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# Buzzard Business



“If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself.”  
-Henry Ford

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# Greetings!

Happy New Year! I feel like I need to start with an apology for getting this newsletter to you late! I have had the privilege of being the Department Head for the School of Nursing in addition to my other duties, which has proved to be time consuming. The School of Nursing is starting an accelerated BSN program, where students with other bachelor's degrees can sit for the NCLEX after one year of nursing intensive education. The BSN completion program is flourishing, for nurses with an associate degree wanting to obtain their bachelors, and our graduate program has an FNP (Family Nurse Practitioner) program or certificate for Masters prepared nurses, along with the traditional DNP (Doctor of Nursing Practice).

On to what's new with our SOA (School of Anesthesia). It has been another busy semester with our freshmen finishing their second semester, and our seniors taking the SEE. Our benchmark this year was 420, and so far students have been very successful!

December had 12 CRNAs graduate with their terminal DNAP (Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice) degree. Congratulations to successful completion of the online program!

We welcome Mary Kate Cherry back. So happy to have her skills back with us for our newsletter and marketing!

Additional program changes have happened as we moved to a clinical schedule somewhat more aligned with the academic calendar. Students now have Spring break, Winter and Summer Holiday! We hosted Valley Anesthesia Review Course last weekend for our Seniors, and 10 juniors attended as well. Early February we are hosting Maverick Anesthesia with a block course and a POCUS course for our Juniors. Board review continues every

Monday morning with all students in the program. We will offer ACLS and PALS March 25<sup>th</sup>, email Carol if you are interested. ([CMyrick@missouristate.edu](mailto:CMyrick@missouristate.edu))

Dr. Keaton is spending lots of time in the skills and sim lab, with more to come this Spring as our freshman prepare to go to clinical. (Stay tuned for pictures) Dr. Morgan has been busy visiting students in clinical at their clinical sites, and spending time with them while they are in clinical! Kathleen is getting ready for our next cohort and applications are already coming in for our summer interviews.

Pictures of you are always welcome! Please take a look at our alumni list – if you know anyone's contact please share with us! FYI we never give out our alumni list to anyone, its just for us to keep in touch with you, keep you up to date and invite you to "stuff" (CEU's, educational events, social events, happenings).

Thank you to all of our clinical sites for all you do! We could not educate without you! Happy New Year!

Celebrate your art!

Respectfully ,  
Monika



Program Director, Dr. Monika Feeney

# Welcome Dr. Kati Morgan!

**Kati Morgan** is a graduate of the Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice (DNAP) program from Missouri State University School of Anesthesia. She received her Bachelor of Science in Biology from Evangel University and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Cox College School of Nursing. She works as a CRNA at Mercy Hospital in Springfield, MO. Her husband, Eric, is a City of Springfield Police officer. They reside in Fair Grove, MO with their three children Cooper, Ty, and Kynli. Outside of work, you can find the Morgan Family at an assortment of sporting events. She claims to be in the “divide and conquer” stage of life, where many nights she and her husband taxi kids in opposite directions to their extracurricular activities. Kati is very excited for the opportunity to be a part of the Missouri State University community and looks forward to helping anesthesia students navigate their clinical journey.



## Kathleen's Corner

Happy Holidays Everyone!

It has been another great year here at the School of Anesthesia and we are so grateful for all of our students and clinical sites! Admissions have been on the rise for both our entry and completion level programs and are not slowing down. We have just accepted another 24 students to begin their DNAP journey next June in the entry level program. At the completion level, we hit our maximum number of students every semester, months before the start date.

Congratulations to all of the upcoming graduates!

**Kathleen Hahn**



# Clinical Site Coordinator Spotlight

## Dr. Albin Quiko

Mercy Hospital and Clinics  
Springfield, Missouri

Dr. Albin Quiko is the site coordinator at Mercy Hospital and Clinics in Springfield, Missouri. He has been the coordinator there since September 2020.

