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A NEWSLETTER PUBLISHED THREE TIMES A YEAR CONNECTING SAMUEL MERRITT UNIVERSITY, PROVIDENCE COLLEGE OF NURSING AND THE CALIFORNIA COLLEGE OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE WITH THEIR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

David M. and Oolah B. Evans Physical Therapy Scholarship Advisory Committee Established

In collaboration with Samuel Merritt University's (SMU) Physical Therapy Department and the Office of Alumni Affairs, the David M. and Oolah B. Evans Physical Therapy Scholarship Advisory Committee has been formed by former scholarship recipients, alumni, and current and former faculty members.



Members of the David M. and Oolah B. Evans Physical Therapy Scholarship Advisory Committee. Front Row (L to R): Barbie Horgan Thomas '95 and Paula Tanksley '96. Back Row (L to R): Dr. Terry Nordstrom, Tracy Michelmore '93, Dr. Patricia Rae Evans, and Dr. Patrick Aguiar '10.

THE DAVID M. AND OOLAH B. EVANS PHYSICAL THERAPY SCHOLARSHIP FUND was established in 1991 at SMU, by David and Oolah Evans' daughter, Dr. Patricia Rae Evans. Dr. Evans served as the first Academic Coordinator of Clinical Education of the Physical Therapy Department for the program's first eight years. During Dr. Evans' tenure, Oolah, who passed away in 2008, befriended many of the physical therapy students and graciously, opened her home to students completing their internships in areas surrounding her home in Salem, Oregon. "You could always count on Oolah being seated in the front row at Commencement, beaming as if each graduate crossing the stage were her own" states Carla Ross, Director of Alumni Affairs.

The Committee, which held its first meeting in spring 2010, has defined their role as strengthening physical therapy alumni relations and building the David M. and Oolah B. Evans Physical Therapy Fund. One of the first goals set by the Committee is to build the current corpus of the Evans Scholarship to \$50,000 in order to endow the fund and therefore assure the fund's existence into perpetuity. The Evans Scholarship Fund currently sits at \$29,000.

The Committee's first Evans Fund benefit will be an art auction featuring original oil paintings by the late Oolah B. Evans on November 6, 2010 at the Health Education Center in Oakland. Mrs. Evans attended and graduated from the Washington School of Art in Chicago following her retirement as Hobart Indiana's Clerk Treasurer in 1976. Her paintings were displayed at the Invitational Exhibition of Art in Paris, France in 1984.

Charter members of the Advisory Committee are: **Dr. Patrick Aguiar '10**; **Dr. Patricia Rae Evans**; **Tracy Michelmore '93**; **Dr. Terrence Nordstrom**, Chair of SMU's Department of Physical Therapy; **Carla Ross**; **Paula Tanksley '96**; and **Barbie Horgan Thomas '95**.

"We are extremely fortunate to have these dedicated alums serving on the advisory committee," states Ms. Ross. "Each brings a unique gift to the committee. The Office of Development and Alumni Affairs is looking forward to the committee providing their ideas to strengthen ties among alums as the number of alumni continues to grow."

For more information on serving on the Evans Scholarship Advisory Committee or to make a contribution to the Evans - Scholarship please contact **Carla Ross in the Alumni Affairs Office at 510.869.6618.**

PHYSICAL THERAPY DEPARTMENT AT SAMUEL MERRITT UNIVERSITY TO CELEBRATE 20TH ANNIVERSARY

SAMUEL MERRITT UNIVERSITY'S (SMU) DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL THERAPY will celebrate the 20th anniversary of their first entering class on Saturday, November 6, 2010, at the Health Education Center in Oakland, California. The day-long event will feature a continuing education course and a reception to mark this important program milestone.

The day will begin with a continuing education course, "A Systems Approach to Balance Evaluation and Treatment," presented by Fay Horak, PhD, PT, an internationally known clinician, educator and researcher. The workshop will emphasize the importance of evaluating the specific systems affected in each patient with a balance problem in order to develop effective physical therapy interventions.

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OAKLAND CHAMBER AWARDS SMU WITH COMMUNITY SERVICE OF THE YEAR

The Oakland Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce has awarded Samuel Merritt University (SMU) with the annual 'Community Service' award in recognition of its exemplary service efforts in improving the quality of healthcare to the Bay Area.

"IN THIS TIME of economic distress, we need volunteers more than ever," said Joe Haraburda, Chamber President. "Samuel Merritt University students represent an enormous pool of idealism and energy to help tackle some of our toughest challenges and that is why we are recognizing the University for making community service a campus priority."

"Samuel Merritt University is a unique health sciences institution that successfully blends education with healthcare skills to effectively meet local and global medical needs," said Stephanie Bangert, Executive Director of Office of the President. "This is a wonderful external recognition of the deep and continuing commitment of the University to transform care in diverse communities."

