Dear Alumni,

Thank you for your continued support of the GVSU MPAS Program. We know the success of our program is largely due to the continued efforts of our alumni and preceptors. We hope the information provided in this newsletter helps you stay connected with the Program, our Alumni, and our Preceptors. You will find updates on the 2015 and 2016 PAS classes, faculty members, and the PAS Program. Also don’t forget that the Fall MAPA Conference and PA week are fast approaching!

Sincerely,

GVSU MPAS Program
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Lastly, Nancy Moseler, our administrative assistant for the past 4 years is retiring after 23 years at the university! Nancy brought laughter and a positive energy to her job every day, and now she gets to bring those to her grandchildren!

The program continues to strive for excellence in PA education. From the admissions process through to the clinical experiences, GVSU PA faculty, the College of Health Professions and central administration continue to work at providing educational opportunities for our students, and we know we can’t do it without the help of alumni and clinical preceptors. Thank you for your continued support!

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Welcome from the Director

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This is also a momentous time for our program as well, but for a different reason. Unfortunately, the program is losing three incredible individuals that have been instrumental in advancing our program. Dr. Karlin Sevensma will be returning to full time surgical practice this fall. Rest assured, she has agreed to stay on to help teach surgery to our lucky PA students. The program is also saying goodbye to a longtime faculty member and medical director, Dr. Charles DuBose. Dr. Dubose has been with the program since 2005 and has done pretty much everything in our program, and done it with excellence! He will certainly be missed and his shoes will be hard to fill (and I am sure not quite as stylish!).

The Class of 2017 also marks a momentous occasion for the GVSU PAS program; our inaugural Traverse City cohort begins! I know, you have been hearing about this for a while now, but it has finally become a reality! I cannot thank the faculty and staff enough for their hard work, dedication, late nights, and endless meetings to complete this goal. Cathy Tomek (Admin. Asst), Nicholas Kopacki (PA faculty), and Amanda Ross (PA faculty) have been such an incredible addition to our program!

We could not have chosen a more knowledgeable, student-centered and motivated group of individuals to help lead this expansion. To learn more about this expansion to Traverse City, please visit our website at www.gvsu.edu/pas.
National PA week is October 6-12th, join the American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA) and the more than 100,000 Physician Assistants in the United Stated in Celebrating PA week! This is a great opportunity to celebrate being part of such a great profession and promoting the PA profession to the community. The AAPA provides posters to place in your lobby, hallway, classroom, or public area and also provides educational brochures about the PA profession including: What is a PA, How to become a PA, employing a PA, and How “America Needs PAs”. For more information on how to participate in PA week and how to promote the PA profession visit aapa.org/paweek.

Join the GVSU faculty, students, and alumni at the Michigan Academy of Physician Assistants (MAPA) 2015 Fall CME Conference! The conference runs from October 8-11th 2015 at the Grand Traverse Resort & Spa in Acme and offers Category 1 CME. With numerous educational and recreational opportunities the conference has something for everyone. This year’s charity partner is the Women’s Resource Center of Traverse City. Visit us Friday October 9th at 6:00pm for the GVSU Reception and stay to cheer on your alma mater during the Student Quiz Bowl following at 8:00pm! For further information about the conference please visit www.michiganpa.org.

Wear PINK on October 6th to honor Stephanie Urbanawiz, a member of the PA Class of 2015, who lost her battle with breast cancer. To celebrate Stephanie, we invite all individuals to wear PINK and donate in her memory at the CHS building. Donations will go towards the creation of a scholarship to continue her legacy. More information can be found at PINK OUT. Donations can also be made at gvsu.edu/pas by selecting the Give Now tab.
Sean Cabbage PA-C has a long history of interest in cardiothoracic surgery. Prior to starting his PA education at Central Michigan University, Sean, worked as a Clinical Exercise Physiologist in Cardiac and Pulmonary Care. After graduating from PA school he furthered his education by completing a PA residency in cardiothoracic surgery at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan. He has worked in cardiothoracic surgery at the Mayo Health System in Eau Claire, Wisconsin and at St. Joseph Mercy hospital prior to joining the Cardiothoracic Surgeons of Grand Traverse, where he has worked for the past 5 years in Traverse City, Michigan.

