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CARDIOVASCULAR LECTURE at ELMHURST CAMPUS JUNE 7, 2006

The Elmhurst campus in Queens, NY is pleased to host the next Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonography presentation featuring lectures in Echocardiography and Peripheral Vascular Ultrasound. The meeting is sponsored by BIOSOUND and representation from this company will be on hand to demonstrate the latest in equipment advances. The meeting is from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM.

BREAST CANCER WALK IN HONOR OF MARY GAUGHAN

by Phyllis Greco

"What we have once enjoyed we can never lose...All that we love deeply becomes a part of us." Helen Keller

Please join me on Saturday, May 6, 2006 in Times Square/Central Park for a run/walk for "Women in the Fight Against Cancers," in honor of our beloved Mary Gaughan. I would like to make this an annual event for the staff, students and graduates of IAMP. Let's keep her memory alive. Mary gave so much to so many, it is time to give back.

If you can participate on May 6, you can still join us in the fight against women's cancers by making a donation in Mary's name to the Revlon Run/Walk for Women.

Registration Fee \$25.00 (includes t-shirt) due before 4/27

Late registration fee \$30.00 (on or after 4/29)

Please contact Phyllis Greco @ (914) 964-4995 to join us for the fight.

ST. JOHN'S CAMPUS IS MOVING TO WESTCHESTER COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER

IAMP St John's Riverside Hospital Campus location in Yonkers, NY is set to move to Westchester County Medical Center as of June 1st. The July ultrasound day class will be the first to start at this new location. Please call our Yonkers Campus location (914) 964-4995 if you, or anyone you know, is interested in joining this class. The new Westchester Campus location contact information will be posted on the IAMP website, www.iamp.edu soon.





Letter from the President

Dear IAMP Students and Staff,

I would like to begin by addressing all the changes that we will see in Florida in the coming months. IAMP has seen a great potential for growth at our Florida location due to local interest in high end allied health programs.

Welcome to all the new Florida staff members. I am particularly excited about our new Delray Campus Director, Karyn Vidal-Lee, who comes to us with great experience, and we all look forward to working with her. Our new location at Delray Medical Center has provided IAMP with an excellent facility for our students and staff. Also due to an overwhelming interest in our IAMP Atlanta campus their facility space will be expanded to accommodate the new Medical Assisting Technology program.

I would like to ask our alumni to please participate in our new iamp.edu/alumni page. Log on and tell us what you have been doing since you graduated IAMP. Where do you live and work? Do you enjoy your career? Do you have any advice for current students? Feel free to post any update about your life. Through this site IAMP hopes to better maintain their relationship with alumni.

More internet development projects are set to be completed this summer. IAMP plans to launch a student tools program where students can log in and view their grades, statements, and job postings. This portal will also be a place for potential employers to log on and view our student's resumes.

Thank you to all IAMP students and staff for maintaining IAMP's reputation with all their hard work.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Haggerty

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Congratulations to St. John's Campus graduates on passing the ARDMS registry exam:

Kevin Portalatin RVT
Graduated 11/2004

Helen Michaels RDMS OB/GYN
Graduated 11/2004

Irene Mitchev RDMS, ABD
Graduated 11/2004

Larry Dell'Aquila passed Vascular Physics
Graduated 1/20/2005

Elana Krasnova passed Physics
Graduated 11/2004

Please let your school know when you pass a registry exam so we can let your fellow sonographers know of your success. Be proud, you worked HARD for the title RDMS.



New Alumni Page on iamp.edu

Attention all IAMP alumni, we are proud to introduce a special page for alumni only on the iamp.edu website. On this new page, IAMP alumni can update their information, tell us where they are now, refer a student, provide an externship, and request a transcript online.

Please update your information if you have moved since graduating. We can better inform you about upcoming Alumni meetings and mail you important information about our school and your career. Also if you have a friend that is interested in attending IAMP please log on to refer that prospective student directly to us. Finally please remember that IAMP students and staff would love to hear about where you are now, and what you have gone on to do after graduation. Please take the time to share your story. It is important to IAMP that we keep in contact with alumni, and it is also beneficial as alumni to remain part of our IAMP community.

STAFF PROFILE



Clinically In Sync

Laura Spriggs has one of the toughest jobs at IAMP. Coordinating the clinical internships requires multitasking, and a great deal of patience. "It is like putting together the pieces of a puzzle," Laura explains, "it fits when everyone is happy."

Laura began as an ultrasound student at IAMP. Like most, she was searching for a profession in healthcare that was non-invasive and had a flexible work schedule. Previously Laura worked as a cosmetologist and as an administrative assistant before realizing that medical imaging best suited her. When asked what she instantly liked about IAMP, Laura gave a typical one word response, "Nancy". Moreover, Laura found the staff at the Queens campus very likable. When the position for a clinical coordinator opened up, Nancy Baer, VP of Operations, remembered Laura's friendly personality and administrative background.

