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REFLECTING CHRIST IN ANESTHESIA EDUCATION



"Wow is the only correct way to start. I had the best time at the Ultrasound Class at MTSA. Your lectures were totally on point. Great info. Time passed too quickly.... I could do this class again. Thank you for the BEST CLASS EVER."

Leesa Segler, CRNA, APN
Chief Anesthetist
Christian County Anesthesia

Summer Workshop Offered

— **Basic Ultrasound-guided Regional Anesthesia Workshop**
July 12, 2015 | Registration and full details at www.mtsa.edu

"Basic Ultrasound-guided Regional Anesthesia Workshop" will be offered on July 12, 2015. The eight-hour, hands-on workshop will be taught by MTSA Center of Excellence for Acute Pain Management Director Patrick Moss ('98) MS, CRNA, APN. Cost for the one-day educational offering is \$695 (\$650 for MTSA alumni, discount code=ALUM; \$350 for students, discount code=SRNA).

Moss describes the course as an "ultrasound-guided regional anesthesia workshop with hands-on basic training utilizing live scanning models, state-of-the-art ultrasound technology, and a comprehensive no-frills approach to regional anesthesia techniques for surgery and acute pain management." He continued by saying, "Current literature reflects the superiority of a multimodal approach in managing acute postoperative pain."

Participants that take the course will receive the benefits of small group scanning stations

as well as a re-introduction to the basic concepts of a multitude of regional anesthesia techniques. Information presented will be highly practical and immediately useful.

"Don't allow technology to intimidate you," said Moss. "The material will be presented in a manner which will invite learning and participation." He says anesthesiologists who wish to further their knowledge of regional anesthesia while incorporating the technology of ultrasound guidance should take this course.

Upon completion of the course participants will be able to:

- Demonstrate basic ultrasound imaging strategies
- Verbalize their understanding of several core regional anesthesia conduction blocks including the interscalene, supraclavicular, infraclavicular, and axillary approaches to the brachial plexus as well as femoral, sciatic, and popliteal blocks
- Explain ultrasound knobology and multiple needling techniques.

Basic Ultrasound-Guided Regional Anesthesia Workshop

Further your knowledge of Regional Anesthesia with Ultrasound Guidance

- July 12, 2015
- Eight-hour Course
- CEs Approved by AANA
- Instructor: Patrick Moss, MS, CRNA, APN
- Cost \$695 (\$650 for MTSA alumni, discount code: ALUM, \$350 for students, discount code: SRNA)
- Location: MTSA
- Register: www.mtsa.edu

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Fall Symposium & Open House



Featuring Mayo Clinic Professor Sorin Brull, MD, PhD

The *Third Annual MTSA Fall Symposium & Open House* will be held for the anesthesia professional community on Thursday, September 3, 2015 on the School’s campus. “We are delighted to announce that distinguished Mayo Clinic

Professor Sorin Brull, MD, PhD will be the keynote speaker at our annual symposium,” said MTSA President Chris Hulin (’06) DNP, MBA, CRNA.

Dr. Brull will present a two-hour CE session entitled *Residual Neuromuscular Blockade*. Dr. Brull has been a professor at the Mayo Clinic since 2004 where he does clinical work in neuro-anesthesiology, resident teaching, clinical research, and faculty mentorship. He also is clinical professor for the University of Florida. He is an American Hospital Association/National Patient Safety Foundation Leadership Fellow — designed to prepare the next generation of patient safety, quality, and performance improvement leaders. Dr. Brull previously held academic posts at University of Arkansas and Yale University School of Medicine.

The Symposium is made available by MTSA for alumni and other anesthesia providers. The event will be held from 4 – 8 p.m. and dinner will be provided. Call (615) 732-7665 for more information.

