



CAMPUS BULLETIN

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ABHES HAS ARRIVED

By: Kevin Haggerty, Director of Business & Academic Development

After a successful on-site visit in the spring, the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES) granted IAMP's Florida Campus Institutional Accreditation at their July 2005 commission meeting! IAMP Atlanta's Campus was granted institutional accreditation as well.

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.

On-site visits were conducted at IAMP's Queens Campus and Yonkers campus in early summer and are being considered for accreditation by ABHES at their December 2005 commission meeting.

Welcome to ULEMD 10/05 and ULNYE 10/05!

The Elmhurst and Columbia Presbyterian Campuses welcomes all of our new students that began classes this month. We look forward to their great success and wish them good luck as they enter the field of Diagnostic Medical Sonography!

SDMS Chapter Meeting at Queens Campus

The meeting of 10/26 was a great success! We were sponsored by BIOSOUND. Complementary gifts to attendees were provided by Parker Laboratories. Women's Imaging was the theme of the presentations. Our knowledgeable presenters were Charles Odwin, Kalani Fernando, Nina Levisyeva, Andrea Garofalo and Kerene Hoilett. As usual, a stimulating evening, coffee and donuts and 2 CME's were had by all.

New Clinical Affiliates

Laura Spriggs, our Clinical Coordinator, is happy to announce the addition of two prestigious clinical affiliates that have come on board recently. Long Island Jewish Medical Center and Lincoln Hospital will take our General Ultrasound students. Keep up your GPA! They are looking for the cream of our crop!



Letter from the President

Dear **IAMP** Student,

Winston Churchill said it best "We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give." Everyone who knew Mary Gaughan can agree that she didn't just make a living at IAMP, she made a life. For those who worked with her or who were in her class, she was affectionately known as just "Mary". Mary made you feel that she was really listening to what you said. Mary really cared about the success of each and every student.

Mary viewed the students who passed through her classroom as an individual who could make a difference in the ultrasound world. No detail was too small for her to handle, no risk to minimal, and no student was ever a burden. Mary will be remembered for her efforts in helping students in the classroom, easing their fears before clinical and taking the time to call someone on behalf of a student. I can personally attest to needing her expertise and support during her tenure at IAMP.

In this issue of our newsletter we are honoring Mary Gaughan. It is our hope that those who read this will be reminded of her contributions to IAMP and ultrasound. I also encourage everyone to emulate Mary's commitment to making a life and not a living. We honor Mary with this, and want all to know that IAMP shares in the loss of Mary, her contributions, and the difference she has made in all our lives.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Haggerty

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YONKERS GRADUATION

On September 15, 2005 the April 2004 day class graduated at the Harvest-On-Hudson. It was a bittersweet occasion. This was Mary Gaughans' last class. Alumni speaker was Coleen O'Rourke Corrigan, class of 1998, which was Mary's first graduating class. Her comments were touching and brought back very fond memories. Anne Doughlin also presented comments, a commencement address that Mary wrote for her first graduating class at IAMP.



Left to Right(back row) Austin Dickinson, Stefano Galluzzo, Tom Gjonaj

Left to Right (Front Back)Lidiya Mala, Lisa Iodice, Natalie Scafuri, Joyce Hyatt, Nickeisha Paisly, Colleen Caltabellotta

On July 28th the March 2004 Evening class graduated at the Harvest-on-Hudson. We wish them well with their new careers.