"Her organizational skills are superb, she has a database inside her head." Nancy explained, "Laura is also very accommodating to the students." When placing the students Laura has a lot to think about, for instance compatibility, requests and availability. She offers good advice to students to make their clinical a positive experience. "Take everything in stride," Laura said, "Know your position at the clinical and remain humble and willing to take instruction." Laura went on to explain that the best clinical students are, personable, professional, respectful and cooperative.

When Laura is not accommodating the students of IAMP, she enjoys cooking, dancing, hanging out with her girlfriends and reading books by James Patterson. However she spends most of her time with her eight year old son Aaron and her husband Fred. She describes herself as a "Jenny from the block," a real "Roundtheway girl" and for those of who never heard of these pop songs, it means she likes to keep it real. Which coordinates with Laura's favorite quote "Things aren't always what they seem." Laura plans to attend St. Francis college part time this fall to accomplish her long time goal of receiving a Bachelor's Degree.

Laura Spriggs: Fills in the Blanks

My personal hero is : my mother

I love it when people: embrace me

I hate it when people: don't stand up for themselves

I'd rather be: retired

My tombstone epitaph will read: Back up you are in my personal space!

I am always singing the song: Luxurious by Gwen Stefani



Tracy Moss (center) is pictured here with fellow IAMP students at our Queens Campus.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Tracy Moss is one of IAMP's success stories. Starting at IAMP Queen's campus in April of 2004, she graduated in August of 2005 with honors. Tracy was immediately hired from her clinical at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital Medical Center where she continued to prove her excellent skills as a sonographer. She recently left to pursue another opportunity at Doshi Diagnostics.

Before IAMP Tracy attended Boston University and Hunter College to receive her Bachelors Degree. She then went on to receive her Master's from The New School for Social Research. Tracy is a member if Psi Chi National Honors Society in Psychology and a recipient for excellence in post transplant ultrasound and professionalism.

As a graduate and working sonographer she assists the school as a member of the Queens Educational Advisory Board. IAMP is very proud of loyal alumnus Tracy Moss.

IAMP's ATLANTA CAMPUS

School of Medical Assisting Technology

**IAMP Medical Assistant
Information from Program
Director, Timika D. Adonai**

According to the Bureau of Labor and Statistics, Medical Assisting is one of the fastest growing careers and it is expected to continue to grow through the year 2014. Medical assistants are valuable members of healthcare teams. They perform both clinical and administrative duties in physician's offices, clinics, and other healthcare facilities.

As a learning institution, our greatest goal is to ensure that graduates of the Medical Assisting Technology Program possess the skills and certifications needed to assist physicians and other healthcare professionals in any healthcare setting. Their diverse skill set allows them to pursue careers in medical transcription, medical records, medical coding and billing, clinical medical assisting in any specialty area, and medical office management. Students receive the Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers certification through the American Heart Association, and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Blood-borne Pathogens certification. In addition, students are eligible to take the Certified Coding Associate certification examination through the American Health Information Management Association, the Registered Medical Assistant certification examination through the American Medical Technologists, the Certified Clinical Medical Assistant, Phlebotomy Technician, EKG Technician, Medical Administrative Assistant, and Billing and Coding Specialist certification examinations through the National Healthcare Association.

IAMP ATLANTA is currently enrolling for day and evening programs in Medical Assisting, Ultrasound evening program in June and the Ultrasound day program in October. Additionally, we are enrolling for the Radiography and Radiation Therapy programs in the fall. Response has been strong - classes are filling quickly. Give us a call at (404) 255-4500 to set up an appointment with Admissions.



IAMP Atlanta is located on the campus of St. Joseph's Hospital

IAMP ATLANTA GROWING

In the Spring of 2006, IAMP Atlanta underwent construction to expand its facility. The new space will include 2 additional classrooms, a Radiography lab, Medical Assisting lab, and library area for students.



IAMP STAFF SHARE THEIR FAVORITE QUOTES

"We don't accomplish anything in this world alone, and whatever happens is the result of the whole tapestry of one's life and all the weavings of individual threads from one another that creates something."

- **Sandra Day O'Connor**-

"You can't wait for inspiration. You have to go after it with a club."

-**Jack London**-

"Speak softly but carry a big stick."

- **Theodore Roosevelt**-

"Character is higher than intellect. A great soul will be strong to live as well as think."

-**Ralph Waldo Emerson**-



IAMP Atlanta welcomes their new Program Director for Ultrasound (pictured left). Tom's favorite quote was by Jack London. Look for Tom's profile feature in the Summer, 2006 newsletter!

