



# The Institute of Allied Medical Professions **NEWSLETTER** WINTER 2007

## What's Inside.....



Staff Profile: Karyn Vidal,  
Campus Director,  
Delray Beach, FL



IAMP Atlanta celebrates  
its first graduating classes!



All in the Family at IAMP!

## CAMPUS BULLETIN

### ABHES All Around!

By: Kevin Haggerty, Director of Business & Academic Development

A bit belated in its announcement, the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES) granted IAMP's Queens and Westchester Campuses Institutional Accreditation at their July 2006 commission meeting!

ABHES is the only agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as a specialized accreditor of institutions focusing on health care education and training. This is a great step in the continued improvement of IAMP and further shows IAMP's dedication to enhancing educational quality and optimizing graduates' marketability.

The accreditation process takes cooperation amongst all faculty and staff and we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for a JOB WELL DONE!!

### ATLANTA

#### **JRCERT Accreditation Update**

The JRCERT (Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology) visited the Atlanta campus in October, 2006 to conduct the site visit evaluation of the Radiation Therapy and Radiography programs. These programs are now on the agenda for the board of directors meeting of the JRCERT for final review and accreditation in April. The first Radiation Therapy class will graduate this summer. The first Radiography class will graduate in the Fall. As graduates of an accredited program, students would be eligible to sit for certification by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT).

### WESTCHESTER

#### **EARN FREE CME CREDITS AT THE WESTCHESTER CAMPUS**

The Westchester Campus is offering a series of Case Study CME programs during 2007. Please mark the dates on your calendar and come with a case for you to review! It is a great time to see some friendly faces and network. Two CME credits will be awarded at each meeting, at no charge. In fact, ten credits can be earned toward fulfilling yearly registry requirements.

Time 6:00 P.M. - Elmwood Hall 2nd floor

Thursday January 25th

Thursday March 29th

Thursday May 31st

Thursday August 23rd

Thursday November 8th - Annual Alumni Meeting

For Directions call Phyllis Greco @ (914) 345-0900



## Letter from the President

Dear IAMP Students and Staff,

I want to start the new year off by congratulating all of our graduates from last year. Congratulations on successfully completing your rigorous course of study. You have worked hard and persevered against what sometimes seemed to be insurmountable odds. You should be proud of this achievement. Completing an IAMP program is no easy accomplishment. You are all to be saluted.

I also want to thank all of the instructors who challenged you and never lost faith in your ability to meet the challenge. The principles of excellence and professionalism together with sound training in your chosen profession have been a significant part of the Institute of Allied Medical Professions training for the past 30 years. We hope that your experience at the Institute has enhanced your life and will serve as a launching pad for attaining your career goals and aspirations. We want you to remember that IAMP will always be there for you. That is our mission and it will never change. Be proud of all that you have accomplished.

On behalf of IAMP, I want to welcome on board Ms. Cira Orobello, our career development coordinator at the Queens Campus, Ms. Cathy Sullivan, clinical coordinator at our Westchester Medical Center Campus, and Ms. Timishia Gonzalez, the clinical coordinator for Radiography at the Atlanta Campus. We would also like to offer best wishes to Ms. Anne Doughlin who has retired after 8 years as admissions coordinator in Westchester.

The Institute is undertaking many new projects in 2007 and we look forward to making it memorable and dynamic. Stay in touch by visiting our web site ([www.iamp.edu](http://www.iamp.edu)) for updates and breaking news.

Sincerely,

*Thomas J. Haggerty*

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## CAMPUS BULLETIN continued

Congratulations to St. John's Campus Graduates on passing ARDMS registry:

Erin Ellsworth RDMS (Abdomen) 2006  
Graduated 6/22/2006

Salvatore Sta.Maria Vascular Physics 2006  
Graduated 6/22/2006

Lisa Mindich Physics 2006  
Graduated 1/20/2005

Heather Franceschi OB/GYN 2006  
Graduated 3/13/2003

Marissa Franco Physics 2006  
Graduated 9/15/2005

Virgina Gordon Physics 2006  
Graduated 6/7/2001

Roberta Watson Physics 2006  
Graduated 4/29/04

Allison McGurk RDMS (Abdomen) 2006  
Graduated 3/13/2003

Svetlana Racheva Physics 2006  
Graduated 8/11/2005

Divina Roberts RDMS (OB) 2006  
Graduated 1/20/2005

Helen Michaels RDMS (Abdomen) 2006  
Graduated 9/15/2005

Erin Ellsworth RDMS (Abdomen) 2006  
Graduated 6/22/2006

**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.

## QUEENS

### **ABDOMEN REGISTRY, ANYONE?**

The Elmhurst Campus is pleased to offer an Abdomen Registry Review Course this coming Spring. Charles Odwin, RDMS, PA-C, our esteemed evening instructor, will teach this series for four sessions on the following Saturdays; May 5, 12, 19 and June 1 from 10am to 1pm. The cost is \$100.00 for the total course. Call Nancy Baer @ 718-779-7738 to secure your seat. It's time to get registered!



