



York College of Pennsylvania / WellSpan Health NURSE ANESTHETIST PROGRAM

Vigilance, Knowledge, and Compassion

GRADUATION EDITION

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- YCP/WH graduates sixth class of SRNAs
- 100% Board pass rate!!!

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YCP/WH CRNA Program Class of 2014

On May 17, 2014 the York College of Pennsylvania/ WellSpan Health Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist Program graduated its sixth class.

The accomplishments of this group of seniors are many, with a class including the 2014 PANA Student of the Year (Emily Decker), the 2013 AANA Student Writer of the Year (Ashley Grace Piper), and others such as Jason Huffman whose work, "The Safe and Effective Use of Pharmacological Agents Used for Sedation During Radiological Procedures", was accepted for publication in the September issue of the Journal of Radiology Nursing...and who can forget to mention the PANA



College Bowl Champions! They all have worked incredibly hard over the last 32 months and yet again, as the case has been with the classes that came before them, they have provided an excellent example of the values of vigilance, knowledge and compassion that are the corner-

stone of this program. The bar keeps being raised!! As they all venture into this new chapter of their lives and careers there is no doubt that they will all be excellent practitioners and contribute greatly to the profession of nurse anesthesia.

From all of us in the YCP/WH nurse anesthesia program family, we would like to thank you all for your hard work, dedication, and commitment to not only your own education but to this program as a whole. We want to wish you CONGRATULATIONS on a job well done and wish you all the best in your future careers. We look forward to following your continued successes!!!!



Friday Forum



The graduation festivities kicked off with the Class of 2014's last Friday Forum (as students!). It was a great celebration with YCP/WH students past and present there. Several alumni including Mike Adams, Poonam Upreti, Cathy Lawry, Kara Witmer, Robin Crowley, Jeremy Bullock and Hallie Hellman were there to give their well wishes to the Class of 2014 and join in on the celebration.



After enjoying breakfast, it was a special treat to see each individual senior and Dr. Haas sign their transcripts and officially have them notarized by YCPs, Janet Strickhouser. Dr. Haas said a few words about each member of the class which was a wonderful tribute as we were able to relive their many accomplishments.



The day finished up with some special presentations from the senior class. The class first recognized Diane Dube for all of the hard work that she does for our program and presented her with a gift. Seniors Trina Zito, Ashley Grace Piper and Christie Catalano on behalf of the seniors all shared special moments and tributes



about each faculty member, Dr. Haas, Professor Lowe, and Professor Burtnett. There was some humor and teasing as well as very heartfelt thanks for the level of commitment and dedication that these three men show for their students and this program

The class of also presented them with several gifts and an incredibly generous \$750 donation. Each faculty member offered

kind words and encouragement to the entire class. The day was wrapped up with an emotional slideshow of pictures and music that took everyone through the 32 months of memories shared by the seniors. Needless to say, it was an inspirational day, filled with laughter and tears, and a perfect way to kick off the graduation weekend.





This year's graduates celebrated this joyous weekend with family, friends, faculty, and alumni. Convocation was held on Friday evening, May 16, 2014 where the graduates were hooded and represented by classmate Jamie Caudill as the speaker for the MS programs in nursing.

The celebration continued later that evening with a graduation reception dinner held at the Out Door Country Club in York, PA.

Commencement was held on Saturday, May 17, 2014 on main campus.

Thank you to all those involved in putting these events together. We hope that the Class of 2014, their families, and friends had a wonderful time celebrating all of the accomplishments of this great group of graduates!!!

Program Director's Clinical Excellence Award



Congratulations to graduate Kelly Martin this year's recipient of the *Program Director's Clinical Excellence Award*. Kelly's outstanding clinical performance was recognized at the graduation reception and his name will be permanently displayed on the plaque at the school along with other previous recipients. All who have worked with Kelly in the clinical setting have recognized his hard work, dedication, and desire to be a compassionate, knowledgeable, and vigilant CRNA, and especially his great knowledge about regional anesthesia. Congratulations on a job well done, Kelly!

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Hazel P. Currier Memorial Award

Congratulations to Jason Huffman, recipient of the *Hazel P. Currier Memorial Award*. This award is given to the student whose clinical practice, academic work, and community service best exemplifies the program's motto of "Vigilance, Knowledge, and Compassion." Jason has continuously demonstrated these values during his time here in the program. Jason received \$500 in addition to having his name added to the plaque that resides at the school.

Ms. Currier was a remarkable figure who served as Presi-

dent of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA) in 1967. She was in attendance at the very first AANA Annual Meeting in Milwaukee in 1933 and missed very few others throughout the rest of her lifetime. She was a recipient of the prestigious Agatha Hodgins Award in 1933. We are very grateful for this award that was donated at Ms. Currier's request to the York Health Foundation.

Congratulations, Jason! Thank you for all of your hard work and for representing the program so well!





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Amazing Board Pass Rate !!!!

The class of 2014 did not waste anytime after graduation signing up to take their boards. Only a few weeks after graduation all have taken the test and passed with flying colors! Congratulations on this amazing accomplishment of a 100% board pass rate!!! None of it would have been possible without all of your constant hard work and dedication! Special thanks to the entire faculty, staff, clinical site coordinators and preceptors who have help to support, mentor, and educate the Class of 2014!

Congratulations

- Christi Catalano, MS, CRNA Jamie Caudill, MS, CRNA
- Emily Decker, MS, CRNA Jason Huffman, MS, CRNA
- Stacey Loeschner, MS, CRNA Kelly Martin, MS, CRNA
- Ashley Piper, MS, CRNA Amy Reed, MS, CRNA
- Trina Zito, MS, CRNA

Additional Recognitions

Congratulations to Robin Crowley, CRNA, the first recipient of the Alumni Award. This award is given to the alumnus who demonstrates an unparalleled commitment to the York College/WellSpan Health Nurse Anesthetist Program. This year Robin has helped to organize and is the first president of the SOFA Foundation (Supporting Our Future Anesthetists) and has given much of her time and efforts continuing to support the students of this program as a clinical site coordinator at Holy Spirit Hospital.

Additionally, Dr. Jackie Harrington was recognized for her dedication and support of our program. Without her leadership, our program may not be in existence today. Dr. Harrington will be retiring this summer and she will be greatly missed by the York College nursing community .





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