IAMP's FLORIDA CAMPUS

IAMP FLORIDA'S NEW STAFF MEMBERS



From Left to Right

JoAnne Lyons Radiology Program Director, Bonnie Hall Director of Admissions, Karyn Vidal-Lee Campus Director and Sondra Mansour Admissions Representative

CAMPUS DIRECTOR

Welcome Karyn Vidal-Lee new Campus Director of IAMP Delray Beach, Campus. Karyn's background is in administrative management with particular interests/strengths in student services. She was formally the Campus Director of an allied health school in Port St. Lucie, Florida. Her guidance and leadership are crucial to the long term success of the Delray Beach campus.

ADMISSIONS REPRESENTATIVE

Sondra Mansour joins us as an Admissions Representative for the Delray Beach campus. She is a native of Florida and started her career in Radio/TV. She later worked in education as an English teacher for the Palm Beach County school board. She has been in private post secondary school recruitment for six years. She has worked for two different schools in Florida and plans to stay in education. She is part of the future success of the Delray Beach campus.

DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS

Bonnie Hall joins us as the new Director of Admissions in the Delray Beach campus. Originally from Maine, she started in private post secondary school recruitment in 1990 for a school chain in Connecticut. She has worked as Director of Admissions and Director of High School Admission for two different schools in Connecticut and Massachusetts when she was recruited by a school in 2004 to work in Florida. She is also the mother of an eight year old daughter, Payton. With her 16 years of recruitment experience she will be an asset to the Delray Beach campus.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR

IAMP would like to welcome JoAnne Lyons as Program Director for the Radiology Technology Program at our Florida Campus. She comes to IAMP after being a Clinical Coordinator and teaching a variety of radiology courses. JoAnne graduated from Radiologic Technology School at Gannon University in 1993 and is ARRT certified in Radiology and Mammography. Her work experience includes a hospital trauma center, imaging centers, and orthopedic offices. She obtained her Masters in Education from State University of New York, Cortland Campus in 2003. She lives in Lake Worth with her husband and two daughters.

GRADUATION

Congratulations and best wishes to the 15 new sonographers who graduated on April 2, 2006. This was the fifth class graduating from the Florida Campus. The ceremony and celebration were again held at the Atlantis Country Club in Atlantis, and included a very nice Sunday brunch. The event was attended by Campus Director Karyn Vidal-Lee, Director of Admissions Bonnie Hall, Admissions Representative Sondra Mansour, Program Administrator Jennifer McCann, Program Director Daniel Del Castillo, Clinical Coordinator Kara Latham and Clinical Instructor Judith Clarke. The sixth graduation is scheduled for in September 2006.



IAMP FLORIDA IS ALL NEW

Along with IAMP Florida's new location and new staff, there is also new programs! IAMP Florida will now offer programs in Radiology Technology, Medical Assisting Technology and Nuclear Medicine. Please call the Delray Beach Admissions office at (561) 381-4900 with any questions about our new programs.



Interview Tips

*Deborah Holcombe BFA,
RDMS,RVT
Program Director, Queens
Campus*

Preparing for an Ultrasound job interview is a unique experience. Generally, the initial part of the interview is a standard sit down with department personnel or a Human Resources representative. Research the company/facility on the web before the interview. Familiarize yourself with the job description to shape your answers to what the interviewer may be looking for. It is difficult to know what interviewers are going to ask. Often hospital personnel have no training in interview skills. I would recommend showing yourself in the best light yet while remaining truthful. If you exaggerate or lie about your experience you run the risk of getting caught and ending the interviewing process in its first phase.

Dress is of course business professional. Men/women wear a dark suit. Men wear a tie, women wear light make up. Leave the bling-bling at home. Keep it light on the perfume/cologne, if you must wear any at all. Have clean, trim nails and hair, and polish on your shoes.

Have several copies of your resume with you. You may also want a list of references, both professional and personal, with addresses and phone numbers in case you are asked to fill out an application. Know your resume and be prepared to speak about how your history and experience has prepared you for this opportunity.

I would like to stress to new graduates to feel confident about themselves and their ability to do ultrasound. If a facility has granted you an interview they are willing to work and train you their way. Some facilities prefer a clean slate to write on, instead of erasing the bad habits of someone that may be more "experienced". Remember that you had excellent, intensive training and spent months in a clinical setting before graduation. You are ready. True confidence in scanning may take a while but you know enough to get paid as your confidence grows.

