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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. Students actively lead or participate in a variety of activities that benefit the profession and the community.

WNEP's Feed A Friend yielded over 135 non-perishables donated to the organization for Thanksgiving.



Kelsey Manning, senior, organized a toy drive sponsored by the Honeybrook Police Department. At left are three of the many students who donated to the cause.

DMS students work with participants in CHSE's Middle Camp to introduce middle school students to a variety of health care careers, including sonography. Students get hands on learning by scanning Meredith and Derrick, our computerized simulation equipment.



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Graduate Spotlight

Megan Jackson, MS, RT, RDMS, RVT

Class of 2007

Current position: Guthrie Healthcare System,
Lead Epic Application's Analyst

Describe your greatest asset that has helped you navigate your career journey.

My greatest asset to help me navigate my career journey is my ability to organize my schedule and my determination to succeed. In order to take on bigger challenges, I've had to learn how to be more efficient in order to make the most use of my work hours without taking over my personal life. I've also taken on additional projects and completed my Masters degree while balancing my career.

What pathway did you take to move from sonographer to Information Technology?

During my employment as a sonographer, a radiology manager position became available at one of Guthrie's campuses. I accepted the manager position. During my time as manager, I led the department through a relocation to a newly constructed hospital. However, I was challenged to balance work and personal life because of my devotion to high quality work. During my days as manager, I fell in love with project management, which then led me to becoming part of implementing Epic electronic medical system into the organization.

Who would you consider your professional mentors?

My greatest mentor is the manager who took over the radiology director position when I moved into IT. She had a lot of success in developing people and managing conflict. Through her encouragement, I learned how I could have managed my work/life balance more appropriately to avoid burnout. I also recently sought a mentor in another department who came to Guthrie with experience from several healthcare systems. Through this experience, I got great tools to use to organize my day and work more efficiently. I highly suggest not being afraid to seek mentors, both within and outside of your specialty, throughout your career. Look for people who possess qualities and strengths you admire since they may have gone through similar experiences and are successful.



How have you learned to balance your career and family?

Take vacation! You need to take time away from work in order to rejuvenate yourself and come back with more energy. Everyone is replaceable at work but your family can't replace you. Make the most of your hours at work. If you have down time, use the time to further educate yourself with additional CME's, read an ultrasound book, or help others to make their job's easier. The extra time you devote will pay off.

What advice would you give sonographers?

The advice I would give sonographers is always keep learning and never be too proud to ask questions. You can learn something new everyday if you take the opportunity to educate yourself or use the resources around you. Every sonographer or coworker can teach you something if you are humble enough to ask.

Class Activities

Fieldtrip to

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

Dr. Mariner shares the evolution of vascular treatment and current options for the 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; therefore, quality and accuracy is essential for the patient and for the physician.



Student Amanda Kline works with occupational therapy students in an interprofessional education project on ergonomics. Occupational therapy students get introduced to sonographic imaging while they assess and communicate techniques to improve the DMS student's posture and build good long-term habits.



Diagnostic Medical Sonography students and Occupational Therapy students enrolled in the weekend program joined together for a team building activity. Using Legos, each table of students was given instructions with the objective to build the tallest tower. The real lesson was the key to effective teamwork is communication and having the ability to plan before taking action.



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Dates and Reminders

February 19, 2019

RSVP due if attending the Class of 2019 Recognition Ceremony.

March 9, 2019

NEPASU Seminar at Misericordia University

March 10, 2019

Sonography Recognition Ceremony for Class of 2019 at
Misericordia University in the Sandy and Marlene Insalaco Hall.

April 6-10, 2019

AIUM Annual Conference, Orlando, Florida.

June 21-25, 2019

American Society of Echocardiography in Portland, Oregon.

July 15, 2019

Course registration due for fall semester.

August 1-3, 2019

Society of Vascular Ultrasound Annual Conference
in Chicago, Illinois

September 26-29, 2019

SDMS Annual Conference, National Harbor, Maryland.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the students who were awarded a Bachelor of Science Degree in Diagnostic Medical Sonography on December 16, 2018. These graduates were driven to achieve their professional goal while balancing their employment, online coursework and personal responsibilities.

- Christopher Bosnick, RDMS, RVT
Windsor, Pennsylvania
- Misha J'nate Copeland, RDMS
Georgia
- Teela Durfee, RDMS
Silver Spring, Maryland
- Clarissa Stauffer, RDMS, RVT
Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania



CLARISSA STAUFFER, BSDMS, RDMS, RVT

Congratulations to Lindsey Solovey, RDMS who earned her MBA from Temple University. WE are so Excited for YOU!

