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PROGRAM UPDATES

Class of 2020 NCCPA PANCE

The program will soon be updating its [NCCPA PANCE Scores](#) on its website to reflect the successes from the Class of 2020. With one recent graduate score pending, the Class of 2020 is currently at 96% board pass rate. Be on the lookout for an update soon.

Additional News

The PAS Advisory Board met on Friday, February 12th to help guide the program through upcoming challenges and to help the program develop innovative ways to recruit and retain preceptors. The Board has been in existence since 2009 and consists of preceptors (MD, DO, & PAs).

The Program will be updating its website in the upcoming weeks to showcase alumni leadership accomplishments. The listing of activities will be pretty eye opening as it will detail accomplishments which will include regional and national accomplishments.

The MCCHS Diversity Equity & Inclusion Council is sponsoring a discussion about the disproportionate impact of the pandemic on women and communities of color. The panel hopes to provide resources to students entering patient care. Please see page 10 for more information. **Date: 3/29/21 from 3:30-5 via zoom**
Zoom Meeting ID: 948 4263 9049
Link: <https://missouristate.zoom.us/j/94842639049>

The Faculty & Staff recently celebrated [Beth Elliott's retirement](#). We were very fortunate that Beth was part of our team for so many years. Below is a picture from the day we all got together.

Have program updates or other news you'd like included in the next newsletter?

Send your submissions to [Dr. Canales](#), PAS Director



FACULTY

Scholarly Activity

Professor Miracle was recently selected by the Physician Assistant Education Association (PAEA) to serve a 3-year term on one of its Exam Development Boards (PACKRAT). These are highly sought-after appointments by faculty from across the country. PAEA exams (EOR, PACKRAT, Summative) are utilized by 95% of PA programs.

Dr. Canales is ending his 3-year term on PAEA's Exam Development Board as chair of the Family Medicine & Internal Medicine committee. Prior to this, he had served as a committee member on the same committee since 2012. In addition, he had been a test item writer with NCCPA for both PANCE and PANRE from 1997-2009.

In collaboration with Dr. Tracy Cleveland (Alumni & former MSU PA faculty member), Dr. Canales recently submitted the article "Emotional Intelligence: Changes over the First Year of Physician Assistant Education" to the *Journal of Physician Assistant Education*. This had been a 4-year collaborative project which has come to an end.

In 2020, Professor Hauschildt had two articles published in peer-reviewed journals. Professor Hauschildt served as a co-author on "Quality Improvement in AT Education on Female Athlete Triad". Published in *Clinical Practice in Athletic Training* June 2020, Vol 3, Issue two. In addition, she was the co-author of "Interprofessional Education in Clinical Sports Dietetics: A Case Study Approach". Published in *Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics SCAN Pulse* Spring 2020, Vol 39, No 2.

Professor Applegate recently submitted for publication a collaborative manuscript titled, "Vaccine perceptions in a free urban clinic for underserved, uninsured adults" alongside Dr. Brandi Bowers and others.

Professor Cook will be providing dermatology and pediatric review presentations sponsored by CME Resources in March and April. CME Resources holds review courses for PAs scheduled to take the PANCE and PANRE exams. Review courses are typically in person at various locations throughout the country.

DIDACTIC

Class of 2022 Updates

The class of 2022 recently elected officers, see photo composite on next page. Officers include President - Sarah Phillips, Vice President – Leah Krafft, Secretary – Trevor Moore, Treasurer – Anna Biernbaum, MOAPA - Hannah Swyers and Trevor Moore, AAPA Josh Lottmann and Payden Shapland, Historian - Sarah Dobard, Wellness - Nicole Poganski and Hannah Garrad, White Coat Ceremony Chair – Gerri Idos, Pre-PA Liaison – Marc Havlicek, Apparel - write in winner is Miranda Ruth, Volunteer – Melissa Toman

Sarah Phillips, Class of '22

“Time is flying for the didactic students and we cannot believe we are almost halfway done with our first semester. Some days it feels like we just started, and some days it feels like we have been here forever! We have been practicing our physical exam skills and started learning more about POCUS.

