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Foreward: Faces of MCV Campus

The X-Ray staff presents Volume 94, which focuses on the people of MCV Campus - its students. Chronicling the past year with photographs, capturing numerous memories, and collecting various quotes, we have put the events of the past year into this publication. As you flip through these pages, we hope you remember how it felt to start that year in your life, the places you saw, the things you learned, and most of all, the Faces of MCV Campus.
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The City of Richmond's Monument Avenue is a place of beauty. Since its beginnings in 1887, Monument Avenue is known for its impressive houses, churches, and trees that line the five mile stretch. The diverse type of architecture range from English Tudor, Colonial, Georgian, Spanish, Jacobean, and Italian. Monument Avenue is the only street in the United States that is a National Historic Landmark and as its name implies, is home to six monuments.

Above: Stonewall Jackson. With his reins in his left hand and his hat in his right, Confederate General Thomas Jonathan "Stonewall" Jackson sits on his horse at the busiest intersection on Monument Avenue where it bisects with Boulevard. He faces north, indicating that he died in battle, unable to make it home safely.

Right: Matthew Fontaine Maury. Matthew Fontaine Maury, the "Pathfinder of the Seas," sits in front of a pedestaled globe with figures of storms and the land. A scientist, oceanographer, and inventor, he faces East towards the ocean.
Left: J.E.B. Stuart. General J.E.B. Stuart, known as “the eyes and ears” of the Confederate Army, sits upon his horse at the foot of Monument Avenue at Stuart Circle. With his famed plumed hat and cloak, he stands guard over Richmond.

Below: Arthur Ashe, Jr. Arthur Ashe, Jr., a Richmond native and tennis great, is honored with this inspirational memorial. He stands atop an inscribed column with a tennis racket and books in his hands. Surrounded at his feet by children, they reach upward, inspired by Ashe to reach for the stars.

Center: Jefferson Davis. Confederate President Jefferson Davis sits surrounded by a row of thirteen Doric columns, representing eleven seceding states and the two states who sent representatives to the Confederate Congress. This monument was originally meant to be the end of Monument Avenue, however, it continued westward as Richmond expanded.

Above: Robert E. Lee. Sitting atop his faithful steed, Traveller, General Robert E. Lee sits in profile to Monument Avenue, amidst the center of the largest traffic circle in the city. At 60 feet high, Lee’s statue is considered one of America’s grandest equestrian statues.
Right: The entrance to the new VCU Massey Cancer Center  
Below: Hermes A. Kontos Medical Sciences Building

Above: Egyptian Building at Sunset  
Right: A.D. Williams Clinic and West Hospital
Left: The Courtyard behind Sanger Hall
Below: Sanger Hall

Above: Lyons Dental Building
Left: A reflection of the Nelson Clinic from the windows of the Children's Pavillion.
Top Left to Right: Outside Hunton Student Center, Nursing Education Building, VCU North Hospital

Bottom Left to Right: R. Blackwell Smith Building, McGuire Hall, Tompkins-McCaw Library, Construction of the new VCU Medical Center Critical Care Bed Tower
From the 1965 X-Ray: The Villagers, a group of MCV students, share their musical talents at Hootenanny, a student musical variety show.

From the 1965 X-Ray: Raleigh Powell sings and plays his chording zither at Hootenanny.

From the 1957 X-Ray: Students send and check their mail at the post office inside Hunton Student Center.

From the 1958 X-Ray: The MCV Varsity Basketball team poses for their team picture inside Hunton Student Center.

From the 1960 X-Ray: Students spend an afternoon after classes enjoying a game of cards.
Hunton Student Center began as the First Baptist Church that dates from 1841. The Medical College of Virginia (later VCU) acquired the church building at 12th and Broad Streets on December 31, 1938. The building, then known as the Student Union, was the first official student center for the university.

In 1985, VCU began a $5 million complete renovation, and operation of the facility was transferred to the Division of Student Affairs and Activities. The VCU Board of Visitors approved the name change to Hunton Student Center to reflect its new broader mission and history as a student union.

In 2005, VCU named the building Hunton Hall in honor of Eppa Hunton Jr. and Eppa Hunton IV. Both men served on VCU’s Board of Visitors. The building was renovated in 1985 with generous support from the MCV Foundation and VCU’s health sciences administration.

Now, Hunton Student Center begins a new life as a center for the entire University community. The historic building is open to all the University and hospital communities who seek a place to study, reflect, or have a chat with colleagues and friends.
In keeping with tradition, this year's MCV Campus Winter Formal was held at the Jefferson Hotel. For the first time, tickets were sold online, selling out in less than 8 hours. During a second online sale, the remaining tickets sold out in 2 minutes! This extremely popular event was attended by 1200 MCV Campus students and faculty. Entertainment was provided by a live band, Groovetown, in one ballroom and DJ Chris in another.
What was your most memorable moment?

Naveen Kwatra
School of Dentistry

Giving my first injection during second year and hitting the nerve dead on! Both of us freaked... poor Josh.

Hanh The-Trinh Nguyen
School of Medicine

Being able to spend time horseback riding and having dinner with a geriatric patient who I grew to know over three years in the clinic.

Heather Schultheis
Occupational Therapy
School of Allied Health

Getting to know all of my peers, through social events, such as bowling, lazer tag, dinner parties, and SGA events as well as community service events, such as Habitat for Humanity, Children’s Hospital telethon, and the Monument 10K.

Rizza Abella
School of Nursing

The day I almost fainted in my first clinical...you gotta love the smell of dressing changes.

Sarah Coble
Department of Gerontology
School of Allied Health

The time spent with my classmates and friends: racing across Broad St. after class, half price appetizers at Applebees, and SPO craziness - scrapbooks, bake sales, yard sales, cookbooks, painting pottery, running the 5Ks, senior center parties, and the GSA conference in Dallas!

Melanie Smith
School of Pharmacy

The day I received my rotations schedule for fourth year. I was excited to see all of the places I would get to go in order to put into practice what I learned in the classroom during the previous three years.
iPod, launched in 2001, has quickly become the world's best selling digital audio player, and with iTunes, users have the freedom to purchase songs and CDs on the internet.

Personal Digital Assistants (PDA) are handheld computers that were originally designed as personal organizers, but became much more versatile over the years.

Cell Phones have come a long way from the day's of the clunky boxes to the slim and small ones sold today.

Global Positioning System (GPS) is currently the only fully-functional Global Navigation Satellite System. More than two dozen GPS satellites are in Earth's orbit, transmitting signals allowing GPS receivers to determine the receiver's location, speed and direction.

Windows vs. MacOS vs. Linux - Which Operating System to Choose?
Computer users have so many more options today regarding their choice for operating systems. Windows, the most commonly used OS, has developed Vista as an upgrade to their XP, while Apple, famous for its graphical interface, has designed Leopard as its upgrade to MacOS. Linux, more commonly used by programmers, is starting to become more popular by offering different distributions to allow you to customize your computer to fit your specific needs (Linux is available free for download and open source).

