

NOVEMBER 2009

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Greetings All,

The Academic Year is off to a great start. Our Class of 2011, the first group to earn the degree name Master of Health Administration, is assimilating well in to Baltimore and the School of Public Health. Of our twenty new students, only one is from Maryland! Whereas last year we had five students from Hopkins; this year we have none. UNC is our most represented school with four students and we enrolled two from William and Mary. Although most of our students are from the east coast, we have two Texans. Additionally, we've continued to enroll the best and brightest international students. This year we have one student each from India, Taiwan, China and Korea! Thanks to all of you who have helped us with our recruiting efforts.



Bill Ward

The Class of 2010 landed well in their field placements. Because of the economy, we lost a few placements for 2009-10, but we were fortunate to gain a few new ones including: the Center for Innovation and the Quality and Safety Research Group here at the Johns Hopkins Health System; Johns Hopkins Medicine International; Deloitte Consulting–Boston office, Health Management Associates in Florida; Holy Name Hospital in Teaneck, NJ and Greater Baltimore Medical Center. Many of the new placements came to us through our alumni network and, as always, we appreciate your support in developing field placements for our students.

For the year ahead, we continue to plan new initiatives. One of those is the Alumni Weekend in April 2010. Details of this event are on page 3.

Unfortunately, we do have some very sad news to report from the Class of 2009. Allan Joshan, who earned his B.S. from the University of Toronto and completed his field placement at Howard County General Hospital under Jay Blackman's preceptorship, died suddenly of viral myocarditis in his parents' home in August. All of us who knew Allan were obviously shocked. We watched him develop from an MHS student to a future health care manager, and he absolutely thrived at HCGH. We understand that we also lost a very fine musician and song writer with his passing.

On a personal note, I've had a busy spring and summer with lots of travel to New Jersey. They passed legislation there requiring that all hospital trustees receive training on a variety of subjects so they can better fulfill their responsibilities to the communities they serve. The New Jersey Hospital Association contracted with me to teach the trustees how to read financial statements. Next up is my annual trip to Singapore. I'll be teaching there the first week of November. I do one day on hospital operations and another on dashboards for a program in Hospital Management that Johnson & Johnson sponsors at Singapore Management University. This will be my sixth year. The students are primarily hospital executives and superintendants from Japan, Korea, China, Taiwan, India, Pakistan, Australia, Singapore, and Malaysia. I find it fascinating to learn what they are doing in their countries with electronic medical records, payment systems and so on. The best part is that Singapore is one of my favorite cities in all the world.

Best wishes to all of you.

Cheers,

Bill

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SPOTLIGHT ON ALUMNI
Stacy Lee, HFM Class of '99

Written by Sara Wei, Class of 2010



Stacy Lee, began her career in healthcare in 1998. After graduating from UCLA she went on to graduate from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health with an MHS in Health Finance and Management. She has since gone on to pursue a successful and diverse career in finance, business development and consulting. Stacy has always been interested in the healthcare industry and had once considered becoming a clinician but felt that her skills were best used on the business side.

Stacy has worked for CIGNA, moving quickly throughout the company becoming an Assistant Director in Quality before transitioning to their dental division's Product Development department. She then worked for Healthallies.com, an e-healthcare company specializing in consumer driven healthcare, as a Manager for both their Business Development and Healthcare Affairs units. Her next step brought her to the Cedars-Sinai Health System as a Business Development Consultant. During her 2 years there she developed business plans, financial and strategic analyses, forecasts and projections for various departments and Centers of Excellence within the organization. Stacy continued her career at Catholic Healthcare West where she served as a Senior Financial Analyst in their Revenue Cycle practice. Presently, Stacy works for Kaiser Permanente Health Plan as a Senior Managerial Consultant. Since 2004, Stacy has worked on a variety of strategy projects and enjoys the opportunity to work with top executives and senior leaders on initiatives critical to their success.

Stacy currently resides in Los Angeles.