It has been a blast to be in the cadaver lab as well, and we are so thankful for that opportunity. Outside of a busy class schedule, we have gotten to know our cohort well and it already feels like a family.

Though we have been testing frequently, we are making the most of it and having a blast with our classmates and professors... Did you guys know Professor Miracle is great at handstand push-ups? It's true! We have had bowling nights, trivia nights, and class dinners to break up our study time and step away from O'Reilly.

Though we are eager for a much-needed spring break to let our minds rest; we are so excited to get back, learn more, and keep piecing things together week by week!”

Physician Assistant Studies Cohort 2022



Megan Bekas



Anna Biernbaum



Vanna Carr



John Compton



Sarah Dobard



Hannah Garrad



Lauren Gregory



Marc Havlicek



Taylor Heimann



Gerri Idos



Leah Krafft



Jacky Lopez



Josh Lottmann



Cassidy McCandless



Nichole McGrath



Trevor Moore



Patrick Murphy



Munia Mustafa



Thomas Nelson



Daniel Orsini



Rachel Peth



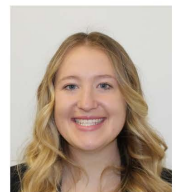
Sarah Phillips



Nicole Poganski



Miranda Ruth



Payden Shapland



Hannah Swyers



Katie Tinklepaugh



Melissa Toman



Josh Trammell



Mallory Warren

Physician Assistant Studies Cohort 2022

Director of Clinical Education—a word from Kimberly Cook

Clinical Year 2021 is off to a great start. After a some hiccups in the first rotation, things have smoothed out and it looks to be a great year. We are looking forward to working with many of our long-established preceptors, as well as quite a few new preceptors. We continue to add to the list of alumni who are now precepting, which is very exciting for us.

Here are a few preceptors comments received from rotation #1. “Excellent student. Would be welcome in my practice. Always on time. Never complained. Great rapport with patients/staff.” “Student did great. Above what was expected for this being their first rotation. Eager to learn, pro-active with finding procedures to do, always reading to follow-up on what we were seeing clinically. Did better than expected for their first rotation.” “Student worked very well with our team. Was very kind and thoughtful in regards to all of the patient’s needs. Above average-mastery at their current level of training.” “Student was excellent! Definitely the best student I have worked with so far here. They had well focused history and physicals. Student was honest when they didn’t know something or forgot to ask something. Student was interested and asked great questions. They wrote down things I would teach them to learn more about later. Truly excellent student!” .

We are very proud of what our students are out there doing. You are representing the program well!

Rotation Updates

Professor Cook alongside the clinical year team are in negotiations with Burrell Behavioral Health and General Leonard Wood Army Community Hospital to establish additional training opportunities. We are optimistic and hopeful that these efforts will pay off later this year. Similar efforts have paid off with Lakeland Behavioral Health in Springfield, Golden Valley Memorial Hospital & Clinics in the Clinton, MO area and in a pediatric facility in Broken Arrow, OK.

Volunteering

The program would like to thank 2nd year students Onye Osemenam and Kelsie Griffiths for taking the time out of their clinical training on Friday, February 26th to volunteer in a city-wide effort to provide COVID vaccinations. These efforts are not only meaningful for obvious reasons but certainly add to one’s portfolio when it comes time to competitively apply for a PA position.

Reminder, thank you notes!

A few preceptors recently reached out to the Program to say how much they appreciated thank you notes from students who recently completed a rotation. While this might seem contrite the reality is, it is very meaningful to those preceptors who give of their time to help make sure that PA students are well prepared for clinical practice. Remember, those chose a PA student from MSU to precept as opposed to other students such a medical, DO, or NP.

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CLASS OF 2021

Department of Physician Assistant Studies - Missouri State University - Springfield, Missouri

Karrie Vander Sluis, Class of 2021

While on her second clinical rotation (family medicine), Karrie participated in mass COVID vaccination effort at Brodstone Memorial Hospital & Superior Family Medical Center, Superior NE. In total 84 individuals vaccinated. One such individual was Haley, a nurse at the SFMC. Karrie commented that, “the population I have worked with have been very excited to be involved and feel that being vaccinated against COVID-19 is a responsibility: to themselves, their families, and their community. Many of them have not seen family for almost (or over) a year and look forward to being able to see their children and grandchildren, hopefully very soon. One woman getting her 2nd dose of the vaccine said that she has been suffering with some depression over the last few months, mostly due to pandemic fatigue, and cannot remember the last time she was this excited about anything (and promised that she has NEVER been this excited about receiving a shot).”



