Dr. Dean Edell to Speak at the 16th Annual Picchi Memorial Lecture Series

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SAMUEL MERRITT COLLEGE is very pleased to announce that Dean Edell, M.D., one of the first “media doctors” in the nation, will be the featured speaker at the 16th Annual Picchi Memorial Lecture Series on March 14, 2006. This event will be held at the Health Education Center in Oakland. Dr. Edell will base his talk on his book “Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Healthiness.”

Dr. Edell was one of the first physician broadcasters in the nation, and is the host of America’s second most popular syndicated radio talk show, The Dr. Dean Edell Show, heard on more than 400 radio stations. He is also the anchor of Medical Minutes, a series of ten weekly radio medical reports and the host of the daily 90-second Medical Report seen in 75 television markets. Dr. Edell is known for translating complicated medical information into concise, easy-to-understand reports and for tackling topics that are obscure, unusual and often controversial.

Dr. Edell began his career as a media doctor in 1978 on KGO Radio in San Francisco. He has been the host of numerous television series on health, including programs for Discovery Channel, The Learning Channel, and national syndication, and was the author of the Edell Health Letter, published from 1982 until 1994. Over the past 20 years of broadcasting, he has won numerous media awards for his on-air work, including the C. Everett Koop Media Awards competition, the Edward R. Murrow Award, a national Emmy, the American Cancer Society recognition award, the American Heart Association award, and other prestigious medical and media awards.

The Annual Picchi Lecture Series named in memory of the late Dr. Joseph and Mary Picchi is made possible through generous donations from colleagues, friends, family and students of Dr. Dean Edell to Speak at the 16th Annual Picchi Memorial Lecture Series

A Special Clinical Preceptorship Experience by Carla Ross, Director of Alumni Affairs and Development

In the fall of 2005, as some nursing students were returning to the classroom, those entering their last semester at Samuel Merritt College were assigned a clinical nurse preceptor and began their final clinical rotation. Known as the senior preceptor-ship, this is an intense semester of hands-on clinical experience, working one-on-one with a nurse preceptor.

Such was the case for Tara Rodriguez, a senior nursing student in the College’s Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. This past August, she began her preceptorship at a very special place—the George Mark Children’s House, commonly referred to as, “George Mark.”

On the day I visited George Mark, I was greeted by Tara and another Samuel Merritt College senior nursing student, Jenae Alves. Jenae works as a certified nurse assistant at George Mark, in addition to her preceptorship at Oakland’s Children’s Hospital on the oncology unit.

Tara and Jenae have another thing in common—other than their work at George Mark and their love of working with children—both Tara and Jenae are cancer survivors. In fact, Tara’s sister also had cancer and it was during one of her sister’s hospital stays for leukemia that Tara decided she wanted to become a nurse. “I want to make a difference; I want to be just like the nurse that cared for my sister. She was caring!”

Tara was diagnosed with cancer last January during her junior year of the nursing program. She states, “When the children ask me how I got the scar on my head, I tell them that I had a brain...
Dr. Milton Wolfson Memorial Scholar Of The Year Named

Dr. John Mario Giurini was named the 2005 Dr. Milton Wolfson Memorial Scholar at the November 2005 Essentials of Practice held in Oakland, California. The Dr. Milton Wolfson Memorial Scholar is awarded annually to honor someone who has made significant contributions to primary care in podiatric medicine.

Dr. Giurini’s research interests include: reversal of hypoxic changes in diabetic patients following lower extremity revascularization, use of topical agents and dressings for treatment of neuropathic ulcerations, and evaluating risk factors for foot problems in diabetic athletes, and evaluating the effect of diabetic neuropathy on skin microcirculation and wound healing.

Dr. Giurini made two presentations at the Essentials in November, “Use Of Silver Dressings in Foot Ulcerations” and “External Fixation in Charcot Joint Disease.”

Congratulations Dr. Giurini!

ALUMNI HOLIDAY DINNER

On Thursday, December 1, 2005, Samuel Merritt College hosted the annual Alumni Holiday Dinner. Over 120 alumni and spouses attended this event held at the Lafayette Park Hotel in Lafayette, CA. The festivities included hot apple cider, holiday egg nog, a delicious meal of prime rib or grilled salmon, and speeches by two current nursing students, Kelley Kimlinger and Erin Woods, who were, to their surprise, awarded $3,000 scholarships at the end of the program.

Kelley Kimlinger is a senior-level undergraduate nursing student in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program. She maintains a 3.72 cumulative grade point average and has received very high scores on her clinical evaluations. She anticipates a May 2006 graduation date. In addition to being a full-time student, Erin works part-time in the College’s work-study program in order to assist with her living and educational expenses.

Erin Woods is also a senior-level undergraduate nursing student in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program. She maintains a 3.0 grade point average and looks forward to a May 2006 graduation date. In addition to being a full-time student, Erin works part-time in the College’s work-study program in order to assist with her living and educational expenses.

Following completion of her academic studies, Erin plans to obtain employment in an emergency room setting where she plans to work for a couple of years before traveling abroad for six months to a year. She would also like to ultimately return to school to earn a Master’s degree.

Erin Woods is a firm believer that “prevention and education are key in keeping our communities safe and healthy.” Kelley's long-term goals include incorporating teaching and volunteering into her career; earning a Master’s degree in either public health or community health nursing; and eventually earning a Doctorate degree.

FOR MORE INFORMATION...

For more information, visit the College’s website at www.samuelmerritt.edu or contact the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs at 510.869.8628.
tumor. I think they find comfort in knowing that I un-
derstand their fears. I attended my nursing classes with
staples in my head following my surgery and while receiving my radiation treatments even though
my professors pleaded with me to take the semester
off and take care of myself. But I felt that I’d come
too far and worked too hard to allow this disease to
throw a wrench in accomplishing my goal of be-
coming a nurse.”

