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Program Director, DMS
Elmhurst campus



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CAMPUS BULLETIN

IAMP ATLANTA

IAMP Atlanta is proud to announce that the Radiography and Radiation Therapy Programs have received programmatic accreditation from the JRCERT (Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology). After a successful site visit by the JRCERT in October of 2006, and submission of a response based on their findings, Program Directors Terry Benson and Anthea Stamelatos waited patiently for the Board of Directors to meet in April to review the final product.

The moment of truth arrived on May 1st, as the letter of accreditation from the JRCERT arrived in the mail. Accreditation by the JRCERT allows students of the Radiography and Radiation Therapy Programs to sit for the Registry immediately upon graduation. Congratulations IAMP Atlanta!

IAMP DELRAY BEACH

IAMP takes the "DISTANCE" out of Distance Learning and now offers an AAS degree in Diagnostic Medical Sonography, By Karyn Vidal, Campus Director

Distance learning combines the most advanced technologies with teaching strategies and learning styles that results in educational opportunities for students anywhere anytime. Strong sense of community is created via asynchronous discussions.

If you are interested in completing an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Diagnostic Medical Sonography, IAMP is pleased to announce that our first on-line bridge program is being offered on August 13, 2007. The bridge program provides all graduates from our IAMP Diagnostic Medical Sonography programs, regardless of which campus, to transfer their diploma credits into our Associate of Applied Science program. The program is designed to accommodate busy students who have demanding schedules to pursue a degree in Diagnostic Medical Sonography. If you would like to learn more about our bridge on-line program, please go to the IAMP website, www.iamp.edu and click on the "School of Distance Education link".

IAMP WESTCHESTER

Congratulations to Westchester Graduates on passing the ARDMS registry:

Lyubov Yanovskiy RDMS (Breast) 2005
Graduated 4/29/2004

Michelle Kalmanson Physics 2007
Graduated 8/11/2006

Kimberly Abruzese RDMS (OB/GYN) 2007
Graduated 6/22/2006



Letter from the President

Dear IAMP Students and Staff,

First I would like to thank Carolyn Jacobs, who has been with IAMP for 20 years, for her hard work and dedication in the Nuclear Medicine Program. Carolyn developed the Nuclear Medicine Program into a model program and was instrumental in opening up the first non-hospital school in Forest Hills, Queens. We will miss her here at the Institute and wish her all the luck in the future.

I am pleased to announce that the IAMP Delray Beach campus is now offering on-line Associate of Applied Science degrees in Diagnostic Medical Sonography and Radiologic Technology. These programs offer the working student an opportunity to obtain a degree in medical imaging technology. Congratulations to the IAMP Delray Beach campus on such an achievement.

I would also like to extend congratulations to Terry Benson and Anthea Stamelatos, of the IAMP Atlanta campus, for obtaining JRCERT accreditation for their programs of Radiography and Radiation Therapy, respectively.

Congratulations to all of the recent IAMP graduates and to all of our past grads who have achieved ARDMS registry. IAMP looks forward to a long working relationship as they become advisors, instructors, and clinical supervisors. We look forward to seeing you at future SDMS meetings.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Haggerty

Thomas J Haggerty

CAMPUS BULLETIN continued

Registered Graduates continued.....

Angela Lemus Physics 2007
Graduated 11/2004

Vijaya Nelli RDMS Abdomen 2007
Graduated 6/22/2006

Daina DiPinto RDMS (OB/GYN)
Graduated 3/13/2003

Svetlana Racheva RDMS (Breast)
Graduated 8/11/2006

Taijmattie Persaud RDMS (Breast, Abdomen)
Graduated 4/25/2002

Owen Morrison RVT
Graduated 1/20/2005

Christine McManus RDMS (Breast)
Graduated 4/2004

GREAT JOB TO ALL! More and more of our graduates are becoming registered. Please contact Phyllis Greco @ (914) 345-0900 when you have passed an exam. We are proud of your accomplishments and would like to share it with others.

Earn CME Credits at the Westchester Campus

Guest Speaker: Charles Odwin, RDMS, PA-C

On May 31st at 6:00 P.M., Charles Odwin, RDMS, PA-C will be our guest speaker presenting Twin Ectopic Pregnancy diagnosis and treatment. After his presentation, you will have a chance to present a case and obtain 2 FREE CME Credits. Please mark the date on your calendar. It is a great time to see some friendly faces and network. For reservations and directions to our campus call Phyllis Greco @ (914) 345-0900. See you then!

