School of Anesthesia Celebrates 65 Years

The MSU School of Anesthesia 65th Reunion Celebration took place at The Tower Club in Springfield on March 31. Alumni, School of Anesthesia faculty, staff and students enjoyed a three course dinner and music by Hendrix and Craig. Alumni enjoyed looking at photo albums from the early days of the School of Anesthesia. There was also a silent auction. Over $2,000 was raised to go in the Nurse Anesthesia Excellence fund for student scholarships and needs of the school. School of Anesthesia Program Director, Monika Feeney, said, “This year completes 65 years of educating Anesthetists-a proud legacy of over 650 successful graduates. We have seen anesthesia transition from ether to desflurane. Patient safety has skyrocketed from our early days! It is a time to remember and a time to celebrate the Art and Science of anesthesia! We have come a long way and the future looks bright!”
MISSOURI STATE
SCHOOL OF ANESTHESIA
65TH REUNION CELEBRATION
Greetings!

Happy Spring! – It seems the semesters are just flying by! We are settling into our new building, and we are very grateful! I am pleased to report that our program received a 10-year re-accreditation from the COA at its fall council meeting, with no deficiencies! In January, we selected 24 candidates to begin our program in June. We are excited for the newest group to begin. Our first DNAP entry-level class graduates this month. The students will actually be done with clinical for the first time in our school history, on the day of graduation! We have 14 wonderful people that will be entering the world of CRNAs. In addition, we will have 20 CRNAs that will graduate from our Completion Program, MS to DNAP. We have CRNAs from all over the U.S. If you are interested in our completion program, we accept students any semester, it is a distance program, and is made for the working CRNA. The program can be completed in 1, 2, or 3 years.

Our program is 65 years old this year! We are proud of this milestone and celebrated with a dinner, dance and auction benefiting the School of Anesthesia foundation. Check out our Facebook page for more pictures!

This semester we welcome two new 9-month faculty, Jeanie Skibiski, and Jill Layman – we are happy to have them as part of our program. School plans include developing a post-doctoral Acute Pain Fellowship and starting an RN First Assist Program.

Friday the 28th of April our Seniors participated in the School of Anesthesia Research Symposium and they participated in the Missouri State Interdisciplinary Forum. The IDF was held on Saturday, April 29, 9 am to noon. At this event, the public is invited to see all programs at MSU present their research via poster presentations and oral presentations.

New clinical sites include: Research Hospital in Kansas City, Barton County Hospital in Lamar, Missouri, and Allen County Hospital in Iola, Kansas. Thank you to all of our clinical sites. We appreciate you!

Celebrate your art!

Respectfully, Monika

Definitions of Medical Staff
Submitted by: Ernest Ayo– 1980 graduate from Southwest Missouri State University

**Chief of Staff**
Leaps tall buildings in a single bound,
Is more powerful than a locomotive,
Is faster than a speeding bullet,
Gives policy to God.

**Staff Doctor**
Leaps short buildings in a single bound,
Is more powerful than a swift engine,
Is just as fast as a speeding bullet,
Walks on water if the sea is calm,
Talks with God.

**Resident**
Leaps short buildings with a running start and favorable winds,
Is almost as powerful as a switch engine,
Is faster than a speeding B.B.,
Walks on water in a swimming pool,
Talks with God if special request is granted.

**Intern**
Clears an outhouse,
Loses race with locomotive,
Can fire a speeding bullet,
Swims well,
Is occasionally advised by God.

**Medical Student**
Runs into small buildings,
Recognizes locomotive two out of three times,
Wets himself with a water pistol,
Dog paddles,
Mumbles to animals.

**The nurse**
Lifts buildings to walk under,
Kicks locomotives off of the track,
Catches speeding bullets in his teeth,
Freezes water with a single glance,
A nurse is God.
Golden Paddles Ping Pong Champions Announced

Congratulations to Team G-rex, Greg Clark and Keaton Todd, on winning the first Annual Golden Paddles Ping Pong Championship at the Missouri State School of Anesthesia! Clark and Todd are first year School of Anesthesia students. Great job guys!
Faculty and Students Participate in Lobby Day at the Capitol

MSU School of Anesthesia faculty member and senior students attended Lobby Day at the Missouri Capitol in Jefferson City on February 8.