Jenae states, “I remember being told by healthcare
providers during my treatment that they knew how
I was feeling. I would get so mad and just stop talk-
ing to them. How could they know how I was feeling?
They weren’t the ones who had cancer! That is why I
plan to be a pediatric oncology nurse. Because of
my own experience, I will be able to relate to my pa-
tients. I can say I know how you feel because I have
been there myself.”

What makes George Mark so special? It would be
harder to say what does not make it special. George
Mark is located on five acres on the Fairmont Hospital
grounds in the San Leandro foothills. As you pass
trough a gate, you see what looks like a large family
home with exquisitely manicured grounds. Just out-
side the main entrance, you pass by a large wooden
rocking chair simply inscribed “Kathy.” Inside the 15,000
square-foot building you find a great room, two pri-
vate family suites, eight children’s bedrooms, a high
tech computer room, a spa room, a “family style”
dining room, a music therapy room, and more. Each
room in the house has its own distinct motif (such as
an enchanted castle, a magic forest, a jungle
safari, or the OK Corral) with hand-painted murals,
garden views, with most medical equipment hidden
behind cupboards.

George Mark Children’s House was conceived by
Dr. Kathy Nicholson Hull, as a memorial to her two
brothers. One brother, Mark Nicholson, died in an
automobile accident in 1962 at the age of 16. The
second brother, George Nicholson, died of cancer
in 1969 at age 30. Kathy experienced first-hand, as
a sibling, just how devastating the loss of a child is
to a family. George Mark Children’s House is the first
freestanding children’s respite and end of life care fa-
cility in the United States. George Mark offers respite
support (round-the-clock), transitional care, and end-
of-life care for children with life limiting or terminal
illnesses regardless of their parents’ ability to pay.

Samuel Merritt College has over 950 clinical affili-
tions throughout the Bay Area and the United States
where students obtain hands-on clinical experience.
For more information about George Mark Children’s
House, please call 510.346.4624 or visit their web-
site at www.georgemark.org. For information about
becoming a nurse preceptor, contact Samuel Merritt
College’s School of Nursing Clinical Coordinator, Lina
Gage-Kelly, at 510.869.6619. 
The Foundation for Excellence presented Dr. Al Burns, Dean of the California School of Podiatric Medicine (CSPM), with a $34,000 check in June 2005 to benefit the doctor of podiatric medicine students. For over 3.3 years, the Foundation for Excellence in Podiatric Medicine has been promoting and assisting the educational activities of the California College of Podiatric Medicine, now known as the California School of Podiatric Medicine, through student scholarships. The Foundation for Excellence was established in 1982 as a non-profit public benefit corporation. Its sole charitable purpose is to promote and assist the educational activities of the California College of Podiatric Medicine (now known as CSPM) and to apply all the funds and properties coming into its hands toward furthering the educational and health care activities and services of Podiatric Medicine.

The Foundation for Excellence has worked tirelessly with former instructors, parents of former students, prominent podiatric physicians and individuals, corporations, businesses, and even individual CCPM classes.

CURRENT NAMED SCHOLARSHIPS INCLUDE:

- Alameda-Contra Costa County Podiatric Medical Society Scholarship
- Alumni Scholarship
- Robert M. Barnes, DPM Scholarship
- Heather Barton, Esq. Scholarship
- Robert Breiman, DPM Scholarship
- Theodore H. Clarke, DPM Scholarship
- CCPM Class of 1970 Scholarship
- CCPM Class of 1972 Scholarship
- CCPM Class of 1975 Scholarship
- CCPM Class of 1984 Scholarship
- Codingine Scholarship
- John E. Green, DPM Scholarship
- Jon Hultman, DPM – Franklin Kase, DPM, Scholarship
- Earl G. Kaplan, DPM Scholarship
- Burgess Kelly, DPM Scholarship
- Shirley Lahnam Scholarship
- Los Angeles County Podiatric Medical Society Scholarship
- Joseph Okoff Scholarship
- Al D. Pagliano, DPM Scholarship
- Pro Lab Scholarship
- George Riess, DPM Scholarship
- Merton Root, DPM Scholarship
- Robert L. Ruthford, DPM Scholarship
- San Diego County Podiatric Medical Society Scholarship
- John H. Weed, DPM Scholarship
- Ruth Wood, DPM Scholarship
- Bennett Zier, MD Scholarship

In the fall of 2004, the Podiatric Medical Education Advisory Committee (PMEAC) established a policy to award a $1,000 scholarship (funded by PMEAC) in the name of any individual or group who established a fund at the Foundation for Excellence at the $5,000 level. This scholarship will continue annually as long as the individual or group continues to give a minimum contribution of $1,000 each year towards building the fund's core to the required $15,000 self-sustaining level. This year, two such scholarships were given in addition to $34,000 from the Foundation.

For more information on establishing a named fund at the Foundation for Excellence or to contribute a fund already established, please contact anyone of the following: Dr. Randy Sarte at 916.485.9373 or by email ankledown@aoi.com, Dr. Mel Barton at 760.773.1009 or by email melbarton@dcrr.com, or Carla Ross at 760.865.6618 or by email cross@samuelmerritt.edu.

DOING THE COLLEGE PROUD!

Two Samuel Merritt College Bachelor of Science in Nursing alums cancelled their plans for a well deserved two-week vacation to Disneyland and Mount Shasta to assist in the relief effort following Hurricane Katrina.

