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Nurse Anesthesia

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Greetings to all KU Program students and alumni! The 2017 class began the program on May 27th and just completed the difficult and fast paced summer semester: the courses included anatomy and chemistry/physics. The enrollment of this cohort represents the end of the master's degree era for KU Nurse Anesthesia. The last Master's degree group graduated on May 18th and I am sure you join me in wishing them the very best as they begin a career in nurse anesthesia. This group is pictured on page 2 of the newsletter.

I am very proud of our faculty: all seven of us work diligently to provide the KU SRNAs with an outstanding doctoral education while advocating for CRNA practice. Two of our faculty members, Lauryn Rametta and Alissa Blau, have enrolled in completion clinical doctorate programs. Paul Hertel is completing his year as President of KANA: all Kansas CRNAs are indebted to Paul for his leadership in KANA as he advocates for the profession. Paul will continue as a KANA board member and plans to remain active in CRNA policy and political advocacy. This year he accompanied

two KU SRNAs to the AANA MidYear Assembly in Washington, DC. He also attended the AANA Leadership Academy and will accompany two junior SRNAs to the Nurse Anesthesia Annual Congress in September. Shelley Barenklau and Karri Arndt continue to expand the simulation experiences for the SRNAs. They are also instrumental in promoting the Nurse Anesthesia Department as KUMC strives to expand interprofessional education. Paul Bennetts has assumed a heavy didactic teaching load which includes statistics, all research and evidence based practice courses, and is lead instructor for Capstone Projects. All CRNA faculty members are scheduled for KU Hospital clinical at least two days per week in addition to didactic instruction. They are not thanked enough for their dedication and hard work, so I am thanking them now and know that all students and alumni appreciate the efforts of faculty, past and present!

Due to many generous gifts, KU SRNAs have more opportunities for scholarships. Dr. Stata Norton Ringle was a former Dean of the KU School of Health Professions. Her estate left a sizable donation to the KU School of Health Professions and each department within SHP received approximately \$30,000.00 for scholarships this year. The Nurse Anesthesia Education Department awarded three \$10,000.00 scholarships to Reed Tenney, Emily Covington, and Vanessa Jackson. Please read the article for more details on the recipients. In addition, the first Alumni Scholarship will be awarded this fall to a deserving senior SRNA. Continued donations will help grow the scholarship fund, allowing the program to award larger sums and more than one scholarship per year. There are many ways alumni can help, and I encourage all of you to participate in the first fundraiser gala on October 4th (see article) or donate through KU Endowment.

In addition to scholarships, the program is awarding travel funds for mission trips and national meetings. This year, SRNAs participating in the Guatemala mission trip and AANA MidYear Assembly were given \$500.00 to help offset expenses. With additional donations and support, I hope to more fully fund these trips for KU SRNAs.

Please join us for upcoming events, including the annual football tailgate on September 6th and the fundraiser on October 4th. Additional information on these events can be found in the newsletter and on the program's website at <http://www.kumc.edu/school-of-health-professions/nurse-anesthesia-education.html>. Thank you for supporting your program!

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Farewell to the class of 2013



Front row: Joel Stanturf, Brandon Seller, Austin McClure, Kevin Deao, Erica Buel, Mindy Marker **Middle row:** Stephanie Klamm, Lauren Parsel, Emily Gray, Carolyn Rodriguez, Mulenga Mundende, Zamzam Elghoul, LeaAnn Zeller, Monica Frieden, Laura Donnell, Kellie Simecek **Back row:** Amanda Galyardt, Bobby Tuttle, Dave Wright, Megan Sullivan, Jonathan Sperry, Alan Hunt, Rebecca Sindel, Nicole Fadler

The class of 2014 participated in commencement exercises and celebrated their accomplishment's May 16-18th. Festivities included the Hooding Ceremony, a reception at Californos, the School of Health Professions Recognition Ceremony and the “walk down the hill” in Lawrence. The 24 graduates have obtained jobs in the states of Kansas, Missouri, Florida, Virginia, and Colorado.

Congratulations Norton-Ringle Scholarship Recipients

Reed Tenney, Vanessa Jackson, and Emily Covington are the first recipients of the Norton-Ringle Scholarships. All the recipients want to express their gratitude to the University of Kansas Nurse Anesthesia Education Department for selecting them as the 2014 Norton-Ringle Scholarship recipients. This scholarship will greatly benefit their education during their senior year.

