

Graduate Nurse Anesthesia Program Newsletter

Saint Mary's University of Minnesota
Graduate Program in Nurse Anesthesia

Dedicated to our Program's students, alumni, faculty and friends.

Congratulations Class of 2009



The graduating Class of 2009 completed the Nurse Anesthesia Program on August 20, 2009. The program's administrators, faculty and staff wish them all the best in their new careers.

Saint Mary's Listed in U.S. News 'Best National Universities' Survey

U.S. News & World Report's 2010 edition of America's Best Colleges has ranked Saint Mary's University of Minnesota in its "Best National Universities" survey for 2010. The annual listing of more than 1,400 schools is available online at www.usnews.com. Rankings were announced Aug. 20.

Saint Mary's is ranked in the third tier of the 262-school *U.S. News* "National Universities" category. Last year, *U.S. News* listed Saint Mary's in the fourth tier of this category. The third tier includes schools ranked 134 through 190 and is not ranked numerically. A sampling of other universities in the third tier includes De Paul University, George Mason University, Seton Hall University, the University of St. Thomas and St. John's University in New York.

Taking top honors in the "National Universities" category are Harvard University, Princeton University, Yale University and the California Institute of Technology. Saint Mary's, St. Thomas and the University of Minnesota are the only Minnesota schools represented in this category.

The "National Universities" category includes 164 public and 98 private institutions from across the U.S. that offer a wide range of undergraduate majors as well as master's and doctoral degrees.

In 2006, the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching reclassified SMU from a master's comprehensive to a doctoral institution. This change in Carnegie basic classification for SMU placed it in the "National Universities" category for the *U.S. News & World Report* starting with the 2008 report. In 2007, SMU was in the first tier of *U.S. News*' "Midwestern Colleges and Universities with Master Degree Programs" category.

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Upcoming Events

- ◇ September 7, Labor Day
- ◇ September 8, Fall semester begins
- ◇ October 9-11, MANA Meeting
- ◇ November 4, Registration for Spring semester begins
- ◇ November 26-29 Thanksgiving Break
- ◇ December 19, Synthesis Papers due
- ◇ December 19, last day of the semester
- ◇ December 23 to 27 and January 1 to 3, Campus Closed
- ◇ January 11, Spring Semester begins

Student, Alumni and Faculty News



Debbie Rose joins the nurse anesthesia graduate program

Debbie Rose has been working as administrative support in education for the past eight years. Debbie started working at Saint Mary's University December 1, 2008, working as administrative support for Health and Human Services Administration and Surgical Technology. Recently she has been reassigned to Nurse Anesthesia and Surgical Technology. She enjoys the outdoors and spending time with friends and family. You may contact Debbie at (612) 238-4541 or email her at: drose@smumn.edu.

Veronica Murphy continues to work with Saint Mary's University as a member of the Graduate School of Health and Human Services

New surgical care areas, new anesthesia delivery machines debut at Regions Hospital

Regions Hospital is excited to announce the opening of its new operating suites on September 21, 2009. The 22 new ORs will be outfitted with state-of-the-art monitors and equipment, including new gas machines. The Aisys Carestation anesthesia delivery system (GE Healthcare) has six modes of ventilation (including SIMV-with Pressure Support and PSVPro), electronic vaporizers, and an ICU-type ventilator. These machines provide a low circuit volume that delivers fast-response, ideal low-flow anesthesia. Fewer components and connections reduce the risk of leaks and misconnects, enhancing patient safety. The EZchange Canister™ allows the anesthesia provider to quickly and easily change the CO₂ absorbent during a case, while maintaining a leak-free system. The Aladin™ cassette for anesthetic agent vaporization is integral to the Aisys Carestation. Electronic controls rapidly regulate the agent concentration, even during low-flow anesthesia. The system compensates automatically for pressure and temperature, ensuring accurate delivery at any flow, altitude, or ventilator setting.