Kerrie and Haley at vaccination clinic.



Physician Assistant Studies Cohort 2021



Courtney Estes, PAS 2 and Dr. Detten

While on his first clinical rotation (family medicine) here in Springfield, Colton stated “I spent most of the rotation performing annual wellness exams and follow ups on chronic conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, hypo/hyperthyroidism, and mood disorders. We also performed several joint injection, skin biopsies, and cryotherapy. We saw patients from less than 1 years old to older than 80! Dr. Russ Detten (PA Program Medical Director) has amazing bedside manner and I got to work towards perfecting my physical exam skills on every patient we encountered. Any student would be lucky to rotate here and learn under one of the best physicians.”

Colton Peltz, Class of 2021

Stay Social

The MSU PA department maintains an active social media presence on [Facebook](#) and shares news via the department's [blog](#).

If you have suggestions for social media posts or interest in writing a blog article, please submit your proposals to LeAnne Snow.

Follow our Facebook page or check out the newsfeed on our website to stay up-to-date on department news.

Some of our recent recognitions published on these sites include:

#8 on the [Best 15 Physician Assistants Degrees in 2021](#) by Best Value Schools

#40 on the [Top 49 Best Physician Assistant Degrees Programs](#) by Intelligent Educational Consultants

[MSU PA Program Recognized for Diversity Work](#)

ADMISSION & RECRUITMENT

A word from LeAnne Snow

This semester is off to a busy start with the 2021-2022 admissions cycle quickly approaching. [CASPA](#) officially opens on April 29th. The deadline for consideration to the MSU PA program is July 15, 2021. Interested students who are preparing for future applications, can schedule advising appointments with [LeAnne Snow](#).

After a successful admissions season last year, we are excited about the potential for our upcoming cycle. With a 3.7 overall average GPA, students in the class of 2022 also included 15 MSU alums, 3 veterans, 9 first generation college students as well as a wealth of diverse life experiences including mission or medical trips to 12 countries and several students who lived/worked in countries outside the U.S.

The PA Department has scheduled a number of opportunities for recruitment and advisement this spring. If you know anyone interested in learning more about the program, please refer them to one of the upcoming events:

3/12 & 4/16 [MSU PA Virtual Open House Sessions](#)

Two clinical year student volunteers are needed for the 4/16 Open House student Q&A panel. Please contact [LeAnne Snow](#) if you are available to participate from 2:30-3:00pm. Thanks to the students who volunteered for the first open house session!

3/16 [MU Virtual Health Professions Career & Opportunities Fair](#)

4/7 [PAEA Virtual PA Fair](#)

4/10 [MSU Spring Showcase](#) recruitment for high school juniors

4/24 [University of Iowa Virtual Pre-Health Conference](#)

5/5 MSU Admitted Students Monday recruitment for high school seniors newly admitted to MSU

Alumni

To acknowledge all of our many alumni accomplishments, we are releasing an Alumni Achievements page on the [website](#). Be on the lookout for the release of the page this month! Please let us know of any alumni achievements that should be added to the page.

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

**MCHHS DEI COUNCIL
PRESENTS**

In the Same Ocean but Not the Same Boat: Resources to Combat Disparities in the Age of COVID-19

Learn about the disproportionate impact of the pandemic on women and communities of color. Resources that MSU offers for faculty and staff will be presented and discussed

Panelists:

Dr. Chris Craig, Deputy Provost

Dola Flake, Bears L.E.A.D

Denise Lofton, Interim Assistant Director of Human Resources-Benefits

Dr. Shurita Thomas-Tate, Communication Sciences & Disorders

Dr. Eunice Gititu, Physician Medical Staff, Magers Health and Wellness Center

**Monday, March 29
3:30-5 via Zoom
Zoom Meeting ID: 948 4263 9049**



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