What Do Stanford, Davis and Samuel Merritt College Have in Common?

SIMULATION! Samuel Merritt College (SMC) not only has the distinction of graduating the largest number of registered nurses in California, it now enjoys the distinction of being recognized as a leader in simulation-based education.

IN NOVEMBER 2006, SMC opened its state-of-the-art Health Sciences Simulation Center (HSSC) on its Oakland campus. The innovative HSSC enables SMC to adopt simulation learning throughout its health professional programs. The College anticipates that the simulation learning environment will be used in any number of applications and educational practices across the programs in nursing, physician assistant, physical therapy, occupational therapy, and podiatric medicine curricula.

Simulation and the Goal of Improved Patient Safety

The focus of patient safety in recent years has created the need for creative effective learning strategies in health professional education that promotes a culture of safety and human error reduction. Simulation-based learning offers many opportunities to accomplish this goal. At a basic level, simulation provides a safe learning environment in which novices can obtain skills training, therefore real patients are not involved and at risk.

SMC faculty with content expertise, and specific training in debriefing techniques, will facilitate guided reflection and self-critique by students engaged in simulation activities. In this dynamic learning environment, students will participate in frequent, open discussions of errors and safety concerns, and those lessons can be applied to effective clinical practice that contribute to improved patient safety.

Simulation and the Learning Environment

Simulation promotes integrated and reflective learning that contributes to the development of qualities in health-care practitioners resulting in high clinical performance: leadership, critical thinking, sound judgment, and effective interpersonal communication. SMC is committed to simulation-based education because of the power of simulation to improve the quality and safety of patient care provided by SMC graduates joining the healthcare workforce.

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Tom C. and Rose Lim Luey ’51 Endowed Nursing Scholarship Fund Established

In December 2006, Tom and Rose Luey established the Tom C. and Rose Lim Luey ’51 Endowed Nursing Scholarship at Samuel Merritt College. Both Rose and her sister, Jennie Lim Shiu, graduated from Samuel Merritt’s Nursing program. Rose in 1951 and Jennie three years later in 1954.

A fund was established in Jennie’s name in 1990 following her death and in 1998 Jennie’s husband of 32 years, Peter D. Shiu, was added to the fund’s name at the request of the Shiu family following his death.

Tom and Rose had talked for years about establishing a fund to benefit current nursing students. “There is such a great need for nurses, and with the high cost of education and living in the Bay Area we felt the need to do our part in assisting today’s struggling students”, states Rose. “Nursing has been very good to me, and I know that it is because of the excellent foundation I received during my nurse’s training. I want to give back to the nursing profession because it has given so much to me”.

The Luey’s executed a Fund Agreement that will provide much needed scholarship monies on an annual basis while complementing the Peter D. and Jennie Lim Shiu Endowed Nursing Scholarship fund in the process. Each year the recipient(s) selected to receive the Peter D. and Jennie Lim Shiu Endowed Nursing Scholarship Fund will also be the recipient(s) of the Tom C. and Rose Lim Luey ’51 Endowed Nursing Scholarship thereby increasing the amount of scholarship awarded annually to recipients.

“There isn’t a greater compliment to the College than when an alum establishes a fund to benefit those who have chosen to follow in their professional footsteps”, states Carla Ross, Director of Alumni Affairs.

NINTH ANNUAL PROVIDENCE COLLEGE OF NURSING
Alumni Holiday Tea

On Saturday, December 9, 2006 the Office of Alumni Affairs held the ninth annual Providence College of Nursing Alumni Holiday Tea. The event was organized by the Office of Alumni Affairs and a dedicated group of alumni consisting of Sheila McNally Bolin ’59, Jovine Fifer Hankins ’53, June Hardy McFaul ’44, Carol McCausland Wright Noon ’58, Dorothy Mae McKemy ’60, and Polly Walker Walton ’55; each of whom took the time to attend a planning meeting, generate creative ideas and call their classmates to encourage attendance.

Sixty Providence graduates gathered in the Bechtel Room of the Health Education Center on the Samuel Merritt College Oakland campus to enjoy an afternoon of tea and fellowship. The event was opened with a blessing from Sister Anne Simms, from Alta Bates Summit Medical Center’s Chaplaincy Services, followed by a warm welcome from Stephanie Banger, Executive Director of the Office of the President on behalf of President Diaz and an update on new initiatives at SMC by Academic Vice President and Provost, Dr. Scot Foster.