The Chamber's 105th Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon was held at the Oakland Marriott City Center. Several faculty, staff, and students representing SMU community services attended the event, including Jeremy Evans, SMU student in the Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM) program.

"I got a little choked up during the award presentation especially when they displayed photos of me and my classmates providing free footcare to residents who lived on the border between Mexico and California," said Evans. "It was a special day of reflection and satisfaction knowing I played a small role in this achievement."

Honorees for the Community Service award were chosen based on a series of selection factors - including scope and innovation of service projects, incentives for service, and the extent to which the school offers academic service-learning courses. -

"Volunteering and initiating change to improve healthcare and professional practice through leadership and community service activities are core learning competencies for the University," said Bangert. "In each of these areas, students work in the community under the supervision

of faculty providing free acute care and healthcare education to low-income families and individuals living in diverse communities of the greater Bay Area."

Two examples of how SMU contributes to the quality of healthcare in the communities are in the Physician Assistant (PA) and Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) programs. Students in the two disciplines work together at the Davis Street Family Resource Center in San Leandro three days a week, year-round. Students handle everything from free medical care to language translation for the low-insured or non-insured families.

In another example, the University conducts free occupational and physical therapy clinics on campus for children and adults. The clinics are designed to provide consultation, evaluation, individual treatment and/or client and caregiver education. Some conditions that might bring a client to a clinic could be a stroke, brain injury, spinal cord injury, multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, cerebral palsy, or even low vision.

SMU students and faculty often volunteer their time and expertise in health fairs, like the African American Health Summit and Health Expo and the Oakland Trucker's Family Health-Fair. SMU students also take an active interest in mentoring students from the Oakland Unified School District in programs like Youth in Medicine, SAMM, and Brain Awareness.

"The programs help teens learn about the healthcare field and discover what the college experience is like if they wish to pursue a professional career in the medical field," said Greba Jackson, Youth in Medicine program director. "If it wasn't for a program like this, many of these kids would be at home in front of a TV, computer or somewhere unsafe."

The University's commitment to global health is an exciting form of community service outside of U.S. borders. Students and faculty in all academic - programs have traveled overseas on medical



Nate Oubre of Kaiser Permanente presents the Community Service Award to Stephanie Bangert, representing SMU -

missions to Europe, Africa, South America, and Southeast Asia. For many years several nursing students have traveled to rural areas in Laos providing medical care, vitamins, clothing, and school supplies to local villagers. Last year the group raised money to buy the city's only public hospital a gurney and an x-ray machine.

On the national front, medical missions have included places like New Orleans and San Diego where students in the Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (DPM) program provide free foot care and healthcare education to uninsured residents.

SMU students, staff and faculty contribute year round in other programs such as Salvation Army, the Alameda County Community Food Bank, American Red Cross, and various church and organization groups.

Nate Oubre of Kaiser Permanente presented the "Community Service" award to Stephanie Bangert, who accepted the award on behalf of President Sharon Diaz and the SMU community. 🌱

THERE WERE SIX CATEGORIES FOR THE 2010 ANNUAL CHAMBER AWARDS:

- Community Service
- Corporate Citizenship
- Small Business Innovator
- Oakland on the Map
- Volunteer of the Year
- Lifetime Achievement

Dr. Milton Wolfson Memorial Scholar of the Year Named



DR. MARC A. BENARD was named the 2010 Dr. Milton Wolfson Memorial Scholar at the June 2010 Western Podiatric Medical Congress held in Anaheim, California. The Dr. Milton Wolfson Memorial Scholar is awarded annually to honor someone who has made significant contributions to primary care in podiatric medicine. The recipient is presented with a plaque and is invited to give a speech on his/her area of expertise.

Dr. Benard, a 1977 graduate of the California College of Podiatric Medicine, has dedicated much of his career to the furtherance of primary podiatric medical care as Executive Director of the American Board of Podiatric Orthopedics and Primary Podiatric Medicine and as co-director of the Baja Crippled Children's Project. A noted author and lecturer, Dr. Benard offers an annual three-hour presentation to students at CSPM and has lectured extensively at other colleges of podiatric medicine.

We congratulate you on your accomplishments Dr. Benard! 🌱



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A reception, hosted by the University's Office of Alumni Affairs, will follow the workshop to honor all of the Department of Physical Therapy's alumni, current and former faculty and staff, students, clinical instructors, and friends. The reception marks the beginning of 5-, 10- and 20- year alumni reunions planned beginning in 2011, the 20th year anniversary of the first Master of Physical Therapy graduating class.

The SMU Department of Physical Therapy was founded in 1990, under the leadership of Dr. Martha J. Jewell, Professor Emeritus. The Department was the first health science discipline and first graduate program added to what was then a single-purpose College focused on nursing education. The Department began with an entry-level master's degree in physical therapy. The program was the first in the country to offer a long-term, paid culminating internship and one of the hallmarks of the MPT program was the

orientation towards early, frequent and integrated clinical experiences. Those important features continue in the current program. There were over 300 graduates of the MPT program from 1991 to 2004.

