35th Anniversary Gala Slated For October 7

A celebration of 35 years of PA education at Duke University is scheduled for Saturday, October 7, 2000 in Durham. Culminating with a banquet in the evening, the event will take place at the Regal University Hotel. Make plans to join your friends and colleagues for this very special event!

The festivities and remembrance will begin in the morning with an alumni breakfast with Dr. Eugene Stead and Dr. Harvey Estes. We then look toward the future for 3 hours of CME on the very latest in medicine. Marcy Speer, PhD will discuss "The Genetics/Genomics Revolution." Duke alumni Susan Blackwell, MHS, PA-C and Rhonda Larsen, MHS, PA-C will present "Oncology Update" and "Cardiology: Practicing Evidence-Based Medicine."

Following lunch on your own will be class reunions in the afternoon. The black-tie optional evening event begins with a reception, then dinner in the main ballroom. Dr. Reginald Carter will present a multi-media tour of PA history, followed by keynote speaker Stephen Cranc, PhD, MPH, Executive Vice President of the American Academy of Physician Assistants, on "The Future of Health Care."

Don't miss this very special celebration. Visit with old friends and classmates as we commemorate the past and look to the future. Look for your invitation soon—but plan to respond promptly as seating will be limited. Please plan to join us—we look forward to seeing you!

Distinguished Alumnus Award – 2000

Winnie Barron, PA-C

At the PA Program graduation ceremony on May 14, 2000, the Distinguished Alumnus of the Year Award was presented to Winnie Barron. The award was given in recognition of her selfless dedication to providing care to AIDS orphans in Kenya and for her commitment to serving her home community in her practice as a physician assistant.

Winnie is a 1988 graduate of the Duke University Physician Assistant Program. Prior to becoming a physician assistant, she graduated

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The Physician Assistant Division of the Department of Community & Family Medicine at Duke University Medical Center proposed this feature section to the editorial board of JAPA and was recently notified of its acceptance. Dr. Margaret C. Schmidt, EdD, CLS(NCA), a faculty member of the Duke PA Program, will serve as feature section editor. Dr. Schmidt is board certified in general laboratory science and holds specialty certification in hematology from two national agencies. She has taught laboratory medicine in the Duke PA Program curriculum for 25 years, and celebrates 40 years as a clinical laboratory scientist this year. Dr. Schmidt has a doctorate in education and holds faculty appointments in both Community and Family Medicine and Pathology at Duke University Medical Center. She is immediate Past President of the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science (ASCLS), the oldest professional organization representing laboratory practitioners in the US.

Plans for the feature include articles that highlight both cutting edge developments in laboratory medicine and reviews of the “state of the art” of existing laboratory testing methods and reagents. Six articles are planned (bimonthly) for the first year. The inaugural article will address the latest in monitoring effectiveness of aspirin in patients using the drug as an anti-platelet agent. Articles will emphasize evidence-based medicine and the use and interpretation of laboratory data in clinical patient care settings. Authors are nationally recognized experts and leaders in the field of laboratory medicine.

Ideas and requests from practitioners to address specific topics are encouraged and should be forwarded to Dr. Schmidt at margaret.schmidt@duke.edu. Practicing PAs with expertise in laboratory medicine interested in submitting an article for this feature are also invited to contact Dr. Schmidt.

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First-Year PA Students Spruce Up AIDS Residence

The Duke Physician Assistant Class of 2001 found a way to help out a little in their own backyard, completing a community service project for the AIDS Community Residential Association of Durham (ACRA). ACRA manages Blevins House, a residence for persons living with AIDS who need help with activities of daily living and find themselves with little family or community support. Funding for the residence is minimal, and ACRA relies on help from the community to keep Blevins House available to the people they serve.

Peter Baker, manager of the house, made arrangements for the PA students to work on Saturday, May 20. The class purchased paint, washed and painted the exterior porch, washed windows, and painted the front of the gable. A volunteer gardener met them at the house and supervised gardening chores. Student volunteers dug, weeded, weed-whacked, hoed and raked, putting the vegetable garden and memorial garden in order for spring.