## Vivacious Vidal

Introducing Karyn Vidal, Campus Director at IAMP Delray Beach. Karyn is an experienced college administrator who has been responsible for all areas of educational activities including curriculum and instruction, faculty recruitment, training, development and retention, student counseling, financial aid, financial services, maintaining compliance with school accreditation, and overseeing the process of implementing new programs through the state process as well as the programmatic accreditation process. Born in Brooklyn, New York, she received her Bachelor of Science from Barry University in 1999, Magna Cum Laude, and a Masters of Business from St. Thomas University in 2002.

Teamwork and dedication are vital ingredients to Karyn in her position as Campus Director. Karyn states: "There is a saying that coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, and working together is success". In addition, she has set the bar high with her goals for the Delray Beach Campus. "We set the goals of becoming a degree granting institution and offering a Nuclear Medicine Technology program at the Delray Beach campus. Together, we achieved that goal. Our students have successfully completed their first semester of the degree program and our Nuclear Medicine students have begun their second clinical rotation. I congratulate each of them for their tremendous accomplishments. We anticipate receiving approval in May to provide distance learning degree programs. After that, the sky is the limit!" Karyn expressed.

Karyn has twenty-four (24) years experience as a college administrator and a management professional. Although her expertise includes all facets of the administration of an educational institution, she is uniquely qualified and experienced in financial aid and tuition financing. She states: "Working with students is what I have done my entire professional life. It is my passion...there is no feeling greater than watching the students walk across the stage at their graduation". There is no doubt that Karyn feels she has embarked upon an important journey with her faculty, staff, and students.

*Karyn Vidal : Fills in the Blanks*

I'd rather be: Shopping!!!

I am always humming the tune: You Are Beautiful  
by Christina Aguilera

I hate it when people: Give up before they reach their  
greatest potential.

I love it when people: Do not see a failure as a failure,  
but rather as a stepping stone to success, simply by  
learning from it.

My personal heroes are: my children Alexandria, Eric,  
and Danielle

## PHYSICS REGISTRY REVIEW AT IAMP WESTCHESTER

On Saturday, April 14th & Saturday, April 21st - Charles Odwin, PA-C, RDMS, will host a Physics Registry Review at the Westchester Campus from 10:00A.M. - 1:00 P.M. This is the perfect time to strengthen the sections of physics that may need reinforcing. The cost is \$100.00 for the two sessions. Sign up now to guarantee a seat.

Call Phyllis Greco for registration and directions  
@ (914) 345-0900.

Pictured below is instructor Charles Odwin, PA-C, RDMS



# IAMP ATLANTA Celebrates Graduation

## A FIRST FOR ATLANTA

On January 25, 2007, the Atlanta Campus conducted graduation of its first Diagnostic Medical Sonography and Medical Assisting classes. Commencement was held at the Education Center of St. Joseph's Hospital. The ceremony began with classically trained Bruce Inglis on the piano. Bruce is a student of IAMP Atlanta's Radiography Program who will be graduating in the Fall. His performance set the tone for the evening. Thanks for gracing us with your talents, Bruce!



After the procession of students into the auditorium, Campus Director Terry Benson gave a heartfelt welcome and introduced fellow faculty and staff to all in attendance. Another of many highlights that evening came immediately as student speakers shared their experiences at IAMP with the guests. Linda Simoneaux, graduate of the Medical Assisting Program, discussed her choice to attend IAMP and spoke of her educational experience with Program Director Timika Adonai and fellow students. Elizabeth Bush and Angella Smith, graduates of the Ultrasound Program, addressed the teamwork and dedication required to make it through school successfully.



Linda Simoneaux Elizabeth Bush Angella Smith

Photos taken by Chris Baer and Lou Smith (Angella's husband)  
Thanks for the great shots Lou!

Campus Director, Terry Benson and Vice President of Operations, Nancy Baer proudly presented awards to the students as follows; The Outstanding Student awards were given to Amie Neal (Ultrasound) and Linda Simoneaux (Medical Assisting). Linda was also the only student to receive Highest Honors, with a GPA of 4.0. Elizabeth Bush received the Outstanding Clinical Award for Ultrasound. Kimberly Crowe of Medical Assisting (not in attendance) received the prestigious Director's Award. Multiple students from each program received the awards of Honors and High Honors.



