



SCHEDULE OF CURRENT SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- June 4, First Day of Clinical (New Juniors)
- Aug. 3, On-site class for distance classes
- Aug. 9-13, AANA Annual Congress, Chicago
- Aug. 19, 1st Day of Fall Classes
- Sept. 2, Labor Day (classes and offices closed)
- Oct. 10 & 11, Fall Break
- Oct. 12, ACLS, BLS, PALS Class
- Oct. 25, 3 Minute Thesis
- Oct. 26th & 27th, Fall MOANA meeting
- Nov. 27-29, Thanksgiving Break

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From the Program Director

Dr. Monika Feeney, DNAP, MS, CRNA



Greetings!

Happy almost summer! May is a busy month as we graduated another class of wonderful students. We are expecting a 100 percent board pass rate!! A new class of 24 began the day after Memorial Day! We welcome them! Our welcome picnic was Friday, May 24, at Bair's across from campus.

Our awards banquet was April 26 at the White River Convention Center. It included our white coat ceremony for the Freshman, and scholarship presentations for the Juniors, while seniors presented their Capstone projects and received awards.

Juniors, now having a year of clinical under their belts received Clinical Excellence Scholarships including: the Wade Shipman Scholarship, the Crabtree Family Scholarship, the John Silva Scholarship and School of Anesthesia Clinical Scholarships.

Beginning January 2019 our Department became self-standing, no longer under Bio-Medical Sciences. We are excited for this positive change! Our College, McQueary Health Sciences is in the process of searching for a new Dean, as Dr. Helen Reid retired this Spring.

Our Completion student coordinator, Linda Tinson retired. We wish her well in her retirement, and we will miss her.

In August, we are planning on taking 20 students to Annual Congress in Chicago, and we will be participating in the College Bowl.

Come see us anytime! We welcome all alumni and friends!

Celebrate your art! Thank you to all the alumni that help and support us through precepting or financially!

Respectfully

Monika



2019 Seniors



Student Spot

Congratulations!

Class of 2019



Class of 2020



Class of 2021



Student Spot

Faculty and Students Participate in Lobby Day at the Capitol

MSU SCHOOL OF ANESTHESIA FACULTY MEMBER AND STUDENTS ATTENDED LOBBY DAY AT THE MISSOURI CAPITOL IN JEFFERSON CITY IN JANUARY

Lobby Day was sponsored by Missouri Association of Nurse Anesthetists (MOANA) in January. Senior and Junior students were split into groups and paired with a CRNA. Jeanie Skibiski, a member of MSU School of Anesthesia faculty, and School of Anesthesia students met with the Missouri Governor, Mike Parsons, and state representatives and senators including: State Representatives Steve Helms and Lynn Morris and Senator Sandy Crawford. Those who attended Lobby Day wanted to provide awareness of the CRNA profession to the legislators. Students who have attended Lobby Day recommend future classes attend Lobby Day to get a better idea of how things work at the state government level for the profession of Nurse Anesthesia.



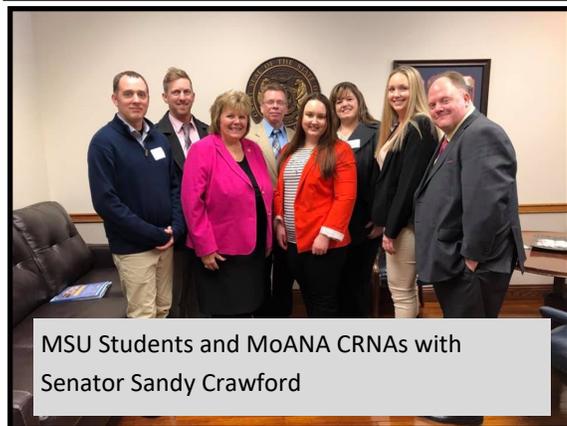
L-R: Senior student, Whitney Day, DNAP Alumni Desiree Mauppins Calbert, Rep. Steve Helms and MSU Faculty, Jeanie Skibiski



MSU Students with Mentors



MSU Students and Faculty Member with Rep. Lynn Morris



MSU Students and MoANA CRNAs with Senator Sandy Crawford



MSU Students and MoANA CRNAs with Missouri Governor Mike Parsons.