Nineteen PA students, family members, and friends dedicated three hours on a Saturday morning to hard work and chores. “It was great to get out of the classroom, and into the sunshine,” reported the participants. One of the weeding crew celebrated: “I really miss my garden back home! This is more fun than I’ve had in a year.”

Traditionally, PA students raise funds for community charities and participate in community-based projects throughout the first year of the program.

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from the University of Edinburgh in Scotland in 1978 with a Special Education Graduate Diploma and received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Colorado College in 1979. She completed her paramedic training in 1982 at Clover Park Vocational Technical Institute in Tacoma, Washington and worked as a paramedic, EMT and firefighter until entering the Duke PA Program in 1986.

Since graduating from Duke, Winnie has worked in rural family practice in the state of Oregon and, since 1993, has volunteered her services as a physician assistant at the Community Outreach Health Clinic in Lebanon, Oregon. In addition to her work as a PA, she continues as a volunteer paramedic / firefighter, EMT, Captain and Search and Rescue Squad member in Brownsville, Oregon and as an EMT instructor at Linn-Benton County Community College in Albany, Oregon. She was named Oregon Paramedic of the Year in 1998.

In 1994, as part of a medical relief mission to Rwanda, Ms. Barron helped to deliver medical care to survivors of the genocide resulting from warring tribal factions. Her experiences there strengthened her resolve to return to Africa in 1997. At that time, she was assigned to a hospital in a small village in eastern Kenya. Responding to the plight of the alarming numbers of AIDS orphans there, she envisioned a facility where these children could receive food, education, shelter and medical care. Through her tireless dedication and hard work as well as the generosity of volunteers and financial supporters, Winnie’s vision was realized in 1998 and the Makindu Children’s Center was born. Today, over a hundred orphans are served at the Center where farming and bee-keeping as well as basket weaving and other crafts provide income and experience for the community. The ultimate goal of the Makindu Children’s Center is to prepare its children and the community to be self-sufficient and to pass this legacy on to future generations of children. Winnie’s last trip to Kenya lasted 18 months and she returned to Oregon this spring. With much work remaining to be done, she plans to return to Makindu later this summer.

For more information on the Makindu Children’s Center, go to the web site at www.makindu.org. A series of articles about Ms. Barron’s experiences and medical efforts was published in the Eugene, Oregon Register-Guard, with extensive photographs and in-depth reporting by a journalist team who accompanied Barron on a trip to Africa. The series can be accessed on the Web at www.register-guard.com/africa.

Donations to the Makindu Children’s Center should be marked “Makindu Center” and made payable to Sharing Hands, P. O. Box 335, Brownsville, OR, 97327. You may contact the agency at 514-466-3110, or by e-mail at sharinghands@dnr.net.
PA Graduation – 2000

By Reginald Carter, PhD, Program Director

Faculty, students, parents and friends participated in a full day of graduation ceremonies on Sunday, May 14, 2000. The day began with morning graduation exercises held in Wallace Wade Stadium. Commencement speaker Elizabeth Dole challenged graduates to dedicate their lives to the service of humanity. Our students stood as the President of Duke University, Nan Keohane, conferred upon them the MHS degree and welcomed them into the “honorable profession of the healing arts.” Immediately after the ceremony, Margaret (Cece) Schmidt, Justine Strand and Reggie Carter joined East Carolina PA Program Director Ed Huechter (’75) and ECU faculty member Dr. Frank Winn to award degrees to eleven ECU PA students who completed the Duke-ECU MHS degree option program.