Dean’s Office Changes



Rachel Brown (’97) DNP, CRNA appointed MTSA Interim Dean/Program Administrator

BROWN NAMED INTERIM PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

Current Assistant Program Administrator Rachel Brown (’97) DNP, CRNA has been appointed MTSA Interim Program Administrator, according to Chris Hulin (’06) DNP, MBA, CRNA, MTSA President. “I am confident that Dr. Brown will maintain the stability of the program during the next several months as MTSA charts a course for the future. With this new vision, an organizational structure that positions MTSA for success will be developed and communicated,” said Hulin. Dr. Brown joined MTSA in September, 2012 as Assistant Program Administrator. She maintains clinical practice at Hendersonville Medical Center, Sumner Regional Medical Center, and office based practices.



Maria Overstreet, PhD, RN has been appointed Associate Dean

OVERSTREET NAMED ASSOCIATE DEAN

Maria Overstreet, PhD, RN, Director, Center for Clinical Simulation and Student Services has been appointed Associate Dean effective July 1, 2015, announced MTSA President Chris Hulin (’06), DNP, MBA, CRNA. Dr. Hulin says that Overstreet will continue to be active in her role of student services and clinical simulation, and will assume added responsibilities with administration and accreditation areas. “We appreciate the scholarship and contribution to higher education that Dr. Overstreet brings to MTSA,” said Hulin.



You are cordially invited to participate in the **Twelfth Annual MTSA Golf Classic**. The tournament will be held **Thursday, September 17, 2015** at the **Hermitage Golf Course – General’s Retreat**. **Lunch and dinner will be provided.**

Schedule:

Registration Opens 10:30 a.m.
Lunch Noon
Shotgun Start 1:00 p.m.
Awards & Dinner to follow event

Place:

Hermitage Golf Course – General’s Retreat

When:

Thursday, September 17, 1:00 p.m. shotgun start

Format:

4-person scramble

Cost:

\$175 per player
\$700 per foursome
\$850 per hole sponsor and foursome

Prizes:

1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes to be awarded in three flights

Register Now!

Entry fee includes green fees, cart, lunch, awards, door prizes, and dinner

Two mulligans and one shot in the putting contest will be available for purchase at the registration table for \$20. (MasterCard & Visa will be accepted)

Additional Sponsorships Available Include:

- Registration
- Golf Carts
- Dinner
- Putting Contest
- Tournament Prizes
- Refreshment Carts
- Lunch
- Driving Range
- Longest Drive Contest
- Closest-to-the-Pin Contest

To reserve your team or sponsorship, please contact **Jim Closser at (615) 732-7674 or email jclosser@mtsa.edu**

IMPORTANT DATES

July 4..... Independence Day
July 7..... Halyard Health Center of Excellence Regional Training (Private)
July 12...Ultrasound Workshop (Open to All CRNAs)
July 20.....First Day of School (Class of 2017)
August 5–8 ASI – Spokane, Washington
August 9–11..... Valley Review
August 18.....MTSA Alumni Committee
August 24..... Board of Trustees Meeting
August 30..... AANA Annual Congress
August 31.....DNAP Class of 2016 Intensive Week
September 3..... Fall Symposium
September 7 Labor Day
September 17MTSA Golf Classic
October 31MS Application Period Closes
November 20 Graduation

APPLICATION PERIOD OPEN

Applications are now being accepted for the Master of Science with a Focus in Anesthesia Class of 2018. The open application period is from May 1 – October 31, 2015. Applications are to be completed online at www.mtsa.edu. If you have any questions, please call Pam Nimmo, Coordinator of Admissions & Recruitment at (615) 732-7662 or email pam@mtsa.edu.



Visit us online at www.mtsa.edu.



MTSA alumnus Chris Hulin ('06) DNP, MBA, CRNA, will begin his new role as the School's fourth President.

A CONVERSATION WITH MTSA President Chris Hulin, DNP, MBA, CRNA

Christopher P. Hulin, DNP, MBA, CRNA accepted the invitation of the Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia Board of Trustees to become President. He has a most varied and diverse background including teaching, nursing, clinical anesthesia, hospital administration, and academic administration. He served as MTSA's Assistant Program Administrator from October, 2009 until June, 2012 when he was appointed Dean/Program Administrator. His Presidency began July 1, 2015 as he serves as the fourth President in the School's 65-year history. What follows is a casual conversation with Dr. Hulin.

WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE MOST CHALLENGING ASPECT IN TRANSITIONING FROM DEAN TO PRESIDENT?

I believe it will be the need to become more externally focused and build new relationships with our healthcare and education community.

YOU HAVE A VARIED ADMINISTRATIVE BACKGROUND. WHAT DIFFERENTIATES MTSA FROM OTHER INSTITUTIONS IN WHICH YOU HAVE SERVED?

I believe the biggest thing is the size, scope, and focus of the program. At the hospitals there were thousands of employees involved with delivering a diverse and broad range of services. At MTSA, each employee has a profound impact on our "product" which is nurse anesthesia education – essentially dedicated to the education of up to only 72 students annually. Anesthesia education receives 100 percent of the organization's focus.

WILL YOU DESCRIBE YOUR PREVIOUS EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE ROLES AND LOCATIONS?

I will try to summarize the journey God has led me on to bring me to today. And, I must say that it is His doing – not my own. I began in home health administration after graduating with my MSN in Nursing Administration from Vanderbilt. I then joined Kettering Medical Center (KCMA – Kettering, Ohio) to serve as the Home Health program manager and due to a colleague's retirement, was promoted to the Director of the Division my first day on the job – then continued to acquire additional divisions, one of which was Sycamore Hospital. From KCMA, I went to Adventist Health System/Ormond Beach Division to assist with a recent hospital merger and served as Vice President of operations for the Oceanside and Memorial Medical Center campuses.

After eight years of healthcare administration and a healthcare ambassador visit to Thailand and Hong Kong, I decided on a career change which would bring me back to direct patient care. So, I called Ikey DeVasher and asked what I needed to do to become a CRNA. I quit my administrative job and became a bedside nurse in the ICU at Skyline Medical Center. After applying for, and completing CRNA training at MTSA, I joined the anesthesia team at Crockett Hospital in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee for three years. When I learned of MTSA searching for an Assistant Dean position, I felt this would be a great opportunity to combine my clinical and administrative experience. I applied and was chosen for the position.

YOU ARE A PRACTICING CRNA. DO YOU PLAN TO STAY ACTIVE AS A PRACTITIONER, AND IF SO, HOW WILL THIS IMPACT YOUR ROLE AS PRESIDENT?

Yes, my current plan is to continue to practice. I worked hard for my skills and value my profession. I also can't imagine a future where I wouldn't have patient contact. Moving too far away from the patient is one thing that drove me out of hospital administration. I do not want to lose the connection with the reality of how important our jobs are, and how important this School is in preparing graduates – in whom patients entrust their lives.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO YOU TO BE NAMED PRESIDENT IN THAT YOU ARE BOTH A CRNA AND MTSA ALUMNUS? WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR MTSA?

It is the first time a CRNA has held the role of president, and I am honored the Board of Trustees selected me to serve in this capacity. What it means for MTSA is that there will be a continued respect and focus for CRNA education from the President's Office – but, that is how it has always been. Each of the former MTSA Presidents — which includes a physician, nurse education administrator, and higher education administrator – played a vital role in the continuing improvement of MTSA and the visibility and influence of the School in our community.

WHAT BEST DESCRIBES YOUR LEADERSHIP STYLE?

I see myself as a visionary leader who can communicate a vision and empower others to make it happen. I am blessed with a current team that can produce results and has unlimited potential.

