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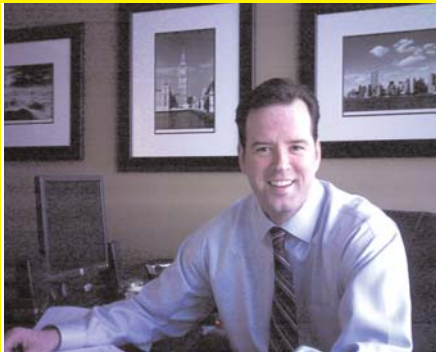


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### **IT'S A NEW DAY IN QUEENS**

*By Deborah Holcombe BFA, RDMS, RVT Program Director, Elmhurst*

The Queens campus is under going an exciting renovation. Additional office space and classroom space is being added. The new laboratory space will be have very few windows. This is not because sonographers are like vampires that shun the light, but because eliminating daylight in the lab makes viewing the ultrasound screen much easier and reduces eye strain. We will keep the two additional flat screen monitors in the lab for live class demonstration. The open café area, with a 42" flat screen monitor, will be lined by new windows. This area can be used as an open classroom or conference area for visiting speakers. Our new color scheme with varying wall color accents was chosen by a designer and blends well with the new rugs. Stop in to see the latest IAMP Elmhurst campus. Alumni, current students and prospective students are always welcome.

### **LOCAL ULTRASOUND SOCIETY MEETING**

The Elmhurst campus was proud to present a successful Local Ultrasound Society meeting. The blood was pumping on June 7th for the cardio-vascular CME gathering of professionals, alumni and students. Thomas Steffens Ph.D. gave an insightful lecture on the overlooked value of M-mode in echocardiography. Biosound, a cutting edge manufacture of ultrasound equipment, sponsored the meeting and was on hand to demonstrate the latest in technology. Deodat Budhram, alumnus and successful echo cardiographer, presented a textbook case of atrial septal defect. Charles Odwin BS, RDMS, PA-C spoke about vascular signs of ectopic pregnancy. Ravi Kondabolu, supervisor of the echocardiography lab at Flushing Hospital, shared some of his rich experience in this field. See you at the next meeting!

### **IAMP WESTCHESTER IS NOW OPEN**

On July 10, 2006 IAMP proudly opened the doors to our new location on the Westchester Medical Center Campus located in Valhalla on its beautiful greens, near the Children's Hospital. The campus has easy and convenient access to the Sprain Brook Parkway both North and South. You can also get there easily from the Saw Mill River Parkway, North and South. Transportation is also available by the Bee Line Bus and 1.5 miles from the Valhalla Train Station - Harlem Line.

The school consist of 2 classrooms, a large dedicated lab with 5 ultrasound machines, a library dedicated to Mary C. Gaughan, a student lounge, administrative and educational offices. Our first day class will begin on July 24th.

We welcome all alumni, students and friends to join us in an open house on August 24th at 6:00 PM to tour our new facility and participate in our first CME meeting at the Medical Center.

For information call Phyllis Greco at 914-345-0900



## *Letter from the President*

Dear IAMP Students and Staff,

First I would like to urge everyone to participate in the Breast Cancer Walk in memory of Mary Gaughan. As the first Program Director at IAMP, Mary was very special to us. This walk is a great way to honor her, join the fight against breast cancer and get some exercise.

In this summer newsletter we feature the Nuclear Medicine Reunion. I was pleased to see such a sizable turn out. Thank you to all our Nuclear Medicine graduates for joining us. I would also like to extend a special thank you to Mrs. Carolyn Jacobs, Executive Vice President, for organizing this successful event.

I want to personally welcome our new IAMP staff and faculty members, Gladys Mercurio, Glynis Smith and Timika Adonai. All are excellent additions to our team. I am also excited to welcome a new campus location. By moving our St. John Campus to Westchester Medical Center, we gain much needed space for classrooms and laboratories. The new space is more consistent with our other campus locations by having a lounge and library for our students.

I wish everyone at IAMP a fun and safe summer.

