

MTSA

# Airways

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## Happy New Year!

It's happened again!! It seems like another year has come and gone quicker than I can say *Anesthesiology!*

I am the newest office staff member at MTSA. I've been brought in as the development assistant, and I've also been asked to resurrect the newsletter. I'm so excited to have been asked! As I learn the ropes of this institute, I hope that I can provide an interesting and beneficial newsletter to students, faculty and alumni.

I'll definitely need your help though, since I'm the new kid on the block. There is a lot that I don't know yet. If you have any suggestions or things that you would like to see included in the newsletter, like new features or news about yourself and your family that you would like to share, or maybe a good clean joke, please let me know. Just leave a written request, your story, joke or whatever, with your name and phone number in the bin on my desk marked "NEWSLETTER" or go to our Website at [www.mtsa.edu](http://www.mtsa.edu) and share your thoughts there. Thank you so much!

May God bless you as you learn and grow this year!

~Karin Lassel

P.S.

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to Savannah. Hopefully, we'll have helped make her Christmas even a little bit more merry.

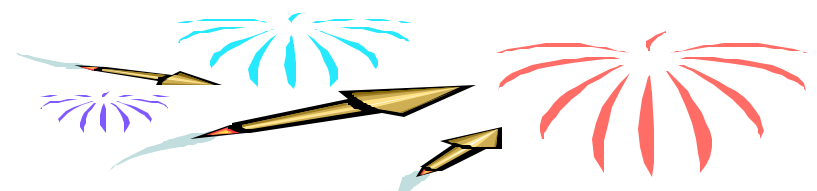
*footnote from Patsy Logue, business Manager*

A big thank you to everyone who sent pictures. I wish you could be here to experience the oohs and ahhs everyone makes over seeing how much your children have grown, deciding who they look like, and bringing back memories of each student in the card. You are all so special to us, and it makes the mail a highlight of our day during the holidays. The new students I like to see them too! We really appreciate all those who remembered us this year.

Thanks!  
Patsy

*"Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great."*

~Mark Twain



## Update on Fundraising/Development Project

The last 90 days have been a whirlwind of activity devoted to developing a plan for fundraising and community awareness regarding MTSA's need for a new building.

We have developed a proposal and a request seeking funds from United States Government 2003 budget - Subcommittee on Labor, HHS and Education Appropriations for a project in excess of \$11 Million.

MTSA school, its alumni and students fall under two major areas of the federal budget – Homeland Security and National Institutes of Health.



We are seeking your assistance supporting our proposal in Washington, DC.

Listed below are websites for the U. S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives. Please use these websites to contact your senator and representative supporting our proposal. Congress will reconvene after January 7, 2003 to vote on the appropriation and the U.S. Budget.

<http://www.senate.gov/index.htm>

<http://www.house.gov/house/MemberWWW.html>

**Don't Forget!  
We're on the web!  
[Http://www.mtsa](http://www.mtsa).**

Also, listed below is the website for HPSA MUA/MUP. After you open the site scroll down to the state and county for your employer. This will provide the HPSA MUA/MUP for your employer as to medically underserved.

<Http://bphc.hrsa.gov/databases/newmua/default.cfm>

Please bookmark this site for future use.

Below is the website for Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program:

<Http://www.bhpr.hrsa.gov/nursing/loanrepay.htm>

Please bookmark this site also and monitor it for the application and guidelines. You will be able to download the application and guidelines. According to the voice mail (1-866-813-3753), the application was available 12-02-02, but was changed twice during the last 30 days. Right now, the deadline is 03-04-03. I would suggest that you monitor and secure the updates by calling the above telephone number or by e-mail: **NELPR@hrsa.gov**

Please review the website, particularly the overview - Critical Shortage Facilities– Nursing Shortage Counties. If you should have questions regarding the program as to Nursing Shortage Counties, Please call 1-800-400-2742.

We welcome your comments, suggestions and concerns regarding areas of your education and profession you feel would be beneficial to you and your family.

~Nancy Johns-Wood  
Development Director

## Spotlight On ...

... Jenny Paul

Jenny is originally from Murray, Ky and was working at Vanderbilt Medical Center in the Labor & Delivery/ Critical Care OB unit as an RN. She said that what she finds interesting about anesthesiology is that, "Anesthesia Practice allows you to work autonomously while providing a safe experience for patients."

Jenny has a brother and a sister, she's married to her studies and has two roommates. For fun she likes to read, exercise and hang out with friends.

