Welcome New Students!

Respiratory Care Class of 2016 students take a “selfie” at their first potluck social to start off the year!

The Week of Welcome began at Moody Gardens with the All School Orientation and ended the following week with individual program orientations. Anxious, excited and with great anticipation, approximately 300 new School of Health Professions students settled into their classes on September 2.
Over 300 SHP graduates took the stage to receive their diploma on August 15, 2014 at Moody Gardens. The SHP distinguished alumna speaker was Cecilia Graham, PT. Dr. Danny Jacobs, Executive Vice President, Provost and Dean of the School of Medicine conferred the degrees. Amy Brennan-Larison was the vocalist and led the singing of “The Star Spangled Banner” and “The Eyes of Texas.” Reverend Dr. Helen Appleberg gave the invocation and benediction.

A commitment of knowledge, wisdom and compassion...
2014 Physician Assistant Career Fair

UTMB’s second annual Department of Physician Assistant Studies Career Fair was held on July 17th, 2014. Almost doubling last year’s numbers, over 40 PA graduates and representatives from 11 different healthcare agencies were in attendance. Students were provided with continental breakfast and optional mock interviews and resume reviews with UTMB and Workforce Solutions consultants.

In addition to networking with recruiters, students seeking additional educational opportunities were able to attend presentations by five PA residency and fellowship programs. This year’s presenters included professionals from well-known local institutions such as Texas Children’s Hospital, VA Medical Center, Baylor College of Medicine, and MD Anderson Cancer Center, as well as an out-of-state option, Carolinas HealthCare System. Also provided were presentations by James Patterson and Bobby Cook from Workforce Solutions on “The Value of LinkedIn” and “Sculpting Your Resume” respectively.

Seen in the picture to the left, Lesley Davies (far right), a class of 2013 UTMB PA graduate and current pediatric surgery fellow, was able to incorporate many of her personal experiences from the past year during her presentation on the Texas Children’s Hospital Fellowship program. As one of two UTMB Class of 2013 PA graduates selected for this prestigious fellowship during last year’s fair, Lesley is a personal testament to the opportunities the career fair provides for our graduating PA students.

Special thanks to UTMB recruiters Aaron Greatens, Elaine Barnes, Paul Hay, and Sharon Chapman for their time and expertise in conducting the mock interviews and resume reviews.

Written by Laken Vichich, PAS Summer Intern

Congratulations to our 5 lucky students who won a $20 campus bookstore gift card for being the first to RSVP to the event: Haley Shields, Roxana Esfahani, Akisha Keval, Jane Wang, and Ashley Westrum.
89 Physician Assistant Studies Students Cloaked in White Coat Ceremony on September 5

Galveston Daily News Press Run!

Sarah Violetta, Allison Sarcinella, Jenna Andel, Rachael Acosta, Brandi Dyess, Chelsea Sapp, Taylor Riggs, Sarah Yeakley, Katelyn Hinchey

The Physician Assistant Class of 2016 Bake Sale is on Monday, October 6 outside the Library, on the Library patio, from 8-2 and in the School of Health Professions lobby from 8-2.
By: Chelsea Halbleib and Brandi Dyess

National Physician Assistant Week is celebrated every year from October 6-12 to honor the 100,000 clinically practicing Physician Assistants across America. A Physician Assistant (PA) is a mid-level healthcare provider that works under the supervision of a Physician. PA’s can take medical histories and conduct physical exams, diagnose and treat illnesses, order and interpret tests, counsel on preventive care, assist in surgery, write prescriptions and make rounds in hospitals. Studies have shown that PA’s provide physician equivalent care and high levels of satisfaction with health care services.

Since this week marks a period of national appreciation for the Physician Assistant profession, the University of Texas Medical Branch PA Program would like to thank all PA faculty members for their important contributions to this profession, and to the continuing education of future Physician Assistants. The UTMB PA Program would also like to personally recognize the Program Chair, Dr. J. Michael Smith, PA-C, Ph.D., for being honored on October 3, 2014, by the DeBakey VA Medical Center for his services for Veteran and Military personnel.

