“Welcome” to our New Clinical Sites!

UT Physicians Bayshore, Digisonics, Memorial Hermann HVI Southwest, and Dr. Bapat with UT Physicians.

“Thanks” to our Educators and Preceptors

We would like to thank our dedicated preceptors and educators who instruct our students. Several in-services, lectures, interpretations classes and seminars were provided by individuals and companies, including: Dr. Kee, Norm Middleton of VascuLab, Jeanne Patton of UTMB, and Ann Kiliany of St. Luke’s.

We greatly appreciate you all!

Did You Know?

Several local hospitals are employing only dual-registered sonographers. Specifically, they are seeking technologists who are registered in both Echo and Vascular.

If you would like to cross-train into another modality and enjoy more benefits and job security, please contact Jessica Murphy to find out how to get started!

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Congratulations to the following students for their recent induction into

PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY

Joshlyn Belk
Rebecca Pritchard
Katherine Reeves
Angelica Smith

Congratulations!

New Equipment!

The DCVS program has been in the process of evaluating equipment since we received the approval to purchase two new systems this fiscal year. Several vendors have been to campus to provide demos of their systems and hosted “Lunch and Learns” for the students and faculty. Toshiba, Hitachi, Mindray, Biosound, GE, and Siemens have each submitted an official bid. The equipment proposals go before the board in November. We hope to complete the purchase this fall and have our new equipment installed and ready to train on by January.

Class of 2015 Update

Vascular: 100% registered; 100% employed

Echo: 100% registered; 100% employed

Pedi: 50% registered; 50% employed
Fall is always a busy semester for our students. They are taking classes and attending clinical rotations, health fairs, meetings, in-services, lectures, seminars, and community events. These events include: Life and Soul Health Fair, Lunch and Learn seminars, ACC Fall Fitness Fair, Brazoria County Fair, the Adult Congenital Heart Symposium and the ACC Adult Echo Symposium.

Below, sophomores Saydi Wollney, Kelly Short and Jennifer Gladden at the ACC Fall Fitness Fair.

Below, freshman Shayna Breaux working the “What Do You Want To Be When You Grow Up” photo booth at the Brazoria County Fair.

Below, freshmen Kelsey Faust, Sam Allison and Hunter Reed ready for patients at the ACC Fitness Fair.

Below, Vascular students Elizabeth Bright, Jody Willis and Sam Allison, ready for vascular screening!

Above, freshmen Joshlyn Belk and Meagan Jarmon at the Congenital Heart Symposium.

Below, freshman Joshlyn Belk gets some practice at the Congenital Heart Symposium.

Below, Lauren Merritt and Instructor, Theresa Saenz at ACC Fall Fitness Fair.
2015 Adult Echo Symposium

On October 23rd-24th, Alvin Community College held the “Adult Echo Symposium.” Symposium attendees appreciated the education and the CMEs provided. Although the weather was stormy, the speakers and participants were able to attend and learn about the latest updates from the Houston Medical Center institutions. Many vendors were present and exhibited the newest technology in sonography equipment and software. Hands-on scanning and instruction were also available during the sessions. Some speakers were from the Houston Medical Center and many were world-renown. Symposium attendees came from Houston and surrounding areas, and from as far away as Dallas and Beaumont. We would like to thank the speakers for donating their time and expertise and the vendors for their amazing support. We also extend our appreciation to the DCVS students who helped with set-up, registration, clean-up and everything in between. Funds raised from ACC symposia are used to help students defray a portion of the registry exam costs. Alvin Community College DCVS looks forward to the Vascular Symposium, in October of 2016.

Symposium Vendors

We would like to extend our gratitude and appreciation to our vendors who helped make the Adult Echo Symposium a success! We greatly appreciate their support of the CMEs, and their provision of jump drives, refreshment breaks, lunches, and the scanning workshops and demonstrations. Vendors include: Rick Garcia of Hitachi Aloka, Steve Cross and Tom Mitchell of Toshiba, Robert Gregory and Neil Tharp of GE, Alicia Abilez of Lantheus, Patty Gallego of GE Optison, Dawn McCreight-Shaw and Lynne Bruner of Digisonics, and Karen Bussolatti and Kevin Petruy of Siemens. You helped make the symposium a success!

Above, sophomore Lauren Merritt receives instruction from Kevin Petruy.

Above, Dr. Patrick Kee, Medical Director for The DCVS program, speaker at the Symposium.

Above, sophomore echo student, Kelly Short, gets hands-on scanning experience.
**PECIALECHOCARDIOPHGRAPHY LECTURE SERIES continues 1.5 CMEs for each class**

Lectures are 1.5 hours each and held every other month on Mondays, 6-7:30 pm

**COURSE CALENDAR 2016**

02/08/16 “Coronary Arteries”
Brandi Oubre, RDCS

04/13/16 “Tetralogy of Fallot”
Sue Poston, RDCS (AE, FE, PE) RVS, RCS

**LOCATION**

Hermann Heart and Vascular Institute
3rd Floor, Conference Room A&B,
HVI 3.103
6411 Fannin Street
Houston
Memorial Hermann Hospital
Texas Medical Center

This lecture series is FREE. Space is limited; please RSVP by phone or email:
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**GHS/HSNIVT HOLIDAY CELEBRATION MEETING**

Mark your calendars for the 2015 combined society meeting! It will be held Thursday, December 3rd, 6 pm, at Houston Marriott, Medical Center.

Please join us for education, fun and networking!

Speakers are Susan Tiukinhoy Laing, MD, MSc, FAHA, FACC, FASE and Gordon H. Martin, MD.

Contact/RSPV: Michael Adams mwadams1@me.com or Heather Buckner at heatherlee@buckner@yahoo.com

**DCVS Welcomes New Faculty**

Theresa Saenz, RDCS, a graduate of the DCVS program, is our new Adult Echocardiography faculty. She will be teaching adult echo lecture and labs to both freshmen and sophomore students, as well as doing clinical site visits and performing competency assessments and evaluations.

*Welcome, Theresa!*

**ACC DCVS at SDMS Annual Conference**

Deb Kleinhans, Jessica Murphy and Sue Poston attended the annual SDMS Symposium in Dallas, which began September 30th. The instructors were joined by sophomores Angela Kristof, Danielle Kemendo, Autum Garcia, Saydi Wollney and freshman Brittany Kennedy. The students were able to attend with the help of the Sonography Student Club funds and the Student Government travel grant. They visited numerous presentations by speakers from all over the country. Deb, Jessica and Sue attended presentations on college instruction, vascular sonography and adult echocardiography. The instructors were updated on new accreditation standards, as well as on new instructional methods and techniques. DCVS faculty highly endorses the annual SDMS conference for the vital sonography updates and information it provides.

Below, Autum Garcia, Sue Poston, Brittany Kennedy, Jessica Murphy, Angela Kristof, Danielle Kemendo and Saydi Wollney.