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Class of 2024

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Greetings!



Happy Spring!

It seems our April showers have turned into May Monsoons – Hope everyone is enjoying Spring with Summer just around the corner. We have had a busy semester! Our seniors graduated and to date 11 have passed Boards! We are very proud of them! Our School won the Queensland 3-MT (Three Minute Thesis) at the University level and thus our student Andrew Schesser advanced to the Regional Competition for his groups Scholarly Work, guided by Dr. Beckham. The competition is Nationwide and begins at the program level – everyone in our School must participate. Groups move on to the College Level and then the University Level, one presentation moves on to Regional- and this year that was US!! What a great group of seniors, smart, amazing people! We miss you already, graduation is bittersweet - but we are so proud!

Juniors wrapped up a rigorous didactic year culminating in their Comprehensive exam. This year juniors had the option of taking the NBCRNA SEE (Self Evaluation Exam) or an Apex password protected exam. Freshman are on the cusp of beginning clinical early June. We are expecting great things from both groups!

June we also welcome our brand new students, looking forward to them beginning their anesthesia journey. Dr. Garrad has retired so we welcome Dr. Kim and Dr. Durham from Biology to teach the infamous Cell Biology class. July we will do interviews for our next class of CRNA's – if any alumni are interested in being part of our interview process, we welcome you; reach out to Kathleen for details.

Completion students (CRNA's completing their terminal degree) are working diligently to finish. Hats off to Carol Daniels her article is published in the April AANA Journal! If you are interested in a terminal degree we have a distance program that can be completed in one, two or three years.

Dr. Skibiski is retiring, another bittersweet announcement – She will be greatly missed, but we wish her all the best. Hoping to keep her as a per course! We welcome Dr. Shawnee Glenn, she will be part of our team moving forward. In June we have a new administrative assistant beginning, Savannah comes to us from another university and has been working in their Chemistry department, she will be taking Carol's place.

A few University updates, our president Cliff Smart is retiring, and our new president will begin this summer. A national search will happen for a new Provost, and our College having 14 Departments is transitioning to 5 Schools.

As we take a short breather between semesters and reflect on the past year I want to thank our faculty for their constant effort to make our program better, to challenge the students, to have our graduates be the absolute best they can be. Thank you to the students for choosing us and trusting us to guide you through this challenging journey.

Thank you to each of our clinical sites, site coordinators and each preceptor for the time and effort you put into our students. What you do makes a difference, and it is appreciated.

We cannot do our job without you!
Celebrate your art! Happy Summer!

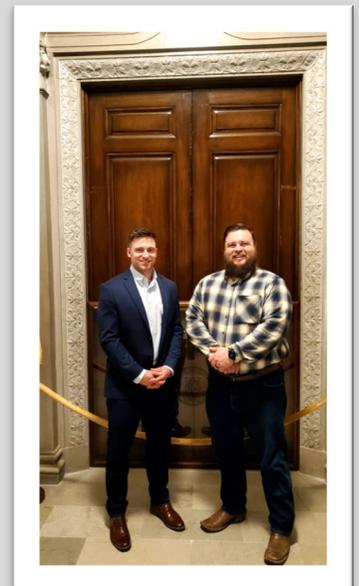
Respectfully,
Monika



Program Director, Dr. Monika Feeney

Student Spot

MOANA Advocacy Day 2024
Students and Faculty Met with Missouri
Legislators in Jefferson City



Student Scholarships

WADE SHIPMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Olivia Midiros (not pictured) and Danny Vlasin received the 2024 Wade Shipman Memorial Scholarships. Each of them received \$1,000. Midiros and Vlasin are both junior students. They were chosen by their clinical site coordinators because they demonstrate similar traits held by the late Dr. Wade Shipman, both in personality and patient care.

The Dr. Wade Shipman Scholarship fund was established in 2015 and is distributed by a scholarship board/advisory council including the Shipman Family, MSU Anesthesia representatives, and Mercy Anesthesia representatives in conjunction with Mercy Foundation.

This scholarship is a tribute to a man taken too soon, who touched many lives, and will never be forgotten. His legacy continues with this scholarship. We honor him by giving deserving anesthesia students a scholarship in his name. Donations are welcome! The pledge form can be found online at: WadeShipman.com. All donations are 100 percent tax deductible, and 100 percent of the contributions go to the fund.