Student Spot

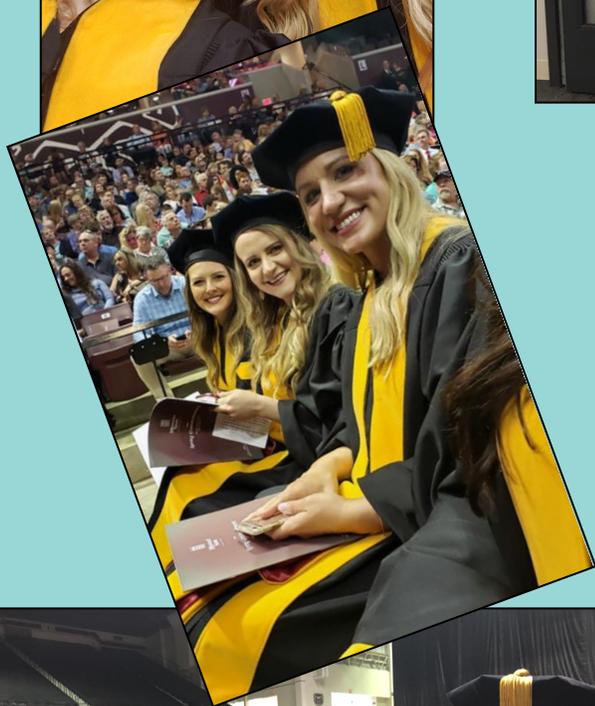
May 17, 2019
Graduation Day

BS to DNAP Graduates



Student Spot

May 17, 2019 Graduation Day BS to DNAP Graduates



Student Spot

May 17, 2019
Graduation Day
DNAP Completion Graduates



Student Spot

MID-YEAR ASSEMBLY IN WASHINGTON D.C.

In April, several MSU School of Anesthesia students attended the AANA Mid-Year Assembly in Washington, D.C., where they were able to network with other CRNAs around the country and learn about issues effecting the world of nurse anesthesia.



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Student Spot

WADE SHIPMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS



Thomas Hardwick, and Maggie Swafford received the 2019 Wade Shipman Memorial Scholarships. Each of them received \$1,000. Hardwick and Swafford 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



Julia Merlo, junior student, received the 2019 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.



SILVA SCHOLARSHIP



Taylor Frymire, junior student, received the 2019 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 \$1,000 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. Silva has retired as a CRNA. He currently co-owns and operates a successful Medical Manufacturing and Distribution Business- Alliance Tech Medical, Inc. The company provides products related to Allergy/Asthma, COPD, and Respiratory diseases.



SCHOOL OF ANESTHESIA CLINICAL SCHOLARSHIP

Jacob Cherry, Steven Mwanzia and Zane Hartgraves received the 2019 Clinical Scholarships. The School of Anesthesia Clinical Scholarship is 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.



Globally Minded CRNAs

Eric Kramer, CRNA, FNP, is currently in the process of completing his DNAP with MSU School of Anesthesia.

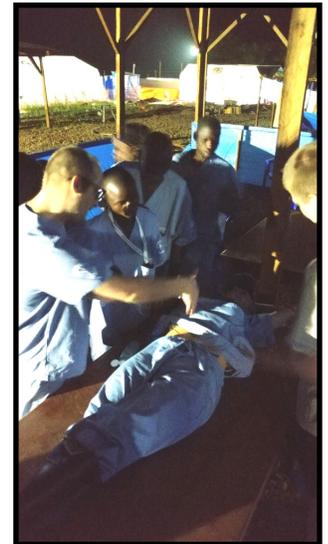
On January 9-10, 2019, Kramer found himself in a class at Samaritan's Purse Headquarters for training on the protocols for treating and managing Ebola. On January 23, he got the call and a few days later flew to Entebbe, Uganda, where he would be treating and managing Ebola patients. The Ebola treatment center Kramer went to in Entebbe, Uganda, had just been built, from the ground up by a Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) sent by Samaritan's Purse and was just beginning to receive patients.

"As I heard stories from doctors and nurses who had volunteered, I realized Ebola was something different than anything I'd ever experienced," Kramer said. "I go, because I'm a Christian, and Jesus tells us to put it on the line for others."

Samaritan's Purse is a Christian nonprofit with many different outreaches. One of them is a disaster response team called DART. When there is a disaster or humanitarian crisis somewhere in the world, an Incident Management Team is formed to evaluate whether to activate and deploy a DART.



Kramer, with his Personal Protective Equipment suit on, before going into Ebola patient wards.



Kramer in Entebbe, Uganda



Jeremy Olson has been participating in annual mission trips to Uganda for the past five years. He graduated from MSU School of Anesthesia in 2009.

I graduated from the program at the end of 2009 and I am so thankful for the training and the people I got to learn from at Missouri State. I've been fortunate to be able to go and work in Cambodia, Dominican Republic, Philippines, Romania, and Uganda through two organizations: World Outreach Foundation and Medical Missions Foundation.

The picture shown at left is from Uganda where I have been going annually for the last five years. The city we go to is called Gulu and is about 50 miles from South Sudan. The surgical mission is composed of 4-5 surgical teams and we perform 150-200 cases in a weeks time. I provide anesthesia for pediatric burn patients where we focus on skin grafts and contracture releases. The other surgical teams include general, ENT, and urology.

However, this year will be a little different as I will be going to Kalongo, Uganda, on an exploratory mission composed of a five person team. We will provide surgical treatments to this new area and assess whether it will be a good situation for a large surgical mission for the future.

I am so thankful that I went to Missouri State and received the training to learn anesthesia as a CRNA. Eighty percent of the worlds population live in poverty and don't have access to health care. Working in these missions have been such a reward in growing as a CRNA and as a person. It's been a wonderful experience and career.

