

ACC DCVS GRADUATING CLASS OF 2011



Pictured above, standing—l to r, Ashleigh Jewell, Liz Tenny, Rachel Smith, Nova Sprague, Steve Dallas, Tung Pham, Lori Hawkins, Kassie Barron, Sheri Low, and Ashley Byrd.

Seated, Van Pham, Hortencia Madrigal, Natalie Blaylock, Noelia Furno, Mai Le, Mary Sims, Brooke TigTig, Marina Verbovikova and Keisha Harriman.

We are proud to announce the 2011 graduates! This year, there are 6 AAS Vascular graduates and 3 ATC Vascular graduates. Also, we have 7 AAS Echo graduates & 3 ATC Echo graduates.

Congratulations, Everyone! You did it!

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It takes 20 years to build a reputation and 5 minutes to ruin it.

If you think about that, you'll do things differently!

Warren Buffett



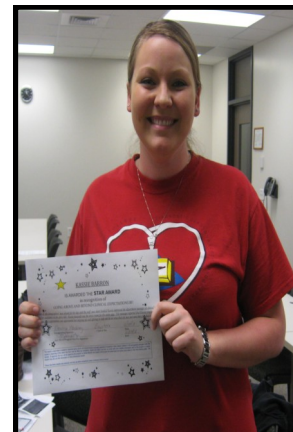
“And the Award Goes to.....”

Students Receive STAR Awards

Freshman Teresa Saenz, *(left)* and Sophomore Kassie Barron, *(right)*, earned the coveted STAR Awards for their contributions.

The STAR award is given to students observed performing above and beyond what is normally expected. Not only does this achievement enhance the students’ resumes, it also adds an extra point to the students’ final average. Aside from a perfect attendance bonus, this is the only way students can earn bonus points for clinical. Keep up the good work guys!

We have the best and brightest students in TEXAS!



**CONGRATULATIONS to the following STUDENTS, PRECEPTORS and SITES.
All our students, sites and preceptors are winners!
Honors Graduates: Keisha Harriman and Liz Tenny**

Student Awards

Clinical Sites Award

Vascular Skills

- AAS Brooke TigTig
- ATC Liz Tenny

Clinical Preceptors Awards

- Echo**
- Fred Jiang, of Methodist Hospital

- Echo** VA
- Vascular** UTMB

Echo Skills

- AAS Natalie Blaylock

- Vascular**
- Cynthia Askins, of Leachman
- Cardiology

Special Clinical Site Recognition

BenTaub Vascular Lab

“Scan Skills ICU” for helping to give our students who needed help that extra push.

Academic Achievement Highest GPA

- Vascular ATC Liz Tenny
- Vascular AAS Mary Sims
- Echo ATC Steve Dallas
- Echo AAS Mai Le

BIG NEWS!

The ACC DCVS Program is beginning its new **Pediatric Echocardiography Associate Degree Program** this summer and the first class of students has already been selected! We will have 5-6 students graduating in 2013. The AAS degree option for Pediatric Echo was approved by the state of Texas in January, and since the DCVS program will be undergoing re-accreditation by JRCDS in 2012, the goal is to obtain accreditation for the Pediatric Echocardiography program at the same time as re-accreditation of the existing program tracks. CAAHEP - JRCDS accreditation standards for Pediatric Echocardiography programs are due to be released this spring, making this the perfect timing to implement the new degree plan and seek accreditation.

Mock Interviews Prepare Students

In February, the Sophomore students prepared their resumes and attended mock interviews, held at ACC. These mock interviews prepare the students for their real-world interviews as they seek jobs. The interviews were conducted by ACC Clinical Vascular Instructor, Dee Dee Metzcher-Carr, RVT, and Maritza Martinez Resendez, AAS, CCT, RCS, RVS, Supervisor of Cardiopulmonary Services, Bayshore Hospital. Maritza lectured the students on “The Real World Sonography.”



Students Participate In Community Health Fairs



(Above), Sophomores Tung Pham and Ashley Byrd explain the finer points of scanning the upper extremity

Our students have been busy participating in health fairs. Most recently, the 2nd-year Vascular students attended ClearBrook High School health fair. During this 5-hour health fair, 72 exams were performed, including carotid screenings and ABIs. High school students without signed consent forms were still able to participate, by scanning our Phantom Arm. The Phantom Arm was a hit with many of the students, as it enabled them to envision themselves becoming sonographers.

The sophomore students will be attending two more health fairs this semester, at The Valero Ship Channel location, and the Valero Texas City location.



Sophomore Liz Tenny and ACC mascot, Blue, at ClearBrook Health Fair



Freshman Jessica Falstick, (left), performs carotid screening on Dawson Health Fair participant



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Check us out on FaceBook!
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Alvin-Community-College-Diagnostic-Cardiovascular-Sonography-Program>

March is DVT Awareness Month—Do YOU know the symptoms?

- * Pain or swelling in the affected leg, ankle, and foot
- * Pain or swelling in arms or neck
- * Redness/red streaks and warmth over the affected area

Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT) is a condition in which a blood clot (thrombus) forms in one or more of the deep veins in the body, usually in the legs. This can be life threatening, if left undetected or untreated.

TRAJECSYS

We are PAPERLESS! All clinical site preceptors may now go to www.trajecsys.com to register for our online clinical tool.

Trajecsys offers: clinical schedules, syllabi, student evaluations, and the clinical manual. In addition, Trajecsys will track preceptor CMEs earned during the student rotations.

HOMESCHOOL WORKSHOP

ACC hosted a group of 20 homeschoolers on March 24th, for a Cardiovascular Anatomy and Physiology lesson and workshop. Students ranging from older elementary to high school age were taught about the anatomy and physiology of the heart and blood vessels, and using ultrasound to identify the structures and demonstrate the hemodynamics. Other topics of discussion included basic ultrasound physics and how to be heart-healthy. Pictured is Monica Ritter, Freshman Echo student, showing students and parents the heart. The kids completed pre-workshop lessons and came prepared with lots of intelligent questions. Monica said, "We had a great time. That was so much fun!"

See - we try to have a good time every now and then!



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