Jezerinac, husband to Louisa and initiator of the scholarship.

Peter was chosen as the School's first Honorary Alumnus because of his significant contribution to the betterment of the School and its students. In the Dean's remarks he stated, "Peter's love for this institution is unparalleled. His moral and financial support, as well as his endorsement of the University's mission and goals are unprecedented."

Overwhelmed with emotion, Peter nodded and accepted the award from Dean Jackson as the room erupted in applause.

The senior students who received awards were:

- Jamie Venegas - Jezerinac Award
- Petersen Le - Von Pohle Award
- Jamie Blood - Faculty Award



DEPARTMENT NEWS

- Justin Euler, Senior Respiratory Therapy student is the 2009-2010 SAHP Student Association President.
- Peterson Le, Respiratory Care Graduate and 2008-2009 Social VP of the Student Association, received the Dean's Award at the June 14 graduation ceremony.
- The Emergency Medical Care and BS Respiratory Therapy programs both graduated 11 students.
- Daniel Yanez (2009 Post Professional RT graduate and 1992 Respiratory Care Alumnus) received the 2009 Faculty Award.
- Kate Gattuso, VP of the CA Society for Respiratory Care, was the Program Chair during the June CSRC state conference.
- Bud Spearman was the moderator for the 2009 CSRC Mission for Life Conference held at the Riverside Convention Center.
- The LLU Medical Center received an award for being a long-time CSRC supporter.

COMMUNICATION SCIENCES & DISORDERS

SPEECH CLINIC MOVES

May 5th marked the last day to treat patients in the speech clinic on Stewart Street. Karen Mainess, Assistant Professor, along with a few graduate students, faithfully packed up and moved the precious toys and teaching tools to their new location at SACH Norton on E. 3rd Street in San Bernardino. The first sessions at SACH Norton were held on Tuesday, May 12, 2009.



GRAD STUDENTS PROVIDE SERVICE TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Written by: Paige Shaughnessy, PhD. — Associate Professor, Graduate Program Director

The Redlands Unified School District's Special Services Department along with LLU and the University of Redlands, have united to create an efficient hearing screening program in the public school system.

Each week during the 2008-2009 school-year, graduate students from the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders (formerly Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology) participated in a pilot project to conduct hearing screenings in all schools in the Redlands Unified School District. The hearing screening project was developed by Heather Knutson Peterson, MS, CCC-A, MS, CCC-SLP (class of 2006).

As an assignment for the graduate portfolio class, the first-year graduate students, along with a few second-year students, screened children in 15 elementary schools, four middle schools and three high schools. They also provided screening for some private and alternative schools in the region. Jessica Keis, a first-year graduate student, worked closely with Heather to schedule the schools and the graduate students. Students were able to clock clinical hours because they were supervised by Heather. The assignment also helped fulfill the department's commitment to community service through student service learning. The project was considered a significant success by administration and students, and will be continued during the 2009-2010 school-year.

In addition to the work done at local schools, many graduate students conducted free hearing screenings during the weekend of May 15-17 at the LLU Drayson Center and the Calvary Presbyterian Church in Riverside in recognition of May as *Better Hearing and Speech Month*.

HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

HIM ALUM RECIPIENT OF HIGH PROFESSIONAL HONOR

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Dr. Carol Campbell, associate dean for academic and business affairs in the Medical College of Georgia School of Allied Health Sciences, has been named a fellow of the American Health Information Management Association.

Of the association's 52,000 members, only 64 are fellows. Dr. Campbell is the first MCG recipient of this honor.

"I'm humbled by this," Dr. Campbell says. "While it's a recognition of my accomplishment, more importantly I know it comes with a responsibility to continue making significant contributions to the field and to mentor others."

Her most significant contributions have been in academia. Since Dr. Campbell came to MCG in 1984, 294 students have earned health information management degrees. "It's a privilege to shape and mold the profession by educating our future colleagues," she says. During her tenure as chair of the Department of Health Informatics, she helped establish the Master of Public Health Program in Health Informatics.

Dr. Campbell is a professor in the MCG Schools of Allied Health Sciences, Graduate Studies and Medicine. She received the 2006 Outstanding Service Award from the School of Allied Health Sciences.

Dr. Campbell earned a doctoral degree in business administration from Nova Southeastern University, a master's degree in management from the University of Redlands, CA, and a bachelor's degree in medical record administration from Loma Linda University in 1978.