Over 350 individuals attended the 34th PA commencement ceremony held in the afternoon at the Durham Marriott Hotel. The audience stood as the faculty and students, adorned in full academic apparel, entered the auditorium accompanied by the music of the Capital String Ensemble. In his welcoming remarks, Dr. Carter recognized staff and faculty for their contributions to graduating students’ education and congratulated the class of 2000 for being truly practitioners for a new millennium. After Dr. Russel Kaufman, Vice-Dean for medical education, led the class in the Hippocratic Oath, graduating student Millie Flanigan spoke on behalf of the class. Millie reminisced about the emotional experience of attending Duke. She recalled competing for parking, in the morning, sneaking into class late and the dreaded sound of the laptop computer beeping as it was turned on, and a classmate receiving a marriage proposal in front of the entire class. Millie expressed her appreciation to the faculty and staff of the PA program for making students feel like “they were the only class of PAs who ever attended Duke.”

Vicki Scott presented the Alumnus of the Year award to Winnie Barron (class of ’88), who has worked since graduation in rural family practice in Oregon. She also works as a volunteer PA at a Community Outreach Health Clinic in Oregon, serves as captain of a local paramedic search and rescue squad, and teaches EMT classes at a community college near her hometown. In 1994, Winnie participated in a medical relief mission to Rwanda to help survivors of that torn-country. She returned to Africa in 1997 to assist with the management of AIDS victims in Kenya, and saw a need to help children whose parents had died of the disease. Through tireless dedication and work, Winnie established the Makindu Children’s Center which today houses over a hundred orphans. Through the generosity of volunteers and financial supporters, the Center provides food, education and medical care to these once forgotten children.

Justine Strand presented Van Tanner the Richard M. Scheele award. The award is given each year to a graduating student who models the professional values, leadership and dedication exhibited by the late Dick Scheele, who graduated in the first class of PAs and who helped establish the American Academy of Physician Assistants. Certificates of appreciation were given to Dr. Craig Lockhardt and Dr. Jan Stratton by Pat Dieter and Philip Price, respectively. Dr. Lockhardt was recognized for his outstanding teaching role in the patient assessment course and Dr. Stratton for her many years of precepting students at the Durham County Health Department Clinics.

As Jack Lord read their names, each student came forward to receive their MHS degree hoods, assisted by Peggy Robinson, Philip Price and Pfizer Teaching Fellow Michael Ponsell. Medical Director Joyce Copeland provided concluding remarks. Dr. Copeland noted the Duke PA Program’s tradition of preparing leaders for the profession. Many helped establish the American Academy of Physician Assistants and new PA educational programs throughout the country. At one time or another, each of the major PA organizations has had a Duke graduate at its helm. The establishment of postgraduate programs for PAs and the enactment and advancement of PA enabling legislation in many states was accomplished by the tireless efforts of Duke graduates. Most meaningful of all is the dedication of Duke graduates to improving the health and well-being of their patients and communities. Winnie Barron is just one example of the many Duke graduates who have worked both nationally and internationally to improve the lives of disadvantaged individuals.

Words often fail to capture the emotions, pride and sense of accomplishment felt at graduation – the culmination of a major life experience, as these graduates join other Duke PA alumni in the practice of the healing arts.
Duke University School of Medicine is offering a new, interdisciplinary graduate program to train leaders for the evolving health care environment. The Clinical Leadership Program is open to practicing health clinicians from all disciplines. It is a two-year program that allows participants to continue practicing while learning the skills essential to effective leadership in a health care organization.

The Clinical Leadership Program, offered by the Department of Community and Family Medicine in collaboration with the School of Nursing, Fuqua School of Business, School of Law, and the Terry Sanford Institute for Public Policy, provides a curriculum in health care administration that includes: financial management, economics, law, organizational behavior, informatics, quality management, and strategic planning. The curriculum also includes a preceptorship, group projects, and a longitudinal policy project, in which the students will interact with a client to analyze a real problem.