In 2002, the Department admitted its first students to an entry-level Doctor of Physical Therapy program. In 2003, Dr. Jewell was succeeded as Chair by Dr. Terry Nordstrom. There have been 166 graduates of the program since the inaugural DPT class graduated in 2005. Today, the Department has nine full-time faculty, all of whom are doctorally prepared, marking a major achievement in advancing teaching and scholarship in the Department and University. Members of the faculty are editors and authors of important texts for clinical reasoning in physical therapy and for people with neuromuscular problems. The Department continues its focus on clinically oriented education through its use of standardized

patient examinations, high-fidelity simulation and the free clinic for adults with neurological problems.

The Department now has a research lab that allows several faculty members to pursue their primary research agendas investigating movement and balance in people with a variety of disorders. The University has invested resources towards the purchase of sophisticated equipment for testing balance, real-time ultrasound, and the beginnings of motion analysis. 🌱

An art auction featuring original oil paintings by the late Oolah B. Evans will also be held throughout the day to increase scholarship aid to current physical therapy students at SMU through the David M. and Oolah B. Evans Physical Therapy Scholarship Fund. Mrs. Evans attended and graduated from the Washington School of Art in Chicago following her retirement as Hobart Indiana's Clerk Treasurer in 1976. Her paintings were displayed at the Invitational Exhibition of Art in Paris, France in 1984.

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ATTENTION SAMUEL MERRITT UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING COMMUNITY!

The School of Nursing will be hosting an on-site accreditation evaluation of our baccalaureate and master's degree programs by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) on October 11-13, 2010. As required by CCNE, and in the interest of continuous quality improvement, we are inviting all interested parties to provide written input into the deliberations of the evaluation team.

CCNE will accept written, signed comments until September 10, 2010. If you wish to provide such comments, please send them directly to:

**Ms. Amanda Brownbridge, Accreditation Assistant
Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education
One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530
Washington, DC 20036-1120**

CSPM Alumni and Associates Names its 2010 Award Recipients



Dr. Bruce Dobbs '73

THE HEATHER BARTON, ESQ. AWARD is awarded for outstanding service and educational contributions to podiatric medicine, the California School of Podiatric Medicine (CSPM) and the podiatric medical profession. The

recipient is selected by committee from submitted nominations by the CSPM podiatric medical community. For 2010, the committee selected **Dr. Bruce Dobbs**. After finishing his two-year surgical residency in 1975 and not knowing where he was going to practice, his problem was solved when he was asked to stay as junior faculty in the surgery department of the California College of Podiatric Medicine (now known as CSPM). On Friday, he was a senior resident, and on the following Monday he was Dr. Bruce Dobbs, Assistant Professor of Podiatric Surgery. Along with the academic teaching duties came a day a week for private practice. After one-year at the Parnassus practice, he bought a small independent practice in Daly City. As his practice grew he began having students join him and assist in treating patients. Eventually, along with other practitioners in the area, a residency rotation was added and finally student externships. For the past 35-years, Dr. Dobbs has been educating CSPM residents and students at his office, a surgery center, and at a hospital. He has never asked for, nor has he been financially compensated for these years of teaching. He is fond of reminding us how important it is to "pay it forward" and that "teaching is its own reward." He states that "a simple thank-you from his current or former students is reward enough for his past 35 years of teaching." It is for these reasons that Dr. Dobbs was named the 2010 Heather Barton, Esq. Award recipient. **Congratulations Dr. Dobbs!**



Dr. Carolyn McAloon '97

THE GARY BIANCHI AWARD is awarded to an individual in recognition of outstanding dedication to the California School of Podiatric Medicine, its students, graduates and friends. The recipient is selected by committee

from nominations submitted by the CSPM podiatric medical community. For 2010, the committee named **Dr. Carolyn McAloon**. Dr. McAloon received her B.A. in Psychology from the University of California, Berkeley in 1991. She then graduated in 1997 from the California College of Podiatric Medicine (now known as CSPM) in San Francisco and completed residency at the VA Palo Alto Health Care System. After completing her surgical training, Dr. McAloon moved to Castro Valley where she has been in private practice since 1999. In addition to being a full-time practitioner and the mother of two school aged children, Dr. McAloon is very active in the podiatric medical profession, holding leadership positions with the Alameda Contra Costa Podiatric Medical Society, the California Podiatric Medical Association, the American Association for Women Podiatrists, and the CSPM Alumni and Associates Executive Committee. Dr. McAloon involves herself in educating legislators about podiatric medicine, welcomes countless potential students to shadow her in her office, serves as an Assistant Clinical Professor for third year students, and graciously gives presentations about the profession at various student recruitment events each year at CSPM.

Congratulations Dr. McAloon!