Also during the tea, Mary Robinson, Director of Financial Aid presented the annual Providence College of Nursing Alumni Scholarship, in the amount of $1,800, to Kristy Aron. Kristy is a senior-level undergraduate nursing student. With a 3.5 grade point average, Kristy often tutors other students which gives her an opportunity to prepare for exams and review class notes. Kristy’s short-term goal is to work as a registered nurse in a neo-natal intensive care unit where she can be an advocate for her patients and their families. Long-term, Kristy hopes to become an advanced practice nurse to better help her patients.

The event closed with attendees reciting the Florence Nightingale pledge followed by a candlelight ceremony during which attendees sang “You’ll Never Walk Alone”.

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Dr. Bertram H. Lubin to Speak at the 17th Annual Picchi Memorial Lecture Series

SAMUEL MERRITT COLLEGE is very pleased to announce that Bertram H. Lubin, M.D. will be the featured speaker presenting, “The Social Life of Stem Cells”, at the 17th Annual Picchi Memorial Lecture Series on Thursday, March 15, 2007.

Dr. Lubin is President of Children’s Hospital Oakland Research Institute (CHORI). For more than 30 years he has been a driving force behind the expansion and development of nationally and internationally recognized programs in basic and clinical research. Dr. Lubin developed a National Institute of Health supported Pediatric Clinical Research Center and is now the Principal Investigator of the East Bay Component of UCSF’s Clinical Translational Science Award Program. In addition, Dr. Lubin lists more than 200 publications in medical/scientific journals and has authored/edit several books and chapters related to pediatric hematology. Dr. Lubin is also a member of the Advisory Committee on Stem Cell Research for the State of California Department of Health Services.

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. Picchi. Energetic and beloved by the community, Dr. and Mrs. Picchi highly valued health education. It was their intention that funds raised through this lecture series be used to inform and enlighten the community on a broad variety of medical topics. The Picchi Collection of health information is open to the public-at-large and is located in the John A. Graziano Memorial Library at the Health Education Center on the Samuel Merritt College campus in Oakland.

For more information visit the College’s website at www.samuelmerritt.edu or contact the Office of Development at 510.869.8628.

CALIFORNIA SCHOOL OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE RECEIVES FULL ACCREDITATION

by Albert E. Burns, DPM, Professor and Dean, Department of Podiatric Surgery

When the California College of Podiatric Medicine (CCPM) merged with Samuel Merritt College in 2002 and became the California School of Podiatric Medicine, it had significant accreditation problems. It had lost accreditation from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and was on both administrative and academic probation with the Council on Podiatric Medicine (CPME). Loss of CPME accreditation would have meant loss of all federal funding, and that would have resulted in the termination of the CCPM program. This was a question that was going to be answered almost immediately, since for SMC the merger constituted a substantive change per WASC policy and CCPM was scheduled for a special CPME site visit four months following the merger. CCPM had been on probationary status for the last year and had been working to address the probationary issues. Virtually all of the administrative issues were addressed with the merger with SMC and Dr. Albert Burns, the newly appointed Academic Dean, had been working for the last year to specifically address the academic issues. The results of the two reviews are now history with SMC getting full approval by WASC and CCPM achieving full accreditation from the CPME. The accreditation from the CPME was even more significant in that CCPM received full accreditation for the maximum amount of time allowable of four years.

For the last four years, therefore, CCPM has had the luxury of full accreditation, but had to again face an accreditation site visit by the CPME in 2006. The accreditation site visit occurred on May 1–3, 2006, and at the end of the site visit there was a summary meeting where the accreditation site visit team addressed any concerns they had with CCPM’s program. CCPM later received a draft report, to which it was given an opportunity to respond. On October 11–13, 2006, the CPME met to determine the disposition of CCPM’s reaffirmation of accreditation, and Dr. Burns attended that meeting to address the questions and findings of the CPME. CCPM has just recently received the letter and certificate from the CPME granting CCPM full accreditation. Again of great significance is the fact that CCPM received full accreditation for the maximum amount of time allowable of four years, so the next accreditation site visit is scheduled for 2010. This is unprecedented in the past thirty-year history of CCPM (CCPM) to have eight consecutive years of full accreditation. When Dr. Burns was asked to comment on this, he said, “the accreditation status is essential, but we must never lose sight of the fact that we must continue to move forward, make adjustments, improve, and adapt to educational changes.”
PHYSICAL THERAPY ALUMNI RECEPTION HELD DURING CALIFORNIA PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Samuel Merritt College physical therapy alums, students, current and former faculty members and friends gathered for an alumni reception on October 13, 2006. This event, held at the San Jose Hilton and Towers, was held in conjunction with the 2006 California Physical Therapy Association Annual Conference.