Dr. Quiko graduated from the Uniformed Services University School of Medicine in Bethesda, Maryland in 2008. He said, “This is the world’s premier Military Medical School. It teaches our young physicians to not only be doctors who care for their patients, but to be Military Officers who will lead men and women in wartime and in peace.”

Dr. Quiko has been involved in graduate medical education ever since he can remember. He has a passion for teaching as well as lifelong learning. What he likes best about having students is that they keep him on his toes.

“Though in school they are being taught the basics, the students all have an inquisitive nature and always push me with questions that I may not have thought of since I was in training,” he said.

*“I view teaching Anesthesia Students as my way of giving back to the community that I belong to.”*

“If one of these students are going to administer anesthesia to me or my family, I want to have a hand in teaching them the safest and most efficient way to do it, and to be prepared for contingencies,” Dr. Quiko said.

The strongest attribute Dr. Quiko brings to teaching students is a strong sense of personal and professional accountability both for the student and for their preceptors. He said at too many clinical sites the students are used as staff and are left in the rooms to experience “independent learning opportunities.” Dr. Quiko feels this is a flawed way to teach. He believes students come to school to be taught by subject matter experts in their fields, and to gain from that experience and wisdom that cannot be gained from reading a book.

“When you put a student in a room and are not in the room actively teaching them, they are just teaching themselves. That’s not what they are here for, nor is that what I consider education,” he said.

The program at Mercy actively engages in teaching the students throughout the perioperative period. The students are held accountable to make a coherent, comprehensive anesthetic plan, then execute that plan. They are challenged on their presumptions and pushed to think of other ways to do the same thing.

*Dr. Quiko said, “We are always asking them ‘What if?’ We hold the students to a level of professionalism and academic rigor that we would want if they were going to take care of our child.”*

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Additionally, the Mercy program holds preceptors accountable: to prepare for each student, to take time to answer their questions, teach them novel techniques that each preceptor has learned via experience alone and not in the classroom. The Mercy rotation is inherently designed to be rigorous with a commensurate level of academic integrity and professionalism. The students get to practice their craft with a patient population that is some of the most challenging in the country.

*“We WANT this rotation to be the hardest each student has ever had,” Dr. Quiko said. “If they pass our rotation, they will have passed through the gauntlet and will be ready for ANYTHING that their career will throw at them!”*

He said it takes personal accountability to understand that earning the right to take care of people’s lives when they are at their sickest, takes a tremendous amount of hard work and personal integrity.

“We only invite the strongest and the bravest to our clinical site. We need them to be accountable,” Dr. Quiko said.

Dr. Quiko likes to teach students that there is always a different way to accomplish the same thing and that they must always be thinking ahead! He has served 26 years in the United States Navy, 10 years as a nurse, four years as a medical student and then 12 years as physician.

“I have deployed to austere environments many times and learned to practice my craft with less than what I would have wanted, in less-than-ideal conditions. I had to learn to ‘Improvise, Adapt and Overcome’ for my patients,” Dr. Quiko said.

Though he does not expect his students to practice in a combat environment, he does expect them to have more arrows in their quiver than just one.

“Our rotation is designed to teach students to not be a ‘One trick pony,’” Dr. Quiko said. “We push students to think outside the box to achieve the same results that are just as safe. Through rigorous trials at our site, we hope our students graduate with a sense of confidence that they can handle anything. Being able to do that for your patient means you must have a nimble and flexible mind. We want to teach our students to think ahead, constantly think of contingencies, and have a plan for each potential emergency.”

Dr. Quiko was always taught that “The Enemy always has a vote” and to have a “P.A.C.E. PLAN.” That is: Primary, Ancillary, Contingency, and Emergency Plan.

“No matter how well you plan out your anesthetic, it can always go sideways in an instant!” he said. “You must be prepared. We try to teach that to them here.”

