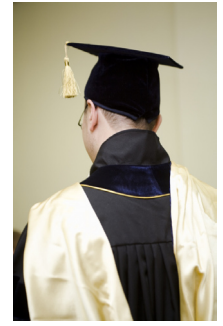


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For Physician Assistants

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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 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 informed 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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Physician Assistant Students Take Class Trip to Mexico

It's important to get out into the community and experience what being a true Allied Health Professional is all about. This is why part of the new curriculum for the second year Physician Assistants (PAs) is to spend one week in Cuernavaca, Mexico at the Universidad Internacional for immersion courses in Spanish and some valuable practice time in the Clinica Vende with Mexican doctors.

From August 12 to 19 of 2007, 24 students, along with Dr. Ken Bourne, DrPH, MT (ACSP), PA-C, and Clara Ramirez, PhD Associate Professor in the School of Science and Technology, spent six hours learning Spanish and three hours working in the clinic each day.

The University's Center for Linguistic Multicultural Studies has been the world leader in teaching Spanish for 50 years.

Since the student's mission was to move into the community and treat patients, the fact that 90% of patients spoke only

Spanish made it imperative for them to learn the language. The small classes of five to seven people made it easier for them to pick up the language quickly.

PAs serve as the gatekeepers of modern medicine. They take the time to speak to patients, answer their questions and educate them about their medical treatments. In addition to this, Dr. Bourne says, "Our main emphasis is to serve humanity. These students must focus on becoming caring professionals along with learning the ways in which to give care in a compassionate way."

Dr. Bourne received positive verbal

feedback from those who went on the trip. The students stayed at the homes of local families and subsequently became part of their family for that week in terms of food, transportation and fellowship. They

also went on several field trips including the Ballet Forcloricco and the Myan Ruins.





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Preceptor Awarded

Allison Atkinson, PA-C, was honored with the Preceptor of the Year award at the Physician Assistant Jacketing Ceremony on October 11, 2007. Allison has been a pediatric clinical instructor for the PA students

over the past six years. She was chosen by faculty and staff who based their decision on feedback given by student evaluations. Yasmin Chene, MPA, MT (ASCP) PA-C, who presented her with this award, said that Allison's evaluations were outstanding. "Students always say that she is caring, compassionate and she loves to teach. She deserves this award."

The Class of 2009 Jacketed

[In no particular order] Katherine Abraham, Kimberly Aceres, Sean Barney, Kennard Beard, Cassandra Buell, Jamie Cabrera, Kristin Campbell, Annette Conrad, James Corbett, Colleen Fetgatter, Israel Gonzalez, Christopher Handron, Amber Hogan,

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Inkyung Ji, Amber Klispie, Charity Morris, Yanina Moya, Susan Ring, Katherine Schroeder, Niel Shurig, Amy Sill, Scott Stephan, Nina Suh, Michelle Weber, Nichole Tully-Wetherholt, Dalia Zahroom. *[Pictured with Jeff Brayshaw - far right]*



PA Pin

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This year, the PA alumni council started a new tradition for the jacketing ceremony. The PA

pin was presented to all the new students to promote pride in the School and the Alumni Association. "We wanted to give the students a constant reminder that we care about them and that we are available when they need something," says Jeff Brayshaw, president of the PA Alumni Council. Brayshaw wants all the alumni to know that they too can have a PA pin. "Whenever the alumni send in a gift to support the PA students we are going to send them a pin to show our appreciation of their gift," states Brayshaw. "I'm excited to know that all around the world, PA alumni will be wearing this pin

PA Alumni Attend Jacketing Ceremony

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Under the direction of Jeff Brayshaw, President of the PA alumni council, the alumni have



Ghina Katrib ('03), Yasmin Chene ('02), Jeff Brayshaw ('03), Melissa Harris ('06)

taken a very active role in the lives of the current PA students. "It's very exciting to see that alumni want to be involved in volunteering their time for SAHP," says Kisha Norris,

Director of Develop-

ment for the School of Allied Health Professions. "I know the alumni council will be a great addition to the already stellar Physician Assistant Sciences program." Because of this new resolve, alumni were invited to attend the class of 2009 jacketing ceremony. "I love it that the students and alumni are interacting," states Jaclyn Pruehs, Alumni Affairs Officer, SAHP. "It shows that reconnecting and giving back is what being an alumnus is all about."

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