CRABTREE FAMILY NURSE ANESTHETIST SCHOLARSHIP

Daniel Oh, received the 2024 Crabtree Scholarship. This scholarship was \$1,000. As a recipient of this award, a student must be enrolled full-time and must have an overall GPA greater than or equal to 3.4. This fund was established by Chris Anne Crabtree, an MSU School of Anesthesia alumnus. She established this fund to honor her too-soon-taken husband, Jeremy Crabtree.



BART KUHNS SCHOLARSHIP

Ingrid Shores received the 2024 Bart Kuhns scholarship. The Bart Kuhns scholarship is awarded to a freshman, non-traditional student enrolled in MSU School of Anesthesia. A non-traditional student being defined as a working, married, parent or 22+ years of age.

The Kuhns Scholarship was established in 2018 by Bart Kuhns CRNA, DNAP, and a MSU School of Anesthesia alumnus. This annual \$1,000 scholarship is presented to one MSU School of Anesthesia student in the second semester of the program.



JOHN SILVA SCHOLARSHIP

Ashlann Casey, received the 2024 Silva Scholarship. As a recipient of this award, a student must be a second year student and show exemplary clinical skills. This fund was established in 2019 by John Silva, an MSU School of Anesthesia alumnus. This annual \$500 scholarship is presented to one MSU School of Anesthesia student.

John Silva graduated from Southwest Missouri School of Nurse Anesthesia at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Missouri, in 1972. He spent 20 outstanding and successful years completing over 20 thousand cases in anesthesia.



Student Scholarships

SCHOOL OF ANESTHESIA CLINICAL EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTED TO JUNIOR STUDENTS

Kayla Brattin, Allison Dysart, Linden Hendricks, Deborah McGlasson and Kylie Vaught received the 2024 Junior Clinical Excellence Scholarships. The School of Anesthesia Clinical Scholarships are awarded to junior students who have been nominated by their clinical sites, performing as excellent clinical anesthesia students. The students are selected by the School of Anesthesia faculty after reviewing their clinical reports and simulation testing. Each scholarship given is \$500.



SCHOOL OF ANESTHESIA CLINICAL EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTED TO SENIOR STUDENTS

Hardy Cleveland, Sydney Melugin and Lyle Uttley received the 2024 Senior Clinical Excellence Scholarships. The School of Anesthesia Clinical Scholarship is awarded to senior students who have been nominated by their clinical sites, performing as excellent clinical anesthesia students. The students are selected by the School of Anesthesia faculty after reviewing their clinical reports and simulation testing. Each scholarship given is \$500.



RAYMOND MICHAEL WATTS PERSERVERANCE SCHOLARSHIP

Jenna Scheer received the 2024 Raymond Michael Watts Perseverance Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to a student that is always doing the right thing and continuing to do his/her best even in the most extreme or unforeseen circumstances. It is given to someone that even on those long days is still doing everything he/she can for his/her patient and those around them.



SUNSHINE SCHOLARSHIP

Makaya Baker (pictured), Joey Fisher (pictured), and Mason Hansen received the 2024 Sunshine Scholarships. The Sunshine Scholarship is awarded to Freshmen students who had struggles and needed a little more Sunshine for the semester.



2024 Awards Banquet



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Congratulations to the Graduating Class of 2024!



Welcome to our Newest Faculty



Shawnee Glenn is a Missouri State University graduate of the Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice (DNAP) program. She has been working in healthcare since 2005. She received her ASN degree from SBU-St. John's College of Nursing and BSN degree from University of Missouri Columbia. She started as a per course instructor for MSU School of Anesthesia in 2023. Currently she works prn at Mercy rural facilities and Citizens Memorial Healthcare in Bolivar, MO. She has been the student involvement chair for MoANA since 2021 and actively advocates for CRNA practice in Missouri. Her husband (Matthew) and two children (Asher and Ariya) reside in Springfield. In her free time, she enjoys traveling, biking, yoga, swimming, and spending time with family. Shawnee is very excited to be part of the School of Anesthesia faculty and is looking forward to teaching our future CRNAs!

Happy Retirement Jeanie Skibiski



Congratulations to Jeanie on her retirement! We appreciate all she has done for our school, our program and our profession over the years. We wish her the best in this new season.