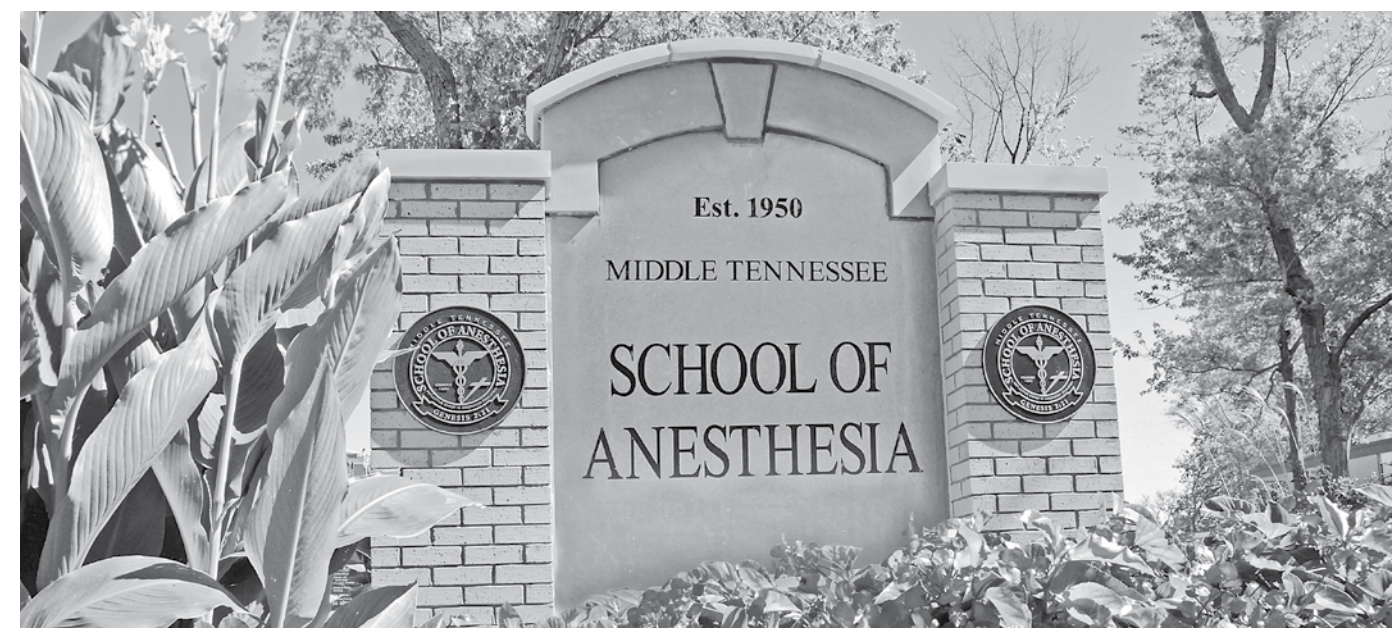
WHAT IS THE MOST SURPRISING THING YOU HAVE LEARNED ABOUT MTSA SINCE YOU ARRIVED?

It may not be "P.C.," but I would have to say it is the lack of engagement, or maybe lack of interest, by the alumni. It does not seem that MTSA has been able to make that connection in a meaningful way.

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR HOPES AND DREAMS FOR MTSA?

This plays into the previous question. One of my primary hopes is to re-engage our alums in order to build synergy with learning, policy, safety, and patient care. It is my belief that this can have a meaningful impact on nurse anesthesia care across the country. Being a single-purpose institution, MTSA is poised to take on any nurse anesthesia issue without outside influence. Together, this could be powerful.

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A Conversation with MTSA President Chris Hulin

HOW WOULD YOU BEST DESCRIBE YOUR INVOLVEMENT, INTERACTION, AND INTEREST WITH STUDENTS?

I value every interaction with students and they are at the front of all of our conversations and decisions. I will never forget who pays my check and will always be an advocate for student learning.

ARE THERE ANY SPECIFIC STRATEGIC OR OPERATIONAL INITIATIVES THAT YOU CAN SHARE AND BRIEFLY DESCRIBE?

We are in the midst of a “Branding Campaign” which will be used during the Board of Trustees’ strategic plan review. The Board will be working with the president’s office to set the next set of priorities and these will be communicated when they become finalized. Some readers may be called upon to participate in the branding activities. Please participate in the critical process if asked.

WHAT IS YOUR PROFESSIONAL PET PEEVE?

My professional pet peeve is making decisions to protect sacred cows or promote personal gain.