IAMP QUEENS

BEST WISHES TO THE GRADUATES!

On Friday, April 27th, ULEMD 10/05 and ULNYE 10/05 graduated at Giardino's Restaurant in Douglaston, NY. Lancelot Walker, RDMS, an instructor at the NY campus, delivered the graduation address. He spoke encouraging words as the graduates transition into the working world of DMS. Many grads received honors and awards while enjoying an Italian feast. IAMP sends all of the graduates best wishes on their accomplishments.

STAFF PROFILE



Larisa the Great

Larisa Konshina, RDMS, RVT, our Program Director at the Elmhurst Campus, comes to IAMP from Moscow. She emigrated from the former USSR in 1994. Larisa began as a student in the IAMP Diagnostic Medical Sonography program in May, 2002. She graduated with high honors and promptly became ARDMS registered in Abdomen and Vascular. Larisa began her scanning career in private radiology and urology practices, sharpening her skills for what was to come.

In 2005, IAMP was fortunate to have Larisa join our teaching roster. It was a natural transition as Larisa was a Chemistry and Biology teacher back home. She quickly became a favorite with staff and students due to her high energy and generous personality. When asked why she likes to teach, Larisa states "My aim is to make my students comfortable with their skill and knowledge in their chosen field of Sonography. This is an important step in their future success". Her organized and direct hands-on method of instruction has produced many qualified IAMP graduates. In late 2006, Larisa was appointed the DMS Program Director for the Elmhurst Campus. Her organizational skills and keen intuition help to administrate a very busy program.

In addition to her busy teaching schedule, she has taken on other duties. Larisa tutors students who need extra help preparing for weekly exams, conducts Registry Review preparation classes for graduates, and runs a very busy lab on Saturdays for students who wish to practice lab skills. Looks like Larisa thrives on working hard and getting her students ready for the real world!

On a personal note, Larisa is the proud parent of Nika, a lovely 14 year old, who excels in English. Larisa's sister, Vika, is also a successful IAMP graduate. The DMS Program has grown and improved under Larisa's embrace. We are pleased to have our former grad in our family!

Larisa Konshina : Fills in the Blanks

When no one is looking : I'm planning the next exam!

I can't stand it when : Nika doesn't come home on time.

I love it when: my family is together

I'd rather be : Here! I am happy where I am.

My personal hero is : My mother.



Going But Not Forgotten

Carolyn Jacobs, Executive Vice President, is happily retiring after twenty years of affiliation with IAMP. She has been involved in admissions, program administration, and clinical internships with the DMS, MRI and Nuclear Medicine Programs.

Over these many years, Carolyn has seen tremendous growth in these programs. Her dedication and good work with staff, students, and clinical affiliates has provided IAMP with a solid cornerstone in which to build on. Everyone in the IAMP family wishes Carolyn and her family well as they move on to the next adventure.

IAMP Nuclear Medicine student Nino Gotsiridze was selected to receive the 2007 Paul Cole Scholarship funded by Education and Research Foundation for the Society of Nuclear Medicine. Scholarships are awarded each year to 25-30 students in good standing, enrolled in JRCNMT accredited NMT programs. Blinded applications are evaluated based on the applicants personal statement describing their educational aspirations and financial need.

On February 21, 2007, during the NM Department staff meeting conducted at Mount Sinai, John Hart, Radiology Department Administrative Director and IAMP's Program Director presented Nino with a \$1,000 check.

Born with an acquiring nature, surrounded by a family of physicians, Nino was encouraged to pursue her desire and dream: a career in medicine. As she says, "Medicine has always been at the center of my universe". Nino attended medical school in Moscow and became a Doctor, working in the former Soviet Union for nearly 10 years before immigrating to the United States.

Nino received her Certificate with Honors at the Graduation conducted on May 1, 2007.

Congratulations Nino! We will see your name in lights at the 54th Annual Society of Nuclear Medicine meeting in Washington, D.C. this coming June. We expect to hear the good news of your continued success.

Carolyn Jacobs, Executive Vice President and John Hart, NM Program Director with Nino Gotsiridze



IAMP and NYHQ : Blood Brothers & Sisters

The IAMP Elmhurst Campus proudly hosted a two day Blood Drive in partnership with New York Hospital Queens. On April 4th and May 16th, the NYHQ Blood Donor Center moved into our campus and was able to secure more than fifty donations! Students, instructors, and staff gladly participated for this worthy cause.