THE PHILIP GARDNER, DPM AWARD is presented to an individual who best characterizes the ideals of love, education, and service to the California School of Podiatric Medicine (CSPM). The recipient is selected by committee from nominations submitted by the CSPM podiatric medical community. For 2010, the committee selected **Andrea Carrick**. Ms. Carrick has served members of the podiatric medical profession, podiatric medical students and CSPM for the past 20 years as a CPMA staff member. In addition to overseeing to the multitude of details required to coordinate events such as the Essentials of Practice, Golden State Seminar and the Western Podiatric Medical Congress, in her current position as CPMA's Director of Meetings, Ms. Carrick serves as the "go to girl" for many in and outside the podiatric medical profession. "There simply has not been a time that CSPM has contacted Andrea that she hasn't been willing to be of assistance — even if what was needed is not in her area of responsibility", states Irma Walker-Adamé, Associate Dean for Administrative Affairs at CSPM. Her commitment to CSPM, the profession and to being of service and doing the right thing has benefitted us all. **Congratulations Andrea and thank you for all you do!** 🌱



L to R: Dr. Dan Fulmer, Vice President of the CSPM Alumni and Associates, and Dr. Eric Hubbard, Past President, present Andrea Carrick with the Philip Gardner, DPM Award.



Yoshiya Yamada '10

WHILE MANY PEOPLE aspire to be doctors, Yoshiya Yamada, a former doctor in Japan, was inspired to become a nurse. On Friday, May 28, 2010 that dream became a reality as he joined 94 of his fellow nursing classmates at the Samuel Merritt University (SMU) Commencement ceremony at the Paramount Theatre in Oakland, California.

Yamada had been practicing medicine for nearly 20 years in Tokyo. For fifteen of those years he examined and treated patients by performing gastrointestinal endoscopy procedures. "My work was to find small cancers by colonoscopy and remove those regions by endoscopic procedures," said Yamada.

Ever since he was a child, Yamada knew he wanted to help people. When it was time for him to decide on a university, Yamada was disappointed that he could not find an organized nursing school or program for men. "I wanted to become a nurse in Japan, but this profession was mostly encouraged for females to enter, not men, so I became a doctor instead."

DOCTOR PURSUES DREAM OF BECOMING A NURSE

Fusae Abbott, DNSc, RN, Professor and Director of the SMU Case Management program and a Japanese native, is not surprised to hear that Yamada had difficulty pursuing his dream. "In Japan, there are few programs that have opened their doors to those who want to change careers to become a nurse. Especially in this case, where a doctor wants to become a nurse, it might be almost impossible to find a school which would accept Yamada."

In 2004, Yamada decided to move to the United States in pursuit of his aspiration of becoming a nurse. He applied to Samuel Merritt University in September 2007 as a 'special status student,' working on his prerequisites to enter the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program. By May 26, 2009, Yamada was eligible to enter the University's Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ABSN) program. The 12-month accelerated program is designed for someone who already has a baccalaureate in a non-nursing field.

"This was an intense course," laughed Yamada. "I studied more here than at medical school."

The intense school work, coupled with ESL studies, did not deter Yamada from fulfilling a desire he's had since childhood. "As a doctor my workload was to diagnose, remove, and treat the cancer and move on to the next patient. I see the nursing field as being interactive, social and more involved in the medical field than a doctor," said Yamada.

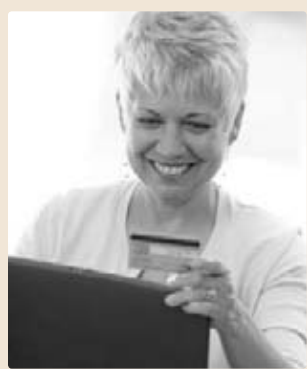
"He worked incredibly hard in his classes and in the hospital," said Joan Bard, DEd, RN, and Associate Professor in the School of Nursing (SoN). "He has overcome barriers that we can only imagine to complete his education at SMU."

His preceptor, Regina Foronda, RN, described Yamada as a fast learner who quickly developed the critical thinking skills he needed to be a nurse. "I am excited to welcome Yoshi as a nurse as he has the passion and compassion that so many of us forget about," said Foronda. "He is going to be a great asset to the nursing community."

In Japan, he worked with cancer and HIV patients. As of July 6, Mr. Yamada is now a registered nurse. 🌱

Nearly seven percent of the more than 2.1 million RNs working in the U.S. are men, according to the 2008 National Nursing Sample Survey, it was 5.8 percent in 2004. Nationally, female nurses outnumber men by more than 15 to one. Since the 1970s, Samuel Merritt University has graduated more than 330 male nursing students. In the past five months, the University has graduated more than 230 nursing students from the School of Nursing.

Save a Stamp—Online Giving to Samuel Merritt University Now Available!



"**MANY DONORS** have asked us to provide them with a secure and convenient way to make a gift online, and we're pleased to announce this option is now available," says SMU's Chief Development Officer, Sue Valencia. "If you

are considering a gift before year end, you will find this an easy and secure method of giving."

