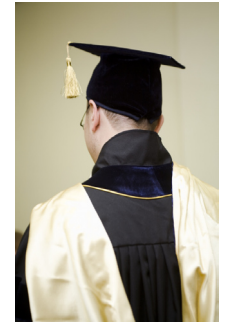


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The Way I See It...



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 with 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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Masters Degree Approved

Fall of 2008 will mark an incredible time for the Radiation Technology department as the Masters in Radiation Sciences (MSRS) has just been approved for admissions. The mission of the MSRS is to provide students with an enhanced understanding of leadership, management, administration and education so they can become productive leaders in radiology and/or other environments.

This online program is 24 months, or eight quarters long. Students will take two classes per quarter with a third course, Professional Portfolio, being added in their final quarter. In the autumn of 2009, students will also be able to take the program in 12 months or four quarters. Students will need to be on campus twice, once for orientation and again just prior to graduation to present their research projects and to participate in graduation ceremonies.

This program was developed for two reasons according to the Department Chair, Dr. Laura Alipoon. The first is

due to a mandate from the RT programs accrediting agency, Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT). The mandate states that all program directors for entry level RT programs must have a masters degree by the fall of 2009. The JRCERT is the only agency recognized by the United States Department of Education to accredit educational programs in radiography and radiation therapy.

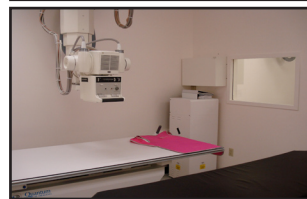
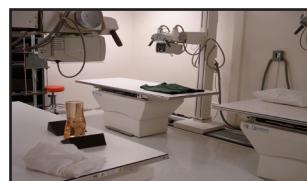
And the second reason is simply because there is a need for it. "We realized that so many managers don't have a masters degree," says Dr. Alipoon. "They are excellent clinicians and this information will make it easier for them to transition into management positions." Applications for the MSRS program will be accepted starting January 2008 with a Fall 2008 start date.

If you would like more information on this program please email Dr. Alipoon at lalipoon@llu.edu.

Renovations in Rad Tech

The LLU School of Allied Health Professions department of Radiation Technology completed a new student practice laboratory this past November. [Top two pictures to the right] The practice lab consists of two parts: a positioning lab with equipment that looks and feels like the actual equipment the students will be using with real patients; and an energized lab with two rooms that contain working x-ray equipment as well as a computed radiography (CR) unit. The new practice laboratory facility provides students with hands-on opportunities to familiarize themselves with the x-ray equipment they will operate as practitioners, as well as a place for testing student skills.

The departmental offices have also had a remarkable facelift. With all new desks for the assistants and cabinetry for added storage space, the office has taken on a very new look. [bottom picture to the right]



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Rad Tech Hires New Graduate

Tim Seavey, one of the newest graduates of the Radiation Technology Department, has become a new contract faculty member. Seavey is a two-time graduate of the department, first earning his AS degree in 2006 and then his BSRS degree in 2007. He is well recognized by his former teachers and new colleagues for his drive and



commitment to his work. As the department's 2006 Rising Star, Seavey is dedicated to a high level of excellence. Currently, Seavey is working full-time in the Loma Linda University Medical Center as a Diagnostic X-ray Technologist and the Radiation Department Educator.

Future career plans for Seavey include the development of a new certificate program in the department for Imaging Informatics. This certificate will be an enhancement to the program in the area of digital radiography and the uses of the Picture Archive Communication System, or PACS.

Future life plans include marrying his fiancé Stephenie, who he proposed to on the *Rad Tech CEU Alaskan Cruise* in August of 2007.

It's safe to say that Tim Seavey will be someone who the department will be counting on for his knowledge, dedication and love for his school and department.

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Mike Iorio

Mike Iorio, MPA, RTR (CT) is well versed in distance education as he is both a teacher and the Program Director for the online Radiologist Assistant Programs. His Masters in Public Administration has given him a good foundation for his Program Director duties.



New Admin. Secretaries Join SAHP

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Shani Denny (left) and Marissa Young (right) are two of the smiling faces you see as you enter the RT office suite. As the new administrative secretaries their jobs include performing many clerical responsibilities as well as providing support for the faculty and students of the department. A Washington State native, Denny is a full-time employee and started working in the department in June of 2007. Young is a part-time employee and started her service in September of 2007. She is a native of California and is pursuing an MBA degree.

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Andrew Shepard



Andrew Shepard, BSRT, RT(R), is the Clinical Coordinator for the online Radiologist Assistant Programs. In addition to teaching in the RA program, Andrew also teaches in the Medical Radiography program. He completed his radiologic technology training from Arrowhead Regional and his Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Technology from Loma Linda University. He is currently training in CT (Computed Tomography) and will be taking CT boards this summer.

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