When asked where she sees herself 5 years from now she responded, "Working and taking various vacations with friends and family." Sounds good to me!

Dream Car: LandRover

Dream Vacation: Paris, France

Favorite Music: Rock/Pop/Country/Oldies

Favorite Movie: Pollyanna

Chocolate or Vanilla: Chocolate

Coke or Pepsi: Diet Coke

Beach or Mountains: Both - different seasons

Khakis or Blue Jeans: Blue Jeans

Cat or Dog: Both

Advice for Classmates: "One day at a time"

... Adam MacDonald

Adam comes to us originally from Burlington, Ontario. (That's in Canada, just in case you were wondering...) He was working as an RN at Centennial Medical Center CCU before coming to MTSU. He says that it was a family friend that peaked his interest in Anesthesia.

Adam has one brother, he is married and has a 5 year old (Adam, that is, not his brother). For fun he likes to play soccer.

In 5 years, he sees himself NOT in school. That's understandable, I'd say! After graduation, He's planning on working at AMG (Middle Tennessee).

Dream Car: A Junky '92 Civic

Dream Vacation: Vegas baby!

Favorite Music: Phish

Favorite Movie: The Matrix

Chocolate or Vanilla: Chocolate

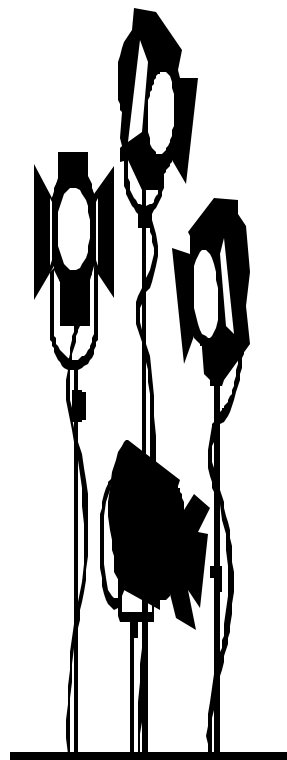
Coke or Pepsi: Coke

Beach or Mountains: Yes

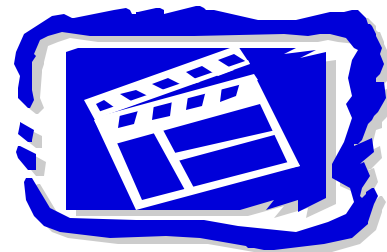
Khakis or Blue Jeans: Both

Cat or Dog: Dog

Advice for Classmates: "No Pain, No Gain. (Hang in there)"



*"Humor is the  
shortest distance  
between two  
people."  
-Victor Borge*

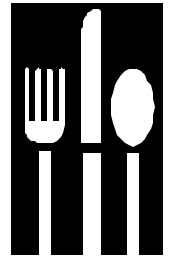


## Fast Food-A Quick and Easy Recipe for Busy People

### Greek Salad in Pita Sandwich - Serves 2

- 1/2 Medium Head Romaine, Cut into 1 - inch pieces
- 2 oz. Feta Cheese, Crumbled
- 6 Cherry tomatoes, cut in half
- 12 Pitted Black Olives
- 1/2 Medium Red Onion, Thinly Sliced
- 1/2 Medium Cucumber, Cut lengthwise, then thinly sliced
- 1 (6 oz.) Jar Artichoke Hearts, Drained & Coarsely Chopped
- 6 Tablespoons Vinaigrette
- 2 Pitas

Place all the ingredients except the vinaigrette and pita in a large bowl. Add the vinaigrette and toss gently. Cut the pitas in half, open them, and fill each pocket with salad. Do not overstuff. Serve immediately.



Don't Have  
Time To  
Cook?  
Good!  
Try This!

*"Does't thou love  
life? Then do not  
squander time, for  
that is the stuff life  
is made of."*

*-Benjamin Franklin*

## Noteworthy Dates

### January Dates

- 1 - New Year's Day
- 6 - Academic classes resume
- 17 - Benjamin Franklin's Birthday
- 19 - 25 - **National Nurse Anesthetists Week**
- 20 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 20-21 - Interview Dates
- 23 - John Hancock's Birthday

### February Dates

- 1 - Chinese New Year
- 2 - Groundhog's Day
- 11 - Thomas Edison's Birthday
- 12 - Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
- 14 - End of Quarter
- 14 - Valentine's Day
- 17 - President's Day
- 22 - George Washington's Birthday