Video Games: Gamers have seen a huge advance in consoles and games within the past several years. Increasing in depth of design and game play, handheld devices, such as the Sony PSP and Nintendo DS, and consoles such as the Microsoft Xbox 360, Sony Playstation 3, and Nintendo Wii, have revolutionized gaming. PC games continue to be a large attraction for many as well. One of the best selling games for PC, World of Warcraft, an MMORPG (massively multiplayer online role-playing game), recently came out with its Burning Crusade expansion, taking its game to a higher level, boasting 8 million players worldwide.
Videos
Now it's easy to share and view random videos from people across the globe or enjoy clips from TV shows and movies with websites like YouTube and Metacafe.

Networking
Finding lost friends and making new ones is faster now with networking websites such as Myspace and Facebook.

Shopping
Looking for something rare or trying to find a good deal on something? Online auctions and catalogs make finding that perfect something possible.

Searching

Messaging
Need to multitask? Talking to 8 friends at once? Looking for a distraction? All of that is possible with instant messaging programs like AIM and Yahoo Messenger.

Information
For a quick and simple explanation on complicated topics, Wikipedia and other online resources provide you with the answers you seek.

CHATTING:
LOL - laughing out loud - used to denote great amusement in chat conversations
ROFL - rolling on the floor laughing - typically a stronger version of LOL
OMG - oh my goodness - used to express shock or disgust

EMOTICONS:
Happiness: ^_^ =D ;D :D >\(^o^)/
Kiss: ^_^ :=*
Anger: (\_/) >:O >:E (\_-\) (>_<)
Shock: O_o =O (8^0)

Can you guess what the following may represent? see answers below.
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GAMING:
n00b - an inexperienced, ignorant or unskilled person
1337 - elite - one with great skill or incredibly advanced technology. Interchangeable with gosu
uber - German word meaning above, today used to mean the ultimate, above all, the best, top
gg - good game - internet slang exchanged by players at the beginning or after the end of a multiplayer game
pwn - to soundly defeat an opponent or taunting of an in-game enemy and rubbing in victories. Its most common use is with the past participle, "pwn3d"

Answers to emoticons (left to right): RAWR!, sleeping, dumbstruck, something fishy, heart or love, dazed or confused, crying, exhausted, sticking out your tongue, alien's face

pwnage at its best in teh real time strategy (RTS) game Warcraft III - teh Frozen Throne
Lyons Dental Building
School of Dentistry
Constructed in 1969, the Lyons Building currently serves as an outpatient faculty dental practice and has academic laboratories, classrooms, and clinical facilities.

Egyptian Building
School of Medicine
The Medical Department of Hampden-Sydney College (later called the Medical College of Virginia) moved into its first permanent home in 1844.

West Hospital
The new MCV Hospital (MCV West Hospital) opened in 1940 while Dr. William Sanger served as MCV's third president. The nationally acclaimed 18-story hospital had the capacity for 600 beds.

Nursing Education Building
Formerly called Cabaniss Hall, the Nursing Education Building opened in 1928. In 2005, VCU began a $17 million construction project to build a new School of Nursing Education Building.

Michael Martin graduated Magna Cum Laude and with University Honors in 2002 from VCU's Communication Arts and Design program. He is a Virginia native and creates artwork full time.

Gift size prints may be purchased at the VCU Medical Center Bookstore and full size prints are available through the MCV Alumni Association.
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Dean
School of Medicine

Nancy Langston, Ph.D.
Dean
School of Nursing

Victor Yanchick, Ph.D.
Dean
School of Pharmacy
To the Class of 2007,

It seems like it was only yesterday that we arrived on the MCV Campus to begin our graduate-level education as students of the Master of Science in Occupational Therapy program. In the summer of 2005, we embarked upon an intense program designed to provide us with the knowledge and experience to become occupational therapists. Since that time, we have spent almost every day together—long days of intense coursework, late nights studying in anatomy lab, neuro and kines practicals, clinical fieldworks and oral exams, and fostering the growth of our peer relationships.

Our introduction to occupational therapy challenged us, but we sought to embody the holistic spirit of OT practice. Throughout our coursework and fieldwork experiences, we learned to evaluate and provide treatment interventions that would increase overall function and improve the quality of life in persons with a variety of diagnoses and complex physical or psychological disabilities.

As our final year of OT school comes to a close, it is with both appreciation and celebration that we honor our profession, the caring faculty that challenged our minds, our fellow peers, and our patients. As we move forward into the future, let this quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson be a reminder of the magnificent work to be done and the people that have touched our lives. "To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived; this is to have succeeded."

Best wishes to all,

Melissa Glass
MSOT, Class of 2007
Student Occupational Therapy Association President
School of Allied Health Professions
It's been four long years and I wanted to thank the class for working hard and helping each other through the rigors of dental school. From smelling like formaldehyde or trying to turn a block of wax into something that resembled a tooth our first year, to worrying about an undercut or making a tee pee on a crown prep our second year; to staying "FLUID" our third and fourth year, as the school tried to make us a pilot for everything and I mean everything; to truly helping other classmates out in times of need and not being a bunch of cut throat gunners. I can only say that I am proud to be a part of this big family we call the 007s and I wish the best of luck to everyone in their future endeavors.

Congrats,

Naveen "Vinnie" Kwatra
President, Dental Class of 2007
Clifton Cameron  Benjamin Crowley  Kip Davis  Matthew Detar

Gary Dixon  Dave Dodrill  Ryan Edmunds  Bryan Geary

Eduardo Gomez  Caitlin Gracey  Jonathan Greenhalgh  Jean Hong
Michael Lazear
Hang Le
Dirk Lighthall
Jeff Maurer
Blake Maxfield
Elizabeth Miller
Parinaz Movaghari
Lori Musick
Matthew Nelson
Patrick Ng-A-Fook
Hau Ngo
Kurt Nieprasehk
Abram Tanner  Reena Thakkar  Cassidy Turner  John Ullrich
Michael Webb  David Whitlock  Stefanie Wong  Nathan Woods

Cameron Workman
Greetings one and all,

Four years ago, the class of 2007 first came together. A meeting of minds from far and wide, from diverse backgrounds and perspectives, united in a common desire to commit to a life in medicine.

Now, as our time here at VCU/MCV comes to an end, we are faced with the exciting prospect of the next phase of our medical careers. Most of us will be separated by distance, but no matter where we all end up, we will share a common bond: our time here together and the common goal to help those in need.

As the great scientist-philosopher Johann Wolfgang von Goethe said, "How can you come to know yourself? Never by thinking, always by doing. Try to do your duty, and you'll know right away what you amount to." So, now we finally get to go out and do! And I am confident we will do our duty with compassion, empathy and drive.

Fellow classmates, I wish you the best of success in all your endeavors...most importantly, those designed to improve the lives of others.