**Development of the Clinician Leadership Program**

When Duke Medical Center began offering institution-wide sessions to help physicians adapt to the new managed care environment, it became clear that there was a cadre of people interested in attending nearly every session. From this observation, the Physician Executive Leadership Program (PELP) was born. PELP is a 90-hour continuing medical education program that runs over several months. (By the way, “Physician” in PELP is a misnomer; non-physicians, including Division Chief Justine Strand, have completed the program). A grant from the Fullerton Foundation has facilitated the development of the Clinical Leadership Program as an outgrowth of the work started with PELP.

The Fullerton Foundation funded the work of the Clinical Leadership Program’s Steering Committee which consists of representation from the collaborating schools: Medicine, Nursing, Business and Law, and one institute: Sanford Institute for Public Policy. Courses will be taught by the faculty of the collaborating schools. The extensive range of topics will provide a multifaceted perspective of healthcare management and are applicable to rural, urban, small or large evolving health care organizations.

**Role of the Clinical Leader**

To lead, health care professionals must create internal and external efforts to improve health, not just treat disease. For a clinician trained to focus inward on caring for the individual, a leadership role in health care requires a reverse approach to all that has become intuitive. In a leadership role, a clinician is expected to succeed in an environment layered with a myriad of complexities that force the focus outward to the community, the population, and the delivery system. The clinician must learn how to quickly assess the relevant value of their current structures in the context of the rapidly changing environment, constantly repositioning/adapting/ restructuring their organizations/programs to remain competitive. Mirroring today’s interdisciplinary healthcare environment, students in the Clinical Leadership Program will acquire the skills and knowledge necessary to measure effectiveness through individual consumer and population health improvement. They will collaborate with external partners and share accountability; anticipate trends, competitive forces, and market pressures; organize and administer complex clinical delivery systems, and effect change through analytical decision-making that balances fiscal caution and accountability with clinical effectiveness.

The first class of students will begin in August and will complete their training in May 2002. For more information about the program, contact Michelle Lyn at (919) 681-3192 or michelle.lyn@duke.edu.

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Prema Menezes, MHS, PA-C, Class of 1997, recently returned from the Thirteenth Annual International Aids Conference in Durban, South Africa. She was first author on a poster presentation, “Eleven Year Review of Demographics and Insurance Status of HIV Infected Patients,” with William Miller, David Wohl, and Joseph Eron. The authors are with the Departments of Medicine and Epidemiology and the Center for AIDS Research at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina.
Duke PA Students Attend National Conference

Twenty-five Duke PA Program students were part of the most attended AAPA National Conference to date, attending the Chicago meeting in May. Students were struck by the size and sophistication of the event. “I am completely impressed,” said one participant. “They even have a TV channel in all the hotels reporting news of the conference!”

The opening ceremony left a distinct impression. The political satire of Mary Matalin and James Carville was an excellent addition to AAPA President Bill Kohlhepp's opening remarks. Students were proud to learn that student chapters contributed more than half the funds raised for the Asthma Foundation by PAs for Prevention. The Duke PA Program was included on the list of those programs honored for helping to meet the fundraising goals of the President's Circle.

Saturday and Sunday many students attended CME workshops and explored Chicago. First-year Duke student Nathan Conroy participated in the House of Delegates. Another member of the Class of 2001, Ann Boudreaux, was actively involved in the Student Assembly of the AAPA (SAAPA) Assembly of Representatives; her efforts were rewarded by her election as Student Liaison from SAAPA to the Association of Physician Assistant Programs (APAP).

Saturday night's SAAPA/APAP student forum highlighted some of the issues being considered by APAP. This time also provided students the opportunity to meet many SAAPA leaders.

Sunday night after the Student/Faculty reception, everyone attended the Medical Challenge Bowl. Over 800 students and faculty attended with 36 teams participating in the first round — Duke's team turned in an excellent performance, making it to the semi-finals and a near tie. The University of Kentucky beat Duke to the buzzer to continue on in the competition. In the end it was LeMoyne College who took home the prize. Suzette Burleson's hard work coordinating the efforts of Duke's team, and that of her teammates, second-year students Pat Hollinshead and Cecile Cardeno, deserve special recognition.