Stephen Ingersoll and Lisa Meikle, who graduated from Samuel Merritt College in 2001, normally work in the Intensive Care Unit at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). But on Tuesday, September 6 instead of catching a flight to Anaheim, California they caught an early morning flight out of Oakland headed toward Jackson, Mississippi. They then boarded a bus for a three to five hour ride (depending upon road conditions) to Wiggins, Mississippi. Instructed to travel light, they brought just one change of clothes, ten sets of scrubs each, a stethoscope, and a few snacks. Once there, Stephen and Lisa worked at Stone County Hospital in Wiggins alongside other nurses deployed by the California Nurses Association. The hospital is very rural, located about 40 miles north of Gulfport, and is very small—just 15 beds—but its patient census grew in excess of 150 in the days following Hurricane Katrina.

Sigma Theta Tau International, the nursing honor society, recently announced that the Nu Xi Chapter at Large has been awarded a Chapter Key Award. This award honors chapters who excel in chapter-related activities such as membership recruitment and retention, publicity and programming, and professional and leadership development.

Nu Xi Chapter at Large is a formally recognized chapter of the international nursing honor society, Sigma Foulkes invited me to join and I am pleased to have this opportunity to work with them in support of such an important educational institution serving the greater Bay Area community…”

Peters is a California native. He was born in Alameda, grew up in Oakland and graduated from UC Berkeley. He served as a Piedmont city council member for eight years and as Mayor from 2000–2002. “I really enjoyed my time working on the city council. I worked with good people and had a great city to represent,” continued Peters.

Peters currently serves as Treasurer of the Golden Gate Audubon Society and co-chairs the Presbyterian Church’s Committee on Ministry for the San Francisco Presbytery. He is married to Barbara, has two grown sons and a 10 month old granddaughter.

WENDY GETTING “KEYED” IS A GOOD THING!

Theta Tau International (STTI). The departments or school of nursing from three colleges and universities in the San Francisco East Bay region participate in the support of Nu Xi Chapter. These institutions include Cal State University East Bay, Holy Names University, and Samuel Merritt College.

Congratulations Nu Xi at-large members!
RICHARD D. ROBINSON CRNA SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED

Richard “Rick” Robinson, a much loved, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist faculty member at Samuel Merritt College, passed away unexpectedly on October 16, 2005. Rick was married to Ann Fraser Robinson, a 1993 Samuel Merritt College Bachelor of Science in Nursing alum, for 18 years at the time of his death. Together they had two children, a son, Loren, and a daughter, Mari.

Rick was born in Berkeley, California, and graduated from Ygnacio Valley High School. He then received a Bachelor’s degree from the University of California at Santa Barbara and Long Beach State University. After earning a Masters degree from Baylor College of Medicine, Rick practiced the art and science of nurse anesthesia. Rick’s calm and reassuring manner provided comfort and reassurance to many patients he cared for at Kaiser Hospital in Oakland during the past fifteen years of his life.

Highlights of his career included serving as clinical faculty for the Samuel Merritt College of Nurse Anesthesia and traveling to Guatemala with Hospital de la Familia on several medical mission trips.

“Rick’s dedication to nurse anesthesia education, particularly to our program, was evident in everything he did for us: lecturing in didactic courses, direct clinical teaching, managing the administrative issues of our students at Kaiser Oakland Medical Center, and evaluating and counseling students” states Celeste Villaneuva, Samuel Merritt College’s Director of the Program of Nurse Anesthesia.

“Rick was a member of the Program’s Comprehensive Oral Examination Committee—a select group of faculty tasked with administering this rigorous set of exams, and most importantly, he was a true mentor to scores of students who attended the Samuel Merritt College Program of Nurse Anesthesia. A testament to his effectiveness as an educator and the impact he made on the lives of students is the fact that he was a recipient of the program’s Yuri Nishimura Clinical Instructor Award for excellence in clinical teaching, an award presented based on the decision of the students themselves. Rick was also a mentor to his colleagues in the realm of clinical teaching as one of our senior clinical coordinators; his advice was often sought after by less experienced faculty who were faced with challenging teaching situations. Both students and fellow faculty will remember him for his warmth, compassion, and his excellence as a clinician” states Villaneuva.

A scholarship fund to benefit students enrolled in the Program of Nurse Anesthesia has been established in Rick’s memory at Samuel Merritt College by his family and friends.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON... The Richard D. Robinson CRNA Scholarship Fund contact the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs at 510.869.8628.

INAUGURAL DOCTOR OF PHYSICAL THERAPY CASE REPORT PRESENTATION DAY

The inaugural class of the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program participated in the Case Report Presentation Day on May 26, 2005. The completion of a case report from a patient seen during the final six-month internship is a new component of the DPT curriculum. These students prepared a case report suitably presented as a case report from a patient seen during the final six-month internship is a new component of the DPT curriculum. These students prepared a case report suitable for publication and presented their findings to their fellow classmates, the students in the classes of 2006 and 2007, and the faculty. Several of the students’ family members and some of their clinical instructors also attended the event. Kaiser Permanente of Northern California and Physiotherapy Associates of Northern California helped sponsor the event by supplying breakfast and lunch for all of the participants.

When the faculty developed the DPT program, it was felt that the most likely way graduates would contribute to the scientific literature in physical therapy is through the publication of case reports based on single patients or small groups of patients. To that end, the faculty decided to offer an authentic opportunity to do the type of scholarly work to prepare the graduates for future contributions to practice.

The case reports represented the breadth of physical therapy practice, as evidenced by the titles listed below, and the overall caliber of presentations exceeded the faculty’s expectations. Several of the students are being encouraged to present their case reports at upcoming physical therapy conferences.