With great admiration,

Farzin Yaghmaie
President, Medical Class of 2007
The trained nurse has become one of the great blessings of humanity, taking a place beside the physician and the priest, and not inferior to either in her mission. ~ William Osler

To the graduating class of 2007,

Four years ago, I would not have known the difference between crackles and wheezes, shunt from dead space units; the mechanism of action of metoprolol from verapamil. Yet, in a few weeks, we will all be sitting for an exam that will test our knowledge in everything from OB-GYN care to critical care pharmacology; it will also determine our future career path. I could say, "Try not to stress"; however, for those of you that know me, you know I could never practice what I preach in that regard, and that I, like you, will be pouring over every NCLEX review book and drug guide on the east coast in preparation for this test. Therefore, I will leave you with advice for your future nursing career:

One day while babysitting, the little girl in my care was playing in the bathtub during her bath. When she got a bit of water in her ear, she exclaimed to me that she "might have to go to the hospital". Telling her that I was sure a tiny bit of water wouldn't hurt her ear, she continued to play and then told me, "I know you could take care of me; you're part babysitter, part nurse". Cute as that may have been coming from a five year old, there is an element of profound truth to it. What "parts" make up the nurse that you will become? We are daughters, sons, siblings, parents, spouses, etc. Many of us bring experience from other health care fields including respiratory therapy and EMT work. I implore you: never lose those "parts". For better or worse, they shape the person you are, and the nurse you will be. All of that experience, both professional and personal, allows you to approach each patient and clinical situation differently than anyone else would. It is of utmost importance that you strive to always approach each patient with that sense of individuality, for it is then that we give the truly holistic, competent, care that we are now capable of providing. It has been an honor working with you these past four years.

Best wishes for all your future endeavors in life and nursing,

Kathleen Martin
VCU School of Nursing 2007
VCU SNA Senior Class Director
To the Class of 2007,

Congratulations, we made it! I remember sitting in class during the past couple of years thinking graduation would never come, as it just seemed too far away. Now, as we prepare to head off in various directions, stop and think about how much we have grown, both in our professional and personal lives, over the past four years. Remember those first few months during our first year, wondering when we were going to learn about something pharmacy in pharmacy school. Once we got our wish, we wondered if the onslaught of exams would ever end. Ok...so maybe I exaggerate slightly, but we have been through a lot since sitting through orientation in August 2003 with no idea what to expect.

While most of our time was spent together inside the walls of the Smith Building, don't forget about all of the fun we had after hours - the Anatomy parties, our class dominance in the tug-of-war at pharmacy picnics, and the random nights spent at Happy Hours reminiscing about the recent happenings from class. The time we spent together outside of the classroom only helped us work better with each other to accomplish our academic goals. As we go out into the "real world", take what we have learned and make your mark on the world.

Thanks for all the memories and great times we have had together. I wish you all the best of luck in the future.

Matthew P. Myers
President, Pharmacy Class of 2007
Christina Olmsted  Amber Ormsby  Katherine Outten  Lazaros Pastrikos
Zarna Patel  Elizabeth Patterson  Michael Persinger  Carrie Pettus
Tracy Pham  Patrick Powell  Joseph Price  Shazia Raheem
The Student Government Association (SGA) is the governing body for the students of the MCV Campus. It administers programs and activities for all of the graduate professional schools at MCV Campus. Funding from the student fees is used for philanthropic events, social activities, the Jefferson Winter Ball, as well as "The X-Ray", the annual yearbook publication for the MCV Campus. Representatives are elected from each class of each school and serve as liaisons between the SGA Executive Board and the student body.

SGA holds monthly meetings open to the student body in which the Executive Board and SGA representatives are required in attendance. All students are welcome and encouraged to be elected or appointed as officers or representatives and also have the right to participate in its governance.
2006 - 2007 SGA Executive Board

President: Michelle Pohoreskey
Philanthropy VP: Giza High
Student Life VP: Crystal Shrestha
Social VPs: Meagan Littlepage & Heather Schultheis
Honor Council Chair: Amanda Rezba
Treasurer: Jannelle Posey
Secretary: Jennifer Nguyen
Editor-in-Chief of the X-Ray: Peter Nguyen
Asst. Editor-in-Chief of the X-Ray: Denise Canonizado

To the MCV Campus Students:

It has been my sincerest pleasure to work on behalf of the student body. I have enjoyed working with the SGA, Honor Council and the student leadership and administration of each school as well as the general student body. I am excited about our continued work together to enhance student life on the MCV Campus.

On behalf of the Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Services, congratulations to the graduating class of 2007! Each of you has achieved an important milestone in your personal and professional development. I wish you success and best wishes in your future endeavors.

Dr. Geoffrey H. Young
Associate Dean for Student Affairs
2006 - 2007 OFFICERS

President: Sarah B. German  
Vice President: Valerie Cutlip  
Secretary: Christina Olmsted  
Historian: Huyen Nguyen  
Induction Ceremony Coordinator:  
Jeanese Reiss  
Tutoring Program Coordinator:  
Michael Bayas

Above: The top 25% of the P2 class is honored during a special ceremony held by Rho Chi.

Rho Chi Events

Each year Rho Chi does the "Prescription for Success" program during the first week of school for the incoming P1 Class. Members talk with each of their professors and prepare a presentation that covers all of the classes that P1's will be taking their first semester. They provide sample test questions, hints on how to study, as well as overall study tips to get their semester off to a great start.

Rho Chi also hosts two "Dean's List Luncheons," every semester. This past year's luncheon was held at the delicious Strawberry Street Cafe, located in the Fan. A speaker is present to congratulate the students on the Dean's List and motivate them to continue doing well in their studies. At the end of the luncheon a trivia game that consists of pharmacy related questions, as well as other random trivia is played and three prizes are given to the top three scorers. The luncheons have really grown in popularity as many students enjoy a free lunch every now and then!

What is Rho Chi? The Lambda Chapter of Rho Chi was established in 1929. Membership in The Rho Chi Society is a privilege accorded to the very few who distinguish themselves by their academic and professional achievements and who aspire to the mission and vision of the Society. The honor society aims to recognize and reward outstanding scholarly attainment, and thereby encourage and stimulate outstanding scholarship.

/~CURRENT MEMBERS~/

Class of 2007

Kristen Banek  
Mark Bowie  
Megan Campbell  
Kathryn Clasen  
Lee Clodfelter  
Susan Cogut  
Sarah Dickerson  
Joseph Farland  
Andrew Ferguson  
Larissa Hall  
Sonnia Kesser  
Julie Michael  
Christina Olmsted  
Suzanne Phillips  
Joe Price  
Shazia Raheem  
Joey Ramey  
James Renner  
Kimberly Scott  
Kevin Thorne  
Allen Gandhi  
Christopher Van Raan

Class of 2008

Michael Bayas  
Valerie Cutlip  
Jamin Engel  
Sarah German  
Nick Hall  
Nick Jackson  
Jessica Johnson  
Jamie Lester  
Eric Mahone  
Katie Neiler  
Ryan Mayoralgo  
Huyen Nguyen  
Bich-Phuong Tran  
Jeannese Reiss  
Yunna Cho  
Corinne Mohler  
Michelle Poore  
Ashley Alexander  
David Clpton  
David Delong  
Jon Gallahan  
Lynellen Gregory  
Jerrett Hubbard  
Jenny Kissinger  
Kathryn Krieg  
Kelley Mills  
Janet Park  
Richard Scanlon, Jr.  
Andrea Spieldenner  
Kyle Webb  
Laurence Weiss  
Peter Wills  
Christina Wong  
Jennifer Yuen

*Current as of March 25, 2007*
What is Phi Lambda Sigma? Phi Lambda Sigma strives to support pharmacy leadership commitment by recognizing leaders and fostering leadership development. Nomination for membership categories originate from the present student and faculty members of the Society. Prospective members are nominated on the basis of their demonstration of dedication, service and leadership in the advancement of pharmacy. By peer recognition, the Society encourages participation in all pharmacy activities. Such recognition instills and enhances self-confidence, encourages the less active student to a more active role and promotes greater effort toward the advancement of the profession of pharmacy. It has been said that "no greater honor can be bestowed upon an individual than to be recognized as a leader by one's peers."