The initial orientation to the new space and to the new equipment was completed in early August. The new gas machines were installed into the existing ORs on August 10, 2009, in order to ease the transition. The new expanded OR space is joined by many additional single-patient rooms, which will improve the overall patient experience at Regions Hospital.

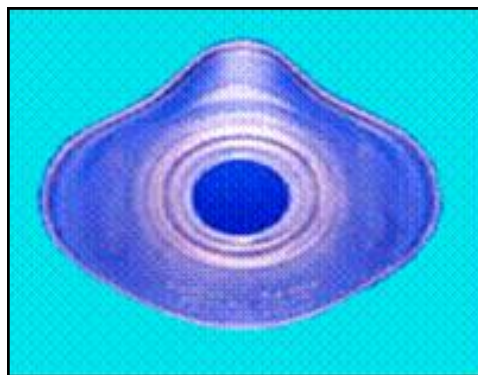
In Memoriam

Marge Leaf CRNA, age 55 of Orono, passed away suddenly of cardiac arrest on July 26, 2009. Marge was a skilled and empathetic Nurse Anesthetist who had a 26-year career with Abbott Northwestern Hospital. She worked as a clinical instructor for the Abbott Northwestern School of Anesthesia and Saint Mary's University. Her legacy is her kindness, strength of character, wit, intelligence, and honesty. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family, colleagues and friends.

This Semester's Courses

FIRST YEAR STUDENTS

- ◆ *Anatomy and Physiology 1*
- ◆ *Principles of Anesthesia 1*
- ◆ *Pharmacology for Nurse Anesthetists*



SENIORS

- ◆ *Clinical Practicum 3*
- ◆ *Synthesis Paper*
- ◆ *Professional Aspects: Department Management*

Student, Alumni and Faculty News

Congratulations Dr. Shannon Spies Ingersoll

Shannon Spies Ingersoll ('04) recently completed her DNP degree with Metro State University in Saint Paul.

Congratulations Julie Hendricks SRNA

Julie Hendricks' ('11) paper that she submitted for her Professional Aspects class was published on the MPR News website. Julie's essay is thoughtful and relevant. You can read it at: <http://minnesota.publicradio.org/display/web/2009/07/31/hendricks/>

ATTENTION ALUMNI

IF YOU HAVE NEWS, EVENTS OR ACCOMPLISHMENTS TON NEWS HAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOUR CLASSMATES, PLEASE SEND IT TO:

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BS in Allied Healthcare Program offered at Saint Mary's University

The B.S. in Allied Healthcare program is designed to provide health care providers (radiology technicians, respiratory therapists, registered nurses, licensed practical nurses) with 2-year degrees or certificate the opportunity to develop skills beyond their present scope of knowledge and abilities for advancement in their careers. This contemporary approach aimed at providing current knowledge relevant for today's health care system's needs sets it apart from programs.

Features of this program include:

- *Flexible course offerings
- *Students can enroll at any time
- *Multi-disciplinary
- *Focused on contemporary health care systems
- *Taught by practitioners
- *Degree work can be focused to the student's professional practice or career goals

To learn more about this program visit the website at:
<http://www.smumn.edu>

The Fall Partners in Learning Conference

The fall semester *Partners in Learning Conference* will be held on Friday evening, October 30 and Saturday, October 31. This year the theme is *Reflecting on our Lasallian Charism*. What does it mean to be Lasallian? What is the Lasallian teaching philosophy? How do the Lasallian *12 Virtues of a Good Teacher* apply to today's college education? Speakers and facilitators will include Lasallian laypeople sharing their knowledge, wisdom, and insights of the philosophy and teaching practices established by Saint John Baptist de La Salle. The conference is designed to facilitate a reflective process beginning on Friday evening continuing into Saturday sessions. Plan to attend both days! Watch your emails for further information or contact Sue Hines (shines@smumn.edu).

You can see all of the faculty development activities by visiting the "News" section of the nurse anesthesia website. (www.smumn.edu/anesthesia)

Students Attend the 2009 AANA Annual Meeting



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