Throughout the fall semester, UTMB Physician Assistant students will be seeking to begin their contributions to the Galveston community, as modeled by their predecessors, through several different outreach projects.

The UTMB PA Class of 2016 will be collecting personal hygiene products for The St. Luke’s Society that will be donated to those that are homeless in December. Any members of the community that may be interested in donating personal hygiene products, preferably deodorant, may drop off donations in collection boxes located in the UTMB School of Health Professions building at Mechanic and 11th street and outside the Moody Medical Library on Monday, October 6 from 8 am to 2 pm.

Also, the UTMB PA students have partnered with FitTriRun, a local fitness company, to promote physical education and nutrition within the local school district. Several students will be travelling to local elementary and junior high schools throughout the year to help educate students about childhood obesity and the role that PA’s serve in healthcare.

Finally, the PA students have also begun serving Shriner’s Children’s Hospital by volunteering to spend time with the children through recreational activities and holiday events.

So, in honor of Physician Assistant week, please take the time to show your appreciation to both the Physician Assistant faculty members and the PA students, who are dedicated to serving their healthcare communities through this fast-growing career.
New Lambda Tau Officers of 2014-2015 for CLS

From left to right:
Vice President - Ricardo Gonzalez Morones, Treasurer - Krystle Fielden, President - Theresa Dang, Secretary - Machesha Banks, Historian - Melyssa Ross

Something “Mmm Mmm Good” Going on With Lambda Tau!

Thank you everyone who came and bought food and desserts from the CLS Lambda Tau bake sale. The purpose of our sale was to raise funds for our health clinic at “Our Daily Bread” in Galveston. “Our Daily Bread” is a place where homeless Galveston residents go to for help to get back on their feet. The health of our community is important to us. Thanks again for all of your support. CLS Lambda Tau

Pictured L to R: Theresa Dang and LaToya Thompson
Lambda Tau of CLS jumped in to help clean Hershey Beach in Galveston on Saturday September 27, 2014.

Pictured Left to Right: Gagandeep Jhand, Eyosias Genene, Ruby Calderon, MaChesha Banks, Tewodros Tesfaye, Patricia Garcia, Jennifer Borkey, Theresa Dang, Darlington Finebone
Enjoying Friendship and Collecting for a Cause

SOCLS (Student Organization for Clinical Laboratory Sciences) held a Welcome Back Pot Luck on September 17, 2014. Everyone was asked to bring toiletries or clothing donations for Our Daily Bread.

Work hard, be kind, and amazing things will happen.
On September 11, CLS Seniors planned a get together at The Spot to get to know the new Juniors

It's not what you look at that matters; it's what you see.
~Henry David Thoreau

Irene's Birthday Dinner during Houston Restaurant Weeks at Del Frisco's Double Eagle Steakhouse
Tracy Dang, Irene Degala, Theresa Dang
CLS Representatives during Welcome Weekend
Madison Carbaugh, Irene Degala, Tracy Dang, Ricardo Gonzalez

Martin's Birthday Get Together at Buffalo Wild Wings
Back - Young Choi, Ricardo Gonzalez, Martin Nguyen, Rolando Jocson, Jennifer Borkey
Front - Theresa Dang, Tracy Dang, Irene Degala

Talking to CLS Juniors during orientation week about SOCLS and Lambda Tau
Last day seeing our professor Ms. Jane Finley (retired end of August)
Back - Ricardo Gonzalez, Ms. Jane Finley, Dr. Janet Enderle, Mrs. Muneeza Esani
Front - Irene Degala, Theresa Dang, Tracy Dang

CLS Representatives during Welcome Weekend
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NEWLY ELECTED CLASS OFFICERS FOR THE DPT CLASS OF 2017

Back row (Left to right): Service Chair: Kelli Gunter, Social Chair: Mollye Mcak, President: Sheril Marek, Vice President: Morgan Alexander, Secretary: Whitni Lueck, Fundraising Chair: Adrienne Fairchild, Social Chair: Hailey Daniel

