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New Opportunity for CE credits!

MTSA is proud to announce the purchase of the Dannemiller Anesthesiology Review Course. This is a 6-CD set that allows access to individual lectures, certain subspecialties, or the entire Specialty of Anesthesiology, with a quiz following each presentation. There is a total of **71 hours** of continuing education credit available on this set. You can complete as much (or as little) as you want. For MTSA alumni, there is no charge for using these CD's – however, the program does require a charge of \$10 per credit hour completed. For area practitioners who are not MTSA alumni, there is a surcharge of \$15 for the use of these CD's in addition to the \$10 per credit hour charge. The CE credits are valid through July 31, 2002. These CD's are available in the Learning Resource Center at MTSA. If you are interested in taking advantage of this CE opportunity, contact Amy at 615-868-6503. (There are currently no CE classes scheduled at MTSA for the coming months, so this might be a chance to get ahead on some credits!)

New faces . . .

You may have noticed some new faces around MTSA. Christine Richardson was recently hired to assist Brenda Zemanick with the admission/application process and financial aid issues. Also, Heather Parks joined the staff at MTSA as Alumni Assistant. Heather has been busy processing transcript requests and information packets.

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JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Metropolitan Anesthesia Alliance, PLLC (**Memphis, TN**) has full-time positions available at Baptist Memorial Hospital East and Surgery Centers in Memphis, TN. Contact Abe Abuelouf, CRNA, at 901-818-1001 or abe@midsouth.rr.com

Frankfort Anesthesia Associates (**Frankfort, KY**) is seeking one (and possibly two) staff CRNA's. Contact Gina Barker at 502-226-7796 or fax resume to 502-226-7982.

Carle Clinic Association (**Urbana, IL**) is seeking to add a CRNA to its group of 26 CRNA's. Contact Marilyn Roos at 1-800-436-3095, ext. 8224 or marilyn.roos@carle.com

East Memphis Anesthesia Services (**Memphis, TN**) has a CRNA position available. Contact Karen Eskin at 901-351-2161 or mkeskin@worldnet.att.net.

Not exactly a job, but for those interested in a medical ministry. . . one of MTSA's former instructors, Steve Aitken, has passed along some information regarding CRNA opportunities with Medical Ministry International. The complete information packet is in the Learning Resource Center. Contact Amy at 615-868-6503 for more information.

For further information on any of these positions, please check the Job Opportunity Notebook in the Learning Resource Center.

LIBRARY NEWS

From the Scout Report:

Johns Hopkins Antibiotic Guide
<http://hopkins-abxguide.org/>

Designed expressly for medical professionals, this peer-reviewed database will offer users free and frequently updated information on antibiotics and their proper use. This is the first in a planned series of digital medical specialty handbooks from Johns Hopkins and is available both on the Web and on PDAs (Personal Digital Assistants). At present, the guide contains information on over 160 drugs and more than 140 diseases treated by both specialists and primary care physicians. After free registration, users may search the database by diagnosis, pathogen, antibiotic type, or by keyword. Additional features at the site include recent news and feature articles. Johns Hopkins is to be congratulated for this excellent new initiative. [MD]

Something new . . .

Due to the requests that I've had to do more interviews with students, faculty, and alumni, I've enlisted help from Mitzi Birdwell, MTSA's clinical assistant. Mitzi, who is known for her outgoing (and outspoken!) personality, quickly accepted the assignment. For her first interview, Mitzi selected Matt Aydt, MTSA Class of 2001. While Mitzi and Matt have become friends during his time at MTSA, it was also a matter of convenience – Matt was able to meet with Mitzi for this interview in between cases at his current rotation at TCMC. So watch for Campus Talk with Mitzi Birdwell in the coming months – it won't be boring!

Campus Talk



with Mitzi Birdwell

Spotlight on Matt Aydt

Matt Aydt, MTSA class of 2001, came to MTSA from Vanderbilt University Medical Center. He was an RN in the coronary intensive care unit for three years at Vandy before coming to MTSA. Matt was always interested in pursuing a career in nurse anesthesia, but credits Dr. Larry Lancaster with encouraging him to return to school. (Coincidentally, Dr. Lancaster also specifically recommended that Matt check out here at MTSA, probably knowing what a mutually beneficial relationship it would be!) After graduation, Matt will be working at Western Baptist Hospital in Paducah, KY.

Matt is originally from Southern Illinois and is the fourth of five children (three sisters and one brother). Matt had many humorous stories of his childhood and teenage years, including his participation in many school dramatic and musical productions and winning a slam dunk contest in his senior year of high school (although classmate Paul Buras will debate this). Matt enjoys most outdoor activities, including camping and mountain biking.

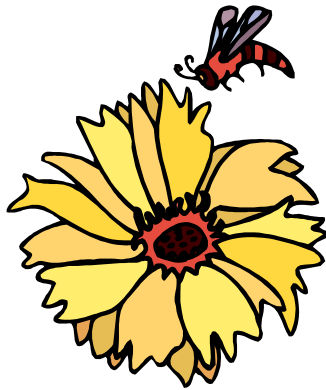
Matt has quite a busy summer planned. Not only is he completing his senior year (and a senior elective), but he and his fiancée Anne Paul are getting married June 30 at the Cathedral Of The Incarnation here in Nashville. They met while in nursing school six years ago at Murray State University. It sounds as if MTSA will be well-represented at the wedding, with classmates Mike Hall, Paul Buras, Karen Anderson, and John Edwards, all part of the bridal party. (A honeymoon in Cancun will follow – although I think that’s just for Matt and Anne!)

Now, for the fun stuff:

Dream car: Hummer
Dream vacation: Italy
Favorite music: Alternative or Classic Rock
Chocolate or Vanilla: Vanilla
Coke or Pepsi: Coke
Beach or Mountains: Mountains
Khakis or Blue Jeans: Blue Jeans
Cat or Dog: Dog

When asked where he sees himself in five years, Matt replied, “Debt-free with at least one child, a house with a big yard, and spending weekends on the lake.”

Finally, Matt has the following advice for current and future MTSA students: “Be humble before being humbled.” Probably picked this up on all of those clinical rotations, right, Matt?



NOTABLE MAY DATES

- 7 Financial Aid Workshop at MTSA
- 13 Mother's Day
- 19 Armed Forces Day
- 28 Memorial Day (MTSA closed)

Remember Mom on May 13th!

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 21 Dolores Underhill (s)
- 24 Brenda Zemanick (s)
- 27 John Edwards '02
- 29 Tony Lee '01



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