2005 CASE REPORT PRESENTATIONS

ACUTE CARE
Brian Ablang · The Effects of Baclofen on Spasticity in a Patient Post CVA
Alice Chang · Factors Affecting the Functional Progress of a Patient with Transmetatarsal Amputation
CARDIAC REHABILITATION
Elizabeth Lilly · Evaluation of a Patient with Diabetic Cardiovascular Autonomic Neuropathy
INTEGUMENTARY
Valerie MacDonald · Negative Pressure Wound therapy in the Management of a Complex Abdominal Wound
PEDIATRICS
Jill Pelletier · The Use of EMG-Triggered Electrical Stimulation in the Treatment of a 6 Year-Old with Congenital Facial Paralysis
Kristy Cheng · Spasticity Management Using a Standard Frame for a Patient with Cerebral Palsy
NEUROLOGICAL
Patricia Commer · Interventions and Outcomes for a Patient with Postpolio Syndrome Post T4-5x ORIF
Binta Lacy · Effect of Physical Therapy on an Adult Patient with Cerebral Palsy Status-Post Ankle Arthrodesis
Vanessa Lane · PPN For Strength and Functional Mobility Training in a Patient with Paraplegia and an Optimistic Prognosis
Ramona Kneeland · Use of a Standing Frame to Decrease Plantarflexion Spasticity and Contracture
WOMAN’S HEALTH
Julia Visser · Physical Therapy for Pelvic Floor Dysfunction: Managing Urinary Incontinence with Behavioral Therapy, Biofeedback and Abdominal Strengthening
MENTAL HEALTH
Kari Clinch Astasia-Abasia · Treatment of an Individual with a Conversion Disorder in Physical Therapy
MUSCULOSKELETAL
Cynthia Walton · Physical Therapy Intervention for a Patient Presenting with Temporomandibular, Cervical Spine and Headache Symptoms
Kimberly Richards · The Use of Joint Mobilization to Increase Pain-Free Maximal Mouth Opening in a Patient with Temporomandibular Osteoarthrits
Kathy Wachtman · Differential Diagnosis of Cervical Radiculopathy from a Cardiac Condition in a Gentleman Presenting with Complaints of Left Arm Pain
Rebecca Hartman · Clinical Reasoning in the Differentiation of Cervical Spine Dysfunction from Primary Shoulder Dysfunction
Abigail Barcan · The Treatment of a Woman with Sjogren’s Syndrome and Severe Neck Pain
Magda Sherrod · Rehabilitation of a 63 Year-Old Male with Signs and Symptoms of Subacromial Impingement Syndrome
Lisa Poulsen · Improving ROM after Elbow Dislocation using Manual Techniques and a Home Exercise Program
Christine Duffy · Nerve Giding Techniques in the Treatment of a Woman with Carpal Tunnel Syndrome
Aaron Estep · Minimally Invasive Hip Replacement Surgery Minimizes Length of Hospital Stay: A Case Report
Justin Matsuno · Case Report: Physical Therapy Examination and Intervention for Patellofemoral Pain Syndrome Secondary to Abnormal Tibialfemoral Rotation
Ashley Johnson · An Aquatic Approach to Physical Therapy Management of Low Back Pain

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON... The Richard D. Robinson CRNA Scholarship Fund contact the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs at 510.869.8628.
Did You Perform Your Residency at St. Mary’s Medical Center?

If so, you may be interested to know that Kristi Kelly Nemes, a 2003 CCPM graduate, has started the ball rolling for our 10th reunion. Preliminary plans are to hold this reunion during the 2007 Golden State Podiatric Medical Seminar. This seminar will be held in San Francisco, California in November 2007. Watch for more details as the date nears. If you are interested in assisting Dr. McAlon in coordinating this event, please contact her by email at Carolyn_0330@hotmail.com.

ATTENTION

CCPM ALUMS

Great job Kristi!

California College of Podiatric Medicine GRADUATES

2002
Dr. David Callman is currently training as a Fellow in foot and ankle reconstructive surgery at the American Health Network, Indianapolis, Indiana.

1996
Attention Members of the CCPM Class of 1996!
The California College of Podiatric Medicine (CCPM) Class of 1996 will hold its 10th Reunion during the March 2006 American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons 64th Annual Scientific Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada.

If you would like to attend with the Reunion, please contact the Reunion Coordinator, Dr. Jason C. Harrill at 480.844.8218 or by email drharrill@desertfootandankle.com.

1997
Attention Members of the CCPM Class of 1997!
Dr. Carolyn McAlone has started the ball rolling for our 10th reunion.

Preliminary plans are to hold this reunion during the 2007 Golden State Podiatric Medical Seminar. This seminar will be held in San Francisco, California in November 2007. Watch for more details as the date nears. If you are interested in assisting Dr. McAlon in coordinating this event, please contact her by email at Carolyn_0330@hotmail.com.

From the Ranks

California College of Podiatric Medicine GRADUATES

at CSPM was recently honored at the California Podiatric Medical Association House of Delegates at their annual meeting in Anaheim when he received the 2005 Educational Award in recognition of exemplary work in Podiatric Medical Education.

1950
Luella Stark Hilliard writes, “The 55th anniversary of our graduation was celebrated in grand style by the Providence class of 1950. From Tucson, California, Verla Heckersmith McMorran and her husband, Jack, set the stage for the occasion. On Monday, May 23, Luella Stark Hillard and her husband, Bob, arrived from Washington State. Later that day, a long, black limousine arrived at the motel in Sonora bringing Mary Taylor Ducasses from Los Osos, Thelma Malvido MacDonald from Carmel, Georgia Solidum Dereko from Mt. Home and Mary Mason Carr from Alamo. On Tuesday, the very congenial limo driver drove all of the early comers and the McMorrans to Yosemite for lunch at the Ahwahnee and to see the great sights of the mountains and overflowing waterfalls. Eleanor Purcell Cahill and her husband, Fritz, arrived Tuesday evening and joined the others for a tour of Old Columbia on Wednesday. Arrivals that day were Esther Guglielmina Allen and her husband, Lowell, and Rosemarie Burnett Bailey with her daughter, Barbara. Everyone attended our reunion dinner that night at a grand old hotel in Jamestown. Brunch at the McMorrans lovely mountain home on Thursday morning capped off the festivities as we reminisced about the Providence days of 1947–1950, remembering the other 11 members of our class. How amazing it is to recognize the same personalitites that harmonized us so well as classmates have endured these 58 years to bring about a most joyous occasion!”