After the excitement of the Medical Challenge Bowl, many spent the rest of the evening practicing salsa dancing, sponsored by the Multicultural Affairs Committee of the AAPA, while others enjoyed a little “Chicago blues” down at Kingston Mines.

Student sessions on Monday provided useful information. Classes included Surviving Clinical Rotations Workshop, CME Logging Requirements, Getting & Keeping a License to Practice, Contract Negotiating, Preparing for PANCE, and a Workshop on Starting Your New Career.

While in Chicago a few of us took in our first professional baseball game watching the Cubs at Wrigley Field, and others went shopping on Michigan Avenue. We recommend Garrett's popcorn! The cheese and caramel flavors are the best to munch on while enjoying the sights and sounds only Chicago has to offer.

Monday evening soon approached and so did the Duke Alumni Reception. What a great opportunity for us to see so many people who actually survived PA school! It was a great chance for alumni to learn about the scholarship fundraising effort, the Stead Campaign. All in all, it was a relaxing evening spent making new connections.

Students would like to thank the NCAPA for their generous contribution to the Stead Society and to the many people who supported our fundraising projects. The trip was a complete success, allowing us to learn more about the AAPA and participate in the future of our profession.

59 PAS Attend First Occupational and Environmental Medicine Certificate Program for PAs at Duke

We are pleased to report that Duke's first PA Certificate Program in Occupational and Environmental Medicine was held at the R. David Thomas Executive Conference Center from July 16-21, 2000. Fifty-nine PAs from 26 states attended lectures, went on site visits, and participated in small group computer sessions. A total of 32 faculty from Duke and other governmental and private organizations (including Glaxo Wellcome, IBM, the EPA, and the North Carolina Department of Health) participated in the program. This was an overview of occupational/environmental medicine program, which was suitable for both PAs entering the field as well as those who have specialized within occupational health. Topics included Workers' Compensation and other essentials, assessment of worksites, occupational exposures, occupational illnesses and injuries, drugs and alcohol, workplace psychosocial issues, and occupational health practice.

Six of the program attendees were Duke PA graduates. Many of the participants had significant experience in occupational medicine, including those with military experience, employees of large corporations, freestanding occupational health practices, and family practices with occupational health components. Two PA students attended this year's program, including Selwyn Daniel from Duke and Heather Price from the University of Washington.

The program offered 40.25 hours of CME. Participants who successfully complete a Web-based or take home examination as well as a course paper will receive a Certificate of Completion. The certificates will be awarded this fall after participants return home and complete their course requirements.

The PAs and faculty attending and teaching in this program had a terrific time in the beautiful conference facility, and enjoyed the camaraderie of

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PA History Project Unveiled

At the annual conference held in Chicago in May, the American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA) Board of Directors approved in concept Dr. Reginald Carter’s proposal to establish an office for the preservation and the multimedia presentation of the history of the PA profession on the Duke University Medical Center campus. The office will:

- identify historical documents related to PAs, capture them electronically and present them on a web site.
- provide a reliable, comprehensive and accessible source of information about the profession’s unique origins, philosophy, structure and interdependent relationship with the medical profession.
- be a unique project that will be sought out by sociologists, medical historians and health services researchers.
- assure that the profession and future scholars can easily access documents, materials and individuals who helped shape the past, current and future directions of the profession.
- promote health team practice.
- introduce PA students to their heritage and unique place in the health care delivery system.

Dr. Carter will develop an integrated, online searchable database that identifies the existence and location of key documents, articles, books, films, oral history audio and videotapes, and other artifacts that detail the development and evolution of the profession. Jeffrey Heinrich ’73, AAPA’s archivist, endorses the proposal, noting that the Academy is fortunate to have an individual with Dr. Carter’s knowledge and professional status devote time and energy to this important project. Once catalogued and captured electronically, most documents will be housed in the National Library of Medicine in Washington, DC.