Left to Right Bottom Row: Katrina Restrepo, Rosario Olavarria, Paul Seecharan, Maria Scheedel, ToniAnn Gerace, Jayme Cobelli, Helen Michaels

Left to Right, Top Row: Josna Thomas, Merissa Franco, Aubyn Dillon, Srinivasarao Nallamotheu, Elizabeth Vadassery, Nerissa Johnson, Dina Cosmo, Joseph Gamba

Congratulations to St. John's Campus Graduates

Wendy Maldarelli class of 9/98 is now a registered in Pediatric Echo

Oxana Frantsouzova class of 10/2001 registered Abdomen

Elsa Costa class of 9/2001 registered Breast 8/2005

Leticia Delgado class of 11/04, **Kelvin Portalatin** class of 11/04, **Irene Mitchev** class of 11/04 for passing the Physics Registry Exam

Goher Qureshi 9/10/2001 evening class registered in Adult Echocardiography



ONE LUCKY LADY

Phyllis Greco's life has landed on both sides of the healthcare industry. She has worked in professions such as medical assistant, phlebotomist, dental assistant, child care, all the while surviving two brain surgeries. Phyllis is both a medical miracle and a miraculous care giver. For the past four years Phyllis has brought her personable talents to the IAMP Yonker's campus as a clinical coordinator.

Born in Westchester, Phyllis she still lives on the Hudson with her sizable family. "I have been blessed with a large healthy family who will not leave my home. I have been married to my husband Joseph for 31 years and have four grown children. Jessica, 25, Nikki-Jo, 22, Stefanie, 19, Joseph, 18, and a 2-year-old granddaughter, Leigha Marie" Phyllis counts them off proudly, "Did I mention they all still live at home? This explains why I stay at the office so late!"

While raising her four children Phyllis opened her home to twenty other kids to work in child care. In 1999 Phyllis came to IAMP to join the Ultrasound program in Yonkers. However her studies were interrupted by a brain hemorrhage of which resulted in her first brain surgery. She began working in the IAMP office in Yonkers when a tumor on her pituitary was discovered sending her into her second brain surgery. Phyllis is now fully recovered with a renewed enthusiasm for patient care.

"I am a people person. My favorite is working with the elderly. They have so much to offer." Phyllis said. She often reflects at the time she spent in hospitals and thinks about the patients that were less fortunate than her. "I consider myself to be a very, very lucky women."

PHYLLIS GRECO: Fills in the the Blanks

My personal hero is: *my grandfather Thomas Milo*

I am always humming the tune: *Wonderful World by Louie Armstrong*

I'd rather be: *On the beach watching the sun set with my husband and a drink*

I hate it when people: *are dishonest*

I love it when people: *reach out to each other*

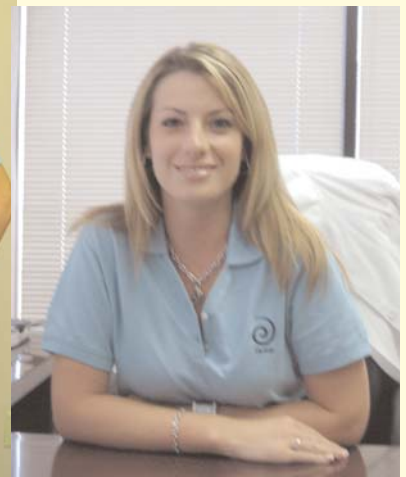
My tombstone epitaph should be: *I told you I was sick*



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IAMP's NEW LOGO

The Institute of Allied Medical Professions introduces our new logo. IAMP wanted to depart from the traditional and complicated logos used by other medical professions schools. IAMP choose to leave the medical symbol of the staff and snake behind for a simple but effective symbol. This new logo is a spiral shape that represents progressive movement and growth essential to a positive learning environment. This spiral is also a representation of IAMP's commitment to developing with the ever-changing healthcare industry.



Jenn McCann models IAMP's new polo shirts sporting the new logo. The shirts come in a the colors, light and navy blue.

IAMP's ATLANTA CAMPUS

Q & A

Atlanta's first Radiography class that began on September 27, answers a few questions about their past, present and hopeful future.

