SHP 2013 Commencement and Orientation!

The School of Health Professions welcomed 344 new students in Physician Assistant Studies, Occupational Therapy, Respiratory Care, Physical Therapy, Nutrition and Metabolism and Clinical Laboratory Sciences, while bidding congratulatory goodbyes to 305 graduates in August.

OT's Class of 2015
Getting to know each other during Orientation week
The School of Health Professions at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston celebrated its largest graduating class, with 305 students, at its Aug. 16 commencement ceremony. Elizabeth Protas, vice president and dean of the School of Health Professions, officiated the ceremony, held at Moody Gardens Convention Center in Galveston. Degrees included bachelor and master of science degrees in clinical laboratory sciences; bachelor of science degrees in respiratory care; master of science degrees in occupational therapy, health professions and physician assistant studies; and doctoral degrees in physical therapy. Chris Reading, president and chief executive officer of U.S. Physical Therapy, was the featured commencement speaker. "These graduates represent an outstanding group of students, and I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to them all," said Protas. "They will fill a vital role in the nation's changing healthcare landscape."

Established in 1968, the UTMB School Health Professions has educated more than 7,000 professionals who serve in the nation’s health care workforce.
To see more photos of commencement visit:
http://sphp.utmb.edu/slideshow/commencement_2013.html
RESPIRATORY CARE

Commencement Awards Luncheon
August 14, 2013

RC Graduates seated left to right:
Julie Nemec, Namrata Jokhaker, Jessica Ramirez, Timi Stephen

Standing left to right:
Teddy Inthaphom, Bolanle Akinrinlola, Zeke Alaniz, David Philpot, Alonso Mable, Disha Bhadja, Asha Chacko

RC Graduates and Faculty
front row kneeling:
Bruce Adcock, Chair - Jon Nilsestuen, Tammy Babcock, Daneen Nastars

Seated left to right:
Julie Nemec, Namrata Jokhaker, Jessica Ramirez, Timi Stephen

Standing left to right:
Debbie Hamilton, Teddy Inthaphom, Bolanle Akinrinlola, Zeke Alaniz, David Philpot, Alonso Mable, Disha Bhadja, Asha Chacko
Incoming Physician Assistant students at the University of Texas Medical Branch received their white coats in a ceremony that welcomed them into their new program of professional study. During the August 2 rite of passage, 83 members of the class of 2015 donned their white coats for the first time. “The ceremony symbolically marks the beginning of a person’s career as a health care professional,” said Elizabeth Protas, dean of UTMB’s School of Health Professions. “It’s a significant milestone on their path to a very important role in the new health care landscape.”

Dr. Robert Beach, Professor Emeritus of medicine, was the keynote speaker for the event. He urged the students to listen with their hearts as well as their ears, and to commit to providing personal and compassionate care of their patients. Dr. Danny O. Jacobs, executive vice president, provost and dean of the School of Medicine, cloaked each student with a white coat. At the closing of the ceremony, the students recited the PA professional oath, publicly acknowledging their new responsibilities and affirming their pledge to clinical excellence and health care.

PA’s are invaluable members of the health care team who conduct medical histories and physical examinations, order and interpret diagnostic tests, diagnose and treat health conditions, perform procedures and provide patient education and counseling services. All 50 states and the District of Columbia allow PA’s to practice and prescribe medications.

Pictured Left to Right:
Holly Hoelscher, Chelsea Petro, Kay Nguyen, Priya Patel, Amanda Murphy
Written by Jamie Hinderliter, PA Class of 2014

Elizabeth Gilbert (PA Class of 2013) and myself (PA class of 2014) had a wonderful time representing the UTMB PA Program at the American Association of Physician Assistant (AAPA) annual IMPACT conference in Washington, D.C. We collaborated together as members of the Assembly of Representatives discussing, amending and voting on resolutions of the Student AAPA society. Many of the resolutions urged PA programs across the country to consider incorporating awareness in their programs on certain topics, including care specific to veterans, education on recognizing drug trafficking, climate change, gun control legislation and outreach to underserved persons who may be potential future Physician Assistants. We also elected next year’s Student Society Board of Directors. Did you know that any PA student present at the conference is eligible to run for these positions? This is an opportunity for PA students should consider next year! Throughout our time in Washington, D.C., we learned how the student society works on an intimate level, and got a taste of what kinds of resolutions are typically proposed in case our society would like to propose resolutions in the future.

We were also able to network with our peers. I had such a great time getting to know other students, recent graduates and seasoned PAs. The attendees were all very friendly and it was so easy to strike up a conversation. I also was able to reconnect with a student who recognized me from an interview! One thing that was stressed is that we all need to stick together. Our profession is still small and there is strength in numbers, so it is important that we all get together and stay informed. I strongly encourage all SHP students to be involved in their national and local organizations, to stay in touch, and to learn from each other!

