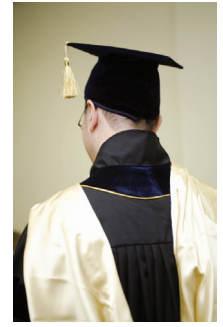


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For Cardiopulmonary Sciences

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## The Way I See It...



**Dr. Craig R. Jackson, Dean of Allied Health**

...the School of Allied Health Professions is poised for a great future. There are a lot of things I can say attribute to our success. The first would be a faculty that is dedicated to their work and their students. I am fortunate to interact with such a determined set of individuals. Their love and enthusiasm for their work is contagious, as I'm sure you all know. These individuals have dedicated their lives to the future of this institution and for that, I can tell, our potential is endless.

Our students are another aspect of our exciting future. They have come on the Loma Linda campus poised to embark on this educational journey that you were a part of not so long ago. When I look at them, I can see the determination in their eyes. They are eager to learn and excited to see what the future holds for them. Their future is bright and I can't think of a better view from my office than the anticipation of

service that I see from the way they study, learn, and live at LLU.

One of the brightest stars in our future is you, the alumni. You make us proud! And to be quite honest, we brag about you. You are a prime example of what we think about when the word success comes to mind. Alumni are the culmination of our vision for the school. You have taught us what we need to do and how we need to do it. We can't imagine what we would be without people like you who support us in so many ways!

With such an exciting outlook on our future we can't help but celebrate it. This newsletter that you are reading is the first of many improvements to our communication with you. We realize that what happens in your department is very important to you, so we want to keep you updated by giving you the inside scoop. Expect to read about students, faculty, and even stories of other alumni. We want to link you to the important happenings in the school and specifically your department. So, please take the time right now to read through this newsletter and catch up on the activities of your school. This is your opportunity to share in our celebration of the School of Allied Health Professions.

The future looks extremely bright, with lots of possibilities ahead – big possibilities. Like the song says, "We've only just begun."

Sincerely,

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## Medical Simulation Center: Real-Life Situations Without Real-Life Consequences

It's cutting edge for education in medicine, a great tool for hands on student learning, and a training facility to practice under real-life conditions without real-life consequences.

It's called the Medical Simulation Center (MSC), located in Risley Hall on Loma Linda University's campus. The MSC is home to eight life-size infant, child and adult mannequins and a handful of arms and legs used for practical and realistic training of emergency medical care. This center is used by the Loma Linda University Schools of Medicine, Nursing, Allied Health Professions, Pharmacy and Dentistry.

This medical simulation training bridges the gap between classroom studies and patient care by challenging each learner to perform essential tasks and make critical decisions. The MSC instructors create real-life situations with the mannequins and expect the students to evaluate and treat them using all their senses and even working through external distractions such as flashing monitors, loud beeping, and even worried mothers (staged actors referred to as "confederates").

Within the Cardiopulmonary Sciences Department, the students in the Emergency Medical Care (EMC) and Re-

spiratory Therapy programs are among those who frequently use the MSC. These students focus primarily on airways, defibrillators, achieving IV access, and administering IV medications.

Tony San Lucas is a senior EMC student who works at the center. He has a background in emergency medicine, he worked at the Loma Linda Veterans Hospital, and was a Fleet Marine Force Corpsman. In the MSC, Tony observes the students and wirelessly manipulates the mannequins



*Tony San Lucas far left*

to react to certain interventions. Depending on how the student treats the "patient", the simulated conditions can dramatically change for better or worse. The student will then have to respond to the patient in real time. "It's a really great tool for our students. They have done very well," says Lindsey Simpson, faculty instructor. "Not only is it a great learning experience, but this center provides the opportunity for camaraderie between emergency care providers."

For more information on the Medical Simulation Center, email the Chief of Operations, Janice Palaganas, RN, MSN, CRNP, at [jpalaganas@llu.edu](mailto:jpalaganas@llu.edu) or [medicalsimulation@llu.edu](mailto:medicalsimulation@llu.edu).