1951
Alberta Smith Whalen writes, “My thanks for the invitation to the holiday tea. Unfortunately, I was not able to attend. Maybe next year. I have many fond memories of my training years spent at Providence Hospital. My best to you all for a happy and prosperous New Year.”

1953
Mary Pargett Emmelinger writes, “My husband, Austin, and I have begun to adjust to his retirement from dentistry last year. (About time, as he was 70 years old when he decided.) We’ve done a bit of traveling, including a cruise to Alaska. We’d like to plan more if our health continues.

1954
Donna Lee Covey Cline writes, “I retired from nursing after 50 years. We moved to Florida to play all the great golf courses here and the fine weather (only two hurricanes, but they weren’t close to us). Worry free! Yes—but no damage. Would love to hear from any of the class of 1954.”

1961
Carolyn Cousey Galli writes, “Roy and I are loving retirement in San Diego. Our three grandchildren keep us busy with trips to the beach and lakes. We have found a wonderful church community at St. Timothy’s. Keeping busy in their choir, Knights of Columbus, Eucharistic ministry, and bereavement. I am a home visit volunteer with Elizabeth Hospice of Escondido and Roy and I deliver Meals on Wheels weekly. We still love to travel and in 2006 hope to see China and Greece/Turkey, God willing! If you ever are in the San Diego area, our door is always open to visitors.” Judith Ware Wahl writes, “I have been married to Geoff Wahl for 44 years. We have four children, Michael (43), Matthew (41), Mary (39), and Marcy (35). Together we have 10 grandchildren and two more on the way. Other than my family, my practice has been in hospital nursing, locally and in Sacramento. Three years of tandem employment was in home infusion and eight years in gastroenterology. I retired from Fremont/Rideout Medical Group in January of 2005. My nursing specialty since 1977 is and has been vascular access. Authorizing vascular access related policies and procedures, teaching nursing students, and new graduates as well as working a full time schedule has been my avocation for over 35 years. Membership and network building with the Infusion Nurses Society, and Association of Vascular Access, and Oncology Nurses Society has had many long lasting rewards over the years. Certification has provided opportunities for growth, innovation, product research and a great deal of job satisfaction. Teaching from time to time and working with North Valley Gastroenterology, a couple of days a month, keeps my pinke in the pie so to speak, and allows me to earn a little golf money. Geoff and I travel all over to play golf together. We have both had Holes in One, mine in 1993 and his in 1999. We are season ticket holders for our other favorite pastime, Cal Football.

I am also an avid reader, bike rider, hiker, gardener, jewelry maker, seamstress and homemaker. At 66, I barely have time to sleep. We live in the country between Marysville and Grass Valley, on five acres, so come see us, classmates.”

1963
The following was submitted by Barbara Banfield Hohlowski. “Maureen (Mo) O’Keefe Scaglioni was a wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, aunt, friend and an outstanding registered nurse. She died in her sleep following minor ambulatory surgery in April of 2005. The actual cause of her sudden death was cardiac arrest.

Mo is survived by her loving husband Remo, adoring daughters Anne Marie and Christina, their husbands and five grandchildren. She is remembered by longtime friends and colleagues for her faith, community spirit, inquiring mind, sense of humor and for her total enjoyment of simple spontaneous laughter.

Mo’s nursing practice was focused on Women’s Health, first in Obstetrics and finally in teen pregnancy. The packed church in Sonora, that was the site of the funeral mass in her honor, was also where testimonials of her life and career were shared.

Those present heard sweet stories from three girlfriends that met Maureen in grammar school and the experiences of those who worked with her over the years. A letter was read from an OB/GYN physician who had been oriented to her new job by a welcoming, experienced, helpful and kind nurse named Maureen.

Mo touched our lives during the PCN years, she made sure that we knew friends from other past and she was in touch for the past forty-two years. We were blessed to have known her and will remember her fondly until we meet again.”

1966
Kathy Carothers Hattaway writes, “Greetings from the Mississippi Gulf Coast. I am a Hurricane Katrina survivor! Things are pretty bad down here. My hospital (Ocean Springs Hospital) was the only working hospital after the storm—we are tired! I’ve been a PACU nurse for about 20 years—I love it!”

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Don’t see retirement in my future — retired three years ago — very happy. Wish I could have made the holiday tea — sounded like fun. Please email me at hatkas@bellsouth.net.” Mary Lou Barkas Keyworth is interested in organizing a 40th class reunion in 2006 for the Providence College of Nursing Class of 1966. If you would like to assist Mary Lou or for more information about the Class of 1966 Reunion, email Mary Lou at granmalow@hotmail.com.

40 YEARS OF FRIENDSHIP

The following was presented by Terri Maggi Ward at the Emanuel Medical Center — Modesto Junior College Vocational Nursing Program Graduation on November 9, 2005. Terri is a nursing instructor at Modesto Junior College as well as the Faculty Liaison to the Vocational Nursing Program.

1968

Pictured are members of the Providence College of Nursing, Class of 1968.