Q. What sparked your interest in the field of Radiography?

A. Michael Jones: I was attracted to the technical aspect, along with having the opportunity to help others.

A. Akinola Henry Itabiyi: The ever-changing, dynamic nature of medical imaging technology.

Q. Why did you choose IAMP's Radiography Program?

A. Wilson Poon: I felt comfortable with advisors.

Boniface Fon: I think the teachers will do their best to give us the necessary training

Q. What are your career goals?

A. Shawn Towns: To specialize in MRI and further my education.

Q. Tell us a little bit about yourself. (Interests, Activities, etc.)

A. Bruce Inglis: I am a classically trained pianist. I enjoy fitness.

A. Kristen Lindeman: I enjoy the outdoors, love to travel.

Q. One word to describe yourself.

A. Hung Nguyen: hardworking.

A. Oltex Francois: respectful.



Left to Right :

Top row: Shelley Fillingame, Hung Nguyen, Oltex Francois, Michael Jones, Bruce Inglis, Vicky Nerette-Licorish, Wilson Poon, Ruben Gomez, Bilal Lowndes.

Bottom row: Kristen Lindeman (kneeling), Akinola Itabiyi (in desk), Shawn Towns (kneeling), Boniface Fon (kneeling)



IAMP Staff member Chris Baer recently moved from New York City to Atlanta to be the Business Manager. Here Chris makes a fast new friend.



STAFF PROFILE:

John Noel

John Noel is the quintessential southern gentleman. "He's one of the nicest, funniest guys

you could meet" says Chris Baer. John has trained and/or cross-trained several students over the years and worked as a Travel Tech for various Medical travel agencies. He is currently an instructor for the Diagnostic Medical Sonography program at IAMP's Atlanta Campus. "I hope that my students leave with the same love of ultrasound that I have," John comments.

In 1984, John joined the NAVY and completed Naval School of Health Sciences "Hospital Corps" training. He became a nationally registered EMT in 1985. After completing ultrasound school in 1990, John became a registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer as well as a Registered Radiographer. While working at Clay County Hospital's Radiology department in Ashland, Alabama, John seized the opportunity to become a sonographer. John states, "The department's Ultrasound tech had left the position, and they asked me if I wanted to study and practice Ultrasound".

John provides a positive, educational message to his students. "I encourage them to do their job with passion and treat their patients with compassion. I hope I can always be a source of help and knowledge for my students, even after we go our separate ways".

Atlanta School Director Terry Benson comments, "He's a natural communicator, and I think you would find that the class agrees he is a perfect fit for them. His personality and sense of humor keeps them engaged, which I think is the most important quality in an educator. All feedback is positive, and we are very lucky to have him as part of the team in Atlanta".

John Noel : Fills in The Blanks

When no one is looking I'm: *on eBay*

I can't stand it when: *work interferes with hunting*

I love it when people: *laugh*

I'd rather be: *independently wealthy*

I'm always humming the tune: *Sweet Home Alabama*

My personal hero is: *my father*

IAMP's FLORIDA CAMPUS

GRADUATION

Congratulations and best wishes to the eight new sonographers who graduated on September 25, 2005. This was the third class graduating from the Florida Campus. We are proud to make known that six out of the eight graduates are currently employed. 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 President Thomas Haggerty, President Emeritus Dr. Eugene Vinciguerra, Program Director Daniel Del Castillo, Director of Admissions Jennifer McCann, Clinical Coordinator Kara Latham, Instructor Dr. Philip Siegel and Clinical Instructor Judith Clarke. The fourth graduation is scheduled for December 4, 2005.



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT

Mary Ann Matthews, Trixie Bodden, Shatila Halum, Maureen Mansueti, Cristina Farias, Erit Segev, and Carmel Curniffe (Graduate Zuleika Prado was not in attendance)



IAMP President, Tom Haggerty speaks at the latest graduation at IAMP's Florida Campus.

WE ARE ACCREDITED!!