The online giving site offers donors the opportunity to choose from eight areas to which they would like their gift directed:

- **General Scholarship Fund**
- **Samuel Merritt Nursing Scholarship**
- **Occupational Therapy Scholarship**
- **Physician Assistant Scholarship**
- **Podiatric Medicine Scholarship**
- **Physical Therapy Scholarship**
- **Providence College of Nursing Alumni Scholarship**
- **Other**

WHY GIVE ONLINE?

IT'S SMART

Online giving saves postage costs, administrative costs, and valuable resources for you and the University, ensuring your contribution makes the maximum impact on our students and programs. -

IT'S SIMPLE

Simply visit the University's website at www.samuelmerritt.edu and click on the Online Giving Tab, complete the form and once you have submitted the gift you will receive an email confirmation. Within 24 hours of the gift being received, you will also be sent an acknowledgement letter from the University. -

IT'S SECURE

Donations are processed instantly via a secure server, protecting your credit card information and eliminating the paper trail. All transactions go directly to the University's bank account.

"Every gift, large or small, helps us to continue the tradition of excellence for which Samuel Merritt University is known," states Valencia.

"The generosity of our alumni and donors enables us to continue to assist our dedicated students in completing their academic studies and becoming highly skilled and compassionate healthcare providers."

More options for giving and signing up for SMU - events will be available within the next six months. - Keep checking our website for updates at www.samuelmerritt.edu. -

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the **Office of Development and Alumni Affairs** at **510.869.8628**. 🌱

in memoriam...

Dorothy Conners Barbieri '29

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Year-End Planning: Strategies for Giving and Saving Taxes

Year-end planning is a ritual for many of our alumni and friends who like to coordinate their tax and gift planning. It may take on additional significance as we adjust to the changing tax laws and marketplace. Individuals who want to make a difference for future generations should consider how they can increase the impact of their giving. A gift completed by December 31 can reduce your tax bill for the current year. Here are some important ideas that may be helpful with your year-end gift planning.

CASH GIFTS AND TAX SAVINGS

Cash is still the most popular — and simplest — kind of charitable gift.

If you itemize your deductions, your cash gift is deductible in the year of the gift up to 50 percent of your adjusted gross income. Your actual tax savings depends upon the amount of your gift as well as your income tax bracket.

Example: Mary makes a \$5,000 charitable gift. She is in a 35 percent tax bracket. Her tax savings will be \$1,750 (amount of gift multiplied by tax bracket). The after-tax cost of her \$5,000 gift is only \$3,250.

MORE SAVINGS WITH GIFTS OF APPRECIATED PROPERTY

Did you know that you can give shares of stock or mutual funds to Samuel Merritt University and enjoy greater tax savings than with a comparable cash gift?

The reason: you receive an income tax charitable deduction for the full fair market value of the shares (assuming you have held them for more than one year) up to 30 percent of your adjusted gross income (AGI). You also avoid any capital gains tax on the appreciation, even though this built-in gain has never been taxed. By using the untaxed gain to generate tax deductions, you substantially reduce the tax on your reportable income.

Example: Robert gives SMU shares of long-term appreciated stock valued at \$5,000. His cost basis is \$1,000. If he sold the stock he would incur a capital gains tax of \$600 on the \$4,000 gain (\$4,000 x 15% capital gains rate). By giving the stock to SMU he receives a deduction for the full fair market value of the stock (\$5,000). In his 35 percent tax bracket he saves \$1,750 and avoids the \$600 capital gains tax liability. The net cost of his gift is only \$2,650 (\$5,000 - \$1,750 - \$600) compared to \$3,250 for a cash gift of \$5,000.

Because the tax law provides special incentives to encourage gifts of long-term appreciated property, you actually can have a greater impact with your giving at a lesser cost.

Note: If your deduction exceeds the 30 percent AGI limitation, you may carry over your excess deduction for up to five years.

LONG-TERM OPPORTUNITIES

Year-end may be a time to reflect about long-term as well as short-term planning. Here are some long-term gift planning ideas that merit special attention.

A Bequest in Your Will. As you plan for loved ones, you may want to include charitable institutions that are meaningful to you. You can leave a specific dollar amount or specific property, a percentage of your estate, or what's left of your estate after other bequests, taxes and costs are satisfied.

Other Beneficiary Designations. As with a bequest under your will, you can name SMU as the beneficiary of a living trust, a life insurance policy, or retirement plan account. Remember that retirement plan assets often pose problems when given to a family because of IRD (income in respect of a decedent), but not when given to a charity.

Other Life Income Plans. You may want to take a look at one of our charitable remainder trust plans. The charitable remainder trust gives you the opportunity to achieve a wide range of long-term objectives such as supplementing your retirement income or providing for a dependent relative.

LET US HEAR FROM YOU

Year-end is indeed a special time to give. Through creative gift planning, you may very well be able to do more for yourself and for the causes that are important to you.