“Please indulge my nostalgia. Saturday, I am meeting 17 friends to celebrate 40 years of friendship. In September 1965, we began the nursing program at Providence College of Nursing. We were young, 17 to 24, we remained in California from the south to the far reaches of the north. We work in long-term care and acute care, pediatrics and geriatrics, home care and clinics, emergency departments and operating rooms, critical care units and NICUs, advice nurses and dialysis nurses, nurse managers in a variety of settings, educators in hospitals, vocational nursing and associate degree nursing programs, consultants in case management and pain management, VP of Support Services, authors, researchers, and entrepreneurs. We re- turned to school for BSNS, bachelors in health sciences and Spanish. We have master’s degrees as nurse practitioners and clinical nurse specialists; in education and Organizational Behavior. We are wives and widows, mothers and grandmothers, single, divorced and in religious life. As I thought of my classmates, I realized we have experienced the upward mobility of nursing in both education and leadership. We have experienced the length and the breadth of nursing. This is now open to all of you.

I want for you, the upward mobility of nursing, the length and the breadth of nursing, and 40 years of friendship!”

1959

Reene Lowery Fischer writes, “On April 28, 2005, four of our classmates met in Yuba City for a mini reunion. The occasion was seeing Freda Cessna Hatton while she was in Oroville, California, visiting her sister Barbara. Those attending were Muriel Winter, San Lorenzo, California; Reene Lowery Fischer, Birds Landing, California; Verna Abby Delaray, Orland, California, and of course Freda Cessna Hatton from Alaska. Freda brought her sister Barbara who is by now ‘one of the gang.’ Freda lives in Palmer, Alaska, so we don’t get to see her often. As you can imagine, we had much to talk about. We enjoyed remembering the ‘good old days’ at Samuel Merritt Hospital School of Nursing and catching up on our lives. We spent several hours over lunch, visiting and then went to Lilien’s favorite ice cream parlor for dessert and more visiting. We all felt it was a great day and look forward to Freda’s next visit to California.”

Louis H. Jacobsen. He died November 1997. They had three children, all living in Oklahoma City. She kept in touch with buddies from nursing training.

1939

Covenant Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall hosted a potluck supper in honor of Bernice Heeren Hill’s 90th birthday — 9-11-05. Bernice’s sons Jan and Duane had invited many well-wishers, and the guest of honor spent the time greeting the people who enjoyed all kinds of food and lots of lavender and laughter. Also in attendance were Bernie’s beautiful granddaughter’s Kaersten and Krista and their handsome escorts; a nurse, Virginia Mast Devries, from nursing training days at Samuel Merritt in Oakland; and Jan with wife Pam who did most of the planning, set-up and kitchen. Happy 90th Bernice!”

1946

Betty Rudolph Calvin writes, “How hard it is to realize that our class will be celebrating its 60th anniversary in 2006. Twenty-one students started in February 1945 and 17 finished three years later. Jeane Kulgren Bergstrom, Coleen Edwards Shin, and I plan to hop Amtrak and attend the celebration. Come join us. I hope our “Little Sisters” from the June class will be there. I would love to hear from you. Alas, I don’t have email. My address is 5624 Hawthorne Lane, Squaw Valley, CA 96075.”

1947

Beverly Peterson Eggert writes, “I really enjoy reading our alumni news. I’m still working four days a week re-living our two supervisors at a 99 bed care center here in Placerville. Have been with the company over 35 years. I’m happy to report that Mary Vescere Zantine, a 1970 SMC alumni, works at Brandel Manor in Turlock as Assistant Director of Nurses, where my sister Bonnie Larson is a resident. Since we’ve met personally I can call her and she gives me a report on my sister, who has Alzheimers. I really am thankful for another Samuel Merritt grad who can be an encourager to me. Bonnie turned 83 on October 12th and I turned 85 on October 17th. We’ve been close but now she doesn’t even know me. My older sister, Betty Peterson Mower was a 1941 Samuel Merritt grad. She passed away in 1997 from cancer. She went on to Stanford to get her BSN and was a high school nurse in Turlock for 30 years. I’m very proud of my Samuel Merritt heritage. Greetings to all my classmates who read this.”

1955

Jean Lombardo Duran writes, “Our 50 class reunion took place at the Alamo home of Ellie Repovich Merrick on May 18, 2005. So was wonderful to get together again after two years. A couple of classmates came from out of state. One we hadn’t seen since graduation. Since time is fleeting by so quickly, we decided we need a reunion every year. Unfortunately, some of our classmates are deceased and others we have been unable to locate. A good time was had by all over good food and drink. It was great to catch up on what each of us had done and of course to reminisce about our days at Samuel Merritt.”

1956

Cheryl Bittel (classes of 1983 and 1984) writes, “My mother Margaret Anderson Peck, Class of 1956, passed away on October 29th, 2005. She fought a long hard battle with Lymphoma, but succumbed to it at 69 years of age. After college she worked at San Jose Hospital and Good Samaritan Hospital in San Jose, both in the emergency departments. The last 25 years of her career, which she was still active up to two years before she died, was working for her husband, Donald Peck a surgeon, managing his office. She loved to read and Samuel Merritt so much. She was still in contact with sever- al of her classmates, all the time.”

1960

Marilyn Osternar Warren (Cottonwood, Arizona) visited her daughter in Davis, California, for a month, and Marge Gill Patzer, Gale Barnes Devetter, Frances Dameron Scipi and Janiece Freitas Iverson enjoyed lunch and catching up on a balmy September afternoon.

1965

Karlo Ryme Reynolds writes “After a nursing career spanning almost 40 years, I retired in January of 2005 from John Muir Medical Center in Walnut Creek. I was certified in my specialty, med-surg nursing. What a rewarding professional! It’s as close as I could come to instant gratification. My son and husband is a retired chef—now that’s a treat! Daughter, Kathy, is working on her degree in Early Childhood Education with help from five year old Dylan. Son, Bill, is a happy waiter in a Walnut Creek upscale restaurant!”

