

OCTOBER 2010

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Greetings everyone,

First term flew by, the leaves are starting to turn, and the steamy hot days of a Baltimore summer are becoming a distant memory. Much has happened since I last wrote. We've got a fantastic group of first year students. Several have prior experience which makes for interesting discussions during the Director's Lunch sessions. We haven't solved the nursing shortage or figured out how best to pay physicians, but it's always rewarding to see fresh, new ideas and creative approaches to the challenges facing us.

Speaking of challenges, the School's magazine, *Johns Hopkins Public Health*, ran a nice story on one of the teams competing in this year's in-program case competition. A writer and photographer followed Megan Bowes, Saira Chaudary, Umang Desai and Jennie Newcomb as they worked their way through the case, which presented them with real world challenges. It's always nice to get some publicity for the program! Here's the link to the story: http://magazine.jhsph.edu/2010/fall/features/teaming_with_ideas/

We've tried something new this year. Alan Lyles, a great friend and program supporter over the years, conducted several sessions on Access® and Excel® which we're hopeful will help students in the finance courses and Conan Dickson's Quantitative Tools course. If the reviews are favorable, and I have no reason to think they won't be, we'll make it a regular part of the program.

Speaking of Alan, he joined Teresa and me for dinner with one of his former advisee's, Trisha Hutzul (MHS '98), and Dave Ames, both of whom are with J&J Medical Products in Canada. They were in town to speak with students about residency opportunities. It's nice to see our grads doing so well in their careers and especially rewarding to see so many of them filling the ranks of preceptors for our second year students.

Several months ago Dr. Min-Ho Huang visited the school along with twenty senior staff from Show Chwan Memorial Health System in Taiwan. Ann-Michele and I spoke to the group on leadership and innovative thinking. Dr. Huang invited me to Taiwan in September to visit and present at Show Chwan. One of the highlights was meeting Amy Huang ('97) who runs the Show Chwan international medical center. It was great to see her after all these years. I can remember both Amy and her father sitting in my budgeting class in the Hampton House auditorium like it was just yesterday!

Right after I returned from Taiwan, Lauren Tran-Bahadursingh ('97), who was attending a conference in D.C., stopped in for a visit. What are the chances that you fly halfway around the world, meet up with a former student, and then are visited by one of that student's classmates? It really is a small world!

I may meet a couple more of our students when I make my annual trip to Singapore in November. I'll be lecturing once again at Singapore Management University. I'm hoping to meet up with Audrey Ho ('92) again this year as well as Ying Che ('06). It's nice to know that our program has active and accomplished alumni all over the world.

Well, enough for now. Please make sure the Program Office has your current contact information. Even if you are half way around the world, you never know when one of us might just "be in the neighborhood!" Here's wishing each of you continued success.

Until next time,


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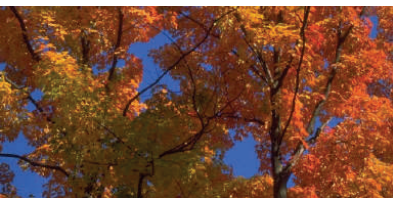
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VISIT WITH BOSTON ALUM

While visiting 2nd year MHA student Darline Tunis in Boston, Teresa invited local alumni to meet current students. Unfortunately, Angela Chang, the program's other 2nd year student doing her field placement out of Deloitte's Boston office, was working out of town. Joining Teresa and Darline (center) for dinner on Monday, September 20th were Tracy Chang (Class of 2010), Monique Porter, Director Business Planning & Development at Newton Wellesley Hospital, (Class of 2002) and Paul Crowley, Senior Consultant at Hewitt Associates, (Class of 2000). Tracy had just returned to Boston the after spending several weeks in Taiwan. Darline is the first Hopkins resident at New England Baptist Hospital. It has been such a successful residency for both Darline and NEBH that Darline will be returning to campus with Sue Motha, recruiter for NEBH, on November 17th to help recruit next year's administrative resident.



Q & A WITH EARLY CAREER CONSULTANTS

On Friday afternoon, October 8th, the Class of 2012 had the opportunity to meet with a group of young consultants to ask the questions all of our first years want to know: What are the disadvantages and advantages for starting your career in consulting? Would it be best to do your field placement within a provider setting before becoming a consultant? What is the work/life balance? Sharing their experiences and responding to all of the questions our students may not want to pose to recruiters were Jeff Collins (2008), Divya Paliwal (2008), Jason Hallick (2005), Ashley Spivey (2011), Ahmed ElSayed (2010), and Marco Priolo (2010).



MEET A CURRENT 2ND YEAR MHA STUDENT

Jennifer Newcomb

Written by Umang Desai, Class of 2011



Her voice is distinctive, her passion evident, and her loyalties true. Ask any member in the class of 2011 who fits this description, and undoubtedly Jennie will be the answer. Jennifer Newcomb embodies the qualities of a great student-leader exemplified through her prior and active roles in the work place, extra-curriculars, and in academic groups.

Prior to her arrival at Johns Hopkins, Jennie worked as a Medical Technologist for three years in both the Core Lab and Transfusion Service at Rex Healthcare based in Raleigh, North Carolina. She received her Bachelor of Science in Clinical Laboratory Science from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill in 2006 and was subsequently able to achieve board certification from the American Society of Clinical Pathologists – MT (ASCP), and the National Credentialing Agency for Laboratory Personnel – CLS (NCA).

Jennie's first year in the newly renamed MHA program was filled with "Friday Night in the ER", shadowing a Nurse Manager, the Match, and saving Metro City Hospital during our Case Competition amongst other engaging activities and the usual course load. As a second year, she has the title of Administrative Resident at Johns Hopkins Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation as well as MHA Student Association President. It's truly a feat to see her juggle working, managing the student group, serving as a buddy to a first year student and listening to online classes.

Giving back to her home town of Chapel Hill, NC, as well as Baltimore, is a common trend. Whether it was volunteering during undergrad at the Victory Junction Gang Camp, a facility for chronically ill children, after graduation with The V Foundation for Cancer Research; or currently with the Incentive Mentoring Program, a comprehensive personal approach that fosters the transformation of high school students who are not meeting minimum academic requirements and facing psychosocial challenges, Jennifer truly values volunteering. Jennie's interests in health care are patient-centric and her "never give up" attitude will certainly take her many places.

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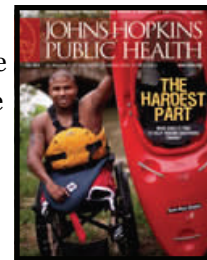


Thanks to all of you who have already volunteered to connect with a current student.

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

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Please don't forget to check out the latest edition of the Johns Hopkins Public Health Magazine that features the MHA Program's Case Competition and follows a team through preparations of the competition. http://magazine.jhsph.edu/2010/fall/features/teaming_with_ideas/



ALUMNI UPDATES

Arvin Mejia, Class of 2002, who has visited the last several classes representing Deloitte, will soon be entering a corporate director position at Continuum Health Partners in NYC. (Arvin got another full-time job recently, "Dad".)

Michelle Hirst, Class of 2008, is now with Resurrection Health Care in Chicago. In her role as Senior Operations Liaison, she is responsible for process improvements and implementations, primarily at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Lisa Nicole Danehy and Anita Nagwani, Class of 2008, each received the Secretary's Commendation from US Department of Health & Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius for their work in furthering the goals of the HI-TECH Act.

WHAT'S NEW WITH YOU?

The program office encourages you to share your information via email/internet. 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. We would love to hear from you!

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