IAMP is pleased and grateful to have NYHQ as a clinical affiliate in the Diagnostic Medical Sonography program. Our partnership has now extended to community outreach with the Blood Donor Center. We look forward to continuing this expanded and fruitful relationship.



If you were unable to donate at the IAMP drive, you may contact the NYHQ Blood Donor Center at 718-670-1007 to set up an appointment. Let's help our community hospital help Queens residents.



IAMP Delray Beach

Distance Education No Longer Distant for IAMP Students

by Lynne Schreiber, MS, RDMS, FSDMS, RT(R)

The IAMP Delray campus is proud to offer distance online education - an Associate of Applied Science degree in Diagnostic Ultrasound. Delray has already begun enhancing current classroom courses by hybrid (campus & online) instruction. We anticipate beginning to offer general education courses online in Summer, 2007 and an Associate of Applied Science in DMS in Fall, 2008.

The online Educator System is one of the most advanced course management systems in online education today. The system is designed to give students and faculty not only access to home computers but via wireless anytime, anywhere access. Course information can be sent and/or received from cell phones, pagers, or other personal digital assistant devices.

IAMP faculty delivering online courses are of the philosophy that distance education should never be distant. The faculty of IAMP Delray strives to maximize interaction between the instructor and the student, between students, and through small group collaborations. Online education at IAMP Delray will provide for an educational continuum whereby students have the ability to interact 24/7 with fellow students and faculty, thus expanding the classroom and literally bringing the world to the classroom door.

IAMP Delray is pleased to be offering a bridge program to previous graduates of IAMP who wish to acquire an Associate of Applied Science degree in Diagnostic Ultrasound. Diploma students and graduates interested in registering for the bridge program should contact campus director, Karyn Vidal @ (561)381-4990.

Clinical Experience Helps with Classroom Discussions

by JoAnne Lyons, Radiologic Technology Program Director

Our Radiologic Technology students are in the process of finishing their first semester in their clinical sites. What an eye opening opportunity for these students! We just finished a unit on patient care skills and communication. Students are free to discuss their successes as well as challenges when dealing with patients, technologists, and other staff members. Sharing both good and bad experiences help students to know others share their same feelings and enables them to think through different patient care scenarios. These discussions are important because Situational Judgment test questions will be appearing for the first time this coming January on the national examination that is sponsored by the ARRT (American Registry of Radiologic Technologists). Situation-Judgment, or JST, items focus on ethical problems or work-related conflict. During the examination candidates are required to select two answers from those given - one to indicate the most desirable solution and one to indicate the least desirable solution. The open dialogue in our classroom gives students the chance to share proper ways to handle situations.

IAMP Atlanta

Inside the Radiography Lab at IAMP Atlanta. Competence Begins Here

Students must demonstrate competence in simulations prior to performing these procedures in clinic. IAMP Atlanta would like to express gratitude to Resurgens Orthopaedics for their donation of the radiography equipment for the lab.



Radiography Students in the Lab
L to R: Katie Tran, Carla Farr, Janelle Sauer

Productivity Tools for the Imaging and Radiation Therapy Professional

from ADVANCE for Imaging and Radiation Therapy
Professionals, 04/16/2007, Vol. 20 No. 9, p.33
by Richard G. Ensmann, Jr.

Want to boost your productivity? Use these productivity-boosting tools to get started:

Energy. Resolve to turn your workplace into a creative, high-energy environment. Each day, demonstrate that you value new ideas and achievement.

Goals. Productivity, in the end, is all about reaching new heights. So set some ambitious, but reachable, goals.

Modeling. One of the best ways to build a commitment to top productivity among the people around you is to display the characteristics of productivity - such as commitment and high-impact effort --yourself.

Numbers. What do you want to achieve? Answer this question statistically. Set numerical goals and begin to measure them.

Tools. Make a list of the tools that might help you boost productivity. These could include equipment, software, training and organizational products.

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IAMP WESTCHESTER Celebrates Graduation

On March 22, 2007, the Westchester Campus conducted graduation for both an evening and day class in the Diagnostic Medical Sonography program. The commencement ceremony was held at Blu, on the majestic Hudson River.

The ceremony began with a warm welcome from the Campus Director, Phyllis Greco. Thomas Haggerty, President of IAMP, welcomed the new graduates with words of wisdom and theories on life. He stressed the importance of being a team player and how patient care can make the difference between a good technologist and a great technologist.