Front row (Left to Right): APTA Liaison: Kelsey Stuhler, Service Chair: Abby Morgan, Treasurer: Becca Burnett, Fundraising Chair: Rachel Lange, APTA Liaison: Rashmi Anan

“The reason most people give up is because they tend to look at how far they still have to go, instead of how far they have come.”
RESPIRATORY CARE HAVING FUN!
Orientation Week
Bottom: Lupita Salinas.
Right to Left: Flora Mosqueda, Kelley Cuellar, Sayka Maknojia, Brittany Lostak, Lillian Wang
Back: Jimmy Avira, Brandy Fuqua

Plano Hot Air Balloon Festival
Lillian Wang, Brittany Lostak, Marcella Argo

Reunion
Brittany Lostak
Kelley Cuellar
Sayka Maknojia
Lillian Wang

Respiratory Care Class of 2015
Kelley Cuellar, Lillian Wang, Lupita Salinas, Brittany Lostak
Jimmy Avira, Rufus Stephen, Hasan Akber, Taimur Hasan
Pet Contest

Vote for your favorite furry friend!

Send your vote to mebeaupr@utmb.edu
by Monday, October 13th. One vote per person please.

#1. GABRIELLE and SUZEE
Owner: Lynne Riggs, CLS Office

#2. OTTIS
Owner: Baylee Hopper, OT

#3. LUCY
Owner: Rusty Bell, CLS

#4. GARFIELD
Owner: Anna Kimberley, OT

#5. PLUTO
Owner: Arsah Karowalia, RC

#6. GABBY and GEORGIA
Owner: Tara Patterson, OT Faculty

#7. NALU
Owner: Emma Dover, OT

#8. ZOEY
Owner: Lauren Threadgill, CLS

#9. LEIA
Owner: Lars Rundall, DPT
#10. CHUPACABRA
Owner: Madison Carbaugh, CLS

#11. SAWYER
Owner: Sarah Vaky, OT

#12. SADIE and SASHA
Owner: Wendy Hebert, PT Faculty

#13. ELLIE
Owner: Kelsey Shull, DPT

#14. PANCAKE
Owner: Leslie Escobedo, CLS

#15. PRESTON
Owner: Megan Ange, OT

#16. KIRBY
Owner: Lynn Matthusen, N&M

#17. HERKY
Owner: Natalie Oliviero, PA

#18. PATCHES and BIG BOY
Owner: Daharshkumar Rana, CLS

#19. PRINCE
Owner: Keverlyn Walker, RC

#20. JASPER
Owner: Alyssa Baroy, CLS

#21. MISTY
Owner: Patricia Garcia, CLS
#22. ROCKY
Owner: Monique Moreno, CLS

#23. BELLA
Owner: Sue Grady, t-DPT

#24. HARLEY
Owner: Mollye Micak, DPT

#25. TARO
Owner: Amy Conto, CLS

#26. COCO
Owner: Stephanie Katzenmeier, CLS

#27. TOFU
Owner: Tracy Dang, CLS

#28. TROY
Owner: Diana Dang, OT

#29. MOMMA CAT
Owner: Sam Finley, CLS

#30. HARLEY
Owner: Mary Ellen Beaupre, Office of ASA

#31. TYCHO
Owner: Mike Borack, N&M

#32. BENTLEY
Owner: Jessie Norris, CLS
#33. D’ARTAGNAN  
Owner: Michelle Conley, Office of ASA

#34. MAX  
Owner: Shannon Ross, OT

#35. ELMO  
Owner: Katherine Davis, OT

#36. SHINER, STELLA, and SARGE  
Owner: Alyssa Auch, OT

#37. BELLA, COCO, and HONEY  
Owner: Lori Qualls, CLS

#38. CODY  
Owner: Sarah Vaky, OT

#39. BO AND ZO  
Owner: Laura Fincannon, CLS

#40. MARLA  
Owner: Molly Whitted, DPT

Last years pet contest winner  
REX DEGALA  
Shown with owner Irene Degala, CLS

PLEASE NOTE  
Parents of students who claim to have grand-doggers or grand-kitters are not eligible to vote!
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