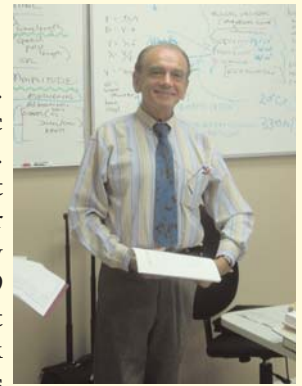
IAMP Florida is honored to announce that we are now institutionally accredited by the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools. This was achieved by all of the hard work and dedication from the entire IAMP family.

NOW ENROLLING

IAMP Florida is currently enrolling for its first Nuclear Medicine Technology class which is expected to begin on January 23, 2006. In addition, we are enrolling for our eighth Diagnostic Medical Sonography Class which will be commencing on March 26, 2006.

NEW INSTRUCTOR

IAMP would like to welcome Dr. Philip Siegel as our new Diagnostic Medical Sonography instructor. Dr. Siegel has had a tremendous amount of education starting with a Bachelor of Arts at New York University College of Arts and Science in 1959 to a Neurosurgery Fellowship at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York and Harvard, 1980. His certifications include: American Board of Neurological Surgeons, National Board of Medical Examiners, Advance Cardiac Life Support, Academy for the Arts of Teaching at Florida International University, American Association of Neurological Surgeons, and Congress of Neurological Surgeons just to name a few. Dr. Siegel has varied between academia which included Director of Medical Education and instructor of Ultrasound Physics, Vascular and Echocardiography, in San Francisco to multiple private practices since his career began. We are thrilled and privileged to have such an experienced individual added to our IAMP team.



NEW STAFF

IAMP would like to welcome Cali Stevenson as our new Administrative Assistant. Cali came to us from Staffing Now Inc. and is a great new addition to the IAMP Florida family.



NEW CLASS

IAMP is proud to announce the start of our seventh Diagnostic Medical Sonography Class. The class began on the 26th of September. We would like to welcome our 24 new students and wish them all the best in their careers as a Sonographers.



Pictured above is IAMP Florida's newest ultrasound class.

REMEMBERING MARY

IN MEMORIUM

Mary C. Gaughan, RDMS
June 23, 1940 - July 20, 2005

Mary C. Gaughan, RDMS was a unique individual who traversed through our lives on her own terms and left it the same way. She was indeed a force who filled a large space in our lives that will not easily be filled by another.



Mary became a sonographer in the early in the early 1980's when the field was immature and developing daily. It was very exciting time to be in ultrasound and Mary took it very seriously. Here was a profession which expanded upon her nursing background and gave her the opportunity to make an impact on healthcare. Ultimately, Mary turned to teaching her craft which enriched the field and the lives of the hundreds of students and new instructors she mentored over more than 20 years. Mary was honored as teacher of the year for her uncanny ability to impact her knowledge in any creative way necessary to get the job accomplished.

When you were in her company, it was always going to be interesting. Mary had an energy that her larger than life and you knew you would be laughing heartily at some point during that encounter. She found humor in the direst situations and became more energized the more she made you laugh. Endorphins are a brain neurotransmitter that make you feel better and you give you a sense of euphoria. Mary learned early that she has the ability to make people laugh enough to produce endorphins and that was one her major contributions to our lives.



Mary with daughter Mary Grace and granddaughter Emma. A proud grandmother Mary once said, "There is no greater joy then putting my grandchildren on my lap and reading to them. It is such a gift."



On November 15th at 6:00pm the Yonkers Campus will be holding an Annual Alumni CME meeting with a tribute to Mary Gaughan in Room 111 on the main floor of the Hospital. I invite all to attend, present a case, and receive 2 CME credits. Alumni are also welcome to come and meet old classmates, network, and remember the person who gave you a foundation in Ultrasound.



IAMP Yonker's co-workers and friends, Anne Doughlin, Mary and Phyllis Greco.

"Her love for Ultrasound and her students was immeasurable. Mary cared for each and every student as if they were her own child. If it weren't for Mary, I would not be at IAMP. We are still receiving calls from graduates from all over the United States calling to say hello and thank you. Mary will be sorely missed forever in our hearts." -Phyllis Greco-



Tips from the Desk of: **BURSAR BARBARA**

Good credit is valuable. Having the ability to borrow funds allows us to buy things we would otherwise have to save for years to afford: homes, cars, an education. Credit is an important financial tool.