## Noteworthy Birthdays

### Birthdays in January

- 2 - Nancy Johns-Wood (s)
- 3 - Carol Stinson (s)
- 5 - Mevludin Basic
- 8 - Angel Baldwin
- 16 - Bernard Bowen (e)
- 18 - Dr. Marc Siegel (f)
- 24 - Jason Crafton
- 31 - Shawn Collins

### Birthdays in February

- 1 - Lenee Greer
- 10 - George May
- 14 - Dorian Grunig
- 15 - Deana Barlow
- 15 - Scot Boehm
- 17 - Cheril Nelson
- 21 - David Partee
- 22 - Jason Wilson
- 23 - Scottie Smith

*"We grow neither  
better nor worse  
as we get old, but  
more like  
ourselves."*

*-May Lamberton  
Becker*



And Many More...

## National Nurse Anesthetists Week Celebrates Anesthesia Patient Safety

***This article is being featured in several local newspapers:***

Madison, TN — “As the demand for anesthesia services expands beyond hospitals into physicians’ offices and other non-traditional settings, surgical patients can rest assured that anesthesia has never been safer,” said Mary Elizabeth (Ikey) DeVasher, a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) and a member of the Tennessee Association of Nurse Anesthetists (TNANA).

Ikey and other TN members will join CRNAs around the country in celebrating a history of exceptional patient care and anesthesia safety during National Nurse Anesthetists Week, January 19-25, 2003.

“Nurse Anesthetists have been providing high-quality anesthesia care for more than 100 years,” stated Ikey, who is dean of The Middle TN School of Anesthesia. “Patient safety is, and always has been, the number one priority for nurse anesthetists. We administer to the patient’s physical and emotional needs, offer reassurance and comfort, and stay right by the patient’s side throughout the surgery. These are the hallmarks of a CRNA. In the Middle Tennessee area, nurse anesthetists have a history of excellent working relationships with anesthesiologists.”

Supporting Ikey’s statements are studies showing a dramatic reduction in anesthesia mortality rates since the early 1980’s to the present low of one death for every 240,000 anesthetics. Thanks to improved technology and pharmaceuticals, and increased education for nurse anesthetists and physician anesthesiologists, anesthesia safety is at an all-time high.

“There are more than 26 million anesthetics given in the United States each year,” Ikey said, “and CRNAs administer approximately 65 percent of them.”

CRNAs practice in every setting in which anesthesia is delivered, including traditional hospital surgical suites, obstetrical delivery rooms, physicians’ offices, ambulatory surgical centers, and medical facilities of the U.S. Military, Public Health Service, and Veterans Administration.

In rural settings, CRNAs are the sole anesthesia providers in nearly two thirds of all hospitals. CRNAs are also the main provider of obstetrical anesthesia in the United States, helping millions of mothers enjoy pain-free deliveries each year.

Providing guidance and direction for the nation’s 30,000 CRNAs is the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA). Headquartered near Chicago, AANA has been at the forefront of establishing clinical practice standards for the nurse anesthesia profession for more than 70 years.

“I can only envision that the quality of anesthesia care will continue to improve in the next century,” Ikey expressed. “You can bet CRNAs will be at the forefront of ensuring patient comfort and safety. After all, isn’t the patient’s well-being really what it’s all about?”

For more information about the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists or Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists, contact the AANA at (847) 692-7050 or visit the Web sites at [www.aana.com](http://www.aana.com) and [www.AnesthesiaPatientSafety.com](http://www.AnesthesiaPatientSafety.com).

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## Appreciating the Performing Arts

Okay, I'll be the first to admit ... I'm a little partial to the performing arts myself and maybe none of you even remotely like them, BUT until I hear otherwise, I'm going to try to keep up with the schedule in Nashville. It will consist of Operas, Ballets, Musicals and Symphonies. What a beautiful way to unwind from your studies and busy life in general. Am I right?

*"An unalterable and unquestioned law of the musical world required that the German text of French operas sung by Swedish artists should be translated into Italian for the clear understanding of English speaking audiences."*  
-Edith warton

### **TPAC (Operas, Ballets, Musicals)**

- 2/06-15 - "Proof"
- 2/07 - Nashville Ballet - "Rites & Passages"
- 2/21 - "Forces of Nature" - Rhythm Legacy
- 2/25-3/2 - Musical - "Contact"
- 2/27 - 3/02 - Nashville Opera - "Porgy & Bess"
- 3/12 - 3/23 - "The taming of the Shrew"
- 3/22 - Ballet - "Peter and the Wolf"
- 3/27-4/5 - "Betrayal"
- 4/22-27 - Musical - "42nd Street"
- 4/27 - Nashville Ballet - "Robin Hood"
- 5/13 - Musical - Bring in da noise - Bring in da funk
- 5/14 - 5/25 - "Evita"
- 6/10-15 - Musical - "the Music Man"



