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*"I think the greatest ambition in life is to pass on to others what I know."
Frank Sinatra*

Dates to remember:

- May 12th Graduation Beach Party!! See insert for more details
- May 13th, Graduation!
- June 9, 2008 Summer classes begin
- July 4th, no students at clinical

Congratulations Graduates of 2008

Please join us in congratulating our Graduating class of 2008. Earning an Associate Degree of Applied Science—Vascular Technology are Ruthie Broussard, Jan Appleton, Tonya Gagnon, Victoria Hardaway, and LaQuitha Johnson. Earning an Advanced Technical Certificate in Vascular Technology is Deb Frommeyer. Earning an Associate Degree of Applied Science—Echocardiography are Ashley Dore', Tim Edson, David Gamez, Monica Garza, Whitney Meyer, Nick Herron, Yan Phan and John Yoder. The winners of the GPA awards are Yan Phan-Echocardiography and Ruthie Broussard-Vascular Technology. Clinical skills awards go to Tonya Gagnon— Vascular Technology and Whitney Meyer-Echocardiography. Preceptor of the Year for Vascular

Technology is Marisa Guel-The Methodist Hospital and for Echocardiography-Brandon Elliott- The Methodist Hospital. Both alumni of the ACC DCVS program. Clinical site of the year goes to The Methodist Hospital peripheral vascular lab and to The Methodist Hospital echocardiography

lab. A clean sweep! All of our graduates are eligible to take their ARDMS registry exams immediately upon graduation. They have all worked very hard to complete the program and balance school, work and life.



JRC-DMS site visit update

February 28 and 29 we welcomed JRC-DMS site visitors Patty Braga and Terry Dubose. During the two day process they poured over notebooks of documentation, interviewed the students and visited clinical sites. We would like to personally thank all of the facilities that welcomed us in during the site visit. We were found to

have no deficiencies and are now awaiting the official word from the JRC-DMS board regarding the visit. This process can take around 4 months. *From left: Patty Braga, Jessica Murphy, Terry Dubose*

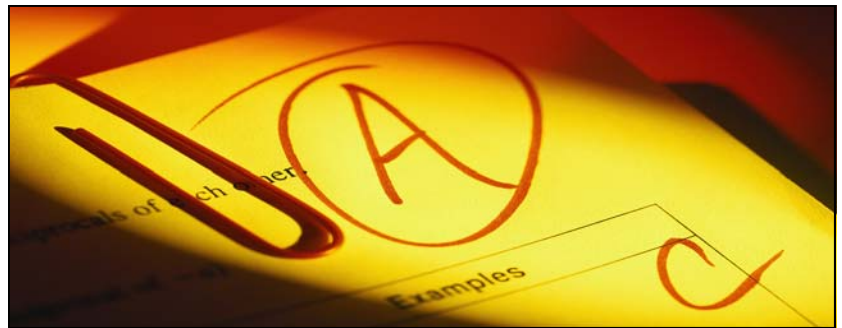


Meet our new faculty

We have new faculty that has joined us. Dina Dubose, AAS, RVT, RVS, CCT vascular clinical faculty. Dina will be visiting vascular and echo students at clinical. "Dina has been a huge help to me this semester. She is organized and her initiative is inspiring!", Lynne Bruner, Clinical Director. Deb Kleinhans, RVT vascular faculty. Deb is a 2004 graduate of the Diagnostic Cardiovascular Sonography (DCVS) Program. She has been teaching Introduction to Vascular, assisting with physics lab/class and has been here for outside scan labs. Anthony Barajas, RDCS lab instructor. Anthony is a 2005

graduate of the DCVS program and has been a huge help to the students during outside scan labs. Bill Hendrix, RDCS, RVT has begun teaching vascular interpretation classes this spring. Bill is a former instructor for the DCVS program and has served as a clinical preceptor in

both the echocardiography and vascular technology programs. Bill has filled a great need for our vascular students. Interpretation is key and now they will have specialty classes outside of class and lab to concentrate on this issue.

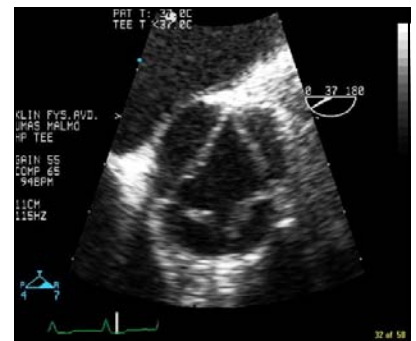


Now accepting applications for pediatric echocardiography ATC

Now that our pediatric echocardiography advanced technical certificate curriculum has been approved we are looking for



candidates. The application deadline is October 15th. All details are available on the ACC website www.alvincollege.edu. Look for Certificates and degrees and select Diagnostic Cardiovascular Sonography Program. If you have any questions about the program please call 281-756-5651 or 281-756-5650. We encourage anyone who thinks they might be interested to investigate.