A PLS Memorable Event from 2007: School of Pharmacy Health Fair
Phi Lambda Sigma members participated in the April 2007 School of Pharmacy Health Fair, educating patients and interested parties about osteoporosis health. Information about osteoporosis prevention and treatment from the NIH was given to the patients. Bone mineral density scans were performed on interested parties, with the help of pharmacy residents.

Student Members
Jessica Southward
Kim Tran
Larissa Hall
Ashley Lewis
Patrick Powell
James Renner
Amanda Schutt

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Brian M. Jones
Amanda Colquitt
Brandon Jennings

Kasey Farewell
Sukhmani Sarao
Susan Sprow
Emily Chambers
Loi G. Kha
Meredith R. Linder
Shelly L. McConas
Mary G. Rojas
Rafael Saenz
Kelli Remines
Karen Remines
Seina Lee
Kristina Bond

*Current as of March 2, 2007
What is SNPhA? SNPhA is an educational service association of pharmacy students who are concerned about pharmacy and healthcare related issues, and the poor minority representation in pharmacy and other health-related professions. The purpose of SNPhA is to plan, organize, coordinate and execute programs geared toward the improvement for the health, educational, and social environment of the community. To attain its purpose and objective, SNPhA develops and coordinates programs in areas directly affecting minority pharmacy students and health care of minority people. SNPhA further pledges to work with other organizations and public agencies in the pursuit of charitable and educational objectives.

2006 OFFICERS
President: Rhenda Harris
President-Elect: Ayoyinka Ojutalayo
Vice President: Adel Jaber
Secretary: Christine Ha
Treasurer: Nelda Richardson
Community Service Chair: Catrina Hairston
Historians: Nader Hanna & Lawrence Gonzales

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President: Ayoyinka Ojutalayo
President-Elect: Pamela Quaye
Vice-President: Kristen Duke
Secretary: Nelda Richardson
Treasurer: Helen Haileselassie
Community Service Chair: Maria Koumas
Historians: Mika Shima & Catrina Hairston

"Remember the Ribbon" National HIV/AIDS Awareness Project

In 2003, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) estimated that more than 1 million people had HIV/AIDS. What is even more alarming is that minorities comprised 78% of all the newly diagnosed cases of HIV/AIDS in 2004. In July of 2005, SNPhA introduced an HIV/AIDS awareness initiative known as Remember the Ribbon. The purpose of this initiative is to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS and the continuous impact it has on minorities. To assist with this cause, VCU SNPhA members educate the community at various events on the importance of being tested for HIV and prevention.

President Yinka Ojutalayo (P2) masters bi-blood pressure screening technique on James Ross (P3): SNPhA members offered free blood pressure and glucose screenings throughout the school year at local pharmacies.

Christine Ha (P3) teaches a Carrefoux community resident on HIV/AIDS in line with SNPhA's national awareness campaign.

A number of SNPhA members volunteered their time as Pre-Pharmacy Mentors. The mentors provide personal advice and insight into a perspective on the application process from PCAT® to interviews.

SNPhA Members in Action!
Throughout the year, SNPhA members were actively representing the School of Pharmacy in our local and national community. Free services such as blood pressure screenings offered students practical experience and the opportunity to improve health outcomes for the people they encountered.
What is VASP? As the largest student organization in the School of Pharmacy, VASP enables bright young students interested in all aspects of the profession of Pharmacy to participate in legislative initiatives, patient care projects, and special events designed to enhance classroom learning. Members are able to utilize the resources of the American Pharmacists Association as well as the Virginia Pharmacists Association to outreach to the community on topics ranging from immunizations to diabetes and heartburn.

2006 - 2007 OFFICERS

President: McKinsey Huff
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Secretary: Danielle Jennings
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P3 Class Representative: John Nadeau
P2 Class Representative: Amanda Bremner
P1 Class Representative: Holly Gurgle
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PR Chair: Moo Sultan
Legislative Chairpersons: Kerri Temple, Sean Carlton
Social Chairpersons: Kristen Gallaher, Olivia Longest
Membership Chair: Nate Powell
Fundraising Chairpersons:
Leska Webb, Ashley Varney
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Amy Whitaker

APhA-ASP Mid-Year Regional Meeting Comes to Richmond, VA. On November 3 - 5, 2006, over 200 student pharmacists within the Mid-Atlantic region traveled to Richmond to network, discuss current issues in pharmacy and elect new regional officers. The meeting began on Friday afternoon with the chapter roundtable to discuss ideas with other chapters, followed by the Apothecary Carnival themed social. On Saturday and Sunday, of 43 policies discussed, eight were passed from the region to be sent to the resolutions committee prior to the annual meeting in Atlanta, Georgia on March 16 - 19, 2007. The meeting committee worked very hard and did a wonderful job organizing the event, under the direction of P3 Kerri Temple, the MRM coordinator.
SVSHP
The Student Chapter of the Virginia Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists

What is SVSHP? SVSHP is a student organization for those interested in learning more about health-system pharmacy. There are monthly meetings at which various speakers from the medical field discuss topics pertinent to the practice of health-system pharmacy as well as other health care pharmacy practices. Members have tremendous opportunities for involvement by choosing speakers and topics and by serving in leadership roles. Health-system pharmacy is not just restricted to hospital pharmacy. It encompasses other career fields such as long-term care, ambulatory care clinics, home infusion clinics.

Q. What was your favorite memory this past year?
A. "Going to Midyear Clinical Meeting in Anaheim, CA to learn about opportunities in the pharmacy field and the Brown Bag Counseling/Blood Pressure screening during Pharmacy Week at MCV."

Lisa Vo, P3

2006 - 2007 OFFICERS
President: Lisa Vo
President-Elect: Paul Hansen
Vice President: Jaime Robenolt
Secretary: Sarah Burr
Treasurer: Michelle Poore
Membership Chair & Webmaster: Michael Bayas

Top Left: Larry Weiss (P2) hands out candies in prescription bottles on Legislative Day.
Far left: Courtney Edwards (P3) donates blood to the Virginia Blood Services!
Left: Past, present and upcoming presidents of SVSHP in Anaheim, CA.
Bottom row: SVSHP's brown bag services at the AD Williams Pharmacy.

Alaleh Khah (P3)  P3's Erika Arbogast & Jaime Robenolt  Jennifer Austin (P4), Jenni Witten (P1) & Ashley Lewis (P4)

http://www.studentorg.vcu.edu/svshp
SACP
The Student Chapter of the National Community Pharmacists Association

What is SACP?  SACP is the student chapter of the National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA). NCPA was founded in 1898 to be an integral part of and represent independent pharmacy and its needs. It is highly recognized for its continued involvement in politics and community. NCPA works with other organizations to be a unified voice for pharmacy and issues a pharmacist must face. NCPA provides direction for community pharmacy both in business and practice.

