



MU Sound Byte

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Diagnostic Medical Sonography



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Congratulations

Class of 2016—All seventeen graduates passed and earned their RDMS credential in both the abdominal and OB/GYN specialties. Thus far, four of the graduates earned the RVT credential. All graduates secured employment.

Rachel Mackie, BSDMS, RDMS, RVT earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Diagnostic Medical Sonography on December 19, 2016 during our winter commencement. Rachel is a 2014 graduate of the certificate program and currently works and resides in Charleston, SC.



WE are so Excited for YOU!

Keep the Date on Your Calendar

February 20, 2017—RSVP due if attending the Class of 2017 Completion Ceremony.



March 12, 2017—Completion ceremony for Class of 2017 at Misericordia University in the Sandy and Marlene Insalaco Hall. Please plan on attending.

March 25 - 29, 2017 AIUM Annual Conference, Lake Buena Vista, Florida.

June 2-6, 2017— American Society of Echocardiography in Baltimore, Maryland.

July 15, 2017—Course registration due for fall semester.

August 3-5, 2017 Society of Vascular Ultrasound in Lake Buena Vista, Florida.

October 12-15, 2017, SDMS Annual Conference, Dallas, Texas.

December 15, 2017—SDMS clinical Instructor CME deadline for year 2017.

Fall Education Symposium

Misericordia University and NEPASU

Misericordia University and the Northeastern Pennsylvania Society of Ultrasound (NEPASU) joined together to celebrate NEPASU's 25th anniversary and to host an excellent educational seminar. Our community is so fortunate to have a local society that has been in existence since 1991 with many of the founding members still attending meetings.

The symposium, attended by 90 sonographers and students, afforded the opportunity to learn forefront technology from Dr. Fred Kremkau, author and national presenter. Amanda George, alumna presented on Pediatric Sonography. Special for the day was four students each presenting an interesting case. It is important to mentor and engage the students in sharing their knowledge as they are our future sonographers and leaders. In the afternoon the attendees were either educated in Breast Sonography by Drs. Farrell and Policare, radiologists at Geisinger Wyoming Valley or Echocardiography by Richard Palma BS, RDCS, ACS, program director and cardiac sonographer from St. Francis Medical Center in Connecticut.

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Student presenters: Danielle Fereck, Kaitlyn Proper, Allison Beltz, and Jackie Reimer



NEPASU Symposium

In addition, attendees were exposed to new technology and products exhibited by sponsors Carestream, Sentinal Imaging, Pharmaceutical Innovations, and Parks Medical Systems.



Ms. Amanda George and Dr. Fred Kremkau



Mr. Palma discusses echocardiography with students

Student Service Opportunities

As a program, one of our goals is to instill the charisms of Misericordia University in our students, in particular, service and volunteerism. We are happy to report that the current class of students have been actively involved in various charitable and service opportunities since enrolled in the program. Some current happenings that some of our students have participated in are:

- Cereal Drive
- Blue Chip Farms
- Sock Drive
- Winter Apparel Drive
- Feed A Friend
- Ruth's Place
- Toys for Tots
- St. Gabriel's Angels (collecting plastic bottles)



The program is very rigorous and is more of a non traditional format, so it is especially great to see that they are involved with opportunities affiliated with Misericordia and others in the community. We thank all the students who participated in the various events promoting service and giving.

MONA- RIP

It is with sincere sadness that we share with our graduates the passing of Mona, our beloved mannequin and simulator. Mona has been an essential part of the lab since the beginning of the program in 2003. The students learned introductory scanning techniques, correlation of clinical histories and were able to learn the sonographic appearances of various pathologies.

Simulation is a growing and a vital aspect to healthcare education.



However, the technology to develop a high quality simulator is expensive. The program is seeking donations (small or large) to cover the cost of Mona's funeral expenses and while she can never be replaced (equipment no longer sold in US), a substitute is being explored to continue to expose students to a variety of pathology.

Please contact Sheryl Goss at sgoss@misericordia.edu or 570-674-6790 to help support education. It is tax deductible too!

Clinical Instruction CME's

Once again this year, the program will be offering SDMS continuing education credits in appreciation for Clinical Instructorship. The maximum number of credits is six per year. The cycle is from January 1 to December 15th . New forms have been e-mailed to clinical instructors. Please feel free to make additional copies as needed. When submitting, be sure to include the log of time spent with the student(s) and the evaluation form. Be sure the student verifies and signs the form for each block of time spent instructing the student. The paperwork is to be submitted to Karen Klimas, **DO NOT** send directly to SDMS.

Upon receipt of these documents, you will be issued your CME certificate via e-mail. Please note, the ARRT does NOT accept clinical instructorship credits. They are accepted by the ARDMS. **Did you know.....**If you are a member of the SDMS, your CME activities will automatically be tracked for you. Yet another perk of SDMS membership!

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Guest Lecturer for Interventional Sonography

The second level sonography students were treated to a lecture given by Dr. David Mariner MD, Director of Vascular Lab at Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center.

Dr. Mariner shares the evolution of vascular treatment and current options for intervention of vascular pathology. Through interesting cases, he shares his value of the

sonographers in providing quality examinations to aid in determination of best intervention for the patient. Often the vascular sonographer is the first to document the pathological process.

As a program, we welcome those interested in volunteering their time to guest lecture or to share your talents and experience. If interested, please contact Sheryl

Goss or Karen Klimas.



Dr. Mariner and the class of 2017