Sincerely,

*Thomas J. Haggerty*

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### CONGRATULATIONS to St. John's Campus Graduates

Larry Dell'Aquila RVT 2006  
Graduated 1/20/2005

Elana Krasnova RDMS (Breast) 2006  
Graduated 11/8/2004

Tamara Fort RDMS (Abdomen) 2006  
Graduated 6/7/2001

Wayne Waszczak Physics 2006  
Graduated 6/7/2001

Lerriza DeLima RDMS (OB/GYN)2005 Vascular Physics 2006  
Graduated 6/7/2001

Dorothy Douglas Physics 2006  
Graduated 4/29/2004

Rosemary Rudowich RVT 2006  
Graduated 4/29/2004

Kyra Baumann RDMS (OB/GYN) 2005 Vascular Physics 2006  
Graduated 3/13/2003

Lisa Sarlo OB/GYN 2006  
Graduated 6/7/2001

Frank Hall Vascular Physics 2006  
Graduated 11/18/2004

### **MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER IN HONOR OF MARY GAUGHAN**

*BY Phyllis Greco*

Please join me on October 15, 2006 at 8:00AM at Manhattanville College in Purchase, New York for our first annual 5 mile walk through a scenic country setting route. The walk area is completely paved and relatively flat. Making strides is a fun way to raise much needed funds and awareness for the fight against breast cancer. We will walk in honor of Mary Gaughan. Let's keep her memory alive. Mary gave so much to so many, it is now time to give back. The walk will finish at the Memory Quilt Tent where we will remember Mary.

If you can not participate on October 15, 2006, you can still join us in the fight against breast cancer by making a donation in Mary's name to The American Cancer Society, 2 Lyon Place, White Plains, New York 10601 attn: MSABC

Remember, October is a good time to have a mammogram. For more information please call Phyllis Greco at 914 345-0900

# IAMP's FLORIDA CAMPUS

## SCANNING UP A STORM

*By Jennifer McCann, Program Administrator, Diagnostic Medical Sonography*

IAMP Florida would like to introduce our newest Diagnostic Medical Sonography class that began in March 2006. As a part of the curriculum, students have a Laboratory component to each class. Every day the students are introduced to new anatomy and are encouraged to print images for critique. The students are guided through multiple protocols with the assistance of their instructor. The students are actively scanning each other and many of them visit the school to take advantage of our "Voluntary Friday" which allows them to improve their scanning skills. We were able to catch some of the first scanning experiences the students had, pictured below.



## WELCOME NEW STAFF MEMBER

Glynis Smith joins us as our new office administrator/receptionist. She is originally from New Jersey and has resided in several states due to her military involvement before deciding to settle in South Florida. She comes to us with previous proprietary school experience. She is the proud mother of a 23 year old daughter and a 16 year old son. Glynis is a valuable asset to the Delray Beach Campus



## WELCOME NEW FACULTY MEMBER

Gladys Mercurio, a native New Yorker, joins us as Program Director for the Medical Assisting Program at our Florida Campus. Gladys comes to IAMP after being a Director of Nursing and Program Developer for another Florida school. She is a graduate of Columbia University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing with a dual Masters Degree in Nursing Education and Psychology. Her work experience includes W.R. Grace & Company, where she managed 18 sites in the North East, New York University Hospital, St. Joseph's Hospital and Mount Sinai Hospitals. Gladys has 17 years as an Administrator and Educator. Gladys now makes her home in Delray Beach with her husband a former Detective from New York's East Side.



## RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY

*By JoAnne Lyons, Program Director, Radiologic Technology*

The Radiologic Technology staff has been busy writing curriculums, making contacts at new clinical sites, setting up classrooms, evaluating x-ray equipment and working on our accreditation process through the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT). JRCERT promotes excellence in education and enhances the quality of educational programs. Programs accredited by JRCERT must demonstrate that they are in substantial compliance with the accreditation standards.

Our first class is scheduled to begin September 25, 2006. Our Radiologic Technology Program will be 24 months in length and consist of six semesters. Students will spend the first semester in didactic work, while practicing in the radiology lab. They will begin clinical externships second semester. Since this is a competency based program the students will spend 1,245 hours in the classroom and laboratory and 1,560 hours in externships at local hospitals, imaging centers and doctors' offices. We are excited to be setting the cornerstone to build a successful Radiologic Technology program at IAMP in Delray Beach!