Student Spot



This photo is from a recent MoANA newsletter. Daniel Oh (pictured second from left) is a third year student at MSU School of Anesthesia. Daniel attended a MoANA PAC Event –fundraiser in St. Louis, Missouri, for Senator Ben Brown. He helped represent and educate Missouri Legislators on Anesthesia Residents and CRNAs.

Special Thanks

These School of Anesthesia Graduate Assistants assisted in the McQuery College of Health and Human Services Simulation lab for Spring 2024.



Student Feature

Cameron Lincks, Class of May 2026



Where did you graduate from Nursing School and in what areas have you worked?

BSN-Cox College of Nursing. Before that, I received a Bachelor of Biology with a minor in Chemistry from MSU. After Cox College, I was employed at Mercy, Springfield, MO in their CVICU. I worked there 2.5 years until entering into MSU's DNAP Program.

Why did you decide to become a CRNA?

From 2017-2018, I was in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba as a medic with the Missouri National Guard. I worked in a clinic providing medical support to my unit, as well as all other components stationed there. One day, a soldier presented with an ingrown toenail. Since this was a recurrent problem, it was decided that the whole toenail should come off to prevent this from recurring again. My MD that I worked with allowed me to do the full procedure, including the block. I just remember how gruesome it appeared while performing it. I looked back up at the patient to ensure he was doing ok, and I saw him smiling and videoing the whole thing. That is when I was drawn to the field of anesthesia. I thought it was very interesting that the patient was able to experience that and still be pain free, because of the lidocaine block. I started doing a little research into anesthesia to gain a little more knowledge. Anesthesiologist Assistant was one of the professions I noted.

When I got back to the states, I started shadowing anesthesiologist assistants, to see what it would be like in the operating room. One of the A.A.'s I shadowed suggested I should be a CRNA. I did more research which ultimately led me to pursue a career as a CRNA. It has been a 7-year journey, and I could not be more grateful to be where I am at.

Was there anyone instrumental in your decision to become a CRNA?

I would like to give credit to the MD that let me perform the block and the A.A. that told me to look at the CRNA route of anesthesia.

How has your military journey influenced your decision to become a nurse/CRNA?

Without experiencing that deployment, I would probably have decided a career in paramedicine, because I grew up with my dad being a paramedic and allowing me to ride on ambulances as a kid.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

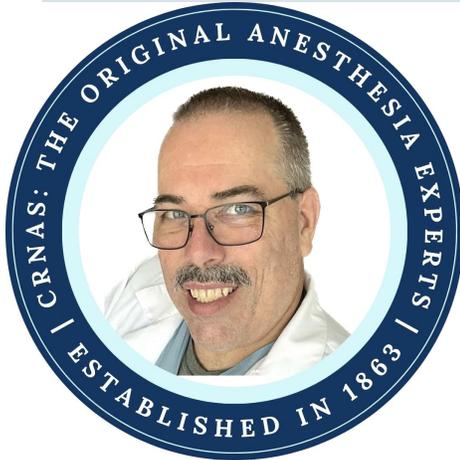
I am married with two young children. I enjoy spending my free time with my family and raising my kids. My wife and I also enjoy weightlifting and regularly playing in sand volleyball leagues. Lastly, I thoroughly enjoy being outdoors in the woods, whether that is hunting, shooting, etc.



Clinical Site Coordinator Spotlight:

Trevor Pickett MS, CRNA

Where did you graduate from CRNA school?
Mount Marty University in South Dakota.



How long have you been a site coordinator?
I have been a site coordinator at Cox Monett since January 2023. I Have been a Clinical instructor for the school since June 2004.

What do you like best about having students?
Having students helps me stay sharp with continued learning on my part. The greatest satisfaction is passing on the knowledge that I have learned by sitting thousands of cases that you will not find in the books. This is the art of anesthesia!

What is a strong attribute you bring to the table in teaching students? Years of experience as well as understanding that these people are adults many with prior degrees and experiences. Over 24 years of military background developing as what I would consider a strong leader.

What are some of your favorite things to teach students? The little tips that can smooth out an anesthetic and make it all look smooth. NEVER LET THEM SEE YOU STRUGGLE OR TWIT OUT.

