2nd Annual Causeway FunD Run/Walk a Great Success with a Very Special Ending

The 2014 UTMB Health School of Health Professions’ Causeway FunD Run/Walk held March 8th was a huge success! It is the premier fundraiser of student scholarships for the school. 700 walkers and runners had the rare opportunity to have a grand view of Galveston Island, the bay, and the Gulf of Mexico, on top of the bridge. This year, the planning committee added a kids zone to make the event more fun for families, and teams with the most spirit and largest teams were awarded honors.

Aaron Gray of Galveston was the overall male winner with a chip time of 18:27:24 and Angela Vizzeri of League City took first in the female group with a chip time of 19:38:00. Bennie Perez of Pearland was the winner of the 5k wheelchair division with a finish time of 35:38:76. Vaughn Construction took home the largest team award with 38 participants. One of the most special moments came at the end of the awards presentation, when the “Most Spirited” award was given to the team formed in memory of John Moises Ponce. John participated in the 2013 race and placed third in the 14-19 age group. John passed away last fall. To celebrate his life and to commemorate his joy in placing in the run, his mother, Judith Briggs organized a large team of his family and friends to run the race. John was able to save the lives of 4 other people, as an organ donor, and contributed to research by donating his lungs.

THANK YOU STUDENTS!
It took an army to plan and organize this annual event, and SHP wanted to thank all of our special students who gave up their first official day of spring break to volunteer with their departments. It couldn't have been possible without our students — so thank you and hooray to all of you who took part in volunteering before, during and after this event!
Causeway FunDRun
Several CLS students attended the Pan African Social on March 6, 2014

L to R Front: Shadisa Adisa Joemon Abraham
L to R Back: Eyosias Genene Emmanuel Agwagom Hanna (Emmanuel's daughter) Frehiwot Kassa Tewodros Kassa Saadia Mohamed Erica Gatoni Ruth Feyissa

TACOS FOR SOCLS

L to R: Jessi Norris, Irene Degala, Ricardo Gonzalez-Morones, Madison Carbaugh

The Student Organization Of Clinical Laboratory Sciences, also known as SOCLS would like to thank everyone who donated and bought tacos during our "Tacos for TACLS" sales. TACLS is our yearly conference where people of the Clinical Laboratory Science health profession from all over the state get together for different events, including guest speakers, job opportunities, various talks, and networking. Your kind contributions will be helping numerous students attend this conference who otherwise would not be able to.
Lesley Davies and Caitlin Justus have been awarded placement into the coveted Texas Children’s Hospital Surgical Residency Program. This is a competitive placement program that was presented at the November 20, 2013 PAS Career Fair. PAS graduates took part in mock interviews, resume review sessions and recruiter interviews. Four of Houston’s leading healthcare employers from Texas Childrens Hospital, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Ben Taub Hospital and the Veteran’s Administration, and several other healthcare agencies presented information about residency and fellowship opportunities in the fields of oncology, emergency medicine, geriatrics and pediatric surgery.

CONGRATULATIONS LESLEY AND CAITLIN!

“Good news about the hire of 2 of our graduating students in the Surgical Residency program at TCH! I am very proud of these 2 students as well as the work of all of the faculty (past and present) to make UTMB PA Studies such a great PA program that equips PA’s for such coveted positions. I am also proud of the partnerships our program is developing within our Houston/Galveston healthcare community and beyond. Such awesome news to start off the new year. Also, thanks again to all of you for your support in making our first Career Fair a success!”

Barbara A. Slusher, MSW, PA-C
Assistant Professor
SHP Physician Assistant Studies
DPT CLASS OF 2016 FUNDRAISER AT SMOOTH TONYS

From left to right going around the table: Christine Davis, Alyssa Valastro, Chelsey Roberts, Alexis Payne, Michael Payne, Dylan Riedesel, Kelly Vosburgh, and Courtney Cue

Claire Phillips, Josh Watson, and Trevor Watson with their families

Front row left to right: Molly Whitted, Sara Dixon, Sierra Andreason
Back row: Kelsey Shull and Dylan Riedesel
DPT’s in Action!!

(L to R) Lindsey Nguyen, Lianah Flores, Brittni Serwinski, Becky Wigdahl, Ashley Segovia, Kamylle Palomino, Claire Conroy, Alex McCain (All DPT2’s)

Bake Sale to raise funds for Combined Sections Meeting/PT Conference

1st and 2nd year DPT student Intramural Dodgeball Teams

Front Row (L to R): Lianah Flores (DPT2), Claire Conroy (DPT2), Courtney Zink (DPT2), Hannah LaGarde (DPT2)

Middle Row (L to R): Alicia Danto (DPT2), Jessica Chastka (DPT2), Becky Wigdahl (DPT2)

Back Row (L to R): Jared Hutchens (DPT2), Ryan Vick (DPT1), Trevor Watson (DPT1), Sierra Andreason (DPT1), Sara Dixon (DPT1), Stephanie Parker (DPT1), Stanley Nwosu (DPT1), Kyle Blair (DPT1), Kevin McGuyer (DPT1), Mark Jones (DPT1), Logan Merritt (DPT2)
COMBINED SECTIONS MEETING IN LAS VEGAS

