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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

As many of you may be aware, **AIRWAYS** is now available on the MTSA website (<http://www.mtsa.edu>). There is a link on both the MTSA home page and the Learning Resource Center page that will download AIRWAYS. It is formatted in Adobe, so to get **AIRWAYS**, you will need to also download a free copy of Adobe Reader. There is also a link on our website to Adobe to get the Reader. This is not difficult, so don't be intimidated! If you want, you can then print a copy of **AIRWAYS**. I think you will be pleased with the convenience of this. For those of you who receive **AIRWAYS** in the mail, please find enclosed a subscription form. Since **AIRWAYS** is now available on the web, you may wish to discontinue your regular subscription. Of course, I realize that there are still some of you who may not have regular access to a computer, so if you want to continue to receive **AIRWAYS**, just complete and return the subscription form.

In a related note, MTSA now has an online discussion board hosted by e-groups (<http://www.egroups.com/group/mtsanews>). This is a convenient way to communicate with each other - the junior students can use it to find out about class schedules and assignments, the senior students can use it as a way to stay in touch while away at clinical sites, and everyone can use it as a quick and easy way to communicate news to the whole group by sending only one e-mail! All of our students will be required to subscribe (again, it is free and all that is required is an e-mail address and Internet access) and we encourage instructors to register as well. In the future, we hope to offer an alumni area as well, so stay tuned! If you require assistance registering with egroups or subscribing to mtsanews, contact Amy Gideon at 868-6503.

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A Word of Thanks. . .

Mr. And Mrs. Bernard Bowen would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all of those who attended their golden wedding anniversary (that's 50 years!) celebration on December 31, 2000. The Bowens feel blessed to have so many caring friends. Congratulations to the Bowens on reaching a milestone!

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Skyline Medical Center, formerly Memorial Hospital, (**Nashville, TN**) has two immediate CRNA positions available. Contact Daniel Scokin at danielscokin@hotmail.com

Reinhardt Medical Group (**Pensacola, FL**) has both long- and short-term assignments available. Contact Joyce Peterson at 800-749-4099 or e-mail at Joycep@reinhardtmedicalgroup.com

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Anesthesia Associates of Mansfield (**Mansfield, OH**). Contact Donald Mills, M.D. at 419-756-5133.

The Guthrie Clinic (**Sayre, PA**) is offering tuition assistance/loan forgiveness program for qualified SRNA's. Contact Kathy Murray at 800-724-1295 or e-mail at kmurray@clinic.guthrie.org.

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The Medical Center of Central Georgia (**Macon, GA**). Contact George Myers at 912-633-2129 or myers.george@mccg.org.

Kalamazoo Anesthesiology (Kalamazoo, MI). Contact Terri Baily at 1-800-479-1666 or tbailey.mhc.org.



NATIONAL NURSE ANESTHETISTS WEEK-JANUARY 21-27, 2001

Did you know . . .

Nurse anesthetists have been providing anesthesia care in the United States for over 100 years. Approximately 96% of this country's nurse anesthetists are members of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA).

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) are anesthesia specialists who administer approximately 65% of the 26 million anesthetics given to patients each year in the United States.

CRNAs are the sole anesthesia providers in nearly 50% of all hospitals and more than 65% of rural hospitals in the United States, affording these medical facilities obstetrical, surgical, and trauma stabilization capabilities.

CRNAs provide anesthetics to patients in collaboration with surgeons, anesthesiologists, dentists, podiatrists and other qualified healthcare professionals. When anesthesia is administered by a nurse anesthetist, it is recognized as the practice of nursing; when administered by an anesthesiologist, it is recognized as the practice of medicine.

As advanced practice nurses, CRNAs practice with a high degree of autonomy and professional respect. They carry a heavy load of responsibility and are compensated accordingly; the average annual income for a CRNA in 1998 was approximately \$98,000 based on the AANA Membership Survey.

CRNAs practice in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered: traditional hospital surgical suites and obstetrical delivery rooms; the offices of dentists, podiatrists, ophthalmologists, and plastic surgeons; ambulatory surgical centers; and U.S. Military, Public Health Services and Veterans Administration medical facilities.

Managed care plans recognize CRNAs for providing high-quality anesthesia care with reduced expense to patients and insurance companies. The cost-efficiency of CRNAs helps keep escalating medical costs down.

Legislation passed by Congress in 1986 made nurse anesthetists the first nursing specialty to be accorded direct reimbursement rights under the Medicare program.

A total of 42% of the nation's 28,000 CRNAs are men, versus approximately 5 percent in the nursing profession as a whole.

(Information provided by the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists)



NOTABLE JANUARY DATES

- 1 New Year's Day
- 15-16 MTSA Interviews for Class of 2003
Good luck to our interviewees!
- 15 Martin Luther King, Jr., Day
- 21-27 National Nurse Anesthetists Week
- 24 Chinese New Year

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Todd Smith '02
- 3 Carol Stinson (s)
- 6 Mike Bengel '02
- 6 Donnie Carter '02
- 9 Joseph Hensley '02
- 11 Eric Molina '02
- 16 Bernard Bowen (e)
- 16 Denise Horn '02
- 17 Laura Poe '02
- 19 Amy Costley '01
- 23 John Allen '01
- 23 Issabel Crabtree '02
- 25 Sharon Lucas '01