TAX-WISE TIPS FOR YEAR-END GIFTS

Gifts by Check or Credit Card.

When you write a check to SMU, the gift is complete when the check is mailed. Mail it by December 31, and you can deduct it for the year 2010 even if the charity does not cash it until 2011. When you charge your gift to a bank credit card, it is deductible by the donor in year the charge is made.

Pledges and IOUs.

If you have made a pledge to SMU or given it your personal note, you cannot deduct this as a charitable contribution in 2010 unless you actually satisfy the pledge or pay off the note by December 31, 2010.

Gifts of Stock.

A gift of stock may be accomplished by electronic transfer or by the donor's delivery of the stock certificate to SMU, in person or by mail. Ownership of the stock certificate is changed to charity on the books of the corporation issuing the stock.

Gifts of Appreciated Property.

Gifts of appreciated property that would result in long-term capital gain if sold generally produce even greater benefits for you than gifts made by cash, by check, or by credit card. The reason? You can generally deduct the full value of the contributed property (subject to 30% of AGI limitation), even the gain portion that has never been taxed. Gift assets to consider include not only stocks, but bonds, mutual funds, real estate and other appreciated property.

Gifts of Loss Property.

"Loss property" is that which would generate a tax-deductible loss if you sold it. If you gave this property to SMU you would lose your deduction for the loss in value of the property. So, sell the property, take the loss as a deduction, and use the proceeds of the sale to make your deductible charitable gift.

Please let us know if we can be of assistance to you and your advisors as you review your year-end planning options by calling **Sue Valencia** at **510.869.1507** or by email at **svalencia@samuelmerritt.edu**.

SAMUEL MERRITT UNIVERSITY (SMU) TO LAUNCH ITS FIRST EVER ANNUAL FUND CAMPAIGN IN FALL 2010!

Samuel Merritt University will launch its first Annual Fund Campaign in fall 2010. The Annual Fund will help make up the difference between tuition and the actual cost per student. In addition to providing scholarships for students in need, the Annual Fund will subsidize academic programming, faculty support, and community service — many things that improve the quality of education for the entire SMU student body.

THE ANNUAL FUND stresses the importance of participation in giving. The stronger the SMU Annual Fund, the better equipped the University is to provide an excellent educational environment for our students.

WHY IS ALUMNI PARTICIPATION SO IMPORTANT?

- Alumni giving serve as the measure by which corporations and foundations rate alumni involvement. This is a major consideration for these groups when making major gift to colleges and universities.
- College guidebooks such as Barrons, Fiske and U.S. News and World Report use alumni giving participation as the sole criterion to rate alumni satisfaction when completing overall institutional quality ratings. To move up in the rankings, and thus attract exceptional students, alumni giving is key.
- It reaffirms alums' commitment to SMU and its mission.

Gifts to SMU's Annual Fund may be designated by program or institution wide to the following areas of need.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The University strives to attract students with critical thinking and leadership skills who reflect the diversity of our community. Gifts of scholarship allow the University to enroll the best students, regardless of their financial circumstances.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING

Gifts designated to academic programming provide support for academic initiatives and priorities across the curriculum. Support for SMU's overall academic programming ensures equitable benefits for all disciplines and supports student success in every field of endeavor.

FACULTY SUPPORT

At the heart of a SMU education is its faculty. Gifts to Faculty Support will provide funding for research initiatives and professional development.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Many SMU students, faculty and staff participate in community service projects close to home and abroad. Your support will help pay for medical supplies and other expenses associated with taking care of those less fortunate.

All alumni will receive an Annual Fund appeal in the mail in September. Donors who contribute \$500 or more will be offered a brick from Bechtel Hall which will be engraved and placed on a wall just outside the Health Education Center. For more information or to make a gift, please contact the **Office of Development and Alumni Affairs** at **510.869.8628**.

From the Ranks

California College of Podiatric Medicine GRADUATES

1950

Dr. Jay L. Ohlsen writes, "Fifty years ago, 17 chiropody students were presented at Highland Hospital, to receive a degree of Doctor of Surgical Chiropody. Five members that I know are dead, as the youngest of the class (now 73), I have been retired eight years. The class of 1960 moved from Chiropody to Podiatry and on to Podiatric Medicine. I am very proud to tell the world that I graduated from the California College of Podiatric Medicine (now known as the California School of Podiatric Medicine), and would like to thank one and all. I only wish I could start over again. It has been a great ride! As my podiatry pal would say, "sure is better than cutting pipe and farming."