A typical day can vary for Sean and his colleagues. The day usually starts with rounding on patients on the floor. Sean takes call, performs procedures such as central lines, chest tubes, arterial lines, and spends about half of the day in the operating room. Sean stated that he “felt his PA residency in cardiothoracic surgery made him feel more comfortable and confident” when starting practice. He continued that “although there is some delayed gratification with doing a PA residency since I knew I was interested in cardiac surgery it was very beneficial for starting my career in cardiothoracic surgery.”

Sean continues to further the PA profession by precepting students. He states, “I have tried to take students from the beginning [of my career] and provide learning opportunities with everyone on the team.” Sometimes this may involve the student going with another provider. When asked about his strategy of educating students Sean states, “I try to put the students in the right position to get the needed experience and then encourage them to read about the topic and then talk about it with the preceptor.”

Medical education is truly a team approach and the providers and medical professionals at Cardiothoracic Surgeons of Grand Traverse illustrate this on a daily basis by sharing their knowledge and commitment to patient care with the PA students they educate. “Our whole team is involved in training the PA students during their rotation. This team includes fellow PAs Lance Barden, Dan Muladore, and Ben Sattler. Our surgeons Dr. Lall, Smith, Drake and Stirling play an active role in educating PA students and have been very supportive. Our Nurse Practitioners Sue Tuttle and Nancy Slabosz, as well as our Perfusionist, Anesthesiologist, Nurses and Respiratory Therapists have all made significant contributions and have much to offer to students.”

This passion for medicine and teaching Sean and his team possess allows PA students to flourish and pushes them to increase their knowledge to allow them to provide the best care for their patients once graduated. Previous students have commented that they “greatly appreciate all of the mentoring” and that the rotation “greatly benefited my education and advanced my skills”. Sean and his colleagues at Cardiothoracic Surgeons of Grand Traverse engage students in the team-based approach of practicing medicine. Their continued commitment to healthcare education enhances the students’ educational experience providing an exemplary educational opportunity for students.

Amanda Ross PA-C
Stephanie Urbanawiz was admitted to the Grand Valley State University’s Physician Assistant Studies Program in the fall of 2013 with a prospective graduation date of December 2015. Reflecting on who she was and what impact she had on others is both inspiring and emotional. Therefore, I will begin by describing Stephanie’s life from a historical perspective before expanding on her inspirational and emotional impact.

She was born in Illinois with her most recent residence in Muskegon, Michigan. She obtained her undergraduate degree in chemistry at Central Michigan University and worked as a radiology technician and phlebotomist at Mercy Hospital in Muskegon. In 2012 at the age of 27, she was diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer, had bilateral mastectomies, and received chemotherapy. Shortly before attending classes for the physician assistant program in the fall of 2013, she received information that metastatic tumors were found in her lungs. Throughout the following 16 months of the physician assistant program, she received traditional chemotherapy treatment, as well as treatment through a clinical trial. Her cancer did not respond and she passed away at home on February 28, 2015.

I first met Stephanie in a graduate course that I taught. It was not until the end of the first week of classes that she informed me that she would be receiving her chemotherapy treatments on Fridays, but would plan on being in class on Monday. This schedule (chemotherapy on Fridays) continued for nearly the entire three semester’s I had Stephanie in class. It was a rare occasion that her treatment kept her out of the classroom. She did not dwell on the side effects of treatment but rather on the positive aspects of her life: her parents, siblings, exchange students, classmates, education, and her faith. Stephanie’s faith was exemplified by her activity in her church’s music ministry, and in how she viewed each day of her life. She only talked about her condition if you asked her, and even a few students in her class did not know about her condition until a few months before her passing. Her humility was like none other that I have seen: she did not ask for exceptions, favors, or special treatment.