Cathy Sullivan, clinical coordinator for Diagnostic Medical Sonography, welcomed IAMP's newest sonographers to the ultrasound field. She shared some of her experiences and insight into the ultrasound profession.



Cathy Sullivan, RDMS

Helen Michaels, RDMS, graduate of the September 2005 day class, delivered the alumni address to the graduates. Her message was one of self-experience, full of positive reinforcement, determination, and suggestions of what one must do to succeed. Helen expressed her desire to be an instructor at IAMP in the future and give back what she has been given and worked so hard for. We look forward to having Helen as part of our staff!



Helen Michaels, RDMS

Ann Lynch, graduate with High Honors, delivered an enthusiastic commentary. Ann reminisced about her first days at the Institute, how the beginning was filled with nerves, excitement and expectations. She spoke about the relationships that were built in the classroom and the bond that she

developed with IAMP. Today, Ann is a confident, excited, and enthusiastic sonographer. Ann's husband surprised her at graduation by flying in her family from Ireland for the graduation.



Graduate, Ann Lynch



November 1, 2005 Day Class

L to R: Jessica Marsiglia, Lisa Massola, Alyson Chimpa, Leslie Cartagena, Jessamyn Gaber, Katie Barrett, Pam Mayerik, Alla Korniyevetes, Ann Lynch.



August 8, 2005 Evening Class

Front Row L - R: Ling Ling Lau, Rose Scheer, Orsolina Gambino, Jenene Gentile, Dana Forte

Back Row L - R: Gillian Gayle, Margaret Stack, Mohammad Saif-Ullah, Mary Catarau, Marjorie Otaiza

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

HAPPINESS IS A WORKING TECH

IAMP Queens graduate, Eslaye Devine has a lot to be happy about these days. When Eslaye started the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program in April, 2003, she had been laid off from her travel industry position due to the decrease in business after September 11th. After doing some research, Eslaye decided to enroll in our program. Since graduation in 2004, her career in ultrasound has blossomed due to her persistence and positive attitude.

The time in school required hard work and dedication, but Eslaye never became discouraged. Her personality and excellent work ethic was admired by her instructor as well as the clinical site instructor. The coordinating manager of the Radiology Department at Coler Goldwater Memorial Hospital recommended Eslaye to Multi Imaging, a portable company. After one long year of taking a portable machine in and out of the car and traveling throughout New York and New Jersey for various clients, Eslaye received several offers of employment.

Eslaye began working for Local 3 IBEW, the Electrical Workers Union, at their medical facility. As the only ultrasound tech on staff, she is working three days a week but receives full time benefits. She is using all of her general, vascular and echo skills in this busy facility. In addition, she works in a private practice in New Rochelle on her days off, performing echo and vascular studies and on Saturdays in a Bronx private practice as well. Eslaye credits all of her opportunities to the contacts she has made along the way since her clinical rotation. Through her many contacts in the DMS field, she has helped several of her classmates find positions.

Eslaye offers words of encouragement to all students and graduates of the DMS Program. "Go for it! The hard work was definitely worth it. You have to pay your dues in the beginning to get the experience. It is important to be reliable and willing to learn. You will reap the rewards professionally and financially."

IAMP is very proud to claim Eslaye as one of our graduates. She has already passed the General Physics Registry examination and plans to take the Cardiac Physics exam in late Summer, 2007. We look forward to hearing about all of her accomplishments to come - this busy tech loves her new career and it shows.



Eslaye Devine

THINK YOU HAVE SOMETHING IAMP NEWSLETTER WORTHY?

Do you have a great career success story? Perhaps you want to share with the world what IAMP has done for you? Maybe you read an informative article related to your field of choice and believe others need to see it? Or maybe you have an outstanding student who deserves mention?

Drop me a line, we're always open to new ideas. Submissions from students, clinical affiliates/instructors, and IAMP staff are welcome.

Thanks for reading,

Christopher J. Baer
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DID YOU KNOW....

Here are some Elmhurst campus graduates who are ARDMS registered.

Penina Meth, RDMS

Larisa Davidova, RDMS

Narcisa Jorge, RDMS

Ermir Zajmi, RDMS, RVT

Nadezhda Azernova, RVT

Lyudmila Khaimova, RDMS

Irene Nesterenko, RVT

Alban Pepa, RDMS

Natallia Sapitsky, RDMS

Latifa Benkader, RDMS

Alla Aminov, RDMS

Vera Deryuga, RVT

Kenia Arias, RDMS

Daniel Engel, RDMS, RVT