2006 - 2007 OFFICERS

President: Melissa Carroll
Secretary: Molly Zeiler
Treasurer: Valerie Cutlip
Community Outreach Chair: Sahar Karimi
Webmaster: David Clopton

SACP Accomplishments, 2006 - 2007

The VCU chapter won a scholarship at the National Community Pharmacists Association Annual Conference in Las Vegas, NV for having student-pharmacists from our chapter in attendance. Three officers attended the conference this year.

In addition, SACP organized student-pharmacist volunteers to teach preschool children the dangers of poisons during National Poison Prevention Week in March. Last year, 320 children across the entire Richmond-Metro area were reached in their efforts with the Poison Center at MCV Campus!

Q. What was your favorite memory this year?

A. "Talking to people in the Gateway building about Smoking Cessation and the Great American Smokeout. Some people walked away considering quitting smoking for the first time, or trying to quit again. That was really rewarding!"

Melissa Carroll, P2

Above: Fall, Open House. SACP members educated friends and family of P1s on Alzheimer's disease. LR: P2's Ting Ting Lin, Huyen Nguyen and Molly Zeiler (P3).

Left: Poison Prevention. SACP members went out into the community to educate children on the dangers of common household chemicals. LR: P2's Melissa Carroll, Kara Butler, David Clopton, and Toni Coe.
The Capsule
the School of Pharmacy Newsletter

What is the Capsule?
The Capsule is the VCU-MCV School of Pharmacy Newsletter. We represent the student pharmacist voice and exist to inform the School of Pharmacy students and faculty of organization projects, individual accomplishments and other changes affecting our community. We strive in all cases to uphold a sense of journalistic integrity and provide our students with a creative outlet in journalism.

Just two years ago, the Capsule was comprised of two members: its Editor in Chief and Assistant Editor. In 2006, the structure of the Capsule was reorganized to better achieve its mission of empowering the student voice. For the first time, by-laws were written, a journalistic code of ethics was adopted and more student writers were recruited. The 2006 - 2007 academic year marks an important time of growth for the Capsule and the beginning of a bright future for our small but growing organization.

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P-2 Lottery Jitters
What is PHI DELTA CHI? Founded on November 2, 1883 at the University of Michigan School of Pharmacy, Phi Delta Chi was one of the first pharmacy fraternities. The fraternity exists to advance the science of pharmacy by fostering and promoting a fraternal spirit among the brothers. Eventually, Phi Delta Chi helped create the Rho Chi Honor Society and Phi Lambda Leadership Society. With are over 60 chapters nationwide, Phi Delta Chi became co-ed in 1975 after Title IX of the Education Act was passed, applicable to all professional fraternities and sororities.

2006 - 2007 OFFICERS

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Worthy Inner Guard: Denise Lum

Top Right: Amanda Haga (P3) washes a Harley during PDC’s first ever Bike Wash!
Top Left: P2’s Nancy Nguyen & Kristen Gallaher

DiscoBowl! Tony Manero, Farrah Fawcett...? Please. They’ve got nothing on these brothers! Every Spring, PDC brothers pick out their afros and put on their tight polyester pants to evoke the spirit of the 70’s. Teams bowl for charity as all proceeds are donated to St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital. The generosity of local businesses makes it possible to give raffle prizes to participants, including the award for best-dressed.

Can ‘ya dig it?
LR: Ayd Webb (P4), Sheila Ephraim (P3), & Elsie Forsch (P3).

Top: Paula Kim, Laurie Oldiges, Courtney Watson, Caroline Johnson.
Bottom: Christina Wong, Frinal Mehta, Ting Ting Lin.

Top: Sean Carlton, Jessica Boyd, Erika Bailey, Kristen Gallaher, Olivia Longest.
Bottom: Leska Webb, Ashley Varney.
What is KAPPA PSI? Founded in 1879, Kappa Psi is the oldest and largest pharmaceutical fraternity in the nation. Kappa Psi’s mission is of community involvement through professional activities. In addition, Kappa Psi strives to foster scholarships and mutually benefits all members through industry, sobriety, fellowship and high ideals. The Theta Chapter was installed on July 30, 1921. Included in their many community involvements is an annual golf tournament and putt-putt tournament both of which are fundraisers supporting the ALS Society of Richmond.

2007 OFFICERS

Regent: Joshua Crawford
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Alumni Liaison: David Delong
Historian: Matt Staples
Pledge Educator: Mike Davis
Alumni Representative: David Delong
IFC Representative: Ryan Leftwich
Chaplain: Vikas Arora

Above: Kappa Psi Brothers are easily spotted around school by their dashing good looks, charm and intelligence.

Above: Annual Kappa Psi Golf Tournament. L/R: Dr. Brandon Jennings, Patrick Powell (P4), Láz Pastríkos (P4), Lawrence Lopez (P3), Lee Clodfelter (P4)

Left: These brothers took a pie in the face! Dr. Andrew Frasco, Matt Myers (P4), Dr. Mark Hardgrove

The Chili Cook-Off is one of several annual events hosted by KΨ Brothers, open to all School of Pharmacy students and faculty. KE and KΨ hopefuls enter the contest for three coveted awards: Hottest Chili, Crowd Favorite and Judges’ Favorite.

Above: Former Regent Lawrence Lopez (P3) can’t resist a challenge. He chooses a hot chili contender labeled “Baby, Let Me Light Your Fire: Goes in Strong, Comes Out Wrong.” Apparently, the sign wasn’t lying. Lopez makes a run for the bathroom.

Left: Crowd pleaser & judge favorite, Brother Mike Davis (P3) with fellow Brother Matt Staples (P2) playing his damsel in distress. The secret to Davis’ recipe? Why, his guns of course. Also awarded is the Hottest Chili Award, won this year by Adrian Wilson (P1).
What is KAPPA EPSILON? Founded in 1921, Kappa Epsilon is a nationwide organization, including over 16,000 members. Their mission is to unite women in the profession of pharmacy, stimulate a desire for high scholarship, foster a professional consciousness, and to provide a bond of lasting friendship. The Tau chapter at VCU Medical College of Virginia Campus includes over 70 members and is involved in many community, social, and professional activities.

Beware of Tiger. Did you see a circus animal running loose on the MCV Campus during fall semester? Chances are, it was a KE pledge. In order to prove their dedication and loyalty, KE pledges dress according to themes twice weekly for the entire six-week pledging period. A recurrent KE favorite is "Circus Day," below.

Skate for the Cure: Rollin' Back to the '80s! On November 9, 2006, KE threw their first ever "Skate for the Cure" event for breast cancer awareness. The '80s inspired theme brought the ladies back to their side ponytail, blue eyeshadow, Trapper Keeper touting days—on wheels! All proceeds from the event were donated to the Susan G. Komen foundation, in line with their national breast cancer awareness campaign. By the end of the night, KE had raised nearly $1000. Clearly the event was a huge success.
What is CPFI?
The Christian Pharmacists Fellowship international (CPFI) was officially established in Virginia in 1984. Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International is a worldwide, interdenominational ministry of individuals working in all areas of pharmaceutical service and practice. CPFI's mission is to help pharmacy professionals grow spiritually and promote fellowship among pharmacists. They also encourage the advancement of knowledge and ethics in the practice of pharmacy, as well as integration of faith into the practice of pharmacy.

Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International (CPFI) has reappeared on the MCV Campus after having been dormant for a number of years. With the encouragement and help of Dr. Gerk and Dean Reinders, a group of students who all shared a desire for fellowship during the week were able to take the first steps towards restarting the organization last spring.

With a group of officers and an organizational charter in place, CPFI began regular meetings last fall. After it was clear that the organization was not just a "spring fancy," CPFI applied for membership to the Student Executive Council, and the application was approved in November 2006. We are excited to have been validated as an active student organization within the VCU School of Pharmacy. We will be participating in the upcoming Health Fair with other organizations, and are planning outreach activities for group members to become involved with.

2006 - 2007 OFFICERS

President
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Secretary
Sheilla Gordon
Treasurer
Timothy King
Events Coordinator
Catrina Hairston

Student Body Leadership
the VCU School of Pharmacy

Much of the success of school events is owed to strong student leadership. One of the highest leadership honors in the School of Pharmacy is to be recognized by the student body as President and Vice President. Overseeing the activities of over 480 students can certainly be a challenging task. This year's student body leadership rose to the challenge and worked diligently throughout the year with the Deans and students alike to create a positive experience for all.

Student Body President Michaiah Parker worked closely with the student body Vice President, student organization leaders, and the Deans, to facilitate the planning of school events. Among many other responsibilities, she organized class elections, the PI class welcome and maintained the schedule of student events of the School of Pharmacy year-round.

Student Body Vice President Ayoyinka Ojutalayo worked closely with all student committee chairs for events like Open House and Interdisciplinary Skills Competition. Additionally, he successfully planned and organized the Fall and Spring Pharmacy School Picnics. These picnics feature several student traditions, including the inter-class Tug-of-War.

President
Michaiah Parker
Vice President
Ayoyinka Ojutalayo
Delta Sigma Delta was the first professional dental fraternity and was founded in 1882 at the University of Michigan. It has become a truly international organization. We have graduate chapters in many countries along with over thirty undergraduate chapters located at dental schools in the United States.

The worthy goals of the fraternity are to keep high standards of dentistry and to advocate a spirit of mutual cooperation toward scientific, ethical, and professional progress. You will find that the many friends you make in Delta Sigma Delta try to live by these words in their daily professional and personal activities.

Delta Sigma Delta was established by far-sighted professionals — men with vision — who possessed the desire to render the best dental services in the highest professional manner. It was intended to bring together not only the most talented students of dentistry while in school, but by the establishment of the Supreme Chapter, it brought in the outstanding teachers and practitioners.
Psi Omega is a dental fraternity at the VCU School of Dentistry. The objectives of this fraternity are to maintain and advance the high standards of dentistry by instilling in its members the spirit of fraternal cooperation and to exert its influence for the advancement of the dental profession in its methods of teaching, of practice, of research, of ethics, and of jurisdiction.
Cosmetic Dental Club

The NOU Cosmetic Dental Club was founded in 2005 by 5 students in the Class of 2007. Now in its second year, the Cosmetic Dental Club continues to thrive under its current officers. The goal of the club is to provide students with a beginning knowledge and drive towards the field of cosmetic dentistry. The Cosmetic Dental Club provides the basic foundation on which students can build the beginning of a wonderful career centered on a world that is driven by cosmetics. The club sponsors 5-8 events each school year that bring in companies or specialists that are on the cutting edge of cosmetic dentistry. Each year the club has been fortunate to have Dr. Reece Erkinson Jr., one of the leading dentists in cosmetic dentistry on the East Coast, sponsor a weekend implant seminar. During the Spring 2007 semester the club had Envisage, a new orthodontic technology company, come to provide 100 Students with free certification during a weekend event.

The Cosmetic Dental Club has come from humble beginnings and continues to make great strides in national recognition within its short 2 year history. It will be an exciting time to see what the club achieves in the years to come.
MISSION STATEMENT

The PTSO, governed by and for the departmental students, seeks to fulfill the following goals:

a. To welcome and orient new students to our program;
b. To serve as liaison between faculty and students in situations when such assistance is requested or required;
c. To plan and coordinate educational and social events to foster departmental interaction;
d. To provide the departmental students with opportunities to participate in community service in areas related to science;
e. As student-elected representatives, to voice the concerns of the department’s students in institute-wide issues.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of PTSO shall consist of all students in the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology at Virginia Commonwealth University, Medical College of Virginia Campus.

OFFICERS

President: Chris Sheth
Vice President: Scott Lawrence
Secretary: Aditi Pandya
Treasurer: Cortney Heyer
Library Representative: Kia Jackson
SGA Representative: Amy Shaw
Honor Council Representative: Dena Kota
**Purpose:**

To assume responsibility for contributing to nursing education in order to provide for the highest quality health care.

To provide programs representative of fundamental and current professional interests and concerns.

To aid in the development of the whole person, his/her professional role, and his/her responsibility for the health care of people in all walks of life.
Our class represents both the heart and the future of occupational therapy. Each member is an essential piece of the puzzle, bringing diversity and innovation to the profession. As we embark on our fieldworks and become practicing therapists, we will dedicate ourselves to help bring the field of occupational therapy to its full potential.

"Man, through the use of his hands, as they are energized by mind and will, can influence the state of his own health." Mary Reilly

Hilary P. Willson
President, OT Class 2007
Occupational Therapy
Class of 2008

President: Hillarie Street, Vice President: Sarah Collins,
Secretary: Megan Bailes, Treasurer: Megan Snowa
The Student Occupational Therapy Association (SOTA) of VCU is a student-led organization on the MCV Campus. Consisting of over forty-five members, SOTA represents and promotes the profession of occupational therapy by participating in a variety of activities and events throughout the year at local, state, and national levels. These activities include advocacy, fundraising, leadership, education, annual conferences, and community service projects. SOTA prides itself in its active and continual involvement with both the American Occupational Therapy Association and the Virginia Occupational Therapy Association.

Officers
President: Melissa Glass
Vice President: Heather Kloeping
Secretary: Katie DeWeerd
Treasurer: Laura Downey
The mission of Pi Theta Epsilon is to support the development of occupational sciences and the practice of authentic occupational therapy by promoting research and other scholarly activities by its members. In this way, the organization serves not only the profession, but also helps to insure quality health care services for the general public.

**Officers**
President: Jess Karan
Vice President: Heather Armstrong
Secretary: Hilary Willson
Treasurer: Katie DeWeerd

Top Row: Sandy Cash, Erica White, Kelly Lefler, Nikki Juergensen, Heather Armstrong, Katie DeWeerd
Bottom Row: Jess Karan, Hilary Willson, Ashley Amey
Everyone is Welcome at SPO events
Gerontology students often bring along significant others and family members to SPO socials and events. Participants in the Department's Elder Friends program are also always invited!