Quadracuspid aortic valve

Well done DCVS alumni!!!

The entire vascular class of 2007 is now ARDMS registered!. Congratulations, Dina Dubose, Tammy Gabbert, Janet Stapp and Celso Garcia, all RVT. Than Bui— graduate of the DCVS program in 2005 has passed her RPVI-Registered Physicians' Vascular Interpretation. What an outstanding achievement.



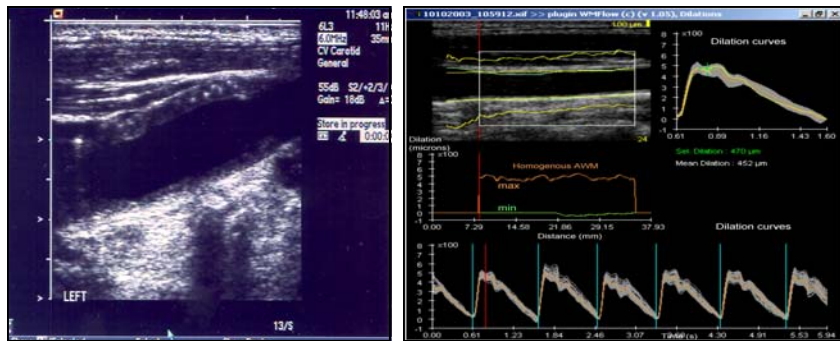
"Mentoring is a brain to pick, an ear to listen, and a push in the right direction." - John Crosby

Benefits of becoming a clinical site

Students are potential new employees. Working with students enables you to create an applicant pool for existing and future job openings. Graduates of sonography programs are more likely to seek employment at the affiliate site that provided them with their clinical experience. The benefits of this type of staff employment are substantial, some of which are: reduced costs associated with recruitment, reduced costs associated with prospective employee interviews, reduced costs associated with new employee orientation because of the students' familiarity with the facility's/department's policy and procedures, increased staff retention: during the students' clinical rotation (often 3-4 months), you and the students have ample time to determine if future employment would be mutually beneficial and increased patient satisfaction—students can assist sonographers by preparing the next scheduled patient for examination thus reducing patient waiting time. —courtesy www.SDMS.org

Be looking for information on the HSNVIT vascular symposium

The HSNVIT Vascular symposium is tentatively set for July 12th. The symposium will take place here at Alvin Community College in the new Science/Health Science Building. Topics that are being considered are vein mapping, carotid/transcranial Doppler, Introduction to Echocardiography—cross training for the vascular sonographer and Introduction to Vascular Technology—cross training for the echocardiographer as well as physics review and hands on workshops. Please let any of the HSNVIT officers if you have any suggestions.



Look What we have been doing

Jessica Murphy, program director and Lynne Bruner, clinical director as well as our other staff and students have participated in several recruiting events over the past few months. Jessica took our SonoSite Titan to Alvin Junior High for Career Day. She was able to do demonstrations to small groups throughout the day to let the students know about the world of sonography. During the fall semester we hosted several groups of sixth graders from Hoodcase Elementary school. They toured the entire Health Science building making stops in the various departments including diagnostic cardiovascular sonography. We answered questions and showed off sonography as a career option. At the end of February the sophomore vascular stu-

dents worked the annual health fair at Valero in the ship channel. They were able to screen employees and gained lots of valuable experience. In March of this year we participated again in The Big Event. This event at ACC is for Alvin and Manvel High School juniors. They come to the campus to learn about all we have to offer as a community college. During the day they are exposed to all of the different career paths that are offered, including Diagnostic Cardiovascular Sonography. Again with the help of the SonoSite Titan we were able to show off the field of sonography. Approximately, 300 students came through. We will be hosting area high school HOSA students in April here at ACC.



Jessica Murphy at Alvin Junior High.



Sophomore vascular students at Valero health fair.



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The DCVS program has been here at ACC since 1997. We offer an Associate Degree or an Advanced Technical Certificate Degree in either Echocardiography or Vascular Technology and an Advanced Technical Certificate in Pediatric Echocardiography. In the past 11 years we have graduated 161 Echocardiographers or Vascular Sonographers. Our program is accredited by CAAHEP which is the national organization recognizing all allied health programs. Accreditation allows our students to take their registry exam immediately upon graduation. Additionally we are able to offer FREE CME's to our clinical preceptors. We have excellent pass rates and excellent employment rates.



Take a day off and come to the beach with us!

**BEACH PARTY CELEBRATING:
DCVS GRADUATION/PRECEPTOR APPRECIATION
MONDAY
MAY 12TH 2008
11:00 am to ???
See flyer inside for details!**