What do you enjoy in your spare time?
I enjoy spending time with my family including grandchildren, World travel, woodworking and long range precision shooting.



Can you help us find these School of Anesthesia Alumni?

John Aker
Donald Anderson
Daniel Ansley
Betty Bach
Morgan Bailey
Phyllis Ballard
Lowell Barker
Jack Barnard
Patricia Barnett
Dean Baustert
Rex Belnap
Allen Bendorf
James Berry
Alice Blanner
Lisa Blevins
James Bloomfield
Mary Bockstetter (Abdon)
R. Michael Boedecker
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
Steven Coppock
William Cox
James Davis
Armsted Davis Jr.
Scott Doyle
Randell Driver
John Eaton
Ida Edgmon (Wine)
Glenda Falls
Charles Flowers
John Ford
Connie Freeman
Jill Fulp (Barker)

Lee Funes
Michael Fusilier
Patricia Gallagher
Gregory Golter
Michael Goodmon
Leslie Goolsby
Lualhati Gotanco
Christopher Goyt
Carol Graves
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
Dave Jones
Rita Keating
Elsa "Bunny" Kennedy
Richard Keppler
Robert Kidd
William Kiek
Michelle Kinsella
Bill (William) Kirk
John Kirk
Kathern Knapp
Daryl Kohler
John Kollenberg
G. Lynn Kueckelhan
Dolly Kunz (Strafford)
Larry Ladd
Jerrri LaFarlette
Donald Leak
Bradley Leamy
Kenneth Leimkuehler
Larry LeJeune
Cheri Lenci
Steve Lloyd
Earl Losee
Randell Luttrell
Tina Madden
Sharon Maggs
Douglas Main
Robert Majors
Thomas Mallory
Joseph Martin
Hannah Matherne
Harold Mattes

Gary Mattingly
Jack McCroskey
Charles McCutchen
Donald McFadden
Thomas McKenney
Carl McVey
Gary Melton
James Metzelaars
Kim Miller
Robert Miller
Cheryl Miller (Goudy)
Joan Mitchell-Slaughter
Michael Mittermeyer
Elmer Monson Jr.
Dwight Moxley
Nancy Moye
Howard Mudd
Margaret Mullenschlader
Matt Mullinix
Kelley Munroe
Nancy Murdock
Virginia Nicholson
Charles Nimmo
Jerry Noel
Rose Notheis
Jeremy Olson
K. Maureen O'Rielly
Lisa Osborn
Sydney Overton
Kenny Owens
Merrill Parks
Mary Patterson (Hein)
Teena Patty
John Perry
James Pettyjohn
Timothy Pillen
Karen Pinac Cosia
Clark Powers
Wayne Prince
Larry Pritchard
Lenace Prudhomme
James Randell
Russell Rayburn
West Reaves
G. Brent Reed
Diane Rehagen
Sidney Reiber
Gary Render
P. Douglas Rice
Elizabeth Rich
Carol Robb
Evelyn Roberson
Carrolyn Rouse
Donna Runge
Barbara Sadler
Carole Sartain
Kenneth Saunders
Judith Sayer (Hanna)
Robert Schedel
Beatrice Schneider

Carl Scott
Cheryl Seasholtz
Grace Seavenu
Victor Setser
Matt Sharpe
David Shelver
Janet Shepherd
R. Michael Sheppard
Ruth Shields
(Herman)
Michael Simpson
Thomas Smith
Doris Smith
Douglass Smith
Mary Smith
Thomas Smith Jr.
L. Wayne Sorrell
Alan Stephens
James Stoll
Steve Street
Wanda Street
Holly Swinea Farmer
Joyce Swinney
Thomas Tavenner
Susan Thach
Roland Thompson
Michael Thompson
John Thompson
David Titus
John Unruh
Patricia Utlaut
James Vales
Joseph Van Camp
Patrick Van Wagoner
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

If you have information on any of these alumni, please let us know @ marykatechery@missouristate.edu

Important Dates



June 3rd - Welcome new students Picnic and Orientation
August 19th-Fall Semester begins
Oct. 19– ACLS/BLS/PALS offered at the School of Anesthesia
Nov. 23-Dec. 1-Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec. 13– Fall Commencement
Dec. 23-Jan.3– Winter Break

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