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Welcome New Students and Welcome Back Returning Students!

"EXCELLENCE IN PROFESSIONALISM AWARD"
JUNE WINNER
Amanda Wallace

Amanda Wallace is the recipient of the Excellence in Professionalism Award for June. A fellow classmate nominated her saying, "Amanda is a physical therapy ambassador for St. Vincent’s. No matter what it takes she is there for these patients. Even during test week when none of the other students sign up for the job, she takes initiative and meets the needs of the patients. She knows that just because there are exams that week the patients still need us. They don’t stop needing therapy just because we have exams. She is kind, caring, and compassionate with all her patients. She also is very original in each of her treatment plans. Amanda does so many things for St. Vincent’s without others noticing. I feel it is time that she be recognized for it. Thank you Amanda for your wonderful dedication and love for St. Vincent’s." The award is given each month to recognize a student who has shown exemplary professionalism within the UTMB community.
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

To ensure 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-centered 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.

Lambda Tau CLS Honor Society

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.

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.

“EXCELLENCE IN PROFESSIONALISM AWARD” JULY WINNER

Kimbri Long

(Physical Therapy)

“Kimbri is the DPT class of 2012 vice president as well as a PT ambassador for St. Vincent’s. Kimbri displays her passion for our field day in and day out, whether it’s in or out of the classroom. She has been active in medical mission trips traveling to Laredo, TX and Lima, Peru, where she has dedicated her time to treating patients in need of free therapy. She is always willing and enthusiastic to volunteer for any events held on or around campus. Her commitment to our profession is one that goes unnoticed far too often. We are grateful and proud of her!”

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SHP STUDENTS WHO WERE RECENTLY NOMINATED FOR THE EXCELLENCE IN PROFESSIONALISM AWARD!

SHP May Nominations
Semir Adem—RC
Megan Dronet—DPT
Mindy Le—RC
Elizabeth McCullough—OT
Jenet Muktar—RC
Hendrix Otalor—DPT
Brittney Robinson—OT

SHP June Nominations
Jenet Muktar—RC

SHP July Nominations
Julia Maxwell—CLS

SHP August Nominations
No nominations/awards

The purpose of the Excellence in Professionalism Award is to recognize a student each month that has shown exemplary professionalism within the UTMB community. This student would have exhibited traits of the honor pledge and the three characteristics of the professionalism charter: integrity, compassion, and respect.

Do you know someone who has displayed acts of integrity, compassion and respect?

Nominate here
SGA Student Government Association

Click here for the June 7th minutes

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact the Student Government Association at:
Student.Government.Asso@utmb.edu

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.

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.

'Snu' members inducted into honor society

The Nu Chapter of Pi Theta Epsilon, the national occupational therapy honor society, inducted new members from the UTMB Class of 2012. Laura Hartmann, a second-year student and President of Nu Chapter, presided over the ceremony.

Inductees included first-year masters level occupational therapy students Andrea Alvarez, Rory Autry, Jana Cernosek, Kate Christy, Elyse Cooke, Emilie Feldmaier, Lindsay Hattaway, Kathleen Johnston, Sarah Kalina, Hillary Lindheim, Michelle Lindsay, Allison Pipak, Kayla Morgan, and honorary inductee Dr. Kira Beal.

Inductees were invited to apply based on academic standing. They were selected after a review of criteria that included submission of a scholarly work, prior civic and community activities, membership in professional organizations, and a written essay. Inductees read excerpts from a scholarly work during the ceremony and made a pledge to advance the profession of occupational therapy.

Pi Theta Epsilon stands for the three first letters of the Greek words meaning “Advancement in Occupational Therapy.” The purposes of the organization are: (1) to recognize and encourage scholastic excellence of occupational therapy students; (2) to contribute to the advancement of the field of occupational therapy through the scholarly activities of student and alumni members; and (3) to provide a vehicle for students enrolled in accredited programs in occupational therapy to exchange information and to collaborate regarding scholarly activities.
The Student Occupational Therapy Association (S.O.T.A) advances quality, availability, use and support of occupational therapy through education, promotion, service, and fundraising on behalf of the students of occupational therapy at UTMB.

**Professional Journals**

- Clinical Laboratory Sciences
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Physician Assistant Studies
- Respiratory Care

**SHP Upcoming Events Calendar**

**SEPTEMBER 2011**
13 - Online Registration Closes
13 - Last day to add or drop a course

**OCTOBER 2011**
25 - Scholarship Luncheon
31 — Halloween

**NOVEMBER 2011**
11 - Veteran's Day - School Closed
21 - Last day to withdraw from a course with a "W"
24 - 25 Thanksgiving Holiday — School Closed
28 - Classes Resume and Online Registration Opens

**DECEMBER 2011**
5 - Study Day — No Classes
6 - Final Exam Day
7 - Final Exam Day
8 - Final Exam Day
9 - Last Day of Class for Fall 2011
16 - Commencement
30 - Registration & Fee Payment Deadline (All Students)

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**Student Government Association New Student Fall Elections are Quickly Approaching!**