Emily Covington is a native of Louisiana, but has called Kansas home for three years. She earned her BSN from the University of Louisiana in Monroe in 2009 and worked in a Surgical Intensive Care Unit. In 2011, Emily relocated to Kansas and worked at Saint Luke’s Hospital of Kansas City in the Neurosurgical Intensive Care Unit prior to being accepted into the KU Nurse Anesthesia Program.

Reed Tenney is originally from Utah, but relocated to Kansas after being accepted into the KU Nurse Anesthesia Program in 2012. He and his wife Cassandra have four beautiful children: Isaac, Abigail, Kaden and Brooklyn. Reed earned his BSN from Weber State University in Odgen, Utah in 2007 and worked in an Intensive Care Unit at St. Marks Hospital and Salt Lake Regional Medical Center for four and a half years prior to school. Upon graduation Reed and his family plan to stay in the Midwest.

Vanessa Jackson is from a small town in Missouri. She and her husband Zeb have three handsome boys: Landan, Wyatt, and Ledger. Her first degree is in chemistry and she earned a BSN from Rockhurst University. Vanessa worked at Truman Medical Center prior to her nurse anesthesia education. After graduation, she hopes to work in a rural area near her husband’s hometown in Missouri.



Reed Tenney and Family



Vanessa Jackson and Family



Emily Covington and Family

Mission Trip to Guatemala

This year marked the 5th annual medical mission trip to Antigua, Guatemala for The University of Kansas Nurse Anesthesia Education Program June 14-22. The medical mission trip is in collaboration with the Medical Missions Foundation and participants from KU anesthesia included Paul Bennetts, CRNA, PhD, Lauryn Rametta, CRNA, MS, Dr. Terry Chaffee, Nicole Hofmann, SRNA and Maria Oles, SRNA.

The first day was spent performing surgical and anesthesia preoperative evaluations on all of the patients for the week. The next five days were spent in the operating room at Obras Sociales del Hermano Pedro where surgeons (ENT, urology, general), anesthesia providers, and registered nurses worked as a team to complete a record 114 surgeries! Other volunteers of the 65 member team included medical students, college students interested in a health care career, IT team, pharmacist, an art team, interpreters and an audiology team who saw 135 patients in clinic and were able to provide 106 hearing aids!

The trip was a success, even though several bumps in the road were encountered: (1) equipment malfunction, including oxygen saturation probe failure, lack of a working end-tidal CO2 reading, and vaporizers that suddenly quit working, (2) unfamiliar anesthesia machines and materials, (3) lack of supplies, and (4) a language barrier. SRNAs learned to adapt to a less than ideal environment and provide the safest care possible. The nursing staff from Obras Sociales del Hermano Pedro were great resources and assisted the MMF team in handling any issues that arose.

The patients seen were very grateful and many took days to travel hundreds of miles for the MMF services. It was amazing to see the entire MMF team collaborate to provide great care for many Guatemalans. As students, we are extremely grateful for the opportunity to have joined the Medical Missions Foundation in the 2014 Antigua, Guatemala trip! More information, including a blog and video, can be found at www.mmfworld.org.

Nicole Hofmann and Maria Oles



Paul, Lauren, Maria, Nicole, Erika, and Dr. Chaffee



Maria & Nicole



Maria showing off her spinal skills

CLINICAL AFFILIATE SPOTLIGHT: Community Medical Center



Community Medical Center in Falls City, NE is one of our new affiliate sites for rural anesthesia. This site provides senior level SRNAs the opportunity to participate in the management of patients presenting for a wide variety of procedures. Some of these procedures include: the opportunity for administration of peripheral nerve blocks for orthopedic cases, spinal anesthetics and epidurals for OB labor, caesarean sections, orthopedic cases, general cases, and epidural steroid injections for chronic pain management. Community Medical Center is currently home to KU Alumni Holly Lashmet, who has an Independent Solo CRNA practice.

AANA Mid-Year Assembly



The AANA Mid-Year Assembly was held at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, VA on April 5-9, 2014. Over 900 AANA members traveled from all fifty states and Puerto Rico to advocate for CRNA practice and access to care at the national level. The AANA Washington DC office confirmed this was a record attendance.

Sunday morning, April 6, began with an early-bird coffee and registration. We then listened to the AANA President Report, as well as the AANA Treasurer Report. Our first speaker was Leah Binder. She began the conference with a presentation regarding today's healthcare environment. The afternoon session focused on making your voice heard and effective communication techniques. The AANA-PAC Event took place Sunday night at the American Pharmacist Association's Historic Building. During this event, we had the opportunity to meet various AANA members from numerous locations.

