In Memoriam

It is with great sadness to inform you that a bright light in our world went out. Nick Herron, echo class of 2008, echocardiographer, pediatric echocardiographer, cardiology technician, sleep technician, EEG technician, father, and husband, passed away suddenly in March of this year. The faculty that worked with Nick is saddened about his untimely death, as are our students who knew him or had him as a clinical preceptor. Please keep Nick’s family in your prayers.

Accreditation Update

We have applied for reaccreditation for Vascular and Adult Echocardiography, as well as for accreditation for Pediatric Echocardiography. We are waiting to hear when the site visit will be scheduled, and are expecting it to be this fall.

Thanks to you….
Our students have participated in several industry lectures this Spring, including the contrast echocardiography, pediatric echocardiography, dysynchrony and CRT, as well as the Aortic Symposium and various other vascular lectures. Many students will be attending the Echo Boot Camp which will be held April 13-14th.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2012 GRADUATES!

Echo graduates are: Athena Andha, Pam Gates, Ashleigh Jewell, Tung Pham, Selina Proeun, Theresa Saenz, Monica Ritter, Jeff Salazar, April Shifflett and Ashley Willingham.


Awards Day: April 25th
Commencement: May 15th

BEST WISHES TO YOU ALL!
Beginning this summer, the ACC DCVS students will be using the Ultralingq Digital Reporting System to complete their scan assignments. This will allow the students to measure while offline, and will allow the instructors to grade moving images on the computer instead of stills captured on thermal paper or studies recorded on VCR tapes. We are looking forward to moving into the digital world!

STAR AWARD RECIPIENT

Rebecca Gonzales, Echo class of 2013, earned the coveted Star Award for her outstanding performance at clinical recently. One of the perks of earning the Star Award is a bonus point added to her final clinical grade.

Congratulations, Rebecca!

STUDENTS EARN 1ST CREDENTIAL!

Congratulations to Lacie Cole, Mark Copeland, Zachary Greutzner, Aubrey Bristol and Tim Wong – these students earned the Certified Cardiographic Technician Credential (CCT) through CCI, after completing their Fall EKG Rotation.

"Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does."

William James
GRADUATE SPOTLIGHT

From an interview with 2005 Echocardiography graduate, Holly Vera. BS, RDCS.

“I graduated in 2005 with an Advanced Technical Certificate in Cardiac Sonography. I worked for The Methodist Hospital for 2 years as an adult cardiac sonographer, and then moved to Memorial Hermann in The Woodlands where I was cross-trained into Pediatric Echocardiography. I worked there for 5 years. This past June I was hired by GE Healthcare to pursue a career in sales. Currently, I am an Ultrasound Sales Specialist for Optison (a contrast agent for technically difficult echocardiograms) covering a large territory, including Houston, Temple, Austin, San Antonio and South Texas. My background in sonography was essential for this job, as I train sonographers how to use the contrast and help them with the machine settings to optimize the images.

I am very thankful for Alvin Community College, as it gave me a new career that has given me progressively better pay as the years have gone by, in addition to a flexible schedule and good benefits. The price for this degree/certificate was extremely reasonable and was a great investment in my future.

STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN STRIDE FOR STROKE EVENT


This event was presented by the T.L. L Temple Foundation, and is Houston’s only 5K dedicated to promoting education and awareness of stroke symptoms, treatment, prevention and research.

Funds raised benefit the Methodist Neurological Institute and its stroke outreach education programs at all Methodist system hospitals.
TAX–DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS ACCEPTED!

We are currently accepting personal or corporate donations to our student scholarship fund. As students pass their registry exams, they are reimbursed $100 per exam. With such an abundance of students – our scholarship fund is now depleted! We are in desperate need of charitable contributions in order to reward these students. If you or someone you know would like to give a tax-deductible gift towards this worthy cause, please contact Program Director, Jessica Murphy at 281.756.5650. All donations of any size are greatly appreciated!

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Jessica Murphy, Lynne Bruner, Dee Dee Metzcher-Carr and Dina DuBose will be touring the Siemens Innovation Center in Mountain View, California, in May. Karen Bussolati, Product Sales Executive for Siemens Healthcare Ultrasound Division, will be conducting the tour and will cover all cardiovascular ultrasound topics. The DCVS Faculty will have the opportunity to view the new release on the Siemens platforms and learn how these platforms will be used in the future.