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Tears come to my eyes as I think about putting together words to describe how inspirational Stephanie was: She was an inspiration to all of those around her, including me. In an age of immediate gratification and materialistic means, Stephanie exhibited neither. All she wanted was another day of life, and to eventually help those who were inflicted with the same cancer that took her life. During her education she expressed desire to help others who had cancer by working as an oncology physician assistant.

Stephanie’s legacy of vibrant life and desire to help others will live on in those that knew her. I will forever be grateful to be touched by Stephanie’s life.

Theresa Bacon Baguley Ph.D., RN

Stephanie Urbanawiz’s family and the PAS program have established a scholarship in her name that will benefit Grand Valley’s Physician Assistant students. To donate to this scholarship visit gvsu.edu/pas and select the Give Now tab.
Dr. David Geenen joined the Physician Assistant program in the fall of 2013. Prior to coming to GVSU, he was an assistant professor of Physiology at the University of Illinois, Chicago for 16 years. David received his undergraduate degree from Calvin College and his Ph.D. in Kinesiology and Exercise Science from the University of Michigan. He spent two years at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York as Research Associate Professor after completing his Ph.D. He is currently teaching Physiology and Pathophysiology and is involved in the development and teaching of the new Evidence Based Medicine course series.

His research interest lies in the area of Translational Research, specifically regenerative medicine. He is interested in the role of adult bone marrow-derived mesenchymal stem cells in regenerating or protecting cardiovascular cells following cardiac muscle injury. He recently received a Faculty Grant-in-Aid from Grand Valley State University, Center for Scholarly and Creative Excellence: The Role of Gap Junctions on Stem Cell Retention Following Myocardial Ischemia/Reperfusion (March 2014) and is intending to continue his research at the West Michigan Regional Laboratory (WMRL).

David and his wife Anne are excited to be back in West Michigan, as both of his daughters and parents live in the area. He lives in the beautiful Heritage Hill area of Grand Rapids, and in his off time enjoys fishing, hiking and simply being outdoors.

Martina Reinhold Ph.D.

GVSU PAS Faculty Present Research Internationally

In August 2015, Dr. Reinhold and Dr. Bacon-Baguley had the opportunity to present their scholarly work at the 4th European Conference on Interprofessional Practice & Education in Nijmegen, Netherlands.

The focus of this conference was on ‘Bridging the gap between education and practice in health and social care’. For the past two years, Dr. Reinhold and Dr. Bacon-Baguley have been studying the impact of the Hospital Community Experience course sequence on students’ perception of health care providers. Their work shows that the three-course sequence improves the students’ perception of other health care providers and that this improved perception is maintained one year later after clerkship rotations.

Martina Reinhold Ph.D.
Midwest Interprofessional Practice, Education and Research Center Conference

Grand Rapids, MI
Perceptions of the Affordable Care Act by Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants

Martina I. Reinhold Ph.D. and Theresa Bacon-Baguley, Ph.D., BSN

https://www.gvsu.edu/miperc/2015-conference-information-16.htm

Michigan Academy of Physician Assistants Fall Conference

Acme, MI
Congenital Heart Defects

Suzy Raaymakers PA-C

http://www.michiganpa.org/

Lilly conference Series
Traverse City, MI
Integrating an evidence-based medicine curriculum into Physician Assistant education: teaching for today and the future!

Martina I. Reinhold Ph.D. and Theresa Bacon-Baguley, Ph.D., BSN

http://lillyconferences.com/tc/

Physician Assistant Education Association Education Annual Forum
Washington, DC
Change in Physician Assistant Students’ Perception after IPE Experiences

Theresa Bacon-Baguley, Ph.D., BSN and Martina I. Reinhold Ph.D.

http://forum.paeaonline.org/
The Class of 2015 is happy to announce that we have approximately four months left of Clinical Rotations until graduation! But, who is counting? Most of us can agree that the first six months of rotations have been wonderful. Our hands-on experience is teaching us more than we ever could have imagined. We have had the opportunity to work with great preceptors that have gone above and beyond as role models and teachers.