In response to what his favorite memories are as a site coordinator, Dr. Quiko said he is most fond of the times when he hears back from students about a challenging case that they had at their new job, and that their experiences at Mercy helped them work through it.

“That makes me feel that we are on the right track here in our program and that we are doing our job right,” he said. “We are training the best and brightest to take care of the sickest patients. We are very proud of them!”

# Student Spotlight

*Beri Diane Fonyuy-Bamnjo , Class of May 2023*

Beri Diane Fonyuy-Bamnjo immigrated from Cameroon, West Africa to the United States 18 years ago. Almost 20 years later she finds herself a senior in the Doctorate of Nurse Anesthesia program at MSU School of Anesthesia. She said, “The uniqueness, intensity of the curriculum and training, the autonomy of the career, and the fact that it is the highest degree of specialization were quite intriguing to me.”

Bamnjo’s mom was a retired nurse and the one who inspired her to pursue a career in nursing in the first place. Bamnjo graduated from Oklahoma City Community College in 2010 with an Associate Degree in Nursing. In 2014, she received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from The University of Texas in Arlington, Texas. She spent the first two years of her nursing career working in Rehabilitation, followed by five years in Medical-Surgical (Med-Surg) Telemetry. Then, she joined the Medical Intensive Care Unit, where she worked for three years before she started the Doctorate of Nurse Anesthesia program at MSU.

After completing her RN-BSN program in 2014, Bamnjo began looking for options for advanced practice roles.

“Up front, the Nurse Anesthesia program sounded quite interesting, but I was aware of the challenges of



transitioning from Med-Surg to ICU, so I brushed it off at the time,” she said.

“Yet, something deep inside me kept reminding me about the Nurse Anesthesia Program.”

Despite possible obstacles ahead, Bamnjo began the first step toward a nurse anesthesia career and applied for an ICU position.

“Life always throws a curve ball when you least expect it,” she said. During that period, her husband lost his job, she became the sole provider for her family and she had to work extended hours to provide for them. At some point, she said it seemed unreasonable to think she could ever achieve her lifelong professional goal of becoming a Nurse Anesthetist.

“Although the desire to quit this dream became overwhelming, I never gave up,” she said.

Two years into her tribulation, she transferred to the ICU, her husband found a job, and she immediately started applying for admission into a CRNA program.

“It has been a lengthy journey, but my strong motivation and resilience have led me this far,” Bamnjo said. “The Nurse Anesthesia program has been quite challenging, but the training and skills acquired are priceless. As I progress toward the end of the programs, I owe my success so far to the unconditional support of my husband, my boys, my parents, my extended family, and my friends.”

For future students, Bamnjo said MSU School of Anesthesia is a family-oriented program.

“As a mom of four, I have had great support from the program director, professors, staff, and classmates,” she said. “The team is flexible in working with students to ensure success. They listen to the students and make changes promptly.”

Bamnjo also said, “The program is intensive and will push you to the limits. Some days you will question your decision, wondering if you made the right choice. It will be one of the most challenging academic and professional journeys you embark on.” She advise future students to keep moving one step at a time and never give up.

“Make it a duty to complete all homework on time and, if possible, study every day,” she said. “Make sure to have time to decompress because it can be overwhelming.”

Lastly, for future students, Bamnjo said the MSU School of Anesthesia program is one of the most cost-effective nurse anesthesia programs in the United States. The program is front-loaded; the first year is face-face didactic, the second year combines face-face, online and clinical, and the last year is a heavily clinical and online course. There are clinical sites across the United States, which gives students excellent opportunities to gain experience and different techniques, creating a well-rounded provider upon graduation.

By her May 2023 graduation, Bamnjo will be on her sixth clinical site. “I have experienced the good, bad, and ugly sides of Nurse Anesthesia clinical practice,” she said. “Those experiences have molded me into a highly confident provider and a potentially outstanding CRNA when I graduate.”