Aside from our duties in the Assembly of Representatives, Elizabeth and I also had an opportunity to attend a few lectures. I attended lectures covering parasites, orthopedic injuries in pediatrics and surviving the clinical year.

Overall, we had a great experience and I hope to attend the conference again next year!

Pictured left to right:
Elizabeth Gilbert, PA Class of 2013
Jamie Hinderliter, PA Class of 2014

happiness is free.
Guest speaker, Dan Klepinger, enjoys the moment with the SHP OT’s after an awe-inspiring lecture on July 12th in Levin Hall. He is a captivating artist and both subject and writer of the 1999 Oscar Award winning documentary King Gimp, which is his story about living with Cerebral Palsy. This commercial was played at the Super Bowl [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XL_rZrC8Hw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XL_rZrC8Hw).
CONGRATULATIONS!

LAMBDATAU HONOR SOCIETY
OF CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENCES

NEW OFFICERS
New inductees from the class of 2014 Lambda Tau

Back row: Domineca Vargas, Fernando Aybar
Middle row: Erica Gatoni, Kenneth Ibarra, Ashley Richardson, Frehiwot Kassa
Front row: Allison Poussard, Merretta Vasquez, Ruth Feyissa
Not pictured: Kelley Jarvis
CONGRATULATIONS!

NEW OFFICERS

PAS CLASS OF 2015

Back row: Karen Diller (AAPA representative), Sara Swindle (TAPA Representative), Brianna Martinez (AAPA representative), Andrew Goldstein (Historian), Brittany Peeler (Treasurer), Holly Koonce (Secretary)

Seated: Mary Vuong (TAPA Representative), Amanda Murphy (President), Lucia Ruggieri (Vice-President)
Each year the Anatomy professors hold a competition between the Physician Assistants and the Physical Therapy students. Both PT’s and PA’s share cadavers in Anatomy and attend lectures together. This competition helps the students prepare for studying and exams, and they also compete for prizes and the pride of winning. Buzzers are set up for answering the questions and points are awarded or taken away. What a fun way to learn!
CLS CLIMBS ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION WITH LAMBDA TAU OFFICERS

CLS Lambda Tau officers held a round table discussion with junior CLS students. This was an opportunity for junior CLS students to ask questions about course load, how to study and how to prep for exams given by the CLS faculty. Lambda Tau officers also offered plenty of advice on how to make the most out of their UTMB experience.
CONLEY’S CORNER

Volunteer Opportunities

10/22/13, City of Webster Health & Wellness Fair, Requesting cholesterol & blood glucose screenings, Jayme Kelso, 281-316-4145, jkelso@cityofwebster.com
311 Pennsylvania Ave., Webster (Behind Civic Center), 1 - 4 p.m.

ATTN: Student Organization Officers

The Office of Student Life has created a Student Organization Meetings and Events Calendar. Contact Leanne Hoge to post your organization or class meetings and events on this calendar.
Galveston D’Feet Breast Cancer Run/Walk – October 19-Moody Gardens

It is more than just a run and walk. It is the gathering of people, breast cancer survivors, family members of all ages who come to celebrate life, memorialize those loved ones lost to breast cancer, and honor those men and women undergoing treatment.

Race day this year will be held Saturday, October 19, 2013 at Moody Gardens. There is opportunity to celebrate those that we know by running, walking or volunteering in the run/walk this year!

For Race Teams please access the website to sign up: http://www.dfeetbreastcancer.com/2013-fun-run-walk.aspx

There is an opportunity to Volunteer that morning in the Information Booth. Be there to help direct wandering participants or straggling supporters to the correct places. Have a front row seat to all of the starts and finishes, the victories of time and heart! Please contact Jane Finley, jfinley@utmb.edu if you are ready for a good community service experience.

Clinical Laboratory Sciences Lambda Tau Honor Society
Pick D’Feet Breast Cancer Run/Walk for Fall Project

Faculty and Student members of Lambda Tau will be running and serving as Volunteers in this years D’Feet Breast Cancer Run/Walk. They invite all faculty and students to come out and run or volunteer for this worthy cause. D’Feet Breast Cancer, Inc. is a grassroots volunteer non-profit 501 C3 formed in 2001. D’Feet partners with the Galveston County Health District, UTMB Galveston, Victory Breast Imaging and Women’s Diagnostic Center, Mainland Medical Center, and The Jesse Tree to provide healthcare services to uninsured and underserved women of Galvston County ages 40-65. D’Feet provides free screening mammograms, free follow up care, community outreach, and breast health education programs in the Galveston County Schools.

To Volunteer for the Information Booth: Contact Jane Finley @ jfinley@utmb.edu
To register to run: http://www.dfeetbreastcancer.com/

Sylvia Blaszczyk, Ashli Powell and Mehagan Przybilla
Race winner, John Thornton with CLS faculty Eddie Salazar
Vote for your favorite furry friend!