What is Sigma Phi Omega?
Sigma Phi Omega is the national academic honor and professional society in Gerontology. It was established in 1980 to recognize the excellence of those who study gerontology and the outstanding service of professionals who work with or on behalf of older persons. The purpose of SPO is to promote scholarship, professionalism, friendship and services to older persons, and to recognize exemplary attainment in gerontology/aging studies and related fields. VCU's Epsilon chapter officers are:
President - Beverly Morgan
Vice Presidents of Activities - Sarah Coble & Melanie Johnson
Secretary - Anne Fletcher
Treasurer - Bert Water

SPO Promotes Fitness Among Students
This year, many SPO members participated in at least one 5K race per month over the summer and fall, as well as the Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk and the NAMI Walk.
SPO 2006-2007 Activities

SPO has had a very active year. The big summer event was the Fiesta cookout, complete with a pinata! During the fall semester, SPO members worked closely with the Senior Center: A Community Partnership, helping to clean and prepare for the opening, as well as planning the Halloween party, the November birthday luncheon, and the holiday decorating party. Fundraising was a major focus of the Fall semester. The group created scrapbooks and cookbooks for sale, in addition to two very successful bake sales. SPO provided scholarships for three members to attend the GSA conference in Dallas, Texas, in November, and for two students to attend the GHE Conference in Portland, Oregon in the spring.

SPO Socials

Socials for the semester included painting pottery at All Fired Up, attending a VCU Women's basketball game, and plenty of parties and dinners out!

SPO Partners with the Senior Center

One of the highlights of the year for SPO members was planning the Halloween Party for members of the Senior Center: A Community Partnership!
"The Geriatric Student Interest Group was established to expose and increase awareness of Geriatric Medicine to our medical students...and we have fun doing it! In the fall, M1s and M2s went to Seven Hills Health Care Center and organized a few arts and crafts activities during Thanksgiving. In December, we returned back to Seven Hills as well as Linwood Robinson Senior Center for caroling. The spring was just as exciting with the annual photo contest keeping our students creative and literally on their feet with the ballroom dancing event held later that semester. Next year should be just as exciting as a whole new set of officers will continue the tradition in bringing light to this very special field of medicine."

Love, Charlotte Gregory and Brian Le, GSIG Co-Presidents
Intramurals are organized by the VCU Recreational Sports. They offer tournaments in the various sports including Basketball, Dodgeball, Flag Football, Soccer, Softball, Ultimate Frisbee, Volleyball and of course a Canadian favie Floor Hockey. On the MCV Campus, teams are formed of classmates within the same program or within each school. Stakes are high during events as each team fights for school or class pride and for bragging rights. The champions earn and win a sweet t-shirt to commemorate their victory.
Honduras Outreach Medical Brigada Relief Effort (HOMBRE) is a non-profit organization established at MCV in 2000. Throughout the school year, the students fundraise for funds to cover the cost of medicine and supplies used in providing medical care to those in need in Honduras. Medical students and physicians devote half a month of their summer to providing medical care.
Sponsored by the American Cancer Society, S.M.I.L.E is an MCV student organization that pairs first and second year medical students with MCV Hospital pediatric cancer patients and the patients' siblings. The program's goal is to provide the pediatric patients with an opportunity to simply "be kids" through fun group activities such as ice skating and crafting. The program annually sponsors a trip to the ice skating rink for the patients as well as coordinating fun craft events and trips to Chuck E. Cheese's.
The Women in Medicine Student Organization (WIMSO) was established in July 2005. Since then, the group has been active in promoting women's health issues through a series of lectures and awareness days. The group has fostered leadership experiences by establishing officer positions to lead a group of over 65 students. WIMSO has been involved in community and campus leadership through representation with faculty and student government groups. The success of WIMSO is evident by the large positive response of students and community.
Skull and Bones
The MCV Campus Newspaper

The faces behind the voice of Skull and Bones: Matt Morgan, Heather Katebini, Kevin Lee, Van Ta. (not pictured are Kristin Ondecko and Kenny Schoolmeester)

**Skull and Bones** is a student initiated MCV journal published quarterly on campus. This journal publishes artwork, poetry, and stories from faculty and students affiliated with the MCV campus.

The crew cutting loose and tapping into their creative mojo.
The Student Family Medicine Association (SFMA) at MCV provides interested medical students the opportunity to gain educational experience and exposure to the field of Family Medicine. Students interact with Family Medicine faculty members and residents to learn more information about the field as well as strengthening their leadership skills.
The School of Medicine Tour Guides are a group of second year medical students selected to represent the diverse student body at the MCV School of Medicine. They assist the administration and admissions committee in guiding tour groups around the MCV campus and showing potential applicants, interviewees, and interested public with the history and campus of the medical school.

**Tour Guide Teams 2006-2007**

Ezinne Akamiro & David Buxton  
Jemilat Badamas & Andrew Scharf  
Tasneem Bholat & Stuart Bertsch  
Aditi Dhakar & Branden Engorn  
Marie Rodgers & Joshua Belcher  
Priya Gowda & Jean Gingras  
Ewa Halama & Ali Khan  
Lauren Nikki Huddle & Marc Caligtan  
Sara Ivey & Brian "The Prion" Le  
Kathryn King & Olakunle Idowu  
Melissa Lau & James Ebertowski  
Darshita Patel & Phillip Max Dewitt  
Jessica Randolph & Nathan McLaughlin  
Kelly Ruhstaller & Kevin Lee  
Diana Samuel & James Wilson  
Catherine Schuller & Bijan Navidi  
Audra Jo Seargent & Tejas Patel  
Whitney Sullivan-Lewis & Jerrod Quarles  
Ann Miller-Wilson & Ali Qurraie  
Julie Ziobro & Sonia Bahlani
What is the INOVA Medical Campus?
VCU School of Medicine has developed a relationship with Fairfax Hospital to provide its students with many unique opportunities, including clinical experience in one of the best hospitals in the country with a long tradition of educating medical students and residents. This relationship also affords the opportunity for new collaborative research efforts in medical outcomes and biotechnology.

Who goes to the INOVA Medical Campus?
About 20-30 medical students from each class spend their last two years on the INOVA Medical Campus. The inpatient clinical experience during the third year is spent entirely at Fairfax Hospital. Outpatient clinical experience is spent at Fairfax Hospital outpatient clinics and the offices of private practitioners in the community. Up to six months of elective experience can be spent at Fairfax Hospital during the fourth year.
Babak Tabatabai drawing blood from John Hornick.

Clinical Skills Day

Clinical Skills Day. Pictured Left to Right: Quincy Tran, Adnan Khan, and Wendy Woo.

Suture Workshop with the Class of 2008 Medical Students

The Medical Class of 2007

Pediatric Holiday Cards. Pictured from Left to Right are: Georgina Owusu-Asiedu, Ricky Pierre, Ashok Krishnan, and Babak Tabatabai.

Medical College of Virginia Campus
Class of 2008 and 2009 MGMA Officers at the 2007 MGMA Spring Event

Front row: Jan Clement, Ph.D., Megan Moore ('06), Jennifer Weddle ('96), Annie Yelich ('08), Nate Carroll ('08)
Back row: Jim Perkins ('79), Zach Reed ('09), A.J. Brooks ('09), Jeff Sollis ('09), Matt Gitzinger ('08)

MGMA President Annie Yelich and Vice President Matt Gitzinger with the Class of 2008 President William Haugh and Vice President Will Windham.