Thank you Missouri State,
Jeremy Olson

ALUMNI

SPOTLIGHT



Bart Kuhns graduated from MSU School of Anesthesia in June 2017. Becoming a CRNA has fulfilled a dream for Kuhns. It is a goal he wanted to attain for years.

“The CRNA road has led me to having a vocation that I love,” he said. “I enjoy going to the OR daily and helping people in my community. It is a privilege to be in a position to help those in need by providing anesthesia

services. The independence and responsibilities of anesthesia are rewarding. Being on the CRNA road has allowed me to be a better philanthropist. I really enjoy that.

Currently, Kuhns works at Bothwell Regional Health Center. He has been employed there for 24 years. He started as a CRTT (certified respiratory therapy technician). He continued with education to attain RRT (registered respiratory therapist) then RN. Now, he considers his work as a CRNA very fulfilling.

“I have good memories from school and I was fortunate to have good preceptors. I was taught and challenged daily and when I encounter situations or prepare for a case I frequently hear their voices telling me how to proceed,” Kuhns said.

This year, Kuhns wanted to begin giving a scholarship award to an MSU School of Anesthesia student, and he did it!

“My desire is to help someone struggling to meet the demands of returning to college later in life because I understand these situations. I was fortunate to have help during times when things were not looking good. One positive intervention changed the circumstances for me and I am grateful for that. I am now in a position to help someone. I want to help someone achieve the goal that I had because becoming a CRNA is a life changing achievement,” said Kuhns.

CLINICAL SITE
COORDINATOR
SPOTLIGHT

Wendi Richardson DNAP, CRNA is the Idaho site coordinator for multiple rural settings. She has been a site coordinator for eight years.

Richardson received her Masters in Nurse Anesthesia from MSU in 1998. In 2017, she received her Doctorate in Nurse Anesthesia Practice from MSU.

She likes showing the students a great balance in life with work and personal time.

Richardson likes the students to have fun. Some things she has done with students include hunting, hiking, cooking, white water rafting, motorcycle trips, camping, boating, going to the markets, and being involved in the community.

Richardson enjoys working with senior students and giving them innovative ideas. She also lets the students do some teaching for the staff and herself. She said the students get some awesome regional practice in the rural settings which is more exclusive than in large practices.

“I think a strong attribute I bring to the table for students is being in an independent practice. Being confident and able to trouble shoot problems using limited resources, at times, is a common theme for rural anesthesia,” Richardson said.

MSU School of Anesthesia Website Spotlight

Life in Full Color Opens Up New World for School of Anesthesia Student

“SO MANY THINGS HAVE COLOR THAT I HAD NO IDEA HAD COLOR.”

In first grade, Justin Layton remembers seeing the circle-dot color test for the first time. He failed that test and was told that he was color blind. As a child, he remembers getting angry at kids that would rip off the paper of the crayons so that he wouldn't be able to tell what color the crayons were.

LIVING IN A WORLD WITH NO COLOR

Layton has learned to adjust over the years, knowing that at times he needs to ask questions regarding colors. On one occasion, he wandered through an empty building where his class was located to find a stranger that could decipher what color he was assigned in a group project. Life without color was “normal” for Layton and he didn't feel it had effected his life too much.

He went on to graduate with his nursing degree from Grand Canyon State University then started in the Emergency Room working trauma where he stayed for three years. After that, he moved into the trauma ICU, where he worked for one year.

Layton always wanted to work at the top of his field. He wanted to seek out the best schooling for himself, gain as much knowledge as he could, and try to help as many people as possible. For those reasons, he chose to pursue the anesthesia specialty. Layton began his journey at MSU School of Anesthesia to get his doctorate degree as a Nurse Anesthetist in the summer of 2018.

Layton's mom was a huge source of inspiration for him. She went back to school at the age of 50 to get her bachelor's degree in Nursing. She was the one who told Layton about Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists. Before then, he had never heard of CRNAs.

A NEW OUTLOOK

Layton's wife, Laura, has encouraged him along the way and has been supportive of his every decision. This past fall, she surprised him with Enchroma glasses which amplify color and are designed specifically for color blind people. She took him to Nathaniel Greene Park where the fall color was especially notable.

“I had no clue trees came in those colors: Hot pink? Neon fire orange? Fire engine Red? Purple? I always thought those descriptor words for colors were stupid, until now! I am overwhelmed at this new world: seeing my kid's eyes for the first time, seeing my wife's eyes for the first time, the vibrant colors of street signs and advertisement billboards, and the bright red on the American flag,” Layton said. He urges, “Enjoy the color around you. Don't take it for granted!”

Layton continues to pursue his dream as a Nurse Anesthetist in a more colorful world. “The job of a Nurse Anesthetist is pretty awesome: putting people to sleep, waking them back up, keeping people pain free, and helping the laboring mother, how incredible is that?”



“Enjoy the color around you. Don't take it for granted!”



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We look forward to inviting you to future alumni events and hope you are able to join us!



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