1974

Terri M. Warnock Donaldson writes, “Winter is right around the corner here in Alaska. It has its challenges, but I love it here and can’t imagine living anywhere else. Our log home sits on two acres of trees and we share our space with a variety of wildlife including eagles and moose. I’m still working in ICU. Our hospital just passed its JACHO accreditation and we are gearing up for our move to the new hospital site in December. We will go from being a small 36 bed rural hospital to a much larger 75 bed facility.”

1975

Pam Marks Monroe writes, “The class of 1975’s 30th reunion was fun, unfortunately not enough classmates attended. Hope to see more of you in the future. Looking forward to a trip to Europe in October with my husband, Don, Sherryl Acepahi Hays and Carol Hauk. Carol, Sherryl and I had a great weekend with our classmates and friend Kenny Arellano Sanner at her... Cont inued on Page 8...
home in Nipomo, California. Kerry is the lead singer/keyboards in the 6os band named "Unfinished Business." Catch them on the central coast. Great dance band!” Emails: pmnorneo@earthlink.net or Pamela.a.monroe@kp.org.

1981
Julie Grinsell Cruz writes, "I am married with three sons ages 23, 21 and 24. Currently work in Emergency as Clinical Supervisor full-time; however, am dropping back to part-time next month and doing only relief clinical supervision so that I may spend more time with my youngest as he gets ready to enter high school. My husband, Tim, and I have been married for 24 years and are currently building a summer home an hour away from Eureka for our "get-away." It is in a little subdivision in Hawkins Bar along the beautiful Trinity River! My only regret is that I wish I had found Emergency Nursing much sooner than just 13 years ago!!!"

1982
Veronica Pivec is now Veronica Scheers! Veronica and Peter Scheers received traditional wedding vows on June 20th in a ceremony held at Veronica's parents home in Concord, California and again on September during a traditional Dutch wedding ceremony.

1997
Kymmarie Sommers Skinner writes, “I'm doing great—living and working in Martinez. I am at the Kaiser there. I work in Special Procedures. Love it—no weekends or holidays!!! Three kids now—daughter Cady (12) and twin sons Billy and Christopher (they are two), also wonderful husband Butch.”

1998
Harmony Vanderweter Calma writes, "I had a boy! Carson Daniel Calma was born on July 13, 2005. He was 5 lbs. 8 oz. and 18 inches long. Carson is a healthy and happy baby. I will be able to take six months off of work to be with him and share all the holidays together. Dan and I love him so much."

1999
See 2002 for update on Veronica R. Wizes.

1987
David R. McKee has worked for Kaiser Hospital since 1969 in pediatric and pediatrics advice, regional advice and currently neonatal ICU, Oakland. His wife, Linda, also works Neonatal ICU for Kaiser. They have four children, Rachel (18), Chris (16), Rebecca (14) and Erika (12).

1994
Jennifer Silliman Simis is a mother of three. Two boys ages 4 1/2 and 2, and a little girl, six months old. She is currently working (per diem) in Postpartum and Newborn Nursery in Irvine, CA.

1995
Ben Roura writes, "I would like to announce the birth of my 3rd son, Owen Matthew Roura, born August 26, 2005 at Kaiser Hayward. He was 9 lbs 6 oz. My wife was not pleased with the size, especially at birth. So, at this time, we're not having any more kids..."

1996
Christy Perry Raynes writes, “Can you believe it has almost been ten years already! Wow, how time has flown by and how many things have changed in our lives. Many of us have moved, started families, changed specialties. Wouldn't you like to catch up? Let's all meet at the upcoming reunion in June! See you there! Call me—let's get together! 775-246-3387”

2000
Michelle Clark Cammack writes “I am an OR nurse at Children's Hospital Oakland. I just celebrated my four year anniversary at Children's. Although I am trained in all types of surgery (cardiovascular, general, plastic, etc.) I specialize in orthopedic and spinal surgery. I have been the orthopedic resource nurse for the surgical department for almost two years. I have been fortunate to be a part of the FACES program which mentors at-risk minority teens and introduces them to the medical field over the past three years. I got married in August 2003 to C.J. Cammack, my college sweetheart. We live in Hercules with our dog, Copper.”

2002
Veronica R. Wizes writes, “I currently work with a cosmetic surgeon. We do both cosmetic surgery and general practice. My general practice consists of skin care, health maintenance and Bio Identical Hormone Adjustment. Peter and I have been married for 15 years. Alexandria, our daughter, is a freshman in high school. We have two animals, Corky our dog and Charlotte our cat. I am extremely happy living behind the Redwood curtain of Humbolt County. Plus, we are close to my family. It is nice to feel at home.”

2004
Erin Christine Abreo and William Patrick Green were married on March 20, 2005 at the Embassy Terrace in Las Vegas, Nevada. The couple honeymooned in Cancun, Mexico and reside in Phoenix. Congratulations Erin and William!!

2005
Samuel Merriott College GRADUATES

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT
2001
Jodi Harris is the proud mom of Riley Josephine Crane born June 16, 2005, at 4:10 AM. The young lady was 7 lbs. and 20 inches.

2003
Russel Ladwig and classmate Michelle Millsaps were married on October 8, 2005. Russel is currently an adjunct assistant professor in the Physician Assistant Program at SMC. The couple is currently residing in Oakland, California. Saloni Patel and Will Wood were engaged on September 19, 2005. The event was celebrated at Macchu Picchu, Peru.

in memoriam

Blanche Baldwin Woods ’33
Margaret “Marge” McConnell Stevenson ’42
Dr. Keith N. Schmidt ’52
Lea Carzoli Allen P’58

Mildred (Mille) Borden Engleman Cage ’37
Jeannie Christensen Gunn ’44
Dr. Edward O’Donnell ’33

Iva F. Zimmerman Jacobson ’37
Margaret Pylon Kendall Pearce ’44
Shirley Schlim Hallgren P’35

Helen Wallace Faulkner P’41
Eva Gunther Willadsen P’46
Margaret Anderson Peck ’36

Inez Tedeschi Filipa P’41
Geraldine Heil Maynes ’47

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SAMUEL MERRITT EMPLOYEES RAISE OVER $37,000 TOWARD STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

WINSTON CHURCHILL once said, “you make a living by what you get... you make a life by what you give.” Each fall as Samuel Merritt College students begin a new academic year, Samuel Merritt College faculty and staff members receive an appeal seeking personal financial contributions towards scholarships to benefit the people who make their jobs possible—Samuel Merritt College students.

