
MHA NEWS

November 2015

A note from the Program Director . . .

It has only been a few months since the previous newsletter, and I have been so encouraged by the responses I have received. Alumni, current students, and other supporters have responded to our newsletter in an extremely positive way. This program has succeeded because of its supporters, and so I thank you for that support.

In November, the MHA Program received the news that CAHME had accepted its Progress Report and concluded that the program had fulfilled all accreditation criteria. This was a tremendous success. Only two years ago, the program was cited with nine deficiencies. A huge thank you to all who helped us meet the criteria.

In other news, our students have been accomplishing great feats:

- 5 first-year students competed in the HP&M Case Competition in Kansas City, Missouri;
- 4 dual degree students attended the American Health Lawyers Association annual meeting;
- 1 one dual degree student presented her research on the ACA to the New Mexico Legislature; and
- Numerous second year students have interviewed for administrative fellowships with organizations including Stanford Children's Hospital, University of Utah, University of Chicago, Houston Methodist, and University of Florida.

I am extremely encouraged about our successes, and I look forward to the next semester.

All the best,

Christina Juris Bennett

Program updates:

- In November 2015, the program received feedback from CAHME about its mission, vision, and values and its competency assessments. CAHME has revised its criteria, and the program is adjusting accordingly. Faculty members have begun reviewing the current mission, vision, and values along with competency assessments within courses and across the curriculum. The program will be seeking stakeholder review from students, graduates, employers, and preceptors in the near future.
- The program was represented at the Oklahoma Hospital Association Trade Show in November 2015. This was an exceptional opportunity to promote the program and connect with graduates.

- Representatives from Parkland Health & Hospital System in Dallas, Texas, met on campus with interested students about post-graduation fellowships in November 2015. We believe this interest from fellowship recruiters is a sign that our students and graduates are making positive impressions across the country.
- The program has already received and reviewed several applications for admission for Fall 2016.
- Dr. Bennett has met with stakeholders to review and revise the website. Stay tuned!

CONGRATULATIONS!

➤ Current Students

- *Rachel Sibila*, JD-MHA, presented her research about the Affordable Care Act's requirements for tribal nations to the New Mexico legislature on October 5, 2015.
- *Carissa Angel*, MHA, was promoted to Manager of Business Operations at Mercy in Oklahoma City.
- First-year students *Alex Albert*, *Alaina Martin*, *Ashley Roswell*, *Morgan Roberts*, and *Ryan Theissen* participated in the HP&M Regional Case Competition, held in Kansas City, MO, on November 5, 2015.

L-R: Ryan Theissen, Ashley Roswell, Morgan Roberts, Alaina Martin, and Alex Albert at the case competition.

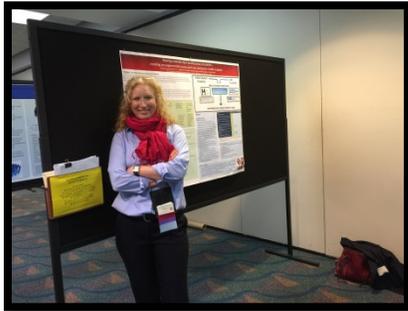


L-R: Matt Selander, Joey Geresi, Rachel Sibila, and Alex Albert at AHLA.

➤ Faculty

- *Dan Pryor* received the title of Executive in Residence to acknowledge his extensive experience and knowledge in the field of healthcare finance.
- *Dr. Andrea Lorden*, PhD, joined the faculty as Assistant Professor in June 2015. She is teaching Health Economics and Advanced Health Economics.
- *Maggie Martin*, JD, joined as adjunct faculty in August 2015. She is teaching Health Law and Ethics. Maggie is employed full-time by Integris.
- *Dr. Ann Chou*, with other researchers, received an AHRQ grant worth \$15 million to study quality improvement in primary care practices to improve heart health.
- *Dr. Dale Bratzler* received the 2015 Excellence in Teaching Award for Preclinical Education from the College of Medicine Academy of Teaching Scholars.

- *Christina Juris Bennett, Shari Kinney, and Steve Mattachione* published the article “Achieving MHA Program Alignment Using PDSA Rapid Improvement Cycles” in the summer 2015 edition of the *Journal of Health Administration Education*.
- *Christina Juris Bennett, Shari Kinney, and Steven Mattachione* presented peer-reviewed posters at the Second Annual College of Medicine Academy of Teaching Scholars Education Day on September 23, 2015. Dr. Bennett’s posters were titled “Mastering the Dark Arts – Teaching Professionalism and Communication Skills at a Graduate Level” and “Moving Towards Inter-professional Education – Creating an Experiential Course with Law and Public Health Students.” Dr. Kinney and Dr. Mattachione’s poster was titled “Assessing Student Engagement Using a Discussion Board Rubric in the Online Classroom.”



Professors Bennett and Kinney presenting their posters.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Join the College of Public Health for its annual Holiday Open House
- UAB Case Competition in Birmingham, Alabama: February 24-26, 2016
- ACHE Congress in Chicago, Illinois: March 14-17, 2016



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