MTSA IS AN OVERTLY CHRISTIAN INSTITUTION, OPERATING IN HARMONY WITH SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH VALUES. HOW DO YOU SEE YOURSELF ENGAGED IN THIS RICH HISTORICAL AND ONGOING MISSION TO “REFLECT CHRIST IN ANESTHESIA EDUCATION?”

My goal is that we continue in our current mode of creating a Christian environment that is inclusive of all people. When I am on the road recruiting, I hear regularly that those considering application are drawn by our Christian mission. I believe honoring these values and mission plays a vital role in our continued success.

WHAT IS THE ONE THING YOU HAVE NEVER DONE THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO CROSS OFF YOUR LIST, AND WHY?

I would be honored to serve on a national level organization for health reform or hold public office. I believe my interest in both comes from a desire to be part of an honest and transparent dialog – with the goal to have a positive impact on our national healthcare delivery system.

WHAT MAKES AN EFFECTIVE LEADER – OR SPECIFICALLY – A PRESIDENT?

I firmly believe that effective leaders give God and others the glory. In other words, remembering I can do nothing alone and to remain grateful for the role every person plays in the overall success of the organization.

WHAT HOBBIES DO YOU ENJOY?

I enjoy motorcycle riding, entertaining high school students at our house, fly fishing, target shooting, and anything in which my kids are involved.

WILL YOU TELL US ABOUT YOUR FAMILY?

My wife, Michelle is lovely and very supportive. We have been married for almost 23 years and have three children. Corbin is 19 and currently in training to become a 68W (combat medic) in the U.S. Army. Our other two children (Chad, age 17 and Macy, age 15) attend Highland Academy where Michelle is also the school nurse.

WHAT ABOUT YOU WOULD PEOPLE BE SURPRISED TO LEARN?

I am really a good-ol’-boy at heart. On any given weekend I may be found putting around our property in blue jeans and tee shirt.

MTSA Faculty, Alum & Staff Featured in Nursing Clinics

Several MTSA faculty, alumnae, and staff were published in the recent issue of *Nursing Clinics*, a quarterly professional periodical which provides the latest diagnostic and therapeutic information in the field of nursing. Each single topic issue or half issue is guest edited by a distinguished expert in the field who invites other experts as contributors.

The third quarter issue’s guest editor was Maria Overstreet, PhD, RN, Professor, Director of Clinical Simulation and Student Services, and Associate Dean at MTSA. Dr. Overstreet mentored several faculty members with their first publication. This issue focused on *How Nursing Has Changed With Technology*.

“In this issue, nursing experts, including our own MTSA faculty, wrote about their research, quality improvement projects, and personal experiences regarding changes in the delivery of nursing care,” said Dr. Overstreet. “These experts describe how the use of technology has changed their practice, improved patient discharge into the outpatient setting, improved monitoring of patients, and enhanced education, use of survey tools, and implementation of quality improvement projects. These experts warn us about using technology just because we can.”

There were 17 authors published in this issue, seven of whom are MTSA faculty/alumnae, one MTSA staff member, and an eighth being a recent MTSA Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice graduate. This list of MTSA scholars and articles includes:

Rachel M. Brown, DNP, CRNA, APN
Assistant Program Administrator, MTSA, and MTSA Alumnus

Amy C. Gideon, EdD
Director of Institutional Effectiveness and Learning Resources, MTSA

Susan Krauser Lupear, DNP, CRNA, APN
Interim Chief CRNA, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tennessee, MTSA Alumnus

Lewis McCarver, DNP, CRNA, APN
Professor and Instructor in Clinical Simulation, MTSA and MTSA Alumnus

John Shields, DNP, CRNA, APN
Professor and Instructor in Clinical Simulation, Cardiac Anesthesia Division, Department of Anesthesiology, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tennessee; Professor, MTSA, and MTSA Alumnus

Jordan Patterson, BA
Instructional Technology Specialist, MTSA

Maria Overstreet, PhD, RN
Professor, Director of Center for Clinical Simulation, Director of Student Services, Associate Dean, MTSA; Associate Professor of Nursing, Vanderbilt University School of Nursing, Nashville, Tennessee

Mindy McCallum Mullins, DNAP, CRNA, APN
Department of Anesthesia, Baptist Memorial Hospital North Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi, MTSA Alumnus



MTSA Director of Clinical Simulation and Student Services, and Associate Dean Maria Overstreet, PhD, RN was guest editor of *Nursing Clinics*.