Lloyd Michener, MD, Chair of the Department of Community and Family Medicine, enthusiastically supports the project. With AAPA’s endorsement, Dr. Carter will now approach the Association of PA Programs and the National Commission for Certification of Physician Assistants for similar support. Institutional and professional support will enable Dr. Carter to solicit foundations, corporate and individual sponsors to establish the office, online searchable database and PA history web site. Dr. Carter estimates it will take $628,000 over the next 3 years to achieve the project’s stated goals. The office is to be operational by July 2001 with the online database and virtual history web site available January 2002. Dr. Carter plans to step down as program director to provide 80% effort to the project. He will spend the remaining 20% of his time working with the PA Division in curriculum redesign, alumni affairs and development.

You can join Dr. Carter in his effort to establish an office to preserve and present the history of our profession by sending your tax deductible contribution to the Office for PA History, DUMC 3848, Durham, NC 27710.

Duke PA Alumnus Awaits Heart Transplant

Duke PA alumnus Gerard Bouthillier ’74 of Waynesboro, Virginia waits for news of a donor heart to save his life. Gerard experienced his first heart attack in 1986 and underwent quadruple bypass. He went back to work until 1992 when he had a second MI and underwent more bypass surgery. Unable to work, he retired to Waynesboro on the recommendation of his cardiologist. A few months ago increasing symptoms led to another evaluation and the news that further surgery is not possible. A heart transplant is needed, and he has begun the work-up process. Gerard says waiting is the worst thing: “I could wait one to two years but I may get a call tomorrow.”

Gerard served with the 101st Airborne out of Fort Campbell, Kentucky from 1978 to 1981, as a Chief Warrant Officer 2. From 1981 to 1994, he was in rural practice as the sole practitioner in Alcester, South Dakota. His supervising physician was 10 miles away in a small community hospital. Gerard did it all—delivering babies, taking care of them, their brothers and sisters; Mom and Dad and Grandma and Grandpa. It was a great experience.

Gerard would enjoy hearing from friends, classmates and other alumni. He can be reached by e-mail at gerard@cfw.com, or at 112 Queens Court, Waynesboro, VA 22980-6105.
Extending the Reach of PA Program Services

Regional Clinical Coordinators

The Duke PA Program is in the third year of a project designed to extend PA faculty service to different areas of our state. As DUMC faculty members working closely with the AHEC Office of Regional Primary Care Education, four regional clinical coordinators:

- Develop community-based training sites
- Identify employment opportunities
- Identify and recruit applicants seeking admission to PA programs
- Monitor the progress of students on clinical rotations
- Precept second year students in their clinical practices

Gloria Jordan, PA-C, (’88) has been directing a satellitic training partnership between the Duke PA Program and the Southern Regional Area Health Education Center (SRA-AHEC) in Fayetteville, NC since 1994. Based largely upon her success, a federal PA Training Grant now helps underwrite a similar project in Rocky Mount (Area L AHEC); Asheville area (Mountain AHEC) and Wilmington (Coastal AHEC). Sixteen of the 34 counties affiliated with these AHECs are designated as health professional shortage areas (HPSAs) for primary care, and include some of the poorest and most medically underserved counties of North Carolina.

The project is funded through Section 747, Title VII of the Public Health Service Act. This legislation provides funding for training in primary care medicine and dentistry, including physician assistants. Programs awarded grants under Title VII are those with a record of training minority and disadvantaged individuals, and preference is given to those programs that place graduates in medically underserved communities. Special consideration is given to projects that prepare practitioners to care for underserved populations and other high risk groups such as the elderly, individuals with HIV-AIDS, substance abusers, homeless, and victims of domestic violence.

The fundamental objectives of the Duke PA Program’s Regional Clinical Coordinator project are:

1. model the partnership in the four AHEC regions;
2. improve access to primary health care services in the 34 counties represented by the targeted AHEC regions;
3. provide career advancement opportunities for minorities and disadvantaged persons living in the communities; and
4. continue to provide Duke PA students opportunities to complete two clinical rotations in community-based, medically underserved communities in North Carolina.