## National Allied Health Professions Week

The celebration of National Allied Health Professions Week from November 4-10, 2007 was a resounding success! The focus of the week was to promote the celebration of allied health careers. This time was not only spent honoring health care providers working in the more than

200 unique allied health professions, but it was designed to raise awareness of the school, its uniqueness and influence on health care. This is only the beginning of celebrations recognizing contributions that allied health professionals make to the health care team.



## 1 Lindsey Simpson



This energetic faculty member likes to keep “on her toes” in her professional life. Lindsey Simpson, has been a valuable member of the Cardiopulmonary Science (CPS) Department as a Faculty Instructor in the Emergency Medical Care Program (EMC) since August of 2006. In fact, Lindsey graduated from the Bachelorate EMC Program in 2006 and was then asked to join the faculty after graduation. Prior to her work at LLU, she was a Paramedic Educator at the UCLA Center for Prehospital Care, Daniel Freeman Paramedic Education Program. In addition to her work load of teaching and co-teacher several courses at LLU, she is a field paramedic for the American Medical Response (AMR) in Ventura County, and a volunteer air squad (helicopter) paramedic for Ventura County Sheriff Department’s Search and Rescue Medical Unit.

Lindsey loves being a paramedic and never imagined she would become a teacher. “Initially I wanted to be a writer, but then I took an Emergency Medical Technician course and discovered that I had found my avocation. When I went through the bachelorate EMC program at Loma Linda I really liked it. I definitely have a passion for this program and for professionalizing the field,” says Lindsey.

Her goal has always been to know more and to contribute to the greater body of prehospital care. “I like how Loma Linda endorses doing research and building new leaders. There is an academic and professional challenge to working here. I am proud of the idea of making man whole through the use of our profession.”



## 3 ‘Miss Belize’ Graduates from CPS

The lovely Miss Opal Enriquez is a native of Belize City and many may recognize her as Miss January in the 2004 Belikin Calendar. She is a former Miss Belize Independence and was the choreographer for the ‘06 and ‘07 Miss Belize Pageant dances. Opal was the first Belizean delegate to win the Miss Pan-American International title in 2003. She graduated in 2007 from the School of Allied Health with her BS in Advanced Practitioner Post Professional Respiratory Care. Opal was the Vice President of her class and made the Dean’s List twice during her four quarters.

## 2 International Fellow Visits Loma Linda

On November 18, 2007, Dr. Akira Tamaki, an American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC) International Fellow (IF) from Kyoto, Japan, arrived in Loma Linda for a week’s stay to learn about respiratory therapy in the U.S. Dr. Tamaki is a Physiotherapist who is



*Kate Gattuso & Dr. Tamaki*

interested in establishing a Respiratory Therapy Program at his university. He is especially interested in the treatment of respiratory failure and ICU training. Kate Gattuso, state secretary of the California Society for Respiratory Care (CSRC), was his LLU host

and Kristal Stevens, RCP, was his LLU Medical Center host.

Meetings were held with Dave Stanton to learn about the RT Program at LLU, Dr. David Lopez to learn about the Post Professional BS Program and the RT Program in Saudi Arabia, Dr. Lennard Specht, the LLU RT Program Medical Director at the VA Hospital, Dr. Philip Gold, the Medical Director of the RT Department at LLUMC, and Hank Lockridge at RCRMC. Dr. Tamaki toured LLUMC, LLUCH, Loma Linda VA Hospital, East Campus LLUMC, RCRMC, Totally Kids and the San Bernardino Community Hospital.

Dr. Tamaki left Loma Linda on November 24th for a week in Nebraska and then off to the AARC Convention in Orlando, Florida.

# *Stay Connected... Online!*

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We would love for you to share your accomplishments with us and your fellow alumni!

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