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Special Holiday Edition
December 2012

Happy Holidays!

CELEBRATIONS AROUND THE WORLD
Click on the stockings to see how other people around the globe celebrate the holidays.

YUMMYY HOLIDAY RECIPES

EBLESKIVERS
EGGNOG CHEESECAKE
CHRISTMAS CAKES
SALTED CARAMEL BROWNIES BITE SIZE
MEEMAW’S KITCHEN SINK CHRISTMAS COOKIES
PAULA’S EGGNOG CUSTARD PIE

Click on the tree and read about its magic.

Click on the ornaments for holiday crafts that you can make.

Click on the present for decorating ideas.

Click on the car if you love Hanukka!

Click on the gingerbread house for holiday baking ideas.

Click here to play holiday games!

Happy Kwanzaa!
**Pi Theta Epsilon**

**National Honor Society - Occupational Therapy**

The mission of Pi Theta Epsilon is to support the development of occupational sciences and the practice of authentic occupational therapy by promoting research and other scholarly activities by its members. In this way, the organization serves not only the profession, but helps to insure quality health care services for the general public.

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**Respiratory Care Student Association**

The mission of the Respiratory Care Student Association (RCSA) is to promote awareness of the respiratory therapy profession, participate in educational activities and raise funds to support goals of advancing the education of students. A further mission of UTMB's RCSA is to provide an environment that is friendly and supportive to its current and prospective students.

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**SGA Student Government Association**

Click here for the August 16th minutes

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Student Government Association at:

Student.Government.Assoc@utmb.edu

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**SHP Student Ambassador Society**

An organization committed to providing service to UTMB School of Health Professions alumni (Past), current students (Present), and incoming students (Future). We would like to establish an organization of enthusiastic student representatives who can give tours around campus, provide service to the surrounding community of Galveston County, Alumni Affairs and Prospective Student Recruiting efforts.

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**Student Organization of Clinical Laboratory Sciences (SOCLS)**

To formulate academic achievement and clinical excellence in the student body of the CLS program.

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**EXCELLENCE IN PROFESSIONALISM AWARDS FOR JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER**

**Runners-Up**

Hayley Fritsche (CLS Graduate)
Namrata Jokhaker (RC)

**Nominations**

Sarah Burnett (CLS)
Juan Trujillo (CLS Graduate)

CONGRATULATIONS! YOU MAKE US PROUD!

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**2012 SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON**

On October 23, the School of Health Professions held its annual scholarship luncheon at Levin Hall. Dean Elizabeth Protas presided over an event at which more than $334,000 in scholarships were awarded to existing and incoming students; 220 students in all. Students, benefactors, staff and faculty members attended to celebrate this wonderful event. Dr. Callender attended and recognized both students and benefactors.

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Click on Rudolph
2012 SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

CONGRATULATIONS!
**Alpha Eta**
Alpha Eta is the national honor society for allied health professionals. The society recognizes those allied health professionals who have excelled in their field. This recognition is extended to students, alumni, and faculty members. The society promotes both scholarship and fellowship among its members. This commitment to collaboration is reflected in the motto of the society: Together We Serve.

**American Academy of Physician Assistants - AAPA – Student Society**
Promotes the professional growth, personal excellence, and recognition of physician assistants, and to support their efforts to enable them to improve the quality, accessibility, and cost-effectiveness of patient-centred health care.

**Texas Academy of Physician Assistants - TAPA**
Texas Academy of Physician Assistants is the premier PA organization in Texas. The mission of TAPA is to represent and serve PAs statewide and promotes the PA profession through education, quality services and advocacy of optimal healthcare.

**Pi Alpha Honor Society for Physician Assistants**
Pi Alpha is the national physician assistant honor society organized for the promotion and recognition of significant academic achievement, leadership, research, community & professional service, and related activities, and the encouragement of a high standard of character and conduct among both physician assistant students and graduates.

**Physical Therapy Class of 2011**
Physical Therapy is a profession that seeks to return patients to the highest possible degree of personal independence. The physical therapist (PT) works with patients with disabilities of the muscular, skeletal, neurological, circulatory, and respiratory systems. Physical therapists are also involved in prevention programs to assist people of all ages in maintaining health and physical fitness.

**Lambda Tau CLS Honor Society**
To join with the Clinical Laboratory Sciences National Society to develop a spirit of cooperation and unity among students entering any of the fields encompassed by medical technology; to interest other students in these fields, and to be a service organization.