Blood Pressure and the Obese
Mullins, M.

Nurse Knowledge of Intrahospital Transport
Shields, J., Overstreet, M., Krau, S.

Medication Order Entry and Clinical Decision Support: Current Nursing Informatics Issues
Gideon, A., DiPersio, D.

Simulation and Rubrics: Technology and Grading Student Performance in Nurse Anesthesia Education
Overstreet, M., McCarver, L., Shields, J., Patterson, J.

Thinking of Serving Abroad: How Technology Assists Nurses on Mission Trips
Brown, R.

Geriatric Simulation: Practicing Management and Leadership in Care of the Older Adult
Miller, S., Overstreet, M.

Perioperative Nurses’ Knowledge of Indicators for Pressure Ulcer Development in the Surgical Patient Population
Lupear, S., Overstreet, M., Krau, S.



Cardiovascular Anesthesiologists, PC sponsored the Clinical Excellence Award. Paul Mazoni, MD (seated center) is with his table guests (left) Jen Brown, CRNA, MTSA Alumnus, and (right) Carlina Spencer, wife of award winner and CRNA Mark Spencer; (back row l to r) Erin Spencer, daughter of Mark Spencer, and MTSA Alumnae Maribeth Natoli, CRNA, Meg McDonald, CRNA, Angela Williams, CRNA, Kim Sharkey, CRNA, and Lori Dobbs, CRNA.



MTSA Students enjoy the evening of the Gala includes (l to r) Alan Hendon, Devin Horton, Leigh Langley, Kate Lunati, Kevin Buntin, Ellie Briscoe, Lionel Brown.



(l to r) Nancy Palmore, Mission & Awards Gala Chairman shares a laugh at the event with emcee and host Bob Mueller, WKRN-TV, Channel 2 news anchor.



(l to r) Pictured following the Second Annual Mission & Awards Gala award recipients are Duane & Mary Brown, Molly Gregory Wright, Mike Morel, and Adam MacDonald. Not pictured is Mark Spencer who was in Nigeria on a mission trip.



(l to r) Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists Nancy Palmore, Gala Chairman; Sharon Pearce, AANA President; and Gala Committee member Buffy Lupear at the event held at the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum.

Second Annual Mission & Awards Gala

An Evening of Dining, Recognition, and Celebration

More than 250 guests gathered to celebrate the Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia's Second Annual *Mission & Awards Gala* – an evening of dining, recognition and celebration held Thursday, May 7. The Title/Presenting sponsor was Anesthesia Medical Group. This black-tie optional event held at Nashville's Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum celebrated MTSA's heritage and mission, while recognizing outstanding anesthesia providers, clinical leaders, and community friends who reflect the best in and/or supported anesthesia education.

In addition to the awards presented at the Gala, Larry Stewart, lead singer for the group *Restless Heart* entertained the guests when he made a surprise appearance. All guests had opportunity to enjoy private access to the Country Music Hall of Fame & Museum prior to the event reception, dinner, presentation of awards, and entertainment. Bob Mueller, News Anchor with ABC local affiliate station WKRN-TV, Channel 2 served as emcee.

Proceeds from the Gala will be used for capital improvements and program development needs specific to MTSA's Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice Degree (DNAP). MTSA began the DNAP program in September 2013, and unlike other Doctor of Nursing Practice degrees, MTSA's DNAP program is unique due to its focus in anesthesia. The evening recognized local and regional individuals who have helped transform MTSA, the students who attend, and the field of anesthesia across Middle Tennessee.