As we complete our rotations, many students have had the opportunity to do things a little out of the ordinary. Three of us had the opportunity to visit an Amish community and help provide medical care to those that need it. Others are helping provide care in correctional facilities. Many students have been seeing several atypical cases that most students do not have a chance to see on rotations. These have varied from trauma cases, rare medical conditions, to atypical presentations of more common conditions. We are all very excited to be part of this rewarding profession.

We are nearing the end of clinical rotations and starting to think about jobs and what field we would like to have a career in. Some students have had the opportunity to go out on interviews and seem to be incredibly excited about what is out there. Some of us are also completing our research projects and finishing up presentations. Overall, this year has been fantastic. It has definitely been a change from the didactic year and I think we can all agree that it is definitely more exciting!

Katy Chelsey PA-S
As we are preparing to end this chapter in our lives and graduate this December, these are the things that I will most remember: Simona and Kordupel’s intense note-writing creating smoke, and Raymond D. Torbet always ready with a New Jersian joke. From Mrs. Molly Flack banging her fist to her head, to 8 – 8 Wednesday classes where at the end we were all mentally dead. From Razeda not knowing how to stop talking, to all the girls in our class at Aaron Melucci gawking. From Blayne only asking questions about HGH, to having no idea what rhymes with H. From Katy Chesley getting a new golden retriever pup, to Schultzie punishing Ryan Miller with a mandatory push-up. From all but 3 guys segregated to the last and best row, to the 2015 male PA quiz team in Traverse putting on a show. From Booth going with Pizza Hut over the better-tasting Jets, to experiencing the pre and post Clin Med test sweats. From not knowing the entire year that Michelle and Cole were hitched, to all of the times that Evan, Ryo, and Kyle classes ditched. From running to McDonald’s on our 10 minute break, to realizing that instead of fries they gave me a shake. Seriously, that McDonald’s has the worst service. From Megan Collison eating a banana with a fork, to all of the file sharing and the months of hard work. From Mercelle not embarrassed to ask the obvious question, to Amanda’s daily and never-ending congestion. From TBB telling Jory, Myaard, Melucci, and I our research project was the “best,” her word, to enjoying Jim’s “whispers” of which we all heard. From Sarah Golub and her intolerance to gluten, to that “one guy” in the back row with his mouth tootin. For certain one person we will all miss, is our forever classmate Stephanie Urbanawiz.
Yet another semester is coming to a close and we are one step closer to beginning clinical rotations in January! Our class has come so far in so many ways since we started last August. As a class, we have further developed empathy, compassion and support for one another making didactic year a bit more bearable.

Since we started our summer semester back up we have accomplished several milestones together as a class. “Swings for Stephanie”, a golf outing fundraiser happened on May 30th in honor of Stephanie Urbanawiz, a member of the Class of 2015 who lost her battle to cancer. All of the proceeds went to an educational scholarship in her name.

We also had our class president, Blake Geschke, attend the AAPA conference in San Francisco back in May. He represented our program in a very professional light, met other PA students from all over the country and gained a new title as SAAAPA representative. One of our all time favorite labs, casting and splinting, also occurred this semester. We all had a great time learning new skills that will be beneficial out in the field and had a lot of fun taking pictures to document the experience (and to trick our family and friends). We are also preparing for another fundraiser in August, a White Caps game, which will include the class of 2017. Looking back on our experience thus far, I have the utmost confidence in my classmates that we will be able to pass on helpful advice to the next class.

As our semester comes to a close, we set our sights on the MAPA conference in October, which will be held in Traverse City. Our quiz bowl team gathers monthly for practices organized by Professor Booth, who is thirsty for another victory. With three semesters in the rearview, I believe I can speak for all of us in saying that we have become more proficient and knowledgeable caregivers. I have never met so many wonderful and inspiring people who never cease to amaze me with their ambition and support for one another. Every day brings us one step closer to the White Coat Ceremony, and I cannot wait to see where that journey will take us.