Send your vote to mebeaupr@utmb.edu by Friday, October 11th.
The winner receives a gift card and a new pet toy!

#1. LEXI MARIE
Owner: Tina Harmon, CLS

#2. BREESY
Owner: Pamela Sanchez, N&M

#3. KIKI BOO a.k.a. Mr. Chimmers
Owner: Charlotte Barnhart, PT

#4. HONEY BUNNY
Owner: Jennifer Delgado, PA

#5. BELLA
Owner: Christine Vu, PA

#6. ROUX
Owner: Tracey Ragle, CLS

#7. ROSE
Owner: Jessica Cook, PA

#8. COWBOY
Owner: Katelyn Sundquist, OT

#9. AMMEAU
Owner: Lauren Young, PT

More pets
#10. DIESEL
Owner: Lauren Priestley, PT

#11. PENNY
Owner: Chasity Downey, PA

#12. KNIGHT
Owner: Michelle Kelly, PA

#13. MYLA
Owner: Kristen Lorton, OT

#14. PENELLOPE
Owner: Karrie Walker, OT

#15. LILLY
Owner: Aubrey Scheidt, OT

#16. THOMAS J. CAT
Owner: Cynthia Hayes, OT

#17. LOUIE
Owner: Allison Attal, OT

#18. TEAM OZZIE AND LACUNA
Owner: Lyndsey Markert, DPT

#19. REX
Owner: Irene Degala, CLS

#20. CHINO
Owner: Allison Rakay, PA

"Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened."
#21. PONGO
Owner: Monica Schepp, PA

#22. TEX
Owner: Christie Escobar, OT

#23. CHUPI
Owner: Madison Carbaugh, CLS

#24. COOPER
Owner: Rachel Prohaska, OT

#25. DAISY
Owner: Stephanie Sipp, PA

#26. PENNY
Owner: Stephanie Sipp, PA

#27. ACE
Owner: Shellie Flores, CLS

#28. TEAM FARRAH AND FOXI
Owner: Clay Golightly, PA

#29. SHRIMP
Owner: Nina Gomez, PA

#30. JENNA
Owner: Jane Doan, RC

="If you want something really bad.... Beg"
― Doggie Wisdom
#31. VINCE
Owner: Aubrey Worlow, OT

#32. D’ART
Owner: Michelle Conley, ASA

#33. SAKI
Owner: Brooke Lewis, CLS

#34. HARLEY
Owner: Mary Ellen Beaupre, ASA

#35. HERCULES
Owner: Natalie Oliviero, PA

#36. IZZY
Owner: Trace Schwerman, PT

#37. NIKO
Owner: Marcy Brown, OT

#38. CASH
Owner: Bethany Hubenak, PA

#39. MISS CHARLIE
Owner: Rachel Molberg, PT

#40. DESI
Owner: Shannon Kyle, PA

#41. MOOSE
Owner: Sara Swindle, PA

#42. BELLA
Owner: Ashley Richardson, CLS
Vote for your favorite pet!

Send your vote to: mebeaupr@UTMB.EDU

State number and name of pet. Only one vote per person.
School of Health Professions

Dean's Office
Academic and Student Affairs

HELPFUL RESOURCES

SHP STUDENT AMBASSADOR SOCIETY

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Minutes
Student.Government.Aso@utmb.edu
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Professional Journals

Clinical Laboratory Sciences
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Physical Therapy
Physician Assistant Studies
Respiratory Care

CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENCES

Student Organization of Clinical Laboratory Sciences (SOCLS)
Lambda Tau CLS Honor Society

NUTRITION AND METABOLISM

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Pi Theta Epsilon-National Honor Society-Occupational Therapy
Student Occupational Therapy Association-SOTA

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDIES

Texas Academy of Physician Assistants-TAPA
American Academy of Physician Assistants
Pi Alpha Honor Society for Physician Assistants

PHYSICAL THERAPY

The American Physical Therapy Association
Texas Physical Therapy Association

REHAB SCIENCES

RESPIRATORY CARE

Respiratory Care Student Association
The Office of Academic and Student Affairs offers the following services to our students:

Academic Calendar, Clinical Affiliation Contracts, Commencement, Degree Audits, Liaison Roles with the Book Store, Enrollment Services, the Library, Financial Aid and SIS Access Information, SHP Bulletin, Background Checks, Grades, Grievances, New Student Orientation, Exam Proctoring, Liaison Roles with SHP Student Organizations, Tutoring, the View Book and the student e-newsletter Splash Page!

If you have any questions, please call our office at (409)772-9411 or contact us by email.

 Splash Page is about students, student groups and academic programs in the School of Health Professions! Please keep the pictures and articles coming! Remember NEWS is the main component in NEWSLETTER! Please send your articles and pictures to the editor to be included in the next edition of Splash Page!

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

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