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Samuel Merritt College Copyrights Journal

For the first time, the Journal of Foot and Ankle Review, the official publication of the National Podiatric Medical Association (NPMA), is available in the journal collection of the John A. Graziano Memorial Library.

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Dr. David G. Armstrong '93 (North Chicago, IL)
Dr. Marc A. Benard '77 (Torrance, CA)
Dr. Richard Blake '99 (San Francisco, CA)
Dr. Charles W. Bradley '99 (San Bruno, CA)
Dr. Albert E. Burns '78 (Pacific, CA)
Dr. Michael J. Burns '72 (Bellevue, CO)
Dr. Alan Catanzzariti '83 (Pittsburgh, PA)
Dr. Jeffrey DeSantis '90 (Orange, CA)
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Dr. Gregg Young '84 (Salt Lake City, UT)
Dr. Charles Zelen '96 (Boone, NC)

CONGRATULATIONS

FORTY-FIVE CALIFORNIA COLLEGE OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE ALUMS NAMED IN “AMERICA’S 175 MOST INFLUENTIAL PODIATRISTS”

In the September and October 2006 issues of Podiatry Management, 45 CCPM alums where listed among America’s 175 Most Influential Podiatrists. The DPMs were selected by the publication’s consulting editors, readers, and internet newsletter.

Congratulations to:

Dr. John A. Graziano Memorial Library
NURSING ACHIEVES A NEW PERFORMANCE RECORD

by Scot D. Foster, PhD, CRNA, FAAN, Academic Vice President & Provost

Both the Charter class of the Accelerated Bachelor of Science Program of 48 new graduates, and the Entry-Level Master of Science in Nursing in Sacramento (50 graduates) have received a 100 percent first-time pass rates on the state licensing examination, NCLEX. Both classes of students and their faculty deserve great kudos for this outstanding performance.

As you remember, the ABSN program prepares college graduates to complete nursing licensure requirements in one year of full-time comprehensive study. There is little time for rest or relaxation during this program, although these second-degree students find it a perfect match for their career goals. It allows a second-career student to graduate and function as a highly skilled RN at a great salary in a health care environment that competes for every new employee. This program also allows the College to effectively and efficiently contribute to meeting the RN shortages plaguing California and the nation.

The EMSN program prepares entry-level nurses at the master's level. At graduation, they are eligible for NCLEX as well as advanced practice as a family nurse practitioner or case manager.

Congratulations to you all.

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SAMUEL MERRITT COLLEGE UNVEILS WALL OF HONOR

On September 28, 2006 over 80 donors, alums and friends of the College attended the unveiling of the College's firstever Donor Recognition Wall. A highlight for all guests was touring the new and highly anticipated Health Sciences Simulation Center. See the article on page 3 for more information on the Health Sciences Simulation Center. The Wall of Honor is a permanent structure located in the Peralta Pavilion Lobby that recognizes donors for thousands of Samuel Merritt College and Alta Bates Summit Medical Center visitors to see each year.

THE SIX MAIN LEVELS OF RECOGNITION ARE:

- Fellow: cumulative gifts of $5,000,000 or more
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- Patron: cumulative gifts of $250,000 to $499,999
- Leader: cumulative gifts of $100,000 to $249,999
- Mentor: cumulative gifts of $25,000 to $99,999

Also listed on the board are donors who have made a planned gift to the College as well as annual donors who have made gifts of $250 to $999 in addition to SMC Board of Regents and employee donors.

The Wall of Honor will be updated in the spring of each year. For more information about the Donor Wall or for information on ways to give, please contact the Office of Development at 510.869.8628.

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SENIOR THEATER COMPANY TO BE HONORED AT INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION FOR INNOVATIVE HEALTHY AGING PROGRAMS

Acting, singing and storytelling are not the usual techniques taught to nursing students, unless they are part of Stagebridge Senior Theate's Healthy Aging Program at Samuel Merritt College.

The innovative program called “See Me!” uses improvisation, storytelling and musical skits in a classroom setting to help nurses gain more understanding and compassion for older adults. It was created at Stagebridge Theatre Company, the nation’s oldest senior theater company, based in Oakland since 1978.

“See Me!” was honored by the 2006 Blair L. Sadler International Healing Arts Competition at the Society for the Arts in Healthcare conference in Chicago in May 2006. The competition’s panel called it “one of the most innovative integrations of arts into healthcare that improves the quality of the health care experience for patients, their families and caregivers.”