Want to get more involved? Serve UTMB?
The Student Government Association (SGA) allows you to do all that and so much more! SGA is the governing body for the students of UTMB who have the task of maximizing student satisfaction on campus. The organization is made up of elected members from each of the four UTMB schools (Health Professions, Biomedical Sciences, Nursing, and Medicine) and five executive council members. SGA looks at important campus issues and concerns brought to us by students in order to improve campus life. Examples of some issues include: student housing, parking, recycling, and food quality/pricing. We plan community service events like blood drives, toy drives, beach clean-ups, and FREE social gatherings (i.e. dinner parties, movie nights, and bingo for cash prizes!) SGA puts together the Syndrome, our yearbook, organizes intramural sports, and is a liaison between students and the administration, as well as, other student services such as the library and Student Health. Not only is this a great resume builder, but it provides valuable leadership experience. You have the opportunity to get involved with SGA with elections quickly approaching for new students! We encourage you to consider running for a position for your school.

For more information, stop by Student Life in the Student Center, 2.134.

Fall election dates for new students
Nominations: 9/6 – 9/16
Campaigning: 9/19 – 9/26
Election Day: Tuesday, 9/27

For more information, go to the election web page at [http://www.utmb.edu/studentlife/SGA/elections.html](http://www.utmb.edu/studentlife/SGA/elections.html).

Should you have any questions, please email Leanne Hoge at lehoge@utmb.edu or phone at 409-747-9057.
Important Information About
COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

Courses Due by October 31

UTMB and the School of Health Professions requires all students, whether full time, part time or distance students, to take 4 required compliance courses, each year that you are a student. Those courses are:

1. STUDENT REQUIRED TRAINING (due every 2 years)
2. STANDARD PRECAUTIONS (due every year)
3. ISOLATION PRECAUTIONS (due every year)
4. INFORMATION PROTECTION (due every year)

It is your responsibility to know when the courses are due. You can view your course deadlines by logging into the UTMB training page with your username and UTMB password at http://training.utmb.edu/login.aspx and by clicking on "My Assignments". You can take your courses in Blackboard at: https://eclass.utmb.edu/

If you have any questions regarding compliance, please contact Mary Ellen Beaupre at mebeaupr@utmb.edu or call (409)772-3030

American Red Cross

AMERICAN RED CROSS
STUDENT ORGANIZATION

The newly formed American Red Cross Student Organization is looking for new members to join their group. Their purpose is to fulfill the needs of the Galveston and UTMB communities by providing CPR and First Aid, as well as providing service opportunities for students in conducting blood drives.

Please contact president Shama Shaukatali at shshauka@utmb.edu for more information on this organization.

The Syndrome yearbook staff is looking for students to help with the 2011-2012 yearbook! If you are interested in joining the 2012 yearbook staff, please RSVP to Ericka Hailey at ekhailey@utmb.edu.

We encourage all SHP Student Organization Historians and student groups to join.
I am a graduate of the third UTMB PA class (1975). I have lived on Galveston Island for over 40 years, and also have a cabin on 10 acres outside Smithville, Texas. I am married and have two children, Jessica and Beau, both UT graduates. My daughter, Jessica, and her husband Todd are both graduates of UTMB medical school and did their residencies here at UTMB. The UTMB PA program educates some of the best PA’s in the country. We have great faculty and awesome preceptors. I believe that as more PA’s enter the workforce, that it will help solve some of the access to healthcare issues in this country.

LODIE MASSEY
Director of Clinical Curricula & Assistant Professor
Department of Physician Assistant Studies

Attention December Graduates 2011
December Commencement is right around the corner!
Here are some details so you can plan ahead.

**When:** December 16, 2011
**Where:** Levin Hall Main Auditorium
**Time:** Ceremony 4:00 pm

More details to come!
The Office of Academic and Student Affairs

The Office of Academic and Student Affairs provides 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 and the student newsletter Splash Page!

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

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Bottom row: Michelle Conley and Mary Ellen Beaupre

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ELECTRONIC SUGGESTION BOX

Please click on the link below to share your ideas with us so we can improve your campus experience in the School of Health Professions. We welcome your suggestions and your honest feedback because it identifies areas for improvement or it could be a new idea you would like to share. Your suggestions will be discussed by our office staff and our SHP Student Advisory Council.

Won’t you please take a minute and give us your feedback?

http://shp.utmb.edu/asa/suggestions.asp

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM STUDENT HEALTH AND COUNSELING

Dear Students,

We hope that the start of the Fall semester has been a smooth one.

We just wanted to remind you that if you need to reach Student Health or Student Counseling our phone number is 409-747-9508. If you have a question or need to make an appointment you can call that number. If you call, you have the option to leave a message and we will call you back. Another way to communicate with us is by email. The email address is stdwappt@utmb.edu.

We are open Monday through Friday from 8 am - 5 pm, except holidays and winter recess. After hours if you need medical assistance, please call the UTMB Access Center at 1-800-917-8906 or 409-772-2222.

Remember that all services in Student Health and Student Counseling are by appointment. There are two exceptions. You don’t need an appointment for readings for your TB skin test or Occupational Exposures. Please call us if you have any questions.

Student Health Staff

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