On Monday April 7, we were able to meet the AANA candidates running for office at the national level. Each candidate prepared a speech regarding their background and why they were the best fit for the position. It was fascinating to hear the information presented by each candidate. The afternoon session included regional breakout and networking sessions.

Tuesday, April 8, was the day that we had looked forward to for several months. We began the day by traveling to Capitol Hill. We had the opportunity to meet with Senator Jerry Moran and Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins. It was an outstanding experience to be a part of lobbying for our profession in Washington DC. In addition, we met with Congressman Kevin Yoder's legislative assistant about our future profession.

We both had an exceptional time being a part of the 2014 AANA Mid-Year Assembly. Again, we owe KU Anesthesia Education Department a special thank you for making this trip possible. The multitude of information gathered regarding political advocacy has advanced our knowledge base tremendously. We also look forward to sharing our experiences with our classmates and nurse anesthesia providers.

Emily Covington, SRNA
Jenny Hermes, SRNA

Annual Picnic to Welcome Class of 2017



Each year the KU Nurse Anesthesia Department hosts a picnic for all of the nurse anesthesia students and nurse anesthesia faculty members. This year, the picnic took place at Shawnee Mission Park on May 31st. The picnic allows the incoming class the opportunity to socialize with faculty and meet students from the various classes.



Welcome Academic Affairs Coordinator, Bobbi Stidham



Bobbi has a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from University of Akron, OH and a Master's degree in Communication and Leadership Studies from Park University, MO. Her professional experience includes working in Academic Affairs at Park University where she was active with student services and staff committees.

She enjoys spending time with her son going to parks, the zoo, and spending time with her dog, Ahda.

Fundraising Gala- Saturday, October 4, 2014



Club 1000
 1000 Broadway, Kansas City, MO
 Time: 6:30-10:30 pm
 Tickets: \$60.00/person



Faculty and students are conducting the first annual fundraising gala to benefit students in the KUMC Nurse Anesthesia Program. All proceeds will go directly to students and will help to support mission trips, educational travel expenses, scholarships, and more.

The event will feature unlimited food, beverages (non-alcoholic & alcoholic), parking and an incredible silent auction. To purchase tickets, mail a check to the Nurse Anesthesia Education office or pay by credit card online. Please note the number of tickets and names of people attending.

Checks can be mailed to: KU Nurse Anesthesia Department
 Attn: Fundraising Gala
 3901 Rainbow Blvd, Mailstop 2020
 Kansas City, KS 66160



To buy tickets online:

- Visit the KUMC Nurse Anesthesia Education website at <http://www.kumc.edu/school-of-health-professions/nurse-anesthesia-education.html> On the far left side click on *Make a Gift under the FAR ABOVE* slogan
- You will be directed to enter the amount of donation (for the amount of tickets you would like) as well as your personal information
- A confirmation email will be immediately sent to you upon finishing the transaction
- We will create a list and check your name off at the door

NOTE: Please indicate in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS how many tickets you would like for the fundraising gala

If you cannot attend but would like to donate or give an item to the silent auction, please contact the Nurse Anesthesia Education office at 913-588-6612 and we would be happy to assist.

Thanks for your continued support of our program and we hope to see you there! Rock Chalk!



UPCOMING EVENTS



➤ Alumni Tailgate KU vs. SE Missouri State

- September 6th, 2014, on the hill in Lawrence, Kansas
- Tailgate 3:00/game 6:00
- **63rd Annual KU Postgraduate Symposium on Anesthesiology**
- KU Nurse Anesthesia department sponsors a lunch at the Symposium each year for Program alumni
- April 11-13, 2014, at the Westin Crown Center Hotel in Kansas City
<http://www.westincrowncenterkansascity.com/>

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Alumni Scholarship

Thank you for all of your support to get the Alumni Scholarship endowed. We have reached the required \$30,000! A scholarship committee will decide the specifics of the award. Your continued donations are crucial to student and program success, so please donate to the endowed scholarship fund or the general program endowment fund to support student travel and other expenses. You can donate on our alumni page, www.na.kumc.edu/alumni.html. Click on Make a Gift and indicate that the donation is for the scholarship fund or the general fund. Or you can contact Peggy Person with KU Endowment at 913-588-5441 or pperson@KUEndowment.org. Thank you for your donations!

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