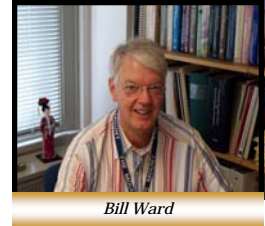


ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



Bill Ward

Dear Program Alum,

This past year has been an incredibly busy one for the Program and we have much to share with you. First and most important, after 17 years, Donna Shiloh decided to retire. So, in November 2007, we began the PD phase of the program – “Post Donna”. We were extremely fortunate to recruit Teresa Schwartz as the Program’s new Assistant Director. Teresa brings 20 years of experience in the School with her – including most recently a long stint as Registrar. The transition went very smoothly, thanks to a lot of hard work by both Donna and Teresa – so much so that our accreditors noted the transition for specific positive comment as part of their assessment. And even after Donna started enjoying her retirement, she was actively engaged in the program – taking part in the accreditation site visit and asking for updates on all of you! Donna invites you to contact her at donnashiloh@comcast.net.

We also have a new Associate Director – Ann-Michele Gundlach is now in that role and is actively involved in curriculum planning in addition to teaching several courses. The newest addition to the office is Jamila Savage, the MHS program coordinator for the department.

The School has looked to the Program to help with the leadership of two important initiatives. I’m serving as Faculty Director of the Sommer Scholars (leadership) Program (<http://www.jhsph.edu/sommerscholars/>) and the Bloomberg Leadership (speakers) Series (<http://www.jhsph.edu/bloomberg/>) AND Ann-Michele is the co-director of the MPH Concentration in Health Leadership and Management.

The other significant change in the program is the new degree name. As students are more apt to learn about our program via web searches, we needed to improve our web visibility to make sure that when students seek health-related finance and management programs they can find us. We believe the name change to MHA will help us attract more applicants.

One of our goals for this year is to improve our communication with you so expect to receive an e-newsletter a few times a year. We hope this message finds you well and in our next newsletter we’ll have some suggestions as to how we can all stay in touch better.

With Warm Regards,

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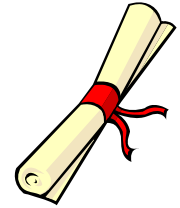
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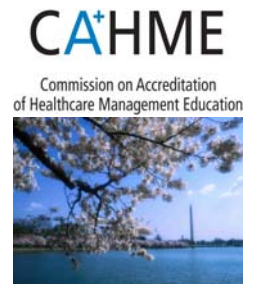
DEGREE NAME CHANGE

During this past academic year the School's Advisory Board approved our recommendation to change our degree name from MHS to MHA, Master of Health Administration. As you, as well as AUPHA, have noticed there are numerous masters degrees in healthcare management, but the one most easily identifiable is the MHA. The requirements and substance of the program will not be changing; only the degree name. The degree will be awarded starting with the class admitted in 2009. It's only a name, but we're hoping that interested students around the world will have an easier time locating our program as they Google for "MHA".



CAHME ACCREDITATION

Our program was up for reaccreditation this year by CAHME (Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education). The site visit team met with us in early April and we should receive the final report in the fall. We received the draft report and we are pleased with the team's findings. The team encouraged a stimulating and insightful discussion with our faculty, students, preceptors and alumni. Thanks again to the following alum who met with the site team:



Inga Adams-Pizarro, Class of 2002, Delmarva Foundation

Kristin Feliciano, Class of 2001, Director, Business Development, University of Maryland Medical System

Brett McCone, Class of 1998, Senior Manager, KPMG, LLP

Aileen K. McShea, Class of 1998, Manager, Senior Housing Services, Catholic Charities

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Colin Ward, Class of 2004, Director of Corporate Strategy, Greater Baltimore Medical Center

NEW MISSION STATEMENT

The site visit team expressed a concern that our mission statement was too broad and recommended that it be rewritten to define the focus of our program and its target audience. Program leadership met earlier this summer and developed the following mission statement:

The mission of the Master of Health Administration Program within the Department of Health Policy and Management at the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health is to develop a diverse group of committed individuals whose goals are to advance into high level careers in hospitals and health systems, top tier consulting firms and other health sector businesses. This accelerated program prepares students for leadership roles in the dynamic health care environment by combining a rigorous and comprehensive academic experience with a career-building residency. Located in the world-renowned and oldest school of public health in the country, the program provides access to cutting edge research, leading public health practitioners and an international student body.



GRADUATION 2008

The MHS Health Finance and Management class of 2008 was one of the largest in the program's history. Twenty-three students graduated in May and most are now working in various health care or consulting settings. Several of the graduates were hired by their field placement organizations: Stockamp, Booz Allen Hamilton, Alvarez & Marsal, Wilmer Ophthalmological Institute, Children's Medical Center in Dallas, and KPMG. One graduate is continuing as a doctoral candidate at the University of Massachusetts Medical School-Worcester



We in the program office are very proud of the class of 2008; five of whom were elected to Delta Omega, the public health honorary society.



CLASS OF 2010

Our incoming class is certainly a reflection of the diversity that is referenced in our mission statement. We have 18 students ranging in age from 22 to 30-something; 8 of our students are men, which, according to the former Registrar, gives our program the highest percentage of male students! Our 5 international students are from Canada, India and Korea; 5 of our new students are recent Homewood graduates. Although classes have not yet begun, judging from this photo taken at the annual welcome picnic, we think that they'll be a tight cohort.

One of the new initiatives we'd like to introduce this year is to match up each new student with an alum who has been out in the professional world for at least 5 years. If you are interested in matching up by e-mail with someone in the class of 2010, please contact Teresa, tschwart@jhsph.edu, and provide a brief update of what you are doing. We'll try our best to make appropriate matches after we learn a little more about each of our students.



WHAT'S NEW WITH YOU?

Even as we encourage you to share your information via email/internet, we want to continue to hear from your directly. 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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