If you practice in North Carolina, you are encouraged to contact the regional clinical coordinators with information on potential clinical training sites, interested applicants, and employment opportunities in your area.

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Alumni Reception In Chicago A Success

An alumni reception was held May 29, 2000 at the AAPA Annual Conference in Chicago. One hundred twenty-five Duke PA alumni gathered to catch up on news and events, and see old friends and classmates. Division Chief Justine Strand greeted alumni and presented an update on program and division projects, scholarship fundraising and news from Duke University Medical Center. It is wonderful to visit with alumni, and witness reunions of alumni who have seen each other in as long as 20 years! The Duke alumni reception is always a highlight of the annual conference for PA faculty. If you were unable to join us in Chicago, plan to be with us next year in Anaheim. We look forward to seeing you!
Class of 2002

Four hundred and fifty-one candidates were considered for admission to the Duke PA Program for the 2000 entering class. We are excited to welcome this new class to Duke on August 14. This year’s class is among the most diverse ever. Nearly 40% of this year’s students are North Carolinians, and about three-quarters are women. The “average” student is 29 years old and has four years of full-time patient care experience, a GPA of 3.35, 55 natural science credits, and a total GRE score of 1760. Thanks to the wonders of modern digital photography (and great photos taken by our staff on interview dates), we already have the Class of 2002 composite ready and it is published in this newsletter.

Although we have many applicants to the program, we are always looking for “great” applicants who know a PA and what the role involves. If you know a college graduate with solid academic skills, excellent communication ability, the desire to enter the PA profession and make a difference in health care, please refer them to our web site: http://dmnmc.duke.edu/cfm/pap

Duke PA Program Ranked #1 in US News and World Report Poll

Duke University’s PA program again ranked #1 in the 2000 edition of graduate school rankings published in U.S. News and World Report. These rankings are based on the results of surveys sent to deans, faculty and administrators of accredited graduate programs. Scores for each school were averaged across all respondents who rated that school. Twenty-nine master’s degree-awarding PA Programs were ranked.

It is important to note that this is not a “scientific survey” which would measure objective factors about a PA program and the performance of its students and/or graduates. However, we are pleased that our PA educator colleagues have recognized the history and reputation of the Duke PA program and the excellence of our students and graduates by collectively ranking us #1! If you would like to log on to the US News website, their URL is: http://www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/beyond/gradrank/gbphysas.html
Stead Campaign Underway

An intensive scholarship fundraising effort, the Stead Campaign, is underway. With a goal of growing the scholarship fund to one million dollars, fundraising efforts are aimed for the first time at five-year pledges. We are enormously gratified by the generosity and loyalty of Duke PA alumni. In only one evening of telephoning alumni, more than $35,000 in pledges was raised. But we have so far to go!

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Michael Quirk, '70, is working in a multispecialty clinic in Key West, Florida and is a grandfather of two. He writes that his son, Michael, became a PA, graduating from the Kiesweski PA Program in Phoenix, AZ.

Kathleen Kissane Campbell, '91, writes that she had a third daughter, Erin, on September 22, 1999. Proud father is David and proud big sisters are Sydney, three, and Katlin, six.

John Rice, '97, and wife Daya are the parents of a son, Iain Robert, born January 18, 2000. John is employed on the forensic ward of the state psychiatric hospital in Weston, WV.

Claire Hall Spiro, '95, husband David and son Caleb have moved to Hoover, Alabama. Claire has accepted a faculty position at the University of Alabama PA Program in Birmingham, and her husband will be a pediatric ER fellow at UAB.

Elizabeth Thompson Wilson, '94, husband Chris and two-year-old daughter Sarah Kate are living in Grand Junction, Colorado. Elizabeth is working part-time in a family practice.

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