Greetings from the KU Nurse Anesthesia Program! Congratulations to our 2016 graduates as they begin their CRNA careers! About half of the graduates accepted CRNA staff positions at KU Hospital. The other half have moved on to jobs in Florida, Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Arizona, Nebraska, Maryland, and Indiana. On May 31st, the Class of 2019 started the Program with a difficult didactic semester, including courses in gross anatomy and chemistry and physics of anesthesia.

Two new affiliate sites have been approved: Providence Medical Center in Kansas City, Kansas, and Kearney Regional Medical Center in Kearney, Nebraska. Both facilities will offer additional opportunities for regional blocks, pediatrics, and thoracic cases. The Providence rotation includes cases at St. John Hospital in Leavenworth. The Kearney rotation will include more opportunities for central line insertions and use of ultrasound equipment. Patrick Davidson, Class of 2012, will be the affiliate site coordinator in Kearney and Kevin Alexander, CRNA and Truman graduate, will be the site coordinator at Providence.

KU Medical Center and KU Hospital continue to expand and grow at a rapid rate. There are currently about 60 staff CRNAs at KU Hospital and there is a need to hire about 40-50 more in the next two years. The first of four Cambridge towers is under construction and will be primarily for neurology, neurosurgery, and ENT, and will have its own operating rooms and ICU. The Health Education Building is under construction at 39th and Rainbow. The HEB will be utilized by all three KUMC schools (Medicine, Nursing, and Health Professions) and will not house any faculty or administrative offices. The top two floors will be simulation space, including an operating room that can be utilized by the Program. One of the most welcome construction projects is a new parking garage near the Cambridge North Tower and should be completed by July 1, 2017. http://www.kumc.edu/construction.html

The ZIEL simulation center is completed and is located on the ground floor of Sudler. This simulation center is state of the art and is available to both university students in every school and hospital staff. Dr. Shelley Barenklau, CRNA, DNP, is Director of Simulation Education in the Program and will begin utilizing the ZIEL center this fall.

Please make plans to attend the third annual fundraiser on October 8th at Stockyard Brewery, located in the former Golden Ox Restaurant. The annual tailgate on the Hill in Lawrence will be September 10th at 11 AM prior to the football game against Ohio at 1:30 PM. Please make plans to attend both events!

Donna Nyght, CRNA, DNP
Jen Madsen, CRNA, DNP, is a recent graduate from the KU Nurse Anesthesia program returning as a clinical and didactic instructor. Jen will be co-teaching Advanced Theory in Anesthesia II this Fall and Advanced Pathophysiology in the Spring. Jen received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Kansas. She went on to work in the ICU at St. Joseph Medical Center prior to returning to the University of Kansas to obtain her Doctor of Nursing Practice degree. Originally from South Dakota, Jen has lived in the Kansas City area for 13 years. Prior to graduate school, she volunteered for The Ali Kemp Educational Foundation (T.A.K.E.) where she organized fundraising events to fund self-defense training classes for women of all ages. She is looking forward to getting involved in charitable organizations again now that she is finished with her studies. In her free time Jen enjoys boating, being outdoors, and spending time with family and friends. Jen is looking forward to continuing her involvement with KU’s Nurse Anesthesia

Norton Ringle Scholarship Winners

“Stata Norton Ringle was a pioneer in her field and a role model for generations of students at the medical center,” said Chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little. “She and David were devoted to each other and to their scientific endeavors. Through this generous gift, they have left an enduring legacy that will benefit KU students and help the university educate the health professionals Kansas communities need.”

Stata Norton Ringle served in various capacities at the medical center from 1962 until 1990. She was emerita professor of pharmacology, toxicology and therapeutics; professor in the Department of Dietetics and Nutrition; and dean of the School of Allied Health (now the School of Health Professions). She wrote more than 150 research articles and was internationally recognized for her work on the effects of drugs and toxins on animal behavior.

David Ringle was a research physiologist at the Midwest Research Institute until his retirement. He was awarded the prestigious New York University Founders Day Award. Former residents of Leawood, KS, the Ringles were married for more than 62 years and died within three months of each other in 2012.

A generous gift from Stata Norton Ringle and David Ringle has created scholarships for students in the University of Kansas Medical Center’s School of Health Professions and provide support for libraries at the medical center and on KU’s Lawrence campus. We are proud to announce that this years Norton Ringle Scholarship recipients are Katie Norby, Michaela Bird and Carlson Foma.
SAVE THE DATE
THE KU Nurse Anesthesia Education Program

3RD ANNUAL CELEBRATION &
FUNDRAISER
SATURDAY OCTOBER 8TH
7:00 pm - 11:00 pm

STOCKYARDS BREWING CO.
1600 Genessee St. Suite #100

All proceeds benefit SRNAs as they pursue participation in mission trips and attend professional meetings.

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Barb Manning

Official Title of your position: Academic Affairs Coordinator

Date you started with the Department: 4/25/2016

Job Responsibilities: Coordinate evaluations including course, simulation, clinical sites and clinical faculty; faculty appointments, monthly calendars, semester timetables, curriculum and course changes, department library; support, encourage – whatever I can do to assist students and faculty!

Previous Job before coming to our department: I was the Kansas Field Rep for Scholastic Books.

What you like to do outside of KU or an interesting fact about yourself: I love the outdoors – camping, fishing, hiking, boating, gardening – you name it! I also love the arts – theater, drama, and music and am fortunate to volunteer at Starlight Theater and the Kauffman Center to allow those opportunities! My heartbeat is to serve and I’m fortunate to volunteer at KC RM, Starlight, the Olathe School District (families in transition), and various mission outreaches.