**Faculty Bio Spotlight**

**EDDIE SALAZAR**

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<th>Title</th>
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<td>Hometown</td>
<td>Galveston, Texas</td>
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<td>Where do you live now?</td>
<td>League City, Texas</td>
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<td>Tell us about your family and/or personal life</td>
<td>I've been married 9 years and have two daughters ages 7 and 4. We enjoy spending time outside as a family either playing games, exercising, or grilling! I also enjoy running and currently in training for my first half-marathon which is scheduled for January. Lastly, I've also recently started road cycling and thoroughly enjoy it!</td>
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<td>What do you like about Galveston?</td>
<td>I love Galveston Island's diverse community. The island offers a little taste of everything..</td>
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<td>What do you like about UTMB? CLS program?</td>
<td>UTMB is such an asset to Galveston and its surrounding communities. It has the ability to transform lives in so many ways. Education, health, and community involvement are UTMB's contribution to its people.</td>
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<td>What do you like about SHP?</td>
<td>SHP is a school that epitomizes the healthcare team. The departments in SHP work synergistically to develop healthcare professionals that understand and value the contributions and roles of each other's profession.</td>
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<td>What do you like about the CLS program?</td>
<td>In regards to the CLS program, I really enjoy the people. What do I like about them? Faculty and staff: They are wholly committed to promoting the profession, cultivating student learning and growth, and upholding our clinical mission. My students: I have the privilege of sharing my knowledge and experiences with them. I continue to learn each and every day as part of the teaching process. They are the future of healthcare and Clinical Laboratory Science..</td>
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The UTMB American Red Cross Student Organization and the School of Health Professions Staff Assembly conducted a one day donation drive for the victims of Super Storm Sandy. They were able to raise $300.00 from staff, faculty and students. 100% of the donations will benefit the victims on the East Coast. The donations were presented to Mari Berend, the Executive Director of the American Red Cross.

WAY TO GO SHP!

From left to right:
Sarah Burnett - American Red Cross Student Organization
Mary Ellen Beaupre - School of Health Professions – Staff Assembly
Brandy Rawls – American Red Cross Student Organization
Brooke Shaver – American Red Cross Student Organization
Debbie Hamilton - School of Health Professions – Staff Assembly
Dr. Elizabeth Protas – Dean of the School of Health Professions
Vivian Brannen - School of Health Professions – Staff Assembly
Tina Marie Harmon - School of Health Professions – Staff Assembly
Mari Berend – Executive Director of the American Red Cross
Hope Cooke – Red Cross Advisory Board Member
UTMB Health – School of Health Professions
Causeway FunD Run
5K Run (certified) and Walk
Saturday, March 2, 2013

Race To Benefit:
UTMB Health and the School of Health Professions in partnership with fitTRIrun is hosting the “SHP Causeway FunD Run/Walk.” This event benefits SHP student scholarships and represents a powerful investment in the future of health care for our region and state. We invite you to participate in this event to help with the many volunteer opportunities available.

Contact Mary Ellen Beaupre, Volunteer Chair, at mebeaupr@utmb.edu if you would like to help with water tables, first aid, route aids, site setup, registration or other openings for volunteering. For more information call the SHP Causeway FunD Run Hotline at 409.772.3006 or visit our website http://shp.utmb.edu/fundrun.

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Curbside Student Parking Announcement

Beginning 12/17/12 and lasting for approximately a year, curbside student parking spaces on 12th Street, between Mechanic & Strand and on Mechanic between 11th & 12th Street, will be eliminated due to underground utility work.

Please note that your curbside student parking permit can be used in the parking lot at the corner of 14th & Market Street in spaces marked in black on the car stops as “Student Parking Only”. Also, there are approximately 65 student spaces in the lot located at 13th & Strand. Student parking on the rooftop of Garage 4 is currently available at the prorated amount of $133 for the period of 1/1/13 through 8/31/13.

Please also remember that full-time UTMB students may purchase contract parking in any of the available employee lots and garages at one-half of the employee rate. Surface lot parking is $20 per month and garage parking is $31.25 per month.

Please do not hesitate to contact Parking Facilities with any questions x21581.
Dr. Jon Nilsestuen, Chair

The Respiratory Care Faculty – Ms. Daneen, Dr. Rojas, Dr. Jon and Ms. Tammy

Scholarship Recipients in Respiratory Care with Daneen Nastars, Faculty and Member of the Scholarship Committee

The Complete Respiratory Care Team
In Celebration of Respiratory Care Week, October 21st – 27th, 2012, the Respiratory Students started the week off with daily fun respiratory facts and tips sent via email to all SHP faculty and students. Respiratory Care week is celebrated to recognize the dedicated therapists that give their time and care to take care of patients’ fundamental necessities of life – breathing. So please remember to thank a therapist and appreciate them. Here at the School of Health Professions, between clinicals and lectures, the senior and junior students got together at the end of a stressful week to relax and celebrate Respiratory Care week together with pizza. As part of the celebration, a mini Sputum Bowl was held between the juniors who were split into two groups to test their knowledge of what they have learned thus far in the semester. As part of Respiratory Care week, the students also surprised the chair of the department, Dr. Jon Nilsestuen, with cake to celebrate his birthday. Overall, Respiratory Care Week was a fun-filled experience with fun facts and learning tips for all. As we look forward to another year, a little laugh for the respiratory care professionals...
Enjoying Their Holiday Party