Alumni/ae of the MHA Program were invited to come speak about group practice administration during the 2007 MGMA Spring Event. Seated left to right, Megan Moore ('06) of Riverside Physician Associates, Jim Perkins ('79) of West End Orthopedics and Jennifer Weddle ('96) of Richmond Plastic Surgeons.
Each fall the VCU student chapter of CVHEG hosts senior level healthcare executives from across the country during Preceptor Days. Preceptor Days are an opportunity for second-year MHA students to interview for residency positions with various types of organizations, including major hospital systems, such as HCA and Bon Secours. First-year MHA students coordinate the event and serve as volunteers.

CVHEG is a regional group of the national professional organization, the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE). Students attend the annual ACHE Congress on Healthcare Leadership each year, which serves as a valuable learning experience and a forum for professional networking.
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So long to Larrick
Student Center - the
dd home of the X-Ray
and MCV Campus SGA
...still trying to get settled in the new yearbook room

Yorkie Doodle helps the X-Ray staff prepare yearbook dedications
The VCU Gerontology Department is committed to "Improving Eldercare Through Education" and having a lot of fun while they're at it! Though it is a small group, through departmental and Sigma Phi Omega activities, the faculty and students this year have become very close-knit.
As future occupational therapists, we strive to solve problems through the use of valued occupations, which allow our clients to live as independently as possible.
Class of 2007
MHA
Master of Health Administration
Dear Students:

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to this edition of X-Ray. Virginia Commonwealth University is proud of the more than 4,000 students and residents who are studying here for careers in allied health professions, dentistry, medicine, nursing and pharmacy. Our academic schools and the VCU Health System make us one of the most comprehensive academic medical centers in the nation.

Your faculty continue to attract national recognition for excellence in professional and graduate education as well as in the life sciences. They are involved in all aspects of your education - in the classroom, in the laboratory and with patients - and they are involved in enhancing life sciences teaching, research and public education throughout the University. The array of nationally and internationally recognized faculty working on new discoveries and their applications in the health sciences is one of the many benefits of your education here.

Our reputation for excellence is based on the tremendous accomplishments of both our faculty and you, our students - and it is a reputation built on more than 150 years of innovation and vision. Indeed, we have a long and rich history, and I was delighted to honor our heritage at the recent Grand Re-Opening of the Hunton Student Center. Not only does the Hunton Student Center serve as a wonderful gathering place for students, but the historical panels now on display serve to remind us of the many people and events that have helped to shape who we are today.

It is my hope that the strength of your education will carry you forward to a promising future. I am delighted that you chose VCU as the place to pursue your education. Best wishes to you on your studies and congratulations to those of you who will be earning your degrees this May!

Sincerely,

Eugene P. Trani
President
Virginia Commonwealth University

President and Chair of the Board of Directors, VCU Health System
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Congratulations

Hạnh The-Trinh Nguyen, M.D.
for graduating from the Medical College of Virginia School of Medicine
Our entire family is very proud of you.

Mom, Dad, Huynh, Phi, Ai-Linh, Hien, Khanh, Nam Tran, Huy Khoi, Hoa, Scarlett, Lilly.
Congratulations and Love
to our daughter and sister

Tracey Renee Giles

We are proud of all your accomplishments

Love Always

Mom, Dad and Mark Anthony

Remember Phil. 1:6 and Prov. 3:5-6

To our loving mother and to my wife

Tracey Renee Giles

Many years ago the little girl in you dreamed a dream, now that dream is a reality.

Love always,

Isaiah, Noah, Alivia & Tony
Congratulations Tracey Giles! Watching you grow up has brought me much joy, pride and happiness more than you will ever know.

Love,
Your Aunt Barbara

God has made you to be a beautiful, smart women. You have been faithful to your work and your studies, and it has paid off.

You never seem to amaze me of all the things that you have accomplished.

God has a special purpose for you. But this is just only the beginning.

Just be no one else but "you". Give it all that you got. Just watch & see how much higher that God is going to take you.

We love you. We are very proud of you. Just keep God in your heart because he will never fail you.

We Love You,
"The Family"

Best Wishes
Love, Corey

Keep reaching for the stars! Love your sister, Christina

May God Bless you in your profession,
Uncle Richard, Aunt Bonnie & Family

CONGRATULATIONS

You were always so ambitious. We are proud of you and all that you have accomplished! With All our love, Dad, Mom and Daddy Wayne

AMANDA

Good Luck in your career! Robert, Aimee, Annabelle, Patricia and "Muncie"

We are very proud of you! May you continue to be successful in all you do in the future.
Love you, "Pop", "Nanny", and Doris

When the night has come and the land is dark And the moon is the only light we see.
Oh, I won't be afraid, no I won't be afraid, Just as long as you stand, stand by me.

If the sky that we look upon should tumble and fall, And the mountains should crumble into the sea.
I won't cry, I won't cry, no I won't shed a tear, Just as long as you stand, stand by me.

Beans - I mean! Love, Twigs

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Kathleen - Our pride in your accomplishments knows no bounds. To be your parents is a joy! With all our love, Mom and Dad
To our darling daughter Sashika

Congratulations and Best Wishes on your Graduation.

We are very proud of you!

May God Bless and guide you always

From, Thathie & Ammie

To my darling daughter:

I am so proud of you. God has truly blessed you. You started out in a storm, and you were blessed to make it through with honors. Your father would have been so proud of you! I Thank God for you daily and I love you with all my heart.

Love, Mom

We are extremely proud of our son who has given us so many years of joy and happiness. As we look back over the past 25 years, from the day he was born to his first day at school, the soccer games, the end-of-year school awards, high school graduation, on to college and so on, we have many fond memories of the times which seem like yesterday. As he graduates and embarks on his professional career, we wish him much luck and look forward to celebrating his future successes.

Congratulation Vincent!

We are so proud of you. Your Hard work and dedication has paid off. You are a true blessing from God. May all your dreams come true.

We Love you, Mom & Dad

Heart of compassion
Smile of Warmth
Hands of tenderness
Wisdom and grace

From Crabber to Hokie Bird and Ram to Practitioner. Steph, we're so proud of you and love you that much more.

Amanda,
Always remember the hopes and dreams that brought you to this day and may they guide you as you look to the future. You should be proud of yourself for what you have accomplished. Keep striving for the best in life.

We will always be very proud of you,

Mom & Dad

Congratulations! Love Mom, Dad, & Sock Stealer Joe
Emily,
You have reached a life long goal to be a part of the medical field. We are so proud of you.
Love,
Mom and Dad :)  

Congratulations Kim!
We are very proud of you!
Love,
Mom, Dad & Lauren

Kristin Leigh Cosby

Congratulations on your graduation! We are so PROUD of you and all of your accomplishments. We wish you the best of luck with your Nursing career, Graduate School and all your future goals. As you reach out and embrace life, stay true to your values, goals, family and friends and watch your DREAMS come TRUE!

Kristin, you are a gift we will always treasure,
May God Bless You Now and Forever!

Much love to you always,
Mom, Dad, Randy & Aaron

"Live Well, Love much,
Laugh often"

The X-Ray Staff would like to congratulate the graduating class of 2007! May you succeed in all your future endeavors - Good Luck!
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