1960

Dr. Ray Roetman writes, "I am an alum of the California College of Podiatric Medicine (now know as the California School of Podiatric Medicine). I was the Class President. I took my boards in California and Minnesota. I had licenses in both states for some time. I set up practice in Minnesota in 1960, and practiced for forty years in the same town I still live in, Owatonna, MN. My practice grew along with hospital privileges in 1970. I also built my own podiatry clinic building in 1970. When I sold out, there were three of us practicing in that location. I enjoyed podiatry very much. I was well respected in the medical community and would not have chosen any other medical profession. I am now 74 years old. I practiced until I was 69. I am in good health, I don't take any medication, and I run two to three miles four times a week, in addition to playing golf. I do a lot of reading and teaching the Bible. I had a condo in Florida for eight years, but now am changing locations in the winter. Last winter, I stayed here in Minnesota. There are a great group of practitioners in Minnesota."

1978

Dr. Andrew Schink writes, "Dr. Phil McKinney '86 is working on a PhD degree in Botany at the University of Oregon, Dr. Steve Chipman '78 has a scuba class school in the US Virgin Islands, Dr. Glen Curda '78 is an adjunct professor of anatomy at the Ghandi School of Medicine in India, and Dr. Larry Edwards '78 is a part time test pilot for the Cessna Aircraft Company."

Providence College of Nursing GRADUATES

1958

Maureen Moore Brychel writes, "Nancy Wright Roebuck passed away on June 2, 2010 in Upland, California.

She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Bill, four sons and several grandchildren." Eleven members of the Providence Class of 1958 gathered in Weed, California for a reunion in early June. Thanks to **Jane Bierly Johnson** for hosting and **Lynn Schutz Phillips** for hosting in Chico.

Samuel Merritt University GRADUATES

NURSING

1930

Kathryne Radovan Albertoni celebrated her 100th birthday this past June. Kathryne cared for the playwright Eugene O'Neil early in her nursing career. She states that she is "doing okay and living at Atria Valley View in an assisted living community located in the hills of Walnut Creek, CA, outside Rossmoor."



Kathryne Radovan Albertoni '30

1950

Rita Baust Lukens writes, "I retired after 59 years of nursing. My last job was at Mercy San Juan Medical Center in Carmichael in cardiac rehab, 17 prior jobs at Mercy San Juan in labor/delivery, emergency, and med/surg. I was the first RN to enlist in Sacramento in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. I now work as a volunteer in cardiac rehab at Mercy San Juan Medical Center when I am not gardening and cooking at home."

1961

Lynne Kilgore Kruse submitted the photo below taken during her visit with 1961 classmates (**Tammy Conover Ankenbrandt**, **Kitty Perot**, and **Kirsten Bertelsen Griffin**) in Southern California this past May. She states that this photo was taken "just four weeks before Kitty died unexpectedly from pneumonia."



L to R: Members of the Samuel Merritt Nursing Class of 1961, Tammy Conover Ankenbrandt, Kitty Perot, Lynn Kilgore Kruse, and Kirsten Bertelsen Griffin.

1970

Kathleen Joy Robinson Ruhl Issakides writes, "I moved to the state of Virginia in 1993 along with my two children and second husband! I now have five grandchildren and am still working — at the 40 year graduation milestone!"

1975

John A. Chemycz writes, "I was the first male to graduate from the Samuel Merritt Nursing Program. I am now retired from nursing and working as a professional photographer in Hawaii. The hours are better and the work certainly is a lot less stressful."

Diana Wipperman Jennings has been selected as a Mentor for Sigma Theta Tau International's (STTI) Maternal-Child Leadership Academy. Diana currently serves as Assistant Professor and Associate Managing Director of the San Mateo Learning Center at Samuel Merritt University's School of Nursing, and as a member of Nu Xi-at-Large Chapter of STTI. Dr. Jennings will serve as a mentor for Laurie Rosa, MSN, RN, who will be developing and implementing a moderate to high fidelity maternal child simulation project to use with San Mateo Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ABSN) students. Laurie Rosa is an Associate Professor for SMU. Ann Marie Brooks, DNSc, MBA, RN, FAAN from Riddle Hospital, Media, Pennsylvania will assist Dr. Jennings as she guides her mentee's leadership development throughout the 18-month MCH program. Diana and Laurie plan to write a research proposal, conduct a study, and submit at least one article for publication in a peer-reviewed journal. Since 2004, the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) and Johnson & Johnson (Johnson & Johnson Pediatric Institute LLC and Johnson & Johnson Corporate Contributions) have collaborated to present the Maternal-Child Health Leadership Academy. To date, over 110 nurses have participated in the academy, which prepares maternal-child health nurses and nurse midwives for effective inter-professional team leadership as they strive to improve the quality of health care for childbearing women and children up to 5 years old.

Congratulations Diana!

1982

Cynthia Schumacher Niermeyer writes, "I was very sorry to hear of the passing of Dr. Webb, which I read in The Reporter. Pat was my instructor for advanced med-surg and was instrumental in leading me into critical care nursing when I first graduated. She was tough, but she was fair and kind. She taught me to always be a patient advocate and to "look at the patient, not just the machines they are hooked up to." Dr. Webb and Dr. Audrey Berman were probably the biggest influences in my nursing career, which I am proud to say, is still going on after 27 years. I'll never forget Pat's beautiful brown hair and her gentle southern accent. She will be missed, but never forgotten."

