A NEWSLETTER FROM THE
MODERN HUMAN ANATOMY - ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (MHA AA)

HELLO, FROM THE MHA AA

A TIGHT-KNIT COMMUNITY, EVEN IN HARD TIMES

Usually in May, many of our faculty and students are in the midst of bustling conference season. Second years prepare to graduate. First years prepare for second year plans. And lots of get-togethers are had to celebrate another successful academic year. This year, a lot of that looks very different.

But that’s why the MHA AA appreciates our connections more. Zoom happy hours were coordinated by Dr. Danielle Royer for all of MHA. The program hosted a virtual AAA MHA Symposium, chaired by Dr. Lisa Lee, with over 100 in attendance (including some alumni!). A Pets of MHA Facebook page was created. Second year students virtually presented their Capstone posters, before virtually graduating!

And as always, we’re proud of our alumni. Approaching work in new ways. Adapting to changes. And we commend our many alumni who are health professions students and practitioners, for their continued commitments to healthcare, during trying times.

To the right is an image of a ‘virtual cheers’ from our recent MHA AA-Hosted Virtual Game Night– it was so great to see so many friendly faces! (To find out our trivia winners, please see page 3 of the newsletter!) This game night really showed that while this year feels a lot different, the sense of MHA community feels strong as ever. And for that we’re grateful.
WELCOME OUR NEW ALUMNI - CLASS OF 2020
CONGRATULATIONS!!!

We are so excited to welcome the Class of 2020 to our Alumni Association. While not a ‘traditional’ group grad photo, we want to thank Jake Shearer, Class of 2020, for putting the image to the left together, and sharing with us. All of our graduates go on to do amazing things, and some of the class of 2020 wanted to share "What's Next?" for them. Thanks to our MHA AA Committee Member, Laura Finger, Class of 2020, for collecting these quotes from her fellow grads.

MHA GRADUATES: "AFTER GRADUATION I..."

"...will be attending medical school at the University of Minnesota Duluth." - Holly Olson

"...plan to work as a PRA at Children’s Hospital Colorado, continue to volunteer at the DAWN Clinic, and apply to medical school." - Nazeen Morelli

"...will be attending pathologists' assistant school. Prior to MHA, I didn’t even know the career existed! Thanks to MHA for broadening my horizons and guiding me to my true passion." - Lindsey Milgrom

"...will be matriculating at Rocky Vista University School of Osteopathic Medicine! I will also continue to conduct neurosurgical research with my Capstone mentor. I am so grateful to MSMHA for all of the support that led me to these opportunities." - Megan Ryan

"...will be joining the CHA/PA program at CU Anschutz to become a physician assistant." - Megan Kiley

"...am pursuing a PhD in the Interdepartmental Doctoral Program in Anthropological Sciences (IDPAS) at Stony Brook University with a focus in brain evolution." - Leanne DeMay

"...will begin work as a medical animator and project developer at Touch of Life Technologies." - Jake Shearer

"...plan to pursue a PhD in anatomy education and eventually a career as an anatomy educator at a four year university." - Eric Einerson

"...plan to work as a PRA for CU and apply to medical school." - Lisa Hirt

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Working and studying look a bit different recently. But with work-from-home comes new (and some adorable!) co-workers. Check these ones out...

Wants pets all day when working!!
Submitted by: Chelsea Goldberg (Class of 2016)

My co-workers are all my plants!
Submitted by: Laura Finger (Class of 2020)

Playin’ poker with the Indy AnatEd mascot, Professor Indiana Bones (@profindybones)
Submitted by: Andrew Cale (Class of 2018)

This is Blake one of my two “co-workers.” She insists that we play ball instead of working or exercise... I got this photo after I finished up a yoga session and realized she was hovering over me
Submitted by: Briauna Blezinski (Class of 2017)

One of my #AnatomyPups, Calyx James! (Left), & My other #AnatomyPup, Midas-stinum! (Right)
Submitted by: Shannon Curran (Class of 2017)

Lola – Supervisor of Morale
Submitted by: Cody Buongiorno (Class of 2020)
"GOOD NEWS!" SECTION
SOME RECENT GOOD NEWS FROM OUR ALUMNI- CONGRATS TO EVERYONE!

Cory Buenting Gritton (Class of 2018) "This fall I will be starting a PhD program in Anatomy Education at Lincoln Memorial University in Knoxville, Tennessee."

Mark Malham (Class of 2019) [left and below] "I was accepted at the University of Colorado School of Medicine Class of 2024."

GAME NIGHT TRIVIA WINNERS

Seattle Spleen Team
Carissa (Class of 2018) and Kristaps

1st place

Hepatorenal Recesses
Cory (Class of 2018) & Tucker Buenting Gritton

2nd place

AnatomyCurls
Oana (Class of 2015)

3rd place

"ANATO-MEMES"

COVID-19: *exists*
Scientists, trying to figure out what day of the week it is:

1. What my PI thinks I'm doing
2. What my lab mates think I'm doing
3. What I'm really doing

GETTING ABSTRACT SELECTED FOR ORAL PRESENTATION AT INTERNATIONAL MEETING

COVID19 MAKES IT A "VIRTUAL MEETING"