# NUCLEAR MEDICINE REUNION

A reunion of graduates from the Nuclear Medicine Technology program was held on Friday afternoon May 19, 2006, at the Mount Sinai Medical Center Faculty Club. IAMP has been graduating NMT Technologists since April 1975. More than 30 years worth of highly successful graduates from this one year post-baccalaureate certificate program currently fill positions in nuclear medicine at hospitals, medical centers, imaging centers and private offices throughout the nation. Sixty-three alumni were in attendance from twenty-seven different classes, starting from March 1983. Numerous families were represented; husbands, wives, fathers, sons, uncles, nieces, brothers and sisters. We at IAMP proudly congratulate our "family" of successful Nuclear Medicine Technologists and thank them for their loyalty and support.



Left to Right: Iryna Nikaliuk, Olga Shubayeva, Iosif Kraydman, Carolyn Jacobs, Olga Slepakov, Carmen Feld (NY Methodist Clinical Supervisor), Natalya Golbin, Olga McGuinnes, Francy Belizaire, Joice Paulose



Lilya Deshchenko and Andrey Yakolev



Alla Bovkoun, Olga Simonova, Olga Shubayeva, Emiliya Shelmiyeva



Viktor Zaretsky



Andrey Yershov and Chitra Manoj



Dr. Pat Zanzonico



Igor Chernyak and Alla Bovkoun



Alex Suvanich and Dwarka Polepalle



Robert Riker and Wife Eva



Program Director John Hart



Polina Bukhakovich, Gennadiy Vornovitskiy, Serguei Bovkoun, Andrey Yershon



Foma Verbuch



Konstantin Bass



Irina Kapanadze, Carolyn Jacobs, Mark Delaney, Natalya Golbin, Ludmila Dashevsky, Arkady Naginsky

# IAMP's ATLANTA CAMPUS



## NORTH MEETS SOUTH

Introducing Tom Larson- Program Director for the Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program at IAMP Atlanta. Originally from upstate NY, Tom is a yankee now residing in the South.

Tom can be described as a very motivated person. "Don't wait for some marvelous intervention -get on your feet and get moving. There are no guarantees that you will attain the goal you set out for, but at least you'll be moving in some direction". Tom said. That's probably why Tom was attracted to the world of academia. Everyday is filled with interactions with like minded people. All of the students striving to improve themselves encourages Tom to do his very best for them.

"Seeing the students sacrifice puts me in a different place everyday when I come to work,"said Tom. "When I see them (the students) putting themselves out there with school, work, family and friends my heart goes out to each one of them because I remember how it was, and it makes me work even harder."

Tom went to school here in the South before returning to take a job at Mt. Sinai in NYC where he really honed his craft under "one of the best sonographers I know to this day". "I would always watch this tech scan and hoped I could be that good." "Not only was he an outstanding tech, but he was an excellent teacher as well. The Program Director/Teacher that I am today is directly related to the sympathy and patience that tech had with me. I hope that this is what I will pass on to our students here at IAMP", states Larson.

After spending some time in the North, Tom decided to make a return to the South and began working at another large teaching institution as a clinical instructor in Atlanta. When the opportunity arose to join IAMP, he felt the time was right. "I thought that I was ready and the opportunity was incredible. I feel like I can really make a difference in the caliber of ultrasound students here in Atlanta", says Larson.

### Tom Larson: Fills in the Blanks

**My personal hero is:** *My Dad, He was a profoundly funny, funny man, and he enjoyed the heck out of life.*

**I am always humming the tune:** *The Legend of Andrew McCrew*

**I would rather be:** *riding my motorcycle.*

**I love it when people:** *applaud.*

**I hate it when people:** *are petty.*

**I would like to be remembered for my:** *witty anecdotes*



## WELCOME NEW PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Introducing Timika D. Adonai, Program Director for the Medical Assisting Technology Program. Timika comes to IAMP Atlanta with a great amount of experience and professionalism. Ms. Adonai has been an instructor since 2001. Additionally, working in a variety of healthcare arenas enables her to deliver a broader base of knowledge to her students.

As an EMT-B, assessment coordinator, and certified BLS instructor, there is no doubt the students will receive a rich course of education. Timika states: "The Medical Assisting students are great! They are bright, energetic, and show great initiative. I have no doubt they will be excellent medical assistants. I hope they continue their education - that will allow them to progress in the medical field".