Terry Benson with Amie Neal Terry and Linda Simoneaux



Vernita Johnson

Nancy Baer announces awards

Vernita Johnson, Director of Admissions then delivered the address to graduates. Her motivational message filled the graduates with a sense of pride and accomplishment. After the awarding of certificates and closing statements from Nancy Baer, Vice President of Operations, a reception was held at the Education Center of St. Joseph's Hospital. IAMP Atlanta would once again like to congratulate the graduates and wish them luck in their future endeavors! Y'all come back now, 'ya hear?



## ATLANTA GRADUATION CONTINUED

### Ultrasound Graduates with Program Director, Tom Larson

Left to Right: Davita King, Christy O'Brien, Marva Harris, Elizabeth Bush, Angella Smith, Amie Neal, Lynda Striker, Tom



### Medical Assisting Graduates with Program Director, Timika Adonai

Left to Right: Carrie Ciccarello, Timika Adonai, Kari Marlow, Kathleen Brooks, Brittney Dean, Allison Piltz, Linda Simoneaux



Catherine Moumjian, Ultrasound Instructor presents certificate to Lynda Striker

## CSI...DELRAY BEACH!

On January 10, 2007, students from the Ultrasound and Radiologic Technology programs visited the office of the Medical Examiner of Palm Beach County. The students were face-to-face with the real CSI and had a tour of the facility. After observing a case presentation, the students were present for an autopsy. The students were instructed by a crime scene investigator who arrived directly from the location of the incident.

Dr. Bell, the forensic pathologist for the county, cut through each body part, examining the cause of death. The students had a chance to observe, touch, and learn. The Examiner's team welcomed students from IAMP because of their quest for learning and participation in the autopsy room. The Medical Examiner's office has become an important source of learning Anatomy and Physiology for the students.

Article by Gladys Mercurio, Education Director



## WELCOME TO SUNNY FLORIDA

The snowbirds have arrived in sunny South Florida. Although most locals dread the heavy traffic and long lines at the restaurants, the snowbirds can have a positive impact on the Delray Beach Campus of IAMP. During the winter months, with the elderly population residing in Florida, it seems as though every hospital, imaging center and orthopedic center becomes particularly busy. This is also an excellent time for students to attend their clinical externships. The high volume of patients gives students an opportunity to observe, assist and perform radiographic procedures.

Our students are usually exhausted at the end of the clinical day, but they will have meaningful experiences, which is essential to their learning process. I am ecstatic that we have a variety of externship sites to give our radiology students a diverse experience. The sites include orthopedic centers, imaging centers, pediatric orthopedics centers, and hospitals. Having students attend these sites provides a win-win situation for both the clinical sites and our students. Students are able to participate in a variety of examinations and the clinical sites welcome their help. We welcome the snowbird to South Florida!

Article by JoAnne Lyons, Program Director Radiologic Technology

## ALL IN THE FAMILY AT IAMP

IAMP is proud to introduce the Johnson Family. Once students, several family members have chosen IAMP as their ticket to a bright and successful future. Ravi Johnson came to IAMP as a Nuclear Medicine Technology student in June 1993, graduated with a 4.0 GPA and received the IAMP Outstanding Student Award. Ravi is currently the Lead PET Technologist at Winthrop University Hospital. Ravi's wife, Pamela Johnson, graduated with high honors from the Diagnostic Medical Sonography program at the Elmhurst, Queens campus in early 2006. Pamela now works for Peri Natal Associates within Winthrop University Hospital.

Ravi Johnson's cousin, RajKumar Johnson, graduated with honors from the Diagnostic Medical Sonography program in July, 2001 and immediately relocated with his family to Wyoming. He now works in Cheyenne, Wyoming as an echocardiographer.

Ravi's brother, Joshua Johnson, graduated with high honors from the Nuclear Medicine Technology program in April 2003, and is working as a Nuclear Cardiology Tech at a prestigious Cardiology group in New York City.

IAMP is pleased to have such a hardworking and professional family among its ranks. We congratulate the Johnson family and wish them continued success.

Pictured below is Ravi Johnson and wife, Pamela Johnson.



## NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

I just wanted to extend thanks to my fellow IAMP co-workers all over the east coast for their hard work and dedication to the IAMP Newsletter. Becoming the editor has been a challenging task, but you all make it a whole lot of fun. Thanks again - get those Spring submissions ready!