ALUMNI REUNION UPDATE

Carrie Termin [*Class president, pictured on left*] and Kathleen Moore [*2009 HIM Distinguished Alumna, pictured on right*], both from the first MHIS graduating class of 1999, gathered during the 2009 Homecoming weekend for their 10-year reunion.



HIM alumni reunion at the CHIA convention on June 15 in Indian Wells, CA.



[left to right] Mary Applebaum ('90), Connie Cagle ('90), Rocio Durand ('90)



Debbie Hamada, Leah Natividad-Beck ('08)



Tracie Binder McCann ('95), Dr. Davidian

NUTRITION AND DIETETICS

RESEARCH KITCHEN UPDATE

Demolition of the old Nutrition & Dietetics kitchen in Nichol Hall started in March of 2009 and will make way for a new state-of-the-art research kitchen! It is scheduled to be completed in time for student usage this fall. Some of the changes include: seamless flooring, new appliances, a revised traffic flow, and so much more!

This remodeled kitchen will be a prime teaching area for a variety of purposes. In addition to serving students in their classes and through research, the kitchen will allow for food demonstrations in community-wide nutrition education classes and also serve as a studio for recording nutrition programs to be broadcast on LLBN, a global television network based in Loma Linda.

Our faculty and administrators are dedicated to offering the best program for our students as they prepare to serve others. For more information on this project and to find out how you can be a valuable part of it, go to: www.llu.edu/allied-health/nutrition/remodel.page

Research Kitchen



Artist rendering of completed kitchen



Demolition Day



Chef Cory Gheen & Dean Jackson

Visit the Research Kitchen Blog created by Chef Cory Gheen and follow along with the amazing transformation!
<http://alliedhealthkitchen.blogspot.com>

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

COMMUNITY SERVICE IN SAN BERNARDINO

Written by: Liane Hewitt DrPH, OTR/L, Associate Professor, Department Chair



Masters of Occupational Therapy students and faculty ready to go out into San Bernardino County for a community service day.

On January 22, seven Junior MOT (Masters of Occupational Therapy) students and several OT faculty participated in the HUD (Housing & Urban Development) mandated PITC (Point-In-time Count) of the homeless population in San Bernardino County.

Prior to the outing the students and faculty attended a two-hour training session that focused on organization, team roles, and safety awareness. At the end of the day the students met with several department faculty and staff to share their experiences. All agreed that it was “eye opening” and that they would do it again if the opportunity arose. Students also shared that it was a “harsh reality.” Many struggled over the thought that “somebody could be living out there” (referring to an individual residing between two dumpsters). They also expressed that participating in the event made them more aware of the needs of the homeless population. They were appreciative of the opportunity to broaden their perspectives of people’s needs and to fulfill the SAHP mission *to lead, to heal, to serve.*

CHRISTMAS IN LA MISION, MEXICO

The seven-day mission trip to the Door of Faith Orphanage in La Mision, Mexico proved to be one of the most rewarding experiences for MOT students Christopher Hoyt and Emily Pinkerton. The initial onset of a storm caused many shifts to their plans, but it most definitely did not stifle them. They spent their week preparing meals, playing with the children, assisting in skilled labor projects such as chipping off paint, and offering health education by way of glucose screenings for Type II Diabetes at their health fair. In addition to the focus on health, they organized a Christmas party complete with a home cooked meal, small gifts and cookie decorating.



“Our peers on the trip were educationally trained in nursing, physician assistance and public health,” said Pinkerton. “We learned a lot from them including the importance of a collaborative team effort between professionals, as they were great models of compassion and integrity.”

PHYSICAL THERAPY

PT PARTNERSHIP BEGINS WITH MONTEMORELOS UNIVERSITY

Written by: Tony Valenzuela DPT, Ed.D., ACCE

Montemorelos University in Mexico has long hoped for a curriculum that would emulate LLU's PT program and have a strong clinical component. For many months, University faculty, Gabriela de Sousa Matias, has worked closely with PT Professor, Dr. Valenzuela on the curriculum for their proposed bachelors level program to be offered at their university in 2010.

"We were able to write a description of every class that will be taught in the four-year program," says Dr. Valenzuela. "It is great to be in the planning stages of a new program with one of our sister institutions."