Meghan Vanderbeke PA-S
Northwestern Michigan College Pre-PA Club

There is now a Pre Physician Assistant Society created for pre-professional students interested in a career as a Physician Assistant at NMC! The society meets biweekly on NMC’s Main campus. The Pre PA society’s purpose is to create an open forum to allow students who have an interest in becoming a PA an avenue to connect with other Pre-PA students, gather information about the profession, and allow students the opportunity to familiarize students with the admission process and the profession so they are better prepared to enter Physician Assistant programs. The meetings consist of discussion groups, guest speakers (including current PA students and practicing PA’s in the community), mock interviews, and tours of various PA Program’s.

The society is always looking for current PA students, representatives of PA schools, and practicing PA’s to present at their meetings. For more information or if you’d be interested in attending a meeting please email the society’s account at nmcprepasociety@gmail.com.

Nicholus Kopacki PA-C

Grand Valley Pre-PA Club

The GVSU Pre-PA Club is an organization created for pre-professional students interested in a career as a Physician Assistant. The club meets biweekly on GVSU’s Allendale campus. The meetings consist of guest speakers (including PA students and practicing PA’s), CASPA info sessions, interview workshops, and a networking opportunity for like-minded students. The club also provides volunteering opportunities and PA school tours along with many other great events! The goal of the Pre-PA Club is to provide a support network for Pre-PA students, and to familiarize students with the admission process and profession so they are better prepared to enter a Physician Assistant graduate program.

The club is always looking for PA students, representatives of PA schools, and practicing PA’s to present at their meetings, if you’d be interested in attending a meeting or speaking please email the club account, gvsu-prepaclub@gmail.com. We do love to have groups speak as well, so please feel free to invite your friends and colleagues to join you.

Megan Clearwater
GVSU Pre-PA Club President
Earlier this year, as another successful clinical year drew to a close we took some time as student’s and faculty to reflect on the year and those preceptors that seemed to go above and beyond to teach and accommodate the Physician Assistant class of 2014. For 2014, both choices for Preceptor’s of the year were general surgeons.

The students chose Dr. Lisa Price, DO at Spectrum Health Big Rapids Hospital General Surgery. Dr. Price set the bar high, expecting students to be “up and running independently as soon as possible”. Students enjoyed the hands on experience and challenge that Dr. Price gave them on a daily basis.

The faculty choice for preceptor of the year was Dr. Kevin O’Connor, DO at Spectrum Health United Memorial Hospital in Greenville. Dr. O’Connor has been taking students from the program for over ten years and is always willing to accommodate students when needed.

Students have commented on how welcoming the environment is and how patient the providers are while teaching. One student stated “this is my favorite rotation yet, they are amazing people who are willing to teach and help students out during the rotation”. We are truly honored to have such outstanding providers in our community willing to help educate the next generation of Physician Assistants. With so many outstanding providers to choose from it is always a difficult decision each year on which provider to honor. We appreciate the time and effort that these surgeon’s have given to our students. We could not produce such high quality graduates without the help of our outstanding preceptors. They are an integral part of our program and we are grateful to have each and every one of them.

Mandy German PA-C
With gratitude, the GVSU Physician Assistant Program appreciates the many years of valuable contributions by Charles DuBose, MD, as the GVSU Physician Assistant Studies’ Medical Director. In addition to his inspiring sense of style, we will miss his passion for promoting a learning culture to facilitate future excellence in health care. Though we are sad to see him go, we are excited about new adventures and challenges that he will find in the future. We wish him best of luck. Dr. DuBose is succeeded by Dr. Steffen Genthe, MD of Emergency Care Specialists, PC.

Suzy Raaymakers PA-C

Evidence-Based Medicine Update

The Winter Term 2015 began a new sequence of courses in the didactic phase of the PA program entitled, “Evidence-Based Medicine (EBM). EBM is the integration of clinical expertise, patient values, and the best research evidence into the decision making process for patient care. EBM requires new skills and new ways of thinking for the clinician, including comprehensive literature searching, and the application of guiding principles of evidence in evaluating the clinical literature.