Lobby Day was sponsored by Missouri Association of Nurse Anesthetists (MOANA). Students were split into groups and paired with a CRNA. Jeanie Skibiski, a member of MSU School of Anesthesia faculty and School of Anesthesia senior students met with several state representatives and senators including: State Representatives Kevin Austin and Lynn Morris and State Senator Jay Wasson. Those who attended Lobby Day wanted to provide awareness of the CRNA profession to the legislators, as there were no legislation issues of concern regarding CRNAs to discuss at that time. Some of the points that were shared with the legislators were: CRNAs deliver more than 38 million anesthetics per year, CRNAs have been recognized Medicare part B providers since 1986 and CRNAs are 25 percent more cost effective.

Senior student, John Ikenroth, said, “It was enlightening to see the process and I see why things take a while to travel through the system.”

Senior student, Mindy Green, said, “The building was beautiful, the energy was amazing and the importance of being politically active definitely hit home.”

Senior, Bart Kuhns, said, “I found the process to be very educational and was glad to participate.”

Senior, Tony Roberts, said that some of the legislators had told the group that it was good to talk to them because some of them had no idea about the CRNA profession. “I think that it is our duty as CRNAs/SRNAs to advocate for our profession,” he said. “We have to unite together because we are stronger as a group than as an individual. Lobby Day is a perfect opportunity to do that and I hope to get more involved.”

Senior, Dione Blansit, also attended the Mid-Year Assembly in Washington D.C. and was not able to meet directly with any State Representatives there. She said she felt like the communication was better being able to meet face to face with the representatives at the State Lobby Day.

Senior, Matt Foster, said, “I thought this was a very fun and informative activity and day. It opened my eyes to the need to advocate in this way for our profession. Many of these representatives are not real familiar with our profession and how beneficial we are. So, educating them may help them to make better decisions regarding laws than can affect our practice. I appreciated this opportunity.”
Welcome to New Faculty

Jeanie Skibiski received her Doctorate of Nurse Anesthesia Practice degree from MSU School of Anesthesia in June 2016. She comes to Missouri State University after working in the Mercy system for over 30 years and additionally taught at the Southwest Missouri School of Anesthesia during that time. She is teaching 800 level classes including: Policy, Professional Practice and Safety.

Jill Layman received her Master’s degree from MSU School of Anesthesia in 2012. After leaving the military she studied mathematics and taught for a short time, prior to returning to school for her nursing degree. After graduating, she worked in SICU at Mercy Hospital before being accepted to the anesthesia program. She stayed with Mercy as a CRNA for nearly 5 years before joining the team at MSU School of Anesthesia. She will be teaching Pharmacology I and II and Advanced Anesthesia Principles I and II and she is also working on her Doctorate of Nurse Anesthesia Practice degree.

We are happy to have both of these ladies and welcome them to our department!

We Appreciate our Technology Support!!!!

Ian Alaimo is the Technology Coordinator for the College of Health and Human Sciences. He has been at Missouri State University since 1996. He oversees all IT staff, technology purchases and budgets within CHHS. He is regularly involved in many college and university committees as well as designing and facilitating the installation and procurement of the IT needs of building projects and renovations.

Eric Shively is an Instructional Technology Support Specialist for the College of Health and Human Sciences. He has been with Missouri State University for five years. He provides technology support, specializing in unique technology.

Jeremy Henson is a Distributed User Support Specialist for the College of Health and Human Sciences. He has worked for CHHS technology services for 307 days, but a total of 951 days for Missouri State University. He provides basic classroom tech support, and desktop support for faculty and staff.