[left to right] Anand Murthy, Mexico Conference Pastor, Dr. Tony Valenzuela, Mahima Narayanan

One of the most immediate needs for their new program is equipment. Dean Jackson agreed to donate the old plinths, low mats, desks and tables that the PT department does not use anymore. On March 10, 2009, Mahima Narayanan and Anand Murthy (PT Grad Assistants), and Dr. Valenzuela loaded a 24-foot U-Haul and drove the donated items to the border next to Tijuana. They were met by ADRA Mexico representatives who will import those items into Mexico and then later into Montemorelos University.

PT's IN PALESTINE

Two Post Professional Masters of Physical Therapy graduates left Loma Linda on a mission; to return to their home, the war-torn territory of the Gaza Strip, equipped with the knowledge to provide courses in PT treatments that will aid the many wounded civilians affected by the recent civil war.

In May of '09, Adel Hamdan ('06 graduate) and Eyad Abuselmiya ('07 graduate) taught a course to 20 PT's about peripheral nerve mobilization and the neurodynamic testing and treatment of upper and lower limbs. "We volunteered to teach this course to distribute the knowledge and skills we learned at LLU," said Hamdan.

The two keep in close contact with LLU Professors Everett Lohman and Wes Swen (PT Orthopaedic Track) who supply them with mentoring and other resources that support their efforts. Mr. Hamdan has applied for a Fulbright Scholarship to come back to LLU for his Doctorate degree in PT.

PORTNEUF HOSPITAL NAMES PT GRAD NEW CEO

Portneuf Medical Center in Pocatello, Idaho announced the appointment of Norman Stephens as CEO, effective June 1, 2009. Stephens holds a Masters of Public Administration in Healthcare from California State University and a BS in Physical Therapy from Loma Linda University in 1977. To read the whole story, search for Norman F. Stephens at www.localnews8.com.

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT SCIENCES

PA REUNION AT SAN DIEGO CONFERENCE

Written by: Christy Eskes, MPA, PA-C — Didactic Coordinator, Assistant Professor

On May 27th, the Physician Assistant Sciences Program had its very first alumni reunion at the American Academy of Physician Assistants National Conference in San Diego, California. The dessert social was held at the San Diego Marriott & Marina Hotel, which was the host hotel for the conference. There were 15 alumni in attendance, plus family members and faculty. Nearly every class was represented at the event, and Dean Jackson made an appearance in support of our alumni. Several alumni who attended the conference had to leave before the reunion due to work responsibilities, but it was exciting to see such a strong Loma Linda presence at the conference!

The reunion itself was a success, with a drawing held at the end of the evening for SAHP prizes. Pictures of each graduating class were on display for the alumni to peruse, which brought to mind many memories of their time here at Loma Linda.

We look forward to hosting another alumni reunion event next year and will be sending invitations to each of our alumni well in advance. Please make sure that the alumni office has your current address so you don't miss the opportunity to connect with your classmates!



[left to right] Monica Falcon, Yasmin Chene, Kathy Rabago, Lisa Vanegas-Diaz



[left to right] Lien Nguyen, Christy Eskes, Ghina Katrib

DEPARTMENT NEWS

Written by: Christy Eskes, MPA, PA-C — Didactic Coordinator, Assistant Professor

The didactic year students are nearing the end of their academic year and are preparing to travel to Mexico for a week in August as part of their Spanish language immersion program. They are enjoying their summer quarter which gives them the opportunity to begin learning hands-on medicine through suturing workshops, x-ray interpretation, and scrub lab. This year, our PA students will also be utilizing the Medical Simulation Center for the first time, which provides them the opportunity to run through realistic patient care scenarios, practice IV starts, and listen to heart and lung sounds for various pathologies.

The clinical year students have just two clinical rotations left before they complete the program. Their focus is turning toward their certification exam, for which they are preparing with the newly implemented Challenger online program and board review courses in addition to their regular clinical work.

RADIATION TECHNOLOGY

RT GRADUATE RETURNS TO SAHP AS PROFESSOR

Written by: Jaclyn Pruehs, Alumni Affairs Officer



Brigit Lara, M.A.M., BSRS, R.T., (R), is another alumna turned faculty at the School of Allied Health Professions. In July of 2009 she joined the Radiation Technology Department as an instructor in many of the bachelors and masters degree classes.

"I really love what this institution stands for and I have had nothing but great experiences here," says Lara. "I find it exciting to be able to teach the

new students that come through."

