Welcome to our new PA Program Director, Maha Lund, DHSc, PA-C

August was a busy month for the Emory PA Program as we welcomed 54 new first year students and our new Program Director, Maha Lund. Prior to arriving in Atlanta, Dr. Lund served as the PA program director for Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. Her academic career began in 2004 when she first served as an adjunct lecturer and preceptor for PA students. She joined the faculty at MCPHS University full-time in 2008 and served in various faculty and leadership roles before becoming program director in 2011. She received her PA training at Chatham University in Pennsylvania and worked as a hospitalist PA at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center and at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, MA. She was a founding member of the Physician Assistant Clinical Educator (PACE) team, the first internal medicine PA service at Brigham and Women's Hospital. Academically her interests are in interprofessional education, ethics, transition to the clinical year, and active learning. Her doctoral studies, which she completed at NOVA Southeastern University in 2012, focused on teaching and leadership in health care professions. She brings to Emory her enthusiasm for working with students, broad experience in education and heart for the serving the underserved. We welcome Dr. Lund and her family to Emory!

Emory PA joins in the fight against Ebola

Emory hospital certainly made headlines in 2014 about their fight against Ebola. But thousands of miles away in west Africa, one of our Emory PA alumni is serving quietly on the front lines. Jeri Sumitani 05C 08A blogs about her experience in Sierra Leone. Read about her courageous work on this web MD blog.
**Society Olympics**
The PA Program held its first annual Learning Society Olympics in celebration of National PA Week (Oct. 6-12). Members of the Class of 2015 took part in the competition at the Emory School of Medicine. Participants in the event were divided into six teams representing each of the learning societies. The six learning societies, named after clinicians with ties to Emory or the PA profession, are organized to reinforce team based care. The Emory learning societies are named after Tom Himelick, PA-C, Charles L. Hudson, MD, J. Willis Hurst, MD, Marquitha S. Mayfield, PA-C & Terry Mize, PA-C, Kyle Petersen, PhD, and Eugene A. Stead Jr., MD. The winning team for this inaugural event was the Stead society. Read more...

**PA Week**
PA Week in October was an important opportunity for the Emory PA program to celebrate by giving back to our local community. More than 70 physician assistant students, faculty, and staff participated in the weekend of service (October 3-5) by giving of their time, talents and compassion serving over 500 patients and families across Georgia. The target sites for this service weekend included the Hispanic community in North Atlanta, the VA Medical Center and Bainbridge, GA. Read more...

**Student Life**
Emory University School of Medicine welcomed the 43rd Physician Assistant class to campus in August. The Class of 2016 is made up of 54 students, 28% of the students are male, 72% female, and the average GPA is 3.44. Two students are completing their dual degree in Public Health and PA (MPH/MMSc) while 15 other students already hold a Master's Degree in another field. For more about the Class of 2016 see...

How much has PA school changed since you were a student at Emory? Gone are the days of handouts, slide carousels, and taking notes on paper! See the infographic link and read about the current students!

**Be an Emory PA Recruiter**
Would you contact the Pre-PA, Pre-Health, Pre-Med, or AMSA group at a university near you and be willing to share why PA is the Way and Emory is the best PA program in the nation? You will get a PowerPoint slide set to work with, a Home Study Board Review Program (worth $390 and 36 Cat 1 CME Hours). Please contact Director of Admissions, Allan Platt PA-C if you are interested.

**Alumni - please stay in touch!** Log on to our new Facebook page and go to our webpage to stay involved!
Board Review 2015
Plan to come back to Emory in 2015 to get ready for your next PANCE or get a great medicine review and 36 hours CME at the 25th Annual Live PANCE/PANRE Board Review Course September 23 - 26, 2015 at the beautiful Emory Conference Center, Atlanta, GA. Emory alumni get a discount on registration. No time to travel? Then try our home study Board Review course now streaming in the Cloud to all mobile devices via "Box." This allows users to download all of the Board Review video content and study on the go.
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