The Healthy Aging Program for nursing students is in its second year at Samuel Merritt College, School of Nursing in Oakland.

“This is an experience that students cannot get from a lecture or reading assignments—how to confront their own bias, attitude and view on the aging process,” said Jennifer Winters, Assistant Professor at Samuel Merritt.

“Witnessing older adults performing and improvising in a humorous way, breaks down the stereotypes regarding aging,” added Winters.

At the end of the first year of the program, the staff at Samuel Merritt conducted a written survey amongst the students to evaluate the experience. The results are in and “fantastic,” said Dr. Stuart Kandell, director and founder of Stagebridge.

The mostly anonymous comments from third year students included: “I am a more compassionate person and have a great deal more respect for the aging and their illnesses and what they go through.”

Classmate Cassie Childers, 22, confirmed what many other future nurses said, “We learned a lot from this class that we can put into action.”

The nationally acclaimed theater company of older adults based in Oakland is celebrating its 27th sea, and has been featured in Modern Maturity, CNN, National Public Radio, and in Modern Maturity. The Healthy Aging Program is expanding to other health care training programs in Northern California. The program debuted at the University of San Francisco in May 2006, and in fall 2006 San Francisco State University added components of “See Me” to the curriculum.

Stagebridge’s Healthy Aging Programs are sponsored in part by grants from Alameda County Arts Commission, Bernard Osher Foundation, City of Berkeley Artsfund, City of Oakland Cultural Arts, Crescent Porter Hale Foundation, Nelson Fun, San Francisco Foundation, Thoreesen Foundation and Van Loben Sels/Remble Rock Foundation. For more information about Stagebridge, visit www.stagebridge.org or call 510.444.4755. Stagebridge is a non-profit organization.
California College of Podiatric Medicine GRADUATES

1953 Dr. Vern Holm writes, “In our 24th year of retirement Ruth and I now live close to our sons and families in Modesto, CA. Enjoying our old age (at 89), gardening, and maintaining our home, travel, occasional cruises, and motor home club campouts. Spend winter months at the Fountain of Youth, a spa and “country club” in Imperial Valley, California. Otherwise, we have nothing to do.”

1978 Dr. Gilbert Shapiro is running for city council in Tucson, Arizona. Dr. Shapiro is well known locally for his frequent letters to the editor of the daily newspaper.

1983 Dr. James Stavovsky writes, "Luis has a little brother!!! His name is Alexander George Stavovsky and he is eight months old."

1993 JoAnn Fallawna Griswold writes “I am currently employed in the new-born nursery at Dameron Hospital in Stockton and at Tracy-Sutter Community Hospital in Tracy, CA as a lactation educator. Looking at retirement through rose colored glasses.”

1956 Lois Ladenburger Korte writes, “The Providence Class of 1956 celebrated their 50th anniversary on September 8, 2006. Out of 31 graduates, 18 attended our reunion. Donna McElwan Wells, who flew in from Arizona, was the classmate who came the farthest. We actually hadn’t seen Marie Paoli Wilson in 50 years so it was great to catch up on her adventures since 1956. We gathered at the Executive Inn in Oakland to meet our classmates, share stories and get reacquainted. We were driven via shuttle to Scott’s Restaurant in Jack London Square for a delicious dinner. After an overnight at the Executive Inn, twelve members of our class boarded the ferry to San Francisco, toured the Ferry Building, Farmer’s Market, enjoyed lunch and returned to Oakland. A good time was had by all. We certainly enjoyed our 50th anniversary celebration and hopefully we will all gather again in one or two years.”

1961 Teresa (Terry) Hallinan writes, “I am retired! Am walking peacefully into the horizon working on-call for the Feds, the Convention Center, the opera and symphony, etc. Planning a jaunt to Namibia to be with the cheetahs and to Kenya to be with the mountain gorillas and to Italy to be with the Italians. Ciao! Mary M. Heuser-Treloar”

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1965 Judith Solak Lee writes “I have been married for 31 years to my husband, James. He is an internist in Walnut Creek. I have been a med/surg instructor for the past seven years. We spend all of our spare time traveling. 2007 will take us to South America in the spring and to South Africa in the fall.”

From the Ranks

1946 Bernadine Dutra MacDonald writes, “Graduation was rather a mixed bag for our class as we were all shuttled over to Dibble General Army Hospital to finish our time. Father Kenny got the priest at St. Frances de Sales to marry Neil and me just before Neil left for the South Pacific in April 1944. Neil didn’t return until January 1946. During that time I finished my schooling and went off to Dibble General Army Hospital. We moved to Washington State in June 1946 and have lived here ever since. Raised our three girls here, and now have five grandchildren and six great grandchildren—all Washatiansans, except our oldest girl who has lived and taught in the Imperial Valley for almost 36 years. She’s a Californian. At this time, Neil and I are fairly healthy for 85 and 81. Play golf twice a week and have been married for 62 years.”