Awardees were nominated through an open process with selections made by a group of peers. Nominees not selected this year will be eligible next year and considered along with new nominations submitted for the 2016 ceremony. One highlight of the evening was that AANA President Sharon Pearce, CRNA, APN attended and presented the Clinical Excellence Award.

Dinner music was provided by Francis Perry and Celine Thackston playing classical guitar and flute.

Awards Presented

Mary Elizabeth DeVasher Distinguished Alumni Service Award

Mike Morel, MS, CRNA, APN has been very involved in the Tennessee Association of Nurse Anesthetists beginning his volunteer activities with TANA in 1983. He has served in every capacity possible including President on two different occasions. His service to MTSA is broad and varied as well. Mike has served as the alumni association president, served a variety of school committees, and as a trustee on the School's board of directors. He works with Martin Anesthesia Group – a CRNA only group in Martin, Tennessee which services Volunteer Community Hospital.



Mike Morel was awarded the Mary Elizabeth DeVasher Distinguished Service Alumni Award (second from right). Those presenting the award (l to r) include Aaron Jones ('06) MS, CRNA, APN, President of the MTSA Alumni Association, former MTSA Dean Mary Elizabeth DeVasher ('69/'94) PhD, CRNA, APN, and Ken Schwab, EdD, former MTSA President (far right).

Nevin Downs, MD Leadership Award

Molly Gregory Wright, DNP, CRNA, APN currently is the Chair and Program Administrator of the Nurse Anesthesia Track at Union University. She was named Professor in 2013 and tenured early this year. She is very active with the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists serving in two different capacities including Education Committee and Co-Chair of the Program Committee. Active in medical missions, Dr. Wright has led a yearly trip to Dominican Republic for several years. She also travels to Haiti one or two times annually to provide medical care in a variety of areas. She is President of Nu Lambda chapter of Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society and a 1994 alumnus of MTSA.



Molly Gregory Wright (center) was awarded the Nevin Downs, MD Leadership Award by Warren Downs, MD (left) and Ken Schwab, EdD, MTSA former President (right).

Clinical Excellence Award

Mark Spencer, CRNA, APN has spent the past 26 years of his career with Cardiovascular Anesthesiologists, PC (CVA) at St. Thomas Hospital West where he became Chief CRNA in 2003. He became involved with MTSA 10 years ago where he has served both as a classroom instructor teaching *Principles of Cardiac Anesthesia* and as Clinical Coordinator for the St. Thomas Hospital West/CVA cardiac rotation. He has also served on the MTSA Admissions Committee for the past several years. He has participated in 17 medical mission trips to Nigeria, Kenya, and now Uganda – where he was at the time of the *Mission & Awards Gala*. His daughter Erin attended and accepted the award on his behalf.

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Mark Spencer received the Clinical Excellence Award but was unable to attend the Gala because he was on a mission trip to Nigeria. Accepting on his behalf was his daughter Erin Spencer. The award was presented by Sharon Pearce, MS, CRNA, AANA President (left) and Ken Schwab, EdD, MTSA former President (right).

Philanthropy Award

Duane & Mary Brown, both certified public accountants, live a life of service in word and deed. Mary is committed to serving as treasurer for the 403 Center, a not-for-profit help center in Madison, Tennessee and is involved with her church – the Madison Campus Seventh-day Adventist Church. She has been the bookkeeper at the United Way, treasurer for the Business and Professional Women’s Club, including other civic activities. Duane has served a variety of non-profits through the years as well, but the bulk of his volunteer activities occur at MTSA and the Madison Campus Seventh-day Adventist Church. He is currently the Board Chairman at the Church. He too is the MTSA Finance Committee Chairman and also serves as a Trustee on the MTSA Board of Directors. He has served on other school committees through the years. They too have been very generous donors to MTSA.



Chris Hulin ('06), DNP, MBA, CRNA, MTSA President (left) and Ken Schwab, EdD, former President (not shown) present the Philanthropy Award to Duane and Mary Brown (center).