MEET A CURRENT MHA STUDENT
**Lloyd Wilson
MHA Candidate, Class of 2011**

Prior to his arrival at Hopkins, Lloyd Wilson served as the Director of Government Relations for Harden Healthcare, a company providing rehabilitation, home healthcare, assisted living, skilled nursing, pharmacy services, and hospice care in Austin, Texas. Wilson developed an integrated Governmental Relations Department for Harden Healthcare after its 2008 acquisition of Girling Home Health, which expanded Harden's reach into nine states. In this capacity, he worked directly with lawmakers and Health and Human Services staff regarding budget and policy recommendations.

Previously, Wilson served as the financial analyst for Harden, where he coordinated the due diligence process during the acquisition of three home health companies. Prior to this role, he worked as an operations associate for Patton Medical Devices, a start-up medical device manufacturer, where he built the customer service center and guided the strategy for obtaining private insurance reimbursement.

In his free time, Wilson enjoys traveling, fishing and learning about health care public policy. Wilson earned a bachelor's of arts degree from Washington & Lee University. When asked what he thinks of the program so far he said he is enjoying learning best business practices from both an academic and practical standpoint. He feels the curriculum is helping him develop the tool set necessary to succeed in the US's complex and challenging health care environment. He also loves spending time with his cohort and exploring Baltimore.



MEET THE CLASS OF 2011



Thanks to all of you who have already volunteered to connect with a current student.

If anyone else is interested, please contact Teresa Schwartz, tschwartz@jhsph.edu.

ALUMNI UPDATES

Pamela Aitken, Class of 1992, recently accepted a position with Spectrum Health in Grand Rapids, Michigan as a Clinical Practice Manager in their Outreach Medicine Department. Pamela will be managing one of their Urgent Care Centers.

Michelle Hirst, Class of 2008, remains with Stockamp, A Huron Consulting Group Practice, but is moving her home base from Baltimore to Chicago; one of her Stockamp colleagues from the Class of 2009, Leah Dudley, is also moving to Chicago. Baltimore's loss is Chicago's gain!

David Parker, Class of 1999, is on the Board of the Maryland Association of Healthcare Executives and serves as its Director of Community Outreach.

Some updates from the Class of 2001: Maria Consunji is CEO of a 250 bed tertiary hospital in Manila. Hui-I Su is the proud momma of a baby boy named Ty. Mom, dad and baby are doing well in Honolulu.

UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

HPM ALUMNI PANEL:

Advice for the job market and life after graduation

Wednesday, November 18th

Feinstone Hall, 4pm-6pm

Please RSVP to Mary Sewell (msewell@jhsph.edu) or (410) 955-2488 by November 10th
Please note: This is a Departmental initiative, but we're hoping HFM alum and students will participate.



ALUMNI DINNER IN 2010? YES, and MORE!!!

Please mark your calendars for the **Friday afternoon/evening of April 23rd and Saturday AM April 24th**! Our 2nd annual case competition is scheduled for April 23rd and we are planning for our alumni reception and dinner to follow that evening. In fact, we think that many of you may want to arrive in the afternoon to see our two top teams compete in the final competition round scheduled for approximately 2:00 PM.

We are planning for a reception and dinner to follow in the Wolfe Street Building. For those of you who haven't been to campus for several years, you'd be amazed at how beautiful the Wolfe Street Building has become! We are in the process now of planning a symposium for Saturday morning that should be of great interest to you. You'll be hearing more about this over the next few months, but, for now,

please hold the dates!

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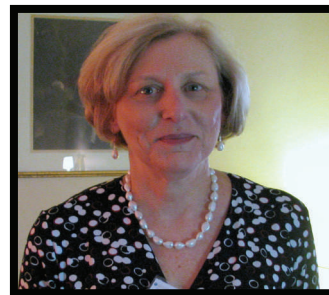
The program office encourages you to share your information via email/internet. We would love to hear from you. Let us know if you have changed positions, addresses, etc. Also, if you have some updates you would like us to include in upcoming newsletters, we'd be happy to do so.



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