1957 Rosemarie Hernandez writes, “I moved to Redding the end of May to be closer to family and have been enjoying the company of my sister and brother and a niece and nephew and their families. The move has been fine even though it was very hot this summer and I can expect the same for next summer. I’ve done some volunteering (church and library), but getting my home in order is taking some time. Once that’s done I hope to get more involved with volunteering. I still miss the Bay Area.”

1978 Ms. Ross was presented the Philip Gardner, DPM Award. This award is given annually to an individual who best characterizes the ideals of love, dedication and service to the CSPM.

Dr. Taylor was presented the Gary P. Bianchi, DPM Award in recognition of his outstanding dedication to CSPM, its students, graduates and friends. Dr. Taylor was also presented with a plaque in recognition of his service as President of the Alumni and Associates Board from 2002 to 2006.

Since 2002, when the California College of Podiatric Medicine merged with Samuel Merritt College and the California School of Podiatric Medicine was created, Ms. Ross and Dr. Taylor have worked tirelessly to help ease the concerns of many of the CCPM students during the transition while continuing to raise scholarship funds for current podiatric medicine students. Carla states, “It is a labor of love to work with Alumni and Associates. They are all very dedicated to the podiatric medicine community and helping current students financially so they won’t graduate with so much debt. I have met some wonderful people in the past four years and look forward to continuing to work with these alumni on behalf of the DPM students.” Ms. Ross has worked at the College since 1991 and has served as the Director of Alumni Affairs for the past seven years. Dr. Taylor, a 1983 graduate of Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine, currently serves as a member of the Alumni and Associates Executive Board.
Dorothy Miller Compton writes, “The Lord directed me to retire (retire)? to the United States after nine years on Santa Elena, one of the Bay Islands off the coast of Honduras. I feel like I have come to another planet after no electricity, no drinkable water, no roads or cars (just a path), no telephone. You know without those interferences I had time and a-half to spend studying the word of GOD and grow to a deeper understanding of HIS love for me and time to pray and praise HIM while looking out on the magnificence of HIS creation as HE woke me at three a.m. to watch the many colors of the sun as it exploded over the horizon of the sea and fill the sky. That makes you want to shout out with thanksgiving and praise. On arrival in the United States in August 2005 for the wedding of my first grandchild Kristin as she married Nathan Eckerman in a flower filled garden set up for the wedding in Olympia, Washington. After the wedding I flew to Monterey, CA for a long overdue physical examination by Dr. Kennedy (he has been my doctor for about 40 years) and by Dr. David Clark (heart specialist). All was well after all the years serving the LORD in Korea, Egypt and Honduras. I stayed in the home of Dr. Kennedy and his wife, Judy. Dr. Eckerman drove me to all my medical appointments plus the Monterey Bay Aquarium and other places I wanted to see in Carmel especially Carmel Presbyterian Church where I had been dedicated in a special service to go out and serve as a missionary of Jesus Christ. I flew back to Landi’s house in Washington State and together we flew out to Florida’s Windmill Retirement Village. It will take adjustment as I am not ready for Bingo so you already know the LORD knew what HE wanted me to do next and in the mail I received a letter from Dr. Ted Engstrom, (World Vision). “You are 77 and I will soon be 80.” Let’s both keep going full strength until the LORD takes us home”. He ended his sentence with “Lil” was one of the best experiences we had at SMH.”

Carol Harris writes, “I still work part time, although I will be 70 in March. It keeps me young and I love all the new friends that I have made.”

Dorothy Compton, the last issue of The Reporter in the article on the Samuel Merritt College and Providence College of Nursing Alumna Reunion, the photo identified as “Dorothy Drobnay Taylor presenting a class gift in the amount of $1,956 from the Samuel Merritt College Class of 1956” was actually Kathy Corcoran Jones from the class of 1956 who was pictured accepting a prize for traveling the furthest distance to attend the June Reunion. Our apologies!
### 2007 Alumni Events :: Mark Your Calendars Now!

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The Alumni Affairs Office is happy to provide support to alumni who need class lists or mailing labels to rally together classmates for these events. For more information or to request a class list, contact the Alumni Affairs Office at 510.869.6618 or alumniaffairs@samuelmerritt.edu.