### NOW ENROLLING

IAMP Atlanta is currently enrolling for Fall classes - Radiography, Radiation Therapy, Medical Assisting and Ultrasound. Classes are filling quickly - do not let the opportunity pass you by! Give us a call at (404) 255-4500 to set up an appointment with Admissions!

## ULTRASOUND AND TOM CRUISE

By Deborah Ridolfo, RDMS

Ultrasound is considered a relatively safe procedure when used by trained health care providers for diagnostic medical reasons. Both sonographers and physicians routinely use ultrasound to image the unborn fetus to ascertain gestational age, numbers of fetuses and check for any congenital anomalies. In the hands of trained professionals, ultrasound has proven to be beneficial.

The media earlier this year reported actor Tom Cruise acquired an ultrasound machine to monitor the pregnancy of his fiancée, Katie Holmes. It was stated that he performed numerous scans on his unborn child and felt that by just reading the equipment manual, he had the skill set necessary to perform these exams.

The California Assembly, upon hearing of this, quickly passed the AB2360 law, known as the "Tom Cruise law," which would prohibit the sale of diagnostic ultrasound equipment to anyone but appropriately licensed healthcare professionals. The American College of Radiology applauded their quick response and also urged the California Senate to include fetal keepsake facilities as well in their attempts to stop the inappropriate use of ultrasound. "This bill is an important first step in protecting parents, perhaps unaware of potentially harmful effects of misuse of ultrasound technology from placing their unborn children at risk," said James P. Borgstede, MD, chair of the ACR Board of Chancellors. "However, the legislation should include a ban on the sale of ultrasound equipment to fetal keepsake studios, as they most often lack onsite physician supervision, the tests are almost always not the result of a physician prescription, and may cause parents to mistakenly believe that they do not need appropriate medical attention."

The FDA has for years, concurred with this sentiment and has spoken out numerous times that fetal ultrasound should only be performed when it is medically necessary by trained sonographers under the guidance of an appropriately licensed health care provider.

As sonographers, we know that ultrasound carries a measure of risk to the patient and the unborn fetus. Empirical studies have demonstrated that diagnostic ultrasound levels can produce bioeffects, such as cavitation and increase in tissue temperature when used for prolonged periods of time or at high intensities.



The FDA stated that, "public health experts, clinicians and industry agree that casual exposure to ultrasound, especially during pregnancy, should be avoided. Viewed in this light, exposing the fetus to ultrasound with no anticipation of medical benefit is not justified."

The first law one learns in medicine is "Do no harm" to the patient. We must keep this principle in mind by educating our students and patients, that while ultrasound is a useful tool, in the hands of the uneducated or untrained, can cause more harm than good.

## TEN BEST PAYING JOBS

By Sondra Mansour, Admissions Counselor, IAMP, Delray Beach, Florida

A recent article on careerbuilder.com lists the ten best paying jobs for people without a Bachelor's degree include six professions in the health care industry. As noted on IAMP's website, Nuclear Medicine technicians were ranked number two at an average salary of \$59,200. Diagnostic Medical Sonographers (ultrasound) were ranked number eight with an average salary of \$52,700.

On salarywizard.com the median expected salary for a typical ultrasound technologist in the Delray Beach, Florida area is \$57,977. The American Society of Echocardiography reports that the median salary for sonographers in the United States in 2004 was between \$50,000 and \$80,000. Of course, a lot depends on various factors. Sonographers with specialization, degrees and experience can typically demand a higher salary.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, the median annual earnings of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers was \$52,490 in 2004. Hospitals remain the principal employer of Sonographers, however employment is expected to grow more rapidly in offices of physicians and in medical and diagnostic laboratories, including diagnostic imaging centers. Healthcare facilities are expected to grow rapidly through 2014 because of the strong shift toward outpatient care. Employment of diagnostic medical sonographers is expected to grow much faster than the average for all occupations through 2014 as the population grows and ages.

Visit [www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov), [careerbuilder.com](http://careerbuilder.com), [salarywizard.com](http://salarywizard.com) or [iamp.edu](http://iamp.edu) for more information regarding salaries and job opportunities of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers.

As an admissions counselor, I can understand why so many prospective students have such a strong desire to become a sonographer.