(L to R) Claire Conroy, Kamylle Palomino, Amanda Duncan, Ashley Segovia, Brittni Serwinski, Sofia Perez, Dr. Seale, Dr. Wild, Cassie McCully, Alex McCain, Dr. Mossberg (DPT2’s and DPT Professors)

(L to R) Amanda Duncan, Claire Conroy, Britttni Serwinski, Dr. Ellison, Ashley Segovia, Lianah Flores, Kamylle Palomino, Sofia Perez (DPT2’s and DPT Professor)
**RESPIRATORY THERAPY STUDENTS HAVING FUN AND LEARNING**

**Chinese New Year Celebration**
Anna McCurry, Kelley Cuellar, Dr. Jon, Lillian Wang, Sayka Maknojia, Brittany Lostak

**Laboratory Learning**
Anna McCurry, Sayka Maknojia, Cyndi Nguyen, Lillian Wang

**IPE Day**
Respiratory Therapists, Physician Assistants and Nurses worked together

**Lunch with Dean Protas and All SHP Programs**
(L to R) Sitting: Sara Swindle (PA), Lillian Wang (Respiratory Therapy), Mamta Roopani (OT)
(L to R) Standing: Kelley Jarvis (CLS), Ruth Feyissa (CLS), Lucia Ruggieri (PA), Rufus Stephen (Respiratory Therapy), Dean Protas, Nate Jones (DPT1), Claire Conroy (DPT2), and Tara Rosenthal (OT)

**PA Madeleine Nguyen-Cao and RT Lillian Wang**
Brittany Lostak and Lillian Wang volunteer for Pediatric Student Association every Wednesday at John Sealy

Respiratory Lab Group learned how to secure endotracheal tubes in lab.
L to R: Anna McCurry, Cyndi Nguyen, Lillian Wang, Mohini Bhakta, Ericka Gardner, Flora Mosqueda, Carlos Gonzalez, Brandy Fuqua, Matt Plummer.
In front is Sayka Maknojia

RCSA bake sale, an absolute success!
Back: Karima Sayani, Mohini Bhakta, Flora Mosqueda, Jimmy Avira, Lillian Wang, Kelley Cuellar, Taimur Hasan
Front: Brittany Lostak, Lupita Salinas

For Chinese New Year (it is tradition to wear red on this day to bring prosperity)
Anna McCurry, Kelley Cuellar, Sayka Maknojia, Brittany Lostak, Lillian Wang
RT Officers elected for RCSA 2014-2015
L to R: Rufus Stephen, Hasan Akber, Taimur Hasan, Lillian Wang, Brittany Lostak, Kelley Cuellar

RT's Attending SHP Workshop
L to R: Anushay Kherani, Taimur Hasan, Brittany Lostak, Trami Luu, Cyndi Nguyen, Sayka Maknojia, Anna McCurry, Lillian Wang, Kelley Cuellar

RT Valentine Party
Back: Rufus Stephen, Taimur Hasan, Brittany Lostak, Kelley Cuellar, Jane Doan
Front: Lillian Wang, Jimmy Avira
“HANDS AND FEET” LAREDO, MEXICO MISSION TRIP
FEBRUARY 2014

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Hands and Feet Medical Missions
SHP and SON students participated in a “Share a Service Project” with Coastal Community Church. It is an annual event where students are sent into the Galveston community to provide various service projects.

We had great opportunities to help clean and organize Galveston’s Child Advocacy Center. We were able to learn about the amazing things that the center does for abused children and their parents. We had a wonderful time serving together and it was definitely an unforgettable experience.

Servers include: Jenilette Velasco-PAS, Eunji Lee-PAS, Devan Decell-PAS, Katherine Davis-PAS, Samantha Gore-PAS, Elizabeth Mikita-MOT, Stanley Nwosu-PT, Braden Lewelling-PT, Melody Adduru-SON, Heather Taylor-SON

**SERVOLUTION SUNDAY**

Written by:
Jenilette Velasco
PAS-MS
Occupational Hazards
2014 Championship Basketball Team

OT Students
Back row: Stacey Marshall, Landrey Lemons, Chris Ladd, Cody Cooper
Front row: Taryn Brown, Katelyn Fore, Hannah Cline, Mara Prindle

UNDEFEATED!
Texas Academy of Physician Assistants Challenge Bowl is a competition coordinated by the Student Academy of the American Academy of Physician Assistants.

The competition is held during the AAPA’s Annual PA Conference and the event is organized in a medical “Jeopardy” style. Forty-eight teams, with three PA students to a team, compete to answer medical-related questions. Questions are asked on a variety of subjects including physical diagnosis, microbiology, anatomy, OB/GYN, pulmonary, cardiology, primary care, emergency medicine, and surgery. Only AAPA student members currently enrolled in an accredited Physician Assistant program which has a registered student society are eligible to participate.

A little history: The Challenge Bowl started at the 1991 AAPA Annual Conference in San Francisco, CA. It has been held as an annual event at the conference every year since. Several states have followed this tradition and hold annual state competitions which are molded after the same format as the national competition. The competition is one of the most anticipated events at every Annual Conference.

UTMB SHP team members below include: Mary Vuong, Sara Swindle, Stephanie Lynch, Joanna Chen, Lindsey Reynoso, Mandy Murphy, Priya Patel, Taylor Roenigk and Kay Davis
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