Protecting Credit

Once you have obtained credit, it is necessary to protect it. This means being careful with your credit, debit, and ATM cards, as well as your account and personal identification numbers (PIN).

Carry only the cards you expect to use, and keep the others in a safe place. Maintain a list of account and telephone numbers of the companies that issued your cards. Then, if the cards are lost or stolen, you can notify the companies quickly. If your notification is received before the cards are used, you have no legal responsibility for the bills; if it is received after the cards are used, your legal responsibility is \$50 for each card. Be cautious about giving anyone your account numbers, especially over the telephone when someone calls you. Save sales receipts to compare with your bill, and when you discard documents with account numbers on them, be certain that the numbers can't be read. If you disagree with an item on a bill, you are responsible for notifying the creditor in writing within 60 days of receiving the bill. You should include your name, account number, the item you believe is in error, and the reasons why.

Common Reasons for Denying Credit

Among the most common reasons people are turned down when they apply for credit are:

- Too little time in current job or at current residence.
- Too much outstanding debt.
- Unreasonable purpose for requesting credit.
- Cosigner cannot take on additional debt liability.
- Errors on applicant's credit report.
- Strict creditor's standards.

In general, creditworthiness must be determined on the basis of criteria that relate to your ability and willingness to repay debt.

Improving Poor Credit

If you have fallen behind in your payments, begin immediately to repair your credit record.

- Face up to the problem. Recognize that you are overextended, and contact your creditors to see if they will set up a new payment schedule that you can maintain. Don't ignore your bills.
- Immediately stop purchasing with credit. Take your credit

cards out of your wallet. Store them in a spot that is hard to reach, or even cut them up.

- Consider consolidating debts. You may find it easier to make a single payment rather than several. You might also get a lower interest rate that will make it easier to keep up with payments. Remember that debt consolidation is not a cure-all. You have to learn to control your spending to avoid future debt.
- Contact a credit counseling organization. You can obtain referrals for organizations in your area through the National Foundation for Consumer Credit, (800) 388-2227.
- Don't expect miracles. Don't believe companies that promise to fix a poor credit rating quickly and painlessly for a fee. As long as it is accurate and timely, negative information cannot be removed from your credit record. The only way to improve a credit record is to let time pass and establish a record of on-time payment.

Paying Off a Loan Early

If you are applying for a loan and think you may want to pay it off before it has run its full term, you should be aware that lenders have several methods of calculating interest. The method they use affects the amount you will owe if you decide to pay off early. Here is a brief description of the most common interest-calculation methods.

Rule of 78

This method uses tables based on a mathematical formula to determine how much interest you have paid at any point during a loan. It requires that you pay more interest at the beginning of a loan when you have the use of more of the money and that you pay less interest as the debt is reduced. Since all of your payments are the same in amount, the amount of your payment that is going toward the principal increases while the amount going toward interest decreases. State law may mandate the use of the

Generally, the longer the term of a loan and the higher the interest rate, the less favorable the Rule of 78 is to borrowers who wish to pay off early. However, for loans of less than five years and with interest lower than 15 percent, the payoff calculated by the Rule of 78 is similar to that calculated with the actuarial method, described below.

Actuarial Method

This method is most often used for mortgages and other loans in which a periodic rate is applied to a declining balance. It doesn't take into consideration whether a payment is made before or after the due date. Late payments are subject to a flat penalty, but interest does not continue to accrue.

Daily Simple Interest

In this method, a daily periodic rate is applied to an outstanding balance. Therefore, borrowers benefit by reducing the outstanding balance through early payments or lump-sum payments, both of which reduce the balance and the interest due. Under a simple interest system, late payers will end up owing more.