1986

Richard "Scott" Weyland, BSN, RN, has completed requirements for the MS degree in the acute care nurse practitioner program at UCSF. His comprehensive exam was a critical literature review titled: *The Safety*

of Etomidate in Rapid Sequence Intubation. He completed clinical rotations at UCSF Medical Center in general internal medicine and residencies at San Francisco General Hospital, Trauma and General Surgery Service; and Regional Medical Center of San Jose, Trauma Service. Scott plans to work as a Senior Flight Nurse at CALSTAR Air Ambulance with future goals of reformatting his comp exam for publication in the Air Medical Journal.

Congratulations Scott!

1999

Damiano Iocovozzi has written his first book entitled "Sooner or Later: Restoring Sanity to Your End of Life Care." He says, "it's kind of a road map; it helps the reader to process all of the turbulent emotions during the diagnosis phase and the opinion phase." The large-print book is divided into eight chapters covering what questions patients should ask their doctors when faced with a terminal illness and about decisions when it comes to hospice care. On the book's website, soonerorlaterbook.com, people can read the foreword, the introduction and the first chapter of the book. The book was published on April 2 by Transformation Media Books. Ginny Weissman, Damiano's publisher, states, "It is the first book to offer questions to ask specialists to find the appropriate level of care and make good decisions to maintain the best quality of life." She also said that large print and the style of the book is written so that everyone can understand it. The book provides readers a safe place for people to deal with end-of-life emotions while "remaining sane, rational and in control." The book is on sale on amazon.com where it has a five — gold star status from its reader reviews. Damiano currently operates the Thomas Edwin Walls Foundation, a non-profit organization that provides scholarships "to deserving medical, nursing, social work and respiratory therapy students," according to its website. The goal of the Foundation is to "teach the next generation of health care providers how to avoid the pitfalls of offering futile care treatments to those patients who cannot benefit."

2008

Linda Lebedovych writes, "I returned from my Iraq deployment in April 2010 and am now stationed at Fort Polk and work at Bence Jones Army Community Hospital. I am a CRNA in the US Army."

2009

Congratulations to **Juner Valencia** who received an invitation, through his work with a health care reform organization, from Senator Barbara Boxer's campaign crew to attend a fundraiser in San Francisco attended by President Obama. Juner states "I stood right in front of him during his speech. He came up after his speech and I was able to shake his hand and introduce myself." Juner also states "I also met Mary Jane Gross, RN, MS at the event who told me that she taught mental health for Samuel Merritt 25 years ago!"



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SCHOLARSHIP DONOR LUNCHEON**

Thursday, September 16, 2010

11:00 A.M. Social Hour/Tours, 12:00 P.M. Luncheon

Health Education Center, Oakland, California

**Samuel Merritt University
ANNUAL ALUMNI, STUDENT, FACULTY AND STAFF
SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT**

Saturday, September 18, 2010

9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Washington Park, Alameda, California

NURSING ALUMNI CONTINUING EDUCATION DAY

Saturday, September 25, 2010

9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Health Education Center, Oakland, California

**PHYSICAL THERAPY ALUMNI RECEPTION
during the California Physical Therapy Association (CPTA)
Annual Conference**

Friday, October 1, 2010

5:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.

Pacific Coast Brewing Co., Oakland, California

CODINGLINE SEMINAR

Saturday, October 9, 2010

7:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

Health Education Center, Oakland, California

**PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT ALUMNI RECEPTION
being held during the California Academy of Physician Assistants
34th Annual Conference**

Saturday, October 9, 2010

6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.

Renaissance Palm Springs, Palm Springs, California

**OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ALUMNI RECEPTION
being held during the 34th Annual Occupational Therapy Association
of California (OTAC) Conference**

Friday, October 15, 2010

7:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.

Pasadena, California

**PHYSICAL THERAPY DEPARTMENT'S
20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

For more information please see article on page 1.

Saturday, November 6, 2010

Health Education Center, Oakland, California

**CSPM Alumni and Associates
"HISTORY AND PHYSICAL REVIEW: The Preoperative and
Medical Assessment of Podiatric Surgical and Medical Patients"**

Saturday, November 13, 2010

7:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Health Education Center, Oakland, California

**Samuel Merritt University
ALUMNI HOLIDAY DINNER**

Thursday, December 2, 2010

6:00 P.M. Cocktails/7:00 P.M. Dinner

Lafayette Park Hotel, Lafayette, California

**Providence College of Nursing
ALUMNI HOLIDAY TEA**

Friday, December 10, 2010

11:00 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.

Health Education Center, Oakland, California

For more information regarding any of these events or to obtain a current class roster to rally together your classmates to attend, contact **Carla Ross** in the **Office of Alumni Affairs** at **510.869.6618** or by email at **cross@samuelmerritt.edu**.