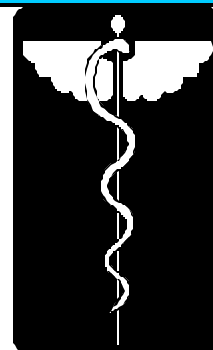
### **Andrew Jackson Hall (Classical Music)**

- 1/17 - Pomp & Circumstance
- 1/19 - Let Freedom Sing
- 2/14 - Valentine's Special - Air Supply
- 2/21 - Mozart & Tchaikovsky - Emanuel Ax
- 3/14 - Brahms & Adams
- 3/28 - Impassioned Sibelius
- 4/18 - Missa Solennis
- 5/02 - Beethoven - Mozart - Adams

*"Music is the only language in which you cannot say a mean or sarcastic thing."*  
-Lord Erskine



## Employment Opportunities



3 CRNA Positions available in Gulf Coast. Fax or E-mail your CV and a list of three professional references with telephone numbers, ATTN: Dr. Garcia, Fax **(850)626-3448** or e-mail: **dr.garcia@aol.com** or contact Ms. Shannon Misner at **(850)626-3303 ext. 1007** or e-mail: **smisner@santarosamri.com**

Full time CRNA position open in northwestern Alabama at the Helen Keller Hospital. For more info contact Jonathan Sneli, Anesthesia Director at **(256)386-4482** or Amy Williams, Employment Coordinator/Recruiter at **(256)386-4677**. **www.helenkeller.com**

Anesthetist is needed to join a group of MDs and CRNAs. Located in the Triangle of TN three major cities—Nashville, Knoxville & Chattanooga. Call **(352)369-6316** or E-mail **HypnosAnesthesia@aol.com** for further info.

Two permanent CRNA positions available on the Florida Gulf Coast. For more info contact Linda Davis, Assistant Business Manager at **ldavis@knology.net**

Flex Shift and Fixed Shift positions available in Chattanooga, TN. Contact Tabitha Ryan at **(423)698-3309** or E-mail: **Tryan@anesasoc.com**

3 Anesthetist positions available in Gainesville, Ga. Posting #3798 at **http://www.gaswork.com/**. Send Resume via fax; **(770)534-1312** or E-mail: **Michelle1@aol.com**

Full time position open in the New Orleans area, in Florida near Disney and in Kentucky. Interested in any of these please contact Dan O'Callahan at **(888)865-1181** or E-Mail CV to **prheal@stis.net** or fax CV to **(866)340-3033**

Position open in Honolulu, Hawaii. Call **(888)621-1737** or **KPHawaii.jobs@kp.org**

Opportunities available at Memorial Health Systems. For more information contact Rae Jeanne Gossman by phone **(877)676-6423**, by fax **(386)676-6196** or by E-mail **raejeanne.gossman@memorial-health.com**

2 CRNA positions available at Lourdes Hospital in Paducah, KY. For more info contact Christine Thomas RN by phone **(270)444-2934** by fax **(270)444-2583** or by E-mail at **cthomas@lourdespad.org**

Positions available at the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta, GA. Contact Jim Masiogale, CRNA, MHS by phone **(706)721-0115**, by fax **(706)721-7753** or by E-mail **Jmasiogale@mail.mcg.edu**. Job 2631 on **gaswork.com**

CRNA needed in Washington State. Contact Dianna Crocker at **(866)292-2663** or E-mail: **Bjmedical@aol.com**

Positions available in New Orleans, LA. Contact Amy Moga, CRNA Recruiter at **(866)292-4747** or "Apply Yourself" online 24 hours a day at **www.ochsner.org/employment**

Opportunities at Quincy Anesthesia Associates, P.C.. Please contact Gene Corbett by Phone **(800)229-9759** by fax **(636)587-2717** or by E-mail **genec1@mindspring.com**

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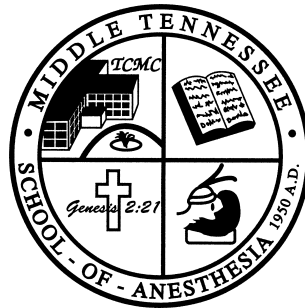
*"Cultivate only the habits that you are willing should master you."  
-Elbert Hubbard*



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