“Typically, the College has received anywhere from $10,000 to $20,000 from this annual effort,” states Sue Sylvester, Executive Director of Development. “This year, thanks to a challenge from the College’s eight member senior management team, which offered to match employee contributions dollar-for-dollar up to a maximum of $15,000, the 2005 Employee Campaign raised over $37,000!” continued Ms. Sylvester. 100 percent of this money will directly benefit Samuel Merritt College students through scholarships.

To celebrate the success of this year’s campaign and to thank employees who contributed, an ice cream social was held on Thursday, October 13. In addition to enjoying a sweet afternoon treat, each participant’s name was entered into a drawing for prizes such as a $250 Safeway card; a $100 Safeway card; a gift certificate for a automobile tune-up through Alameda Foreign Auto; a gift certificate for a one-hour massage at Oakland’s European Experience; a beautiful handmade silk Asian placemat and napkin set donated by Skyline Asia Import & Export and a gift certificate for a homemade cheesecake made by the College’s former Chief Financial Officer and cheesecake baker extraordinaire, Barbara Piepho. A huge thank you to all faculty and staff members who participated in this year’s campaign as well as to the contributors of the raffle prizes!

THE HEALTH FAIR
By Ardy M. Dunn, PhD PNP Professor, School of Nursing

“I WILL NEVER,” said Chuck Leca, an Entry Level Masters (ELMSN) student in the Community Health Nursing course at Samuel Merritt College (SMC), “do that again!” Chuck had just finished a long, tiring eight hours in the gymnasium of Hillview Junior High School (Pittsburg Unified School District), where with 17 of his student colleagues, he helped present a health fair to over 500 junior high school students. His booth on pedestrian, bicycle, and motor vehicle safety drew attention with its two motorcycles, a dirt bike, and all the safety gear, lights, leather, and revving motors. As one would expect, the children were enthralled; by the end of the day, Chuck—and other SMC students—were exhausted!

In September 2005, ELMSN students conducted three health fairs in the Pittsburg School District as part of their Community Health Nursing (H750) course requirements. The health fairs gave students an opportunity to put into practice many of the concepts they learn in the classroom: planning and evaluating programs, setting goals and creating modules for health education, developing partnerships with community agencies, identifying and accessing community-based resources, communicating with stakeholders, and making direct connections between their knowledge of child development and pediatric health.

The students organized into large groups, breaking up into smaller working groups to plan the “front line” intervention. Two students were designated as the liaison between each group and the school, talking with the principal and teachers, evaluating the physical site, and clarifying the project. Others busily collected materials, made posters, planned their curricula, and in a myriad of ways, got ready for the big day.

That big day came quickly and the gymnasium was filled with excited school children eager to learn about how to be healthier. Booths on nutrition, exercise, safety, self-esteem, and hand washing gave them new information and reinforced old knowledge. Stations for checking vision, blood pressures, and scoliosis gave the school important information about the children’s health. Samuel Merritt students ended the day with a profound sense of accomplishment, and the schools were profuse in their thanks for our efforts. And, although he may never bring his motorcycles to a health fair again, Chuck will continue to do health education for children. ☺

NEW CALIFORNIA SCHOOL OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE (CSPM) ALUMNI AND ASSOCIATES EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTED!

The ballots have been cast and the following people have been elected to serve on the new Alumni and Associates Executive Board:

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The purpose of the Alumni and Associates is to support and promote the interests of CSPM at Samuel Merritt College (SMC). Specifically, the Alumni and Associates provides a means for podiatry graduates to express interest in the policies and programs of the CSPM, to increase and improve communication among SMC, the CSPM and the podiatric medical profession, to obtain and promote professional continuing educational opportunities, to support the improvement of education at the CSPM, to support the publication of printed and non-printed materials and research at the CSPM, and to provide fund-raising support to the CSPM.

For more information on Alumni and Associates or to get involved, contact one of the Executive Board members listed above or the Office of Alumni Affairs at 510.869.6618.
2006 CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR DPMS AND ASSISTANTS

THE FIRST ANNUAL GOLDEN STATE PODIATRIC MEDICAL SEMINAR

- November 9–11, 2006
- Nob Hill Masonic Center, San Francisco, California
- www.goldenstatepodiatric.org

San Francisco in the fall! Enjoy the sights and sounds of the city as it gears up for the holiday season! Hop a cable car and stroll through fashionable Union Square, dine at world class restaurants, or just revel in the breathtaking beauty of San Francisco. The Golden State Meeting will provide 16+ CME Contact Hours, a top of the line Podiatric Medical Assistants Program, and will include radiology continuing education for both doctors and assistants.

2006 WESTERN PODIATRIC MEDICAL CONGRESS

- June 15-18, 2006
- Disneyland Hotel, Anaheim, California
- www.thewestern.org

Bigger and better then ever. The 2006 Western will feature outstanding lecture tracks, hands-on workshops, and instructional courses covering the most relevant and cutting edge advances in podiatric medicine. 25+ CME Contact Hours. The Western will also feature a top-notch Podiatric Medical Assistants Program which includes both front and back office information and radiology continuing education units.

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