If the interview is going well, you may move from the initial interview in Human Resources to meeting the people in the department that you may be working with. I call this "phase two". You may have another sit down here. If the force is still with you, you may be asked to scan. Scanning is "phase three". When you make the appointment for the interview, do not make other appointments that day. If they like you, the facility may want you to stay the whole day. You don't want to get to this point and say "sorry I have to pick up the kids" or "I have another appointment." That is saying that this job is not really

important to you. They might not call you back or bother to reschedule. Make sure to bring a lab coat for this occasion. There is always some anxiety while waiting for this patient. You may find yourself wondering 'will the patient be gassy, obese, cranky, or all three?' Do the best you can. You've got to work with what you've got. A tough patient is tough for everyone. The interviewers expect you to be nervous and unfamiliar with the equipment. They just want to see if you can do the job, they don't expect perfection.

"Phase four" is meeting the doctors, if you get to this point you probably have a good chance of scoring a job offer. This is the least painful phase, as the doctors are generally not much interested in interviewing. If this involves showing the case you just scanned and you speak knowledgeably, and the doctor likes you, you have it made in the shade. If you misidentify structures on the films in front of the doctor, it could be sudden death.

If you don't get a job offer you may never know why but you should believe its for the best. It might not have been a good fit for you. Remember every interview is valuable and an experience in itself. There may be many no's, you only need one yes to win.



Utilize the Web By Deborah Ridolfo

We live in the information age and as such have tremendous amounts of useful informative material available at our fingertips. Ultrasound technologists are always on the look out for up to date educational information to keep their skills current. With just a click, you can find much information on cutting edge technological advances in the ultrasound field and gain valuable insight as well.

Auntminnie.com and sonoworld.com are two websites that sonographers will find useful in their professional lives. There are case histories and case discussions on virtually every topic of interest, including every modality in radiology. Patient history, clinical information and actual ultrasound scans are presented and then you are asked for your impression. It's fun and a great learning experience as well. Sign up for their weekly newsletter and test your diagnostic skills.

QUESTION AND ANSWER:

Q: What is Nuclear Medicine and What do they do?

Nuclear physicians are usually based in a university or hospital, or both, and have limited involvement in direct patient care. Nuclear Medicine physicians participate in the intellectual challenge presented in assisting with the formulation of patient diagnoses and treatment wherever indicated. This specialty offers clinical variety, freedom to conduct research and make original observations.

The nuclear medicine technologist is a specialized healthcare professional who works directly with patients during an imaging procedure and works closely with the nuclear medicine physician. A nuclear pharmacist specializes in the procurement, compounding, quality control testing, dispensing, distribution, and monitoring of radiopharmaceuticals. They also provide consultation regarding health and safety issues as well as the use of non-radioactive drugs and patient care.

Fast Facts about Nuclear Medicine

- An estimated 10 to 12 million nuclear medicine imaging and therapeutic procedures are performed each year in the United States.
- Nuclear medicine procedures are unique, safe, and cost-effective.
- There are nearly 100 different nuclear medicine imaging procedures available today.
- Nuclear medicine uniquely provides information about both the function and structure of virtually every major organ system within the body.
- Nuclear medicine procedures are among the safest diagnostic imaging tests available.
- The amount of radiation in a nuclear medicine procedure is comparable to that received during a diagnostic x-ray. Nuclear medicine procedures are painless and do not require anesthesia.
- Children commonly undergo nuclear medicine procedures to evaluate bone pain, injuries, infection, or kidney and bladder function. Common nuclear medicine applications include diagnosis and treatment of hyperthyroidism (Grave's Disease), cardiac stress tests to analyze heart function, bone scans for orthopedic injuries, lung scans for blood clots, and liver and gall bladder procedures to diagnose abnormal function or blockages.
- There are approximately 2,700 full-time equivalent nuclear medicine physicians and 14,000 certified nuclear medicine technologists nationwide.



CME CREDIT CONFERENCES

Host: Jefferson Ultrasound Research and Education Institute (JUREI)

Brief: The "Leading Edge" is the annual educational conference of the Jefferson Ultrasound Institute. The conference provides updates on the major specialty areas and overviews of the "hot" topics in diagnostic ultrasound. The major themes that will be covered in the 2006 Leading Edge program include women's imaging, vascular imaging and Doppler, a physics refresher, pediatric ultrasound, musculoskeletal ultrasound, and contrast agents.

Title: Leading Edge in Diagnostic Ultrasound Annual Conference

Venue: Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa

City: Atlantic City

State: New Jersey

CME Type: Conference

Start Date: 5/23/2006

End Date: 5/26/2006

URL: www.jefferson.edu/jurei/conference/

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Host: American Society of Echocardiography (ASE)

Title: American Society of Echocardiography (ASE) 17th Annual Scientific Sessions

Venue: Baltimore Convention Center

City: Baltimore

State: Maryland

CME Type: Conference

Start Date: 6/5/2006

End Date: 6/8/2006

URL: www.asecho.org/Scientific_Sessions/body_scientific_sessions.php

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