Mission & Heritage Award

Adam MacDonald, MS, CRNA, APN works with the Murfreesboro Anesthesia Group, a position he has held since his graduation from MTSA in 2004. Adam was a stand-out soccer player at Belmont – being named Most Valuable Player his senior year. Today, he is still very active in soccer as a coach in youth leagues first with the Brentwood Soccer Club and now the Tennessee Soccer Club where he coaches boys ages eight and nine.

He has served for a full month at a time for several summers at Loma de Luz Hospital located on the northern coast of Honduras. The hospital serves the rural indigent. Not only does he serve in medical capacities there, he and his family also fund and support the permanent resident missionaries.



Adam MacDonald received the Mission & Heritage Award at the Gala which was presented by Steve Haley, President of the KY-TN Conference of Seventh-day Adventists (left), and Ken Schwab, EdD, former MTSA President (right).

MTSA Student Receives Scholarship

John Meyers, SRNA (class of 2015) has been awarded the Joyce W. Kelly, CRNA, EdD Scholarship in the amount of \$3,000. The scholarship award presentation will be held at the 2015 AANA Annual Congress Student Scholarship Luncheon in Salt Lake City, Utah in August, 2015. The purpose in providing this scholarship is to honor the pioneering efforts in nurse anesthesia education made by Joyce W. Kelly, CRNA, EdD who helped pioneer nurse anesthesia in the state of California and who also was founder of the Kaiser Permanente School of Anesthesia.



FAMILIES ENJOY FUN AND FOOD AT NEW SOUNDS BALLPARK

MTSA President Ken Schwab and MTSA President-elect Chris Hulin greeted 126 MTSA alum and family members at the new *First Tennessee Park* – home of Nashville Sounds Baseball, on Sunday, May 17.

This free event was open to all MTSA Alumni and immediate family members as the Sounds played the New Orleans Zephyrs. The event was held in the right field group private picnic area and included a full buffet meal of hamburgers, veggie burgers, beef hotdogs, chips, coleslaw, baked beans, drinks, and dessert.



Matt Johnson ('05) MS, CRNA and his wife Jenni (right) with their two children (left to right) Ethan and Tyler enjoy the alumni family event at the Sounds game.



AANA President Sharon Pearce, MS, CRNA (right) visits with MTSA Interim Program Administrator Rachel Brown ('97) DNP, CRNA, APN (left) during Ms. Pearce's presentation at MTSA on the The State of the AANA — a one-hour continuing education session. During Pearce's visit, she also made a presentation at the School's Mission & Awards Gala held the following evening.



Ken Schwab, EdD, retired as MTSA's third president effective June 30, 2015. He was presented a chair with MTSA logo at the recent board meeting by MTSA Board Chairman Art Runyon-Hass, MD (left) and MTSA Board Vice Chairman Vic Martin ('86) CRNA, APN.



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AANA MID-YEAR ASSEMBLY

The American Association of Nurse Anesthetists held its annual mid-year assembly in Washington, D.C in May, 2015. The MTSA delegation included (l to r): Nikki Herzog, SRNA, Vic Martin, CRNA, Vice-chairman MTSA Board of Trustees, Chris Hulin, CRNA, MTSA President; Rachel Brown, CRNA, MTSA Interim Program Administrator, John Shields, CRNA, MTSA Faculty; Dina Velocci, CRNA, MTSA alumnus; U.S. Senator Bob Corker; Matt DeMaree, CRNA, MTSA alumnus, Brad Koss, CRNA, and MTSA students Jim Thompson, Greta Landenwich, Zack Lewter, and Crystal Koss.

A PIECE OF HISTORY

Graduation for the Class of 2015 will be held November 20, 2015. Going back a few years for a graduation snapshot is our "Piece of History" photo. This shot was taken at the Class of 1977 Commencement Ceremony held at Old Hickory Lake. Pictured (l to r) are: Graduate Dale Petersen, former MTSA Program Administrator Bernard Bowen, graduate Cynthia Collie, graduate William Redmond, and William O.T. Smith, MD former MTSA President.