**Christopher J. Baer**  
Business Manager, IAMP Atlanta



## THE BEST IS YET TO COME



In December, 2006, Admissions Director of the Westchester Campus, Anne M. Doughlin retired after 8 years of service. Anne began admissions with the start of IAMP at St. John's Riverside Hospital with Mary Gaughan. Without their dedication to the ultrasound program, IAMP would not be as successful as it is today.

All of our graduates can attest to the professionalism, honesty, compassion and guidance Anne showed during the admissions process. She made sure every applicant knew that ultrasound was not a profession to be taken lightly. Hard work, a positive attitude and dedication is essential for success. The number of graduates who have completed the program and are employed have proved Anne's success.

Anne will now enjoy spending time with her family, husband Dr. Geoffrey Doughlin, son Damian, daughter Leah, son in law Jon, and pets Storm, Leon and Cammy. Anne loves to travel and visit family members all over the world. She spends many hours raising money for her church family, and enjoys cooking and serving meals at the shelter. Anne, we wish you the best of luck and happiness in your new life. We will miss you very much. Enjoy, the best is yet to come.

## WELCOME NEW FACULTY MEMBER

Cathy Sullivan, RDMS joins us as our new Clinical Coordinator at the Westchester Campus. Cathy was one of Mary Gaughan's fine students graduating with Honors in September, 1995. She is a graduate of the College of Mount Saint Vincent where she received a B.A. in Economics/Business. Cathy has been employed at St. John's Riverside Hospital as a staff sonographer since 1995 and also done per diem work for a family practice and a surgeon. Cathy lives in the Bronx with her husband Dan and two wonderful children. We are very excited to have Cathy on board with us; she is an asset to the Westchester Campus and has already obtained a new clinical site at the Riverside Medical Group.



## ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A JOB?

Cira Orobello, Career Development Coordinator, has recently joined our staff to help new grads find positions in the field. Cira comes to us with many years of experience in medical staffing. NY grads can contact Cira at the Elmhurst Campus. She would love to meet you, look at your resume and help get you ready to work in your new career.



CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR NEW POSITION!

## KUDOS TO THE NEW REGISTRANTS

IAMP Elmhurst is proud to announce that our graduates Ndre Martinaj and Enid Hernandez can now put some cherished letters after their names. Ndre is RDCS and RDMS registered and Enid is RVT registered. Great Job! Please let us know when you pass your exams. We love to share your good news.

## YOU'RE HIRED!

Elmhurst grads, Michelle Papa and Kelly McDermott were recently hired at the prestigious Long Island Jewish Medical Center in New Hyde Park, NY. Both Michelle and Kelly were placed on externship in the General Ultrasound Department under the supervision of Patrick Matthews, RDMS. These accomplished grads treated their clinical experience as if it was a six month interview. Their hard work, "sticktuitiveness" and beautiful scanning skills served them well. We offer good wishes to great graduates!

Left: Michelle Papa, Right: Kelly McDermott



Also recently hired are graduates Agim Tosca and Ahmed Mohammad at Elmhurst Hospital and Sabrina Maniscalco at Staten Island University Hospital. Xinzhi Zheng aka Cindy was hired fulltime at Jacobi Hospital, General Ultrasound Department. In addition, Stephanie Hernandez signed on with Sloan Kettering Memorial Hospital. IAMP is proud of you!

## CLINICAL COORDINATOR ON THE MOVE

Sandra Morales, RDMS has recently joined our staff as our field Clinical Coordinator. Sandra has previously taught lab at the Elmhurst Campus, so we decided to use her excellent evaluation skills and have her visit the students on extern. Don't be surprised to see Sandra at your site. She comes with good scanning tips and sometimes donuts for the department!



## 2007 Annual Convention for the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine (AIUM)

**Venue:** Marriott Marquis  
**City:** New York City  
**State:** New York  
**Country:** United States  
**CME Type:** Conference  
**Start Date:** 3/15/2007  
**End Date:** 3/18/2007  
**URL:** [www.aium.org](http://www.aium.org)  
**First Name:** Brenda  
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## Advances in 3D/4D Ultrasound Institute for Advanced Medical Education (IAME)

**Venue:** The Westin Buckhead  
**City:** Atlanta  
**State:** Georgia  
**Country:** United States  
**CME Type:** Conference  
**Start Date:** 4/20/2007  
**End Date:** 4/22/2007  
**Credits:** 19  
**CME Credit Type:** Category 1 CME  
**URL:** [www.iame.com/courses/u3d0407/ultra3d.html](http://www.iame.com/courses/u3d0407/ultra3d.html)

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