Brigit graduated from LLU SAHP with her AS in Medical Radiography in 2003, and then again in 2006 with her BS in Radiation Sciences. For the past six years she has worked at the Loma Linda University Medical Center, first as a Staff Radiologic Technologist and then as a Radiologic Specialist/Department Educator. All the while she worked toward her Masters in Administration Management from the University of Redlands, which she received in 2008.

In addition to her teaching career, she will continue to be clinically active at the Medical Center, working one day a week.

FORMER GRAD GIVES BACK



Medical Radiography alum, Sheila Arnold, is the manager of the Women's Imaging Center at Redlands Community Hospital. She understands the importance of field experience when it comes to radiography or mammography positioning.

In the past, Sheila has allowed

many LLU mammography students into her center to observe the various procedures that they will one day perform.

In general, many patients and students are timid when beginning this very sensitive process. Preparing future mammography technologists for this delicate type of work is very difficult if they have not had experience in positioning and compression. Because of this, Renee Stone, mammography instructor in the RadTech Department, began searching for an affordable system that would provide students with the skills they need to effectively position and compress breast tissue with optimal care and confidence.

In May, Sheila contacted Renee' about a mammography unit at the Hospital that might meet the student's needs. The system had been removed from the facility to make room for new, updated equipment, but it would be perfect for student practice. After a month of discussion and paperwork, the Lorad mammography unit was welcomed to its new home in the RadTech Department's Medical Radiography lab suite.

"This is a win-win situation," says Renee'. "Sheila is able to give back to her school, and the students will benefit greatly from her gift."

2009 AWARD RECIPIENTS

Rising Star

Jamie Venegas — *Respiratory Care (CPS)*
Carrie Cobos — *Emergency Medical Care (CPS)*
Shanna Aguirre — *Clinical Laboratory Science*
Megan Church — *Health Information Management*
Justine Sellers — *Nutrition & Dietetics*
Andrew Whalley — *Occupational Therapy*
Shannon Injetti — *Physical Therapy*
Amber Klispie — *Physician Assistant Sciences*
Heidi Serrano — *Radiation Technology*
Kristen Nelson — *Radiation Technology*
Amy Liu — *Speech Pathology & Audiology*

Distinguished Alumni

Terrance Krider — *Cardiopulmonary Science*
Barbara DeAviani — *Clinical Laboratory Science*
Kathleen Moore — *Health Information Management*
Wing Wong — *Nutrition & Dietetics*
Rachel Hew Same — *Occupational Therapy*
Michael Wong — *Physical Therapy*
Al Hudson — *Radiation Technology*
Janie White-Williams — *Speech Pathology & Audiology*

Alumna of the Year

Sarah Mayer — *Physician Assistant Science*

Distinguished Service Award

Charles "Bud" Spearman — *Cardiopulmonary Science*

Faculty Award

Heather Javaherian — *Occupational Therapy*

Dean's Award

Peterson Le — *Cardiopulmonary Science*

Presidents Award

Amber Klispie — *Physician Assistant Sciences*

Honorary Alumnus

Peter Jezerinac

Congratulations!

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RELATIONS

13TH ANNUAL ALUMNI HOMECOMING & CE CONVENTION RECAP



Meet and Greet with Rudy Micelli
after the Friday Night Concert



CE Course Morning Breakfast in
Wong Kerlee Conference Center



Thursday Night Deans Dinner



Dean Jackson with Al Hudson,
RadTech Distinguished Alum

For information on next year's
events, visit our alumni website at:
www.llu.edu/allied-health/sahp/alumni/homecoming.page

Next Homecoming is April 15-18, 2010



Friday's CE Lunch



Do you have a Facebook account? If you don't, why not join now! The School of Allied Health Professions has created a special page to share information about the school, our events, our faculty and staff, and a lot of other exciting news! Go to the SAHP home page at www.llu.edu/allied-health/ and scroll down to the "Find us on FACEBOOK" link.



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Have you ever served as a missionary in another country? We are searching for the names of our alumni who have served in this capacity. Please send Kisha Norris, Director of Development, the following information: Name (include maiden name) - Job while abroad - Country where you served - Year you left for service - Program and year you graduated. Please send all info to Kisha Norris/SAHP Development, Nichol Hall - Cottage 70, Loma Linda, CA 92350 or email [<knorris@llu.edu>](mailto:knorris@llu.edu) or call 909-558-7790.



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