Anything else you would like to add: I feel blessed to be at KU and look forward to doing what I can to make a difference!

Nurse Anesthesia Fundraiser

Ticket Prices: $65

Silent Auction: Will open 2 weeks prior to the event. More Information can be found on the KU Nurse Anesthesia website closer to the event date.
Mid Year Assembly

This year’s AANA Mid-Year Assembly (MYA) was held at the Renaissance Washington DC Downtown Hotel from April 2-6, 2016. More than 1,100 CRNAs and SRNAs gathered to discuss issues facing healthcare and nurse anesthesia. MYA is the annual advocacy conference for CRNA practice on the federal level, and it is an opportunity to update Congress on legislative and policy issues that will affect the delivery of safe and effective anesthesia care. MYA also provides the opportunity to build relationships with members of Congress while visiting Capitol Hill.

Kansas Association of Nurse Anesthetist (KANA) and the KU Nurse Anesthesia Department Endowment supported four KU students to attend the program this year: Keely Cardwell, Sarah Clift, Corinne Oxenford and Cassie Stone. Dr. Paul Hertel, KU Nurse Anesthesia faculty member, accompanied the SRNAs. The first day of the conference was filled with sessions about advocacy. Day two started with an energetic President’s Report by Juan Quintana emphasizing the importance of full practice authority (FPA) for CRNAs in the Veterans Affairs (VA) organization. CRNAs can take action by visiting www.veteransaccesstocare.com and writing a letter in support of full practice authority. Other issues discussed included: protect rural access to anesthesia and payment for on-call services provided by CRNAs via the rural pass-through program and Title-VIII funding for nursing education. Next was a talk from Dr. Kavita Patel, a practicing primary care internist at John Hopkins Hospital. Previously, she served in the Obama Administration as director of policy for the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Engagement in the White House. She also served as a policy analyst and trusted aide to the late Senator Edward Kennedy. Her unique understanding of healthcare policy and politics made her an engaging and compelling speaker. Her take home message was to “get a seat at the table” for this rapidly changing healthcare system while presenting CRNAs as a safe and cost effective way to provide anesthesia to the community. The afternoon was filled with a discussion about health policy change and shaping nurse anesthesia’s future by one of our AANA lobbyists, Frank Purcell. The second day concluded with CRNA-PAC fundraiser where CRNAs and SRNAs enjoyed networking.

Day three was another full day of sessions including a talk about “The 2016 National Election and Beyond” from Charlie Cook, a political analyst with more than two decades of experience as Washington’s “most trusted and most accurate voice” on all things politics. The final day started with a rally on Capitol Hill where more than 1,100 AANA members gathered to listen to President Juan Quintana speak prior to meeting with legislators. MYA was a powerful and lasting experience for KU’s SRNAs as well as Kansas CRNAs.
Mission Trip to Guatemala

Funds generated by KU CRNA Alumni sponsored two students to join a medical mission to Antigua, Guatemala in June to provide anesthesia for the underserved population in the mountains of that region. Kory Krahl and Michaela Bird were selected as SRNA ambassadors and were guided by faculty member Dr. Paul Bennetts as they represented KU Nurse Anesthesia abroad. The Kansas City chapter of Medical Missions Foundation sponsored the trip which included over 80 team members. Specialty services provided for the community at Obras Sociales del Santo Hermano Pedro included arts and crafts, audiology, urology, pediatric surgery, and adult general surgery.

Throughout the week-long mission, over 90 surgical procedures were performed and 130 hearing aids were provided to children with hearing deficiencies. Under the guidance of CRNAs and KU alumni Mandy Jordan, Emily Covington, and Paul Bennetts, as well as supervision from Drs. Shih and Palmieri from the KU Anesthesiology Department, Michaela and Kory were able to provide anesthesia for nearly 60 urology and pediatric patients. Both SRNAs report the significant impact the trip had not only on the community of Antigua, but on the volunteers who staffed the ORs there. “It really highlights the need for this type of outreach when you see the smile come over the face of a child hearing the world in ‘Technicolor’ for the first time”, remarked senior SRNA Kory Krahl regarding the audiology team’s provision of hearing aids for children with hearing impairment. Michaela Bird added, “It has been such an incredible learning opportunity both clinically and personally. It’s definitely opened my eyes to the needs of the underserved in other areas of the world”.

The University of Kansas Nurse Anesthesia Department is already planning the 2017 trip back to Antigua and students will be chosen by the year’s end. Kory, Michaela, and the faculty CRNAs thank all alumni for the continued support of this excellent leadership and clinical opportunity for two senior SRNAs.
UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Alumni/Program Tailgate: KU vs. Ohio University**
  - September 10, 2016 on the hill in Lawrence, Kansas
  - Tailgate 11:00 A.M. Game Time 1:30 P.M

- **Third Annual Nurse Anesthesia Fundraiser**
  - October 8, 2016
  - Stockyards Brewing Co., Kansas City, MO

- **Kansas Association of Nurse Anesthetists Fall Mtg (KANA)**
  - October 15, 2016 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.
  - Dugan Library Conference Center, Newman University, Wichita, KS

Alumni News

We want to have a regular column in the newsletter featuring alumni accomplishments, but we need your help in collecting those accomplishments. Please send us any professional achievements such as articles published, awards received, new degrees earned, involvement in professional organizations, job promotions such as chief CRNA, participation on mission trips, etc. We also welcome personal news, such as weddings and babies! Please send your information to na@kumc.edu or post it on Facebook on the KU Nurse Anesthesia page.

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](http://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 Yukiko Hino with KU Endowment at 913-562-2718 or yhino@KUEndowment.org. Thank you for your donations!

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