Study while others are sleeping-
Work while others are loafing-
Prepare while others are playing-
Dream while others are wishing!
-William Arthur Ware
Tom Champagne graduated from Southwest Missouri School of Nurse Anesthesia in 1981. His career in anesthesia started many years ago when he worked as a patient attendant in a small rural hospital in the southern most part of Louisiana. There was a CRNA working there that introduced him to anesthesia. Champagne changed his college major to nursing and completed his BSN. Having traveled to Springfield since childhood to visit relatives, he discovered there was a program for Nurse Anesthesia so he applied and moved away from home to further his education. Once complete, Champagne returned to south Louisiana and has been practicing there for the past 36 years.

Champagne currently works at Terrebonne General Medical Center. He has worked there for 30 years. He is the director of anesthesia and perfusion services. TGMC is a 250 bed facility with an anesthesia department of 19 CRNAs and 4 Anesthesiologists. They perform approximately 9000 cases per year including CV, Neuro, Ortho, Gen Surg, ENT, Gyn, Urology and OB.

Champagne has implemented computerized documents for anesthesia dating back 20 years ago utilizing Draeger’s Saturn and Innovian systems and most recently EPIC anesthesia. He is a credentialed trainer for EPIC and has been a consultant for Draeger in the past. “My experiences with these systems has benefited me greatly in my role as a director especially in dealing with the business and financial end of running an anesthesia service,” Champagne said.

Champagne said over the past 30 years there have been many events and experiences that have been memorable. “Being a CRNA has afforded opportunities for myself and my family I never once dreamed possible,” he said.

Champagne said a Nursing Director once told him that nurse anesthesia was a dead end profession with no opportunity for growth. “That could not have been any farther from the truth. When I think of where I started and what CRNAs learn and do today it’s amazing,” he said.

“Where else can you work that you do something good for someone in need every day?” Champagne said. “Without a doubt, I was at the right place at the right time and will always be thankful for the opportunity given to me.”
You Can Make a Difference for a Future Student

A Memorial Scholarship Fund in Memory of Dr. Wade Shipman has been established through the gracious help of the Mercy Foundation. Each gift will help future anesthesia students. To those that participate with a $5000 pledge, the MSU School of Anesthesia will commemorate the gift with a name plaque on the wall of the School of Anesthesia under Dr. Shipman’s picture located in the atrium. 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.

Donations can also be made to the Missouri State University Foundation designated for the Nurse Anesthetist Program Excellence Fund. The School of Anesthesia is the only self-supporting program at MSU. That means our funds come from program fees, tuition, and donations. Giving online is an easy, fast way to give. It saves postage and paper costs and is a safe, secure way to make a donation. Simply designate where you would like your gift to go at: https://webapps.missouristate.edu/giving/pledge2.aspx?major=CHHS&sub=NA and select: NURSE ANESTHETIST PROGRAM EXCELLENCE FUND. Give by mail by sending a check or money order to: Missouri State University Foundation, Nurse Anesthetist Program Excellence Fund, Kenneth E. Meyer Alumni Center, 300 South Jefferson, Suite 100, Springfield, MO 65806.

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- Flexible for the working CRNA
- Finish in 1, 2 or 3 years
- Reasonable cost
- Learn the importance of evidence based medicine
- No time like the present!

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Alumni News

We are eager to share news about our alumni. If you have information to share we would love to include it for others to know! Join the MSU Anesthesia Alumni Association. Missouri State University Alumni Association welcomes you with open arms. Visit their website http://alumni.missouristate.edu

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

Show your Missouri State School of Anesthesia pride!

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Buzzard Wear NOW Available!

New T-shirt Design
The new School of Anesthesia t-shirt was designed by current student, Kris Rauchle.

ACLS, PALS and BLS Recertification Time and Day TBA
For more information call the school office at 417-836-5039.

Shel’Lee’s Corner

Good Day All!

Hoping this letter finds you all healthy and happy.

I have been super busy getting students credentialed for clinicals and registering the new students who will be starting in June. As of April 13, I have been out of the office for a few weeks due to much needed surgery on my foot.

Please call our office any time regarding the school or a shirt order at 417-836-5039.

Till Next Time,
Shel’Lee