Photos Submitted by Beri Bamnjo



Freshman anesthesia students put together 24 new chairs for the anesthesia classroom. They were rewarded with a pizza party!



# Student Spot

*Students attended OANA at Oklahoma State in September*



*Students attended MOANA at Margaritaville Resort in Osage Beach*



# Student Spot

## *Student Awarded Wellness Scholarship for Climbing Fireman's Schlog*



*Sarah Scholz*, a MSU School of Anesthesia senior was recently awarded a \$1000 wellness scholarship for completing the climb challenge on Fireman's Schlog, in Orifino, Idaho.

Local firemen have a race once a year to see who can make this grueling climb. The elevation is 2,370 feet. The trail is 0.85 miles and is basically straight uphill. Scholz and her companions started the hike at 6:00 a.m. to avoid the heat. It took them around 45 minutes to complete. She did the climb with Wendi Richardson, the clinical site coordinator in Orofino, and her fiancée, Jon.

(Sarah Scholz, pictured left, Wendy Russell, pictured center, clinical site coordinator and Scholz's fiancée, pictured right.)

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Stephen Barker  
Lowell Barker  
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James Barnett Jr.  
Patricia Barnett  
Dean Baustert  
Rex Belnap  
Allen Bendorf  
James Berry  
Alice Banner  
Lisa Blevins  
James Bloomfield  
Mary Bockstetter (Abdon)  
R. Michael Boedeker  
David Boehne  
Deborah Boehne  
Karen Booker  
Dennis Boulware  
L. James Bowes  
Betty Braden  
Gary Brame  
Connie Bray  
Jerome Brewer  
James Brewer  
Michael Brown  
Michael Brown III  
Cheri Buchanan  
Betty Buchanan  
Larry Buckingham  
Dawn Campbell  
Alton Campbell  
Carl Caple  
Nathan Carr  
Judy Carriger  
Robert Carrillo  
Debbie Carter  
Steven Chaffin  
James Claridge  
Nancy Clawitter (Moye)  
Nora Coast  
Lisa Cooper  
George Cooper III  
Dorothy Cooper Richard  
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Armsted Davis Jr.  
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Judith Gullett  
Michele Gullion  
Edward Gutmann  
Robert Haasl  
Carla Hach-Kluender  
(Ford)  
Christine Harrison  
Glen Heimann  
Janice Heller  
R.C. Henson  
George Holcombe  
Susan Holmes  
Jean Hood (Larson)  
Yvette Hughes  
(LaVanchy)  
Janet Huston  
Joanna Inglove  
William Irish  
Louverna Jackson  
Elaine Jeffreys  
Sherry Jones  
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Rita Keating  
Elsa "Bunny" Kennedy  
Richard Keppler  
Robert Kidd  
William Kiek  
Michelle Kinsella  
Bill (William) Kirk  
John Kirk  
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Victor Setser  
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David Shelver  
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R. Michael Sheppard  
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Doris Smith  
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Marzee Wade  
Paula Walker  
John Wall  
Leslie Walton  
Janet Watson  
Terisa Watson  
Carolyn White  
Duffy Wilkerson (Steele)  
Franklin Williams  
Mary Woodson  
Beverly Young  
James Roller Jr.  
Elisa Oetting  
Darla Pobst  
Chris Regier

## Important Dates

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Jan 23	Spring Classes Begin
Feb 4-5	Junior Maverick & POCUS Training
Feb 20	President's Day (No Class, Offices Closed)
Feb 23-26	Assembly of Didactic and Clinical Educators
March 11-19	Spring Break
March 25	ACLS/BLS/PALS 8:30-12:30
March 31-	
April 2	MOANA Meeting
April 7-9	Spring Holiday (No Classes)
April 21	Awards Dinner
April 29-	
May 3	Mid Year Assembly (Washington, D.C.)
May 11	Last Day of Spring Classes
May 19	Spring Commencement

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