The intent of the three-course sequence is to provide our students with the skills necessary to help them be more effective health care practitioners. Through a combination of lectures, discussion groups, outside speakers, and research seminars, the students are introduced to the “nuts and bolts” of evaluating the clinical literature followed by direct application of the literature to the decision making process and patient care.

Most notable is this sequence of courses will also take the place of the research thesis requirement that has been part of our program for a number of years. The Class of 2016 will be the first graduating class to complete this series in place of the traditional thesis.

David Geenen Ph.D.
PA Student Research Projects

The graduating class of 2015 marks the last PAS class to perform a traditional thesis. Below you will find the research topics and the student participants. The program is very proud of the research that is being done by the PAS students alongside their faculty advisors.

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Bone Turnover Markers in Patients Treated with Forteo for Osteoporosis
Amanda Berens
Charity Bourchard
Jim Brockway
Kirsten Osterbaan

A Comparison of Textbook Usage Between Didactic and Clerkship Phase of a Physician Assistant Program
Kirsten Werner
Julie VanderMal
Michelle Strange
Cole Strange

Gender differences in treatment of Post-concussion syndrome after Mild traumatic brain injury
Simona Goi
Holly White
Kyle Woodworth

A Retrospective Study of the Appropriateness of Send-Out Testing at Spectrum Health
Megan Collison
Mallory Martens

The impact of focused enrollment events on access to health care under the Affordable Care Act
Sarah Golub
Christine Milliken
Hannah Benda
Molly Flack

Disease risk perception and calculated disease risk based on BMI
Brianna Smith
Jennifer Kulesza
Megan Hauck
Alexa Boersen

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A survey of HPV knowledge among grand valley state university graduate students
Megan Mikula
Stephanie Gerow-Beyer
Redeza Pydyn

Evaluation of the Use of Gastric PH Altering Medications among Spectrum Health Internal Medicine Patients as a Risk Factor for Clostridium difficile Infection: a Retrospective Chart Review
Ryan Miller
Nicki Webb
Ashley Schmidt
Marcelle Ingham
Fadi Kassis

The Effect of Accessing Health Information Websites on Patients’ Decisions to Seek Healthcare
Tricia Lozon
Katelyn Darling

Evaluation of health literacy screening questions for use in the acute care setting
Keli KuiperDiba
Emily Wiest

Emerging healthcare population’s perception of the physician assistant
Aaron Melucci
Jory Smith
Matt Myaard
Ryan Stumpo

Investigation of a Patient’s “Most Important Concern” Prior to and Following an Elective Surgical Procedure
Ryo Namiki
Katy Chelsey
Jami Rodes
Sara Kordupel

Effectiveness of a multidisciplinary team to reduce opioid usage in chronic pain patients
Ray Torbert
Blayne Baggett
Evan VandenBosch

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Dan & Pat Barberini  
Amy Basch  
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Jill Ellis (’00, ’02)  
Zeke & Amanda Finch  
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Dick & Pam Hewitt  
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Kyle and Brooke Janke  
Mary K. Johnson and Family  
Greg and Carol Karis  
Diana Kief  
Bonni Kinne (’94)  
Susan and Michael Kleaveland  
Nick (’05, ’08) and Chalice Kopacki  
Greg and Lisa Kulesza  
Cathy and Matt Lintula  
Vic and Mary Luce  
Magee-Womens Hospital Breast Imaging Department  
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Darlene Rainbolt and April Evans  
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Aileen and Mike Rogalla  
Amanda J. Ross  
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Claudia Shannahan  
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Sun Chemical Dry Lab  
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Therese Urbanawiz  
Michael and Susan Vallie  
Sandy Veltman  
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Contact Mandy German PA-C Clinical Affiliate Faculty and Clinical Coordinator (616-460-7080) or germanm@gvsu.edu