



CHA/PA Newsletter

Read on to learn more about the Stock Show, Dean Krugman's retirement, and the CHA/PA Reception at AAPA in San Francisco.



Reflections of a 2nd Year Student

Amy Buck, Class of 2016, had initially planned on a career as a physician. It was not until her grandfather was hospitalized while she was in her undergraduate degree that she was exposed to the PA profession. She followed up by researching the PA profession, and the associated opportunities, and decided that the PA path was for her.

Amy has had various experiences that have solidified her passion for the underserved and rural communities. Having grown up in a



CHA/PA Alumni at AAPA in San Francisco!

Graduates –you are invited to the Annual CU Child Health Associate/Physician Assistant alumni reception at the 2015 American Academy of Physician Assistants Conference!

Following the opening session of the AAPA 2015 conference, join alumni, faculty, students, and staff at the fabulous View Lounge located on the 39th floor of the [San Francisco Marriott Marquis Hotel](#).

Saturday, May 23, 2015, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

San Francisco Marriott Marquis
View Lounge
780 Mission Street
San Francisco, CA 94103

town of 250 population in Montana, she plans to practice in primary care in a rural setting after graduation. Primary care in a rural setting will enable her to provide healthcare for a wide variety of people with a broad range of ailments. Additionally, she has participated in a medical mission trip to Rwanda which had a profound effect on her and her heart for underserved individuals both abroad and in the U.S. Looking back on the last year and a half, Amy feels that the support of her classmates and faculty, her simulation experiences at the Center for Advancing Professional Excellence (CAPE), and her clinical rotations stand out as highlights of her time so far at CHA/PA. Clinical rotations, which start in the first year of the CHA/PA program, have challenged her to both study harder and also learn about the “art of medicine”. “Medicine is much more than examining, diagnosing, and treating patients; it is about the relationships that you foster while being a medical provider and how you help patients achieve total body wellness,” notes Amy. Amy looks forward with excitement as she enters her third year this summer, where she will have monthly rotations in various settings and specialties that will further her clinical skills and decision making.

Complimentary heavy hor d'oeuvres and cash bar provided. No cost to attend, but registration is required.

[Register HERE](#) before May 18, 2015. If you have any questions please call the Office of Alumni Relations at 303.715.2518 or email healthalumni@ucdenver.edu. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to reconnect with the CHA/PA Program, hear the latest and greatest about our work, and mingle with fellow alumni and current students.

I look forward to seeing you in San Francisco!

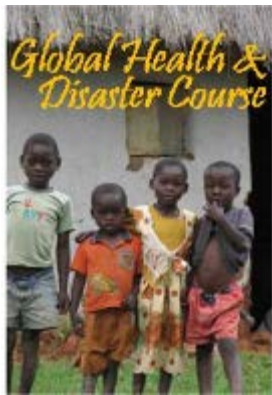
Sincerely,

Jonathan Bowser, MS, PA-C
CHA/PA Program Director



Dean Krugman Retirement

Richard D. Krugman, MD is retiring as Dean of the School of Medicine after over twenty years of service. He is currently the longest-serving dean of a medical school in the United States and has been a long-time advocate of the PA program at CU. Don Elliman, Chancellor for CU notes that Dr. Krugman's “passionate and effective leadership has helped build one of the



Learning about Global Health

I participated in a global health and disasters course offered by the Center for Global Health, which covered a huge variety of topics and was targeted to an extremely diverse audience. Among those attending the course were students in the global health track, physicians, nurses and other health care professionals with years of medical experience. This diverse group allowed for great discussions and distinct perspectives as we worked through many different cases. During the global health week, we learned about a wealth of organizations that do great work abroad and the policies that regulate them. We delved into the world of microbiology and parasitology learning about diseases such as chagas, leishmaniasis, lymphatic filariasis and loa loa. We brainstormed management options when treating difficult diseases such as HIV and TB. We also participated in hands-on practice requiring quick responses to OB complications such as shoulder dystocia and post-partum hemorrhage. We finished the week learning about the role of specialties in the developing world and the many

premier centers of academic medicine in the country". Dr. Krugman does plan to continue his involvement on the CU campus as he plans to return to the Kempe Center in the Department of Pediatrics. [Read more about his retirement.](#)

SAVE THE DATE:

CHA/PA will commemorate Dr. Krugman's retirement at this year's May graduation. CHA/PA alumni will receive an invitation to join our May convocation to honor Dr. Krugman. Save the date of May 21, 2015, and look for the invitation in your email box later in the spring.



CHA/PA New Employee

Kim Kucera serves as the Didactic Services Coordinator for the CHA/PA program providing support to faculty and students in a variety of duties including course building and course audits, grade changes, and graduation planning. Kim enjoys spending time with her family, writing, and training in Brazilian capoeira.

different capacities in which we can get involved in the future. Overall, it was a complete overview of global health with lectures and group discussions mediated by experienced and inspiring leaders in the global health world.

Mathilde Sullivan, Class of 2015



CHA/PA in the News

Congratulations to CHA/PA graduates Brian Englund and Debby Faes for receiving the Career Teaching Scholar Award. The Department of Pediatrics gives this prestigious award to gifted teachers, both full-time faculty and clinical faculty, who have made outstanding contributions to pediatric education.

Faculty member Jacqueline Sivahop shared a presentation on the prevention of abuse of head trauma at CAPA's February meeting at Copper Mountain.



National Western Stock Show

“Are you interested in a free health screening today?” It wasn’t always easy to get the cowboys (with soda in one hand and funnel cake in the other) to sit and talk to me about heart health at the National Western Stock Show, but Colorado AHEC’s (Area Health Education Center) health screening booth seemed well received by many. While volunteering with fellow students, I was able to provide free BMI, blood pressure and blood glucose screenings as part of an overall heart health survey for ranchers, city slickers, and everyone in between. Highlights of my day included calming a twenty-four year old man’s nervousness about the needle stick for the glucose test, hearing how a seven-year old kid’s activity level recently increased with addition of his new puppy to his family, and screening a now-retired Fitzsimons nurse who has just returned to Colorado and is ready to get her health goals back on track. It may not have been a typical first Stock Show experience, but I enjoyed my introduction to this vital Colorado event and was happy to share my newly acquired skills with my new community.

Joseph Rosas, Class of 2017



Information Sessions

The next information session is scheduled for February 27th. Information will be presented on the PA profession, the CU program, and admission requirements. See [our website](#) for details.



Job Opportunities Listed on Website

Are you looking for a new PA position? Check out our [Job Opportunities webpage](#) for various positions, both in Colorado and nationally. Jobs are listed for two months.



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