

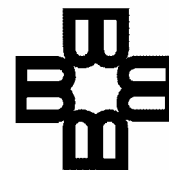
# NewsLetter

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## Graduation 2005

Our largest class ever of 14 received their diplomas on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. An overflowing auditorium audience witnessed the 45 minute ceremony. Bay Medical's President/CEO Steve Johnson and Vice-President Donna Vincent delivered congratulatory remarks. Class Representative Andrea Murray gave the Response and Reverend Jack Hankins the Invocation/Benediction. A reception immediately followed in the Institute's Johnson Classroom.

The graduates are: Back Row (L-R): Ryan Wegner, Keith Windham, Rusty Gentry, Bryan Bird, Greg Hall, Tim Hora, Ira Rahimpour and Wayne Smither. Front Row (L-R): Andrea Murray, Gia Reformina, Scott Cook, Elaine Beaver, Dusti Mackey, and Tina Moore.

## Special Awards - Graduation '05

Academic Excellence (4.0 GPA) plaques awarded by Sharon Ely, interim Assistant Program Director to: Elaine Beaver, Bryan Bird, Scott Cook, Rusty Gentry, Greg Hall, Tim Hora, Dusti Mackey, Gia Reformina, Wayne Smither, Ryan Wegner and Keith Windham.

Class Representative recognition plaque to Andrea Murray

Outstanding Clinical Performance (Agatha Hodgins Award) by Roger Gallagher, Clinical Coordinator to Rusty Gentry.

Outstanding clinical instructor as voted by the graduating class to Patricia Deane, CRNA.

Lynn O. Johnson Scholarship (\$500 check) presented by last year's recipient, Wayne Smither to second year student, Jeremiah Daniels.

## Where Have They Gone?

Class of '05...

**Elaine Beaver**.....Dothan, Alabama  
**Brian Bird**.....Marianna, Florida  
**Scott Cook**.....Panama City, Florida  
**Rusty Gentry**.....Panama City, Florida  
**Greg Hall**.....Panama City, Florida  
**Tim Hora**.....Montgomery, Alabama

**Dusti Mackey**.....Junction City, Arkansas  
 Tina Moore.....Panama City, Florida  
**Andrea Murray**.....Atlanta, Georgia  
**Ira Rahimpour**.....Atlanta, Georgia  
**Gia Reformina**.....Bradenton, Florida  
**Wayne Smither**.....Sedalia, Missouri  
 Ryan Wegner.....Ft. Walton Beach, Florida

**Chuck Vacchiano, PhD, CRNA**

New Program Director straight from his research position as a Navy Captain in Pensacola. Chuck will be joining us in March and then take the keys from Dave in April. Welcome aboard.

**Jon Brookins, MS, CRNA '01**

Hey Geniece, Dave and Sharon,

Hope this finds you all doing well. I have just returned from my second stint of active duty in the Army. I was working in Washington, DC at Walter Reed Medical Center.

I am currently in the process of moving and taking a new position in Morganton, NC. I will be the Chief CRNA for a 14 CRNA practice in 2 hospitals. I am looking forward to a new challenge. I have been at the same job since graduation – Shands Jacksonville.

My family is doing well. My new marriage has been a blessing for me. Jonah turned 8 in December. It seems like yesterday when we came to Panama City and he hadn't yet turned 2. I have a new daughter- Emma Kay. She turned 2 in November. She has been a holy terror. Terrible 2s redefined.

Take care,

**Student Council**

Angela Lane, Student Representative has organized a Student Council group consisting of two representatives from each class, Chief CRNA, Clinical Coordinator, CRNA Assistant Program Director and CRNA Program Director.

Purpose? Enhance communication. The meetings are to be the first Tuesday of each month at 0545, 0545!! In the GINA classroom.

**NURSE ANESTHESIA WEEK...**



Nurse Anesthesia week was January 22-28, 2006. This was the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the AANA. To

celebrate the occasion, and help inform the public, the AANA put together a "History Wall". This wall was shared by numerous facilities that wanted it to display. Our wall arrived January 9<sup>th</sup> and with the assistance of several strong male students, we assembled it for all to see. It was well done and well received. We needed to dismantle it at the end of the week to return to Chicago. This has inspired us to make a poster board with the history of nurse anesthesia that would remain at the Gooding Institute for future events...just don't ask me to draw any pictures!

Sharon



Pictured are: Front Row (L to R) Nika Grammas, CRNA; Donna Bodner, CRNA; William Nummy, CRNA; Britton Turner, CRNA and Sharon Ely, CRNA. 2<sup>nd</sup> Row (L to R) Paul Denaro, CRNA; Pat Deane, CRNA; Roger Gallagher, CRNA; Rusty Gentry, CRNA and Allen Hobbs, CRNA. Back Row (L to R) Greg Hall, CRNA; Bruce Lang, CRNA; Darcy Binder, Chief CRNA; Jan Netherland, CRNA and Louis Peters, CRNA. Missing are Lynne Von Hinken, CRNA and Joe Hamrick, CRNA.



## Pause for the Cause

On November 11, two student volunteers, Amanda Brown and Teresa Tobey participated in a Bay Medical Education event for employees. . .their “Pause for the Cause” station emphasized wrong-site surgery prevention. Amanda and Teresa also handed out

Gooding Institute propaganda freebies. Thank you, ladies.

## Classroom Guests

As part of our course, 571. Professional Aspects of Nurse Anesthesia, first-year student Jessica Lee invited two Drug Enforcement Administration agents to speak with our class on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Complete with weapons on their belts, they presented the DEA’s enforcement perspective on controlled substances and illegal diversion of these substances. Don’t do it!

## Joyce Wilson (Dolce) MS, CRNA ‘96

Right on schedule, Joyce dropped off another generous donation to our Lynn Johnson Scholarship Fund last October. You’re spoiling us Joyce, keep it up.

## Sharon Ely, MS, CRNA

Sharon spends two days per week on loan to the Institute from Bay Medical’s Anesthesia Department. As interim Assistant Program Director, she teaches classroom courses, makes the monthly duty schedules for students and along with Roger, assigns the daily case schedule. She and Roger also deal with any daily issues in the clinical education of our students.



## RETIREMENT

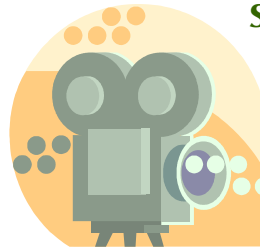
Sharon and Dave moving on in April. Thank you to everyone. It’s been

great. Bought a log cabin in the Smoky Mountains near some good motorcycle roads. Special thanks to



Geniece McPeak. couldn’t have made it without you, kid!

## Robert Golemi – TV Star



Second year student, class of 2006. discussed nurse anesthesia with host Joe Moore on WJHG TV in January. Robert wowed the audience with his information, lab coat and

tie. Bay Watch is next.

## Stationery Statement

The Institute had added the below to our program stationery and Information Booklet. Thanks and credit to Angela Lane, new Student Representative and Teresa Tobey, second year student, class of 2006...

“where success is a tradition”

## Kim Busbea, MS, CRNA, ‘02



Kim stopped by the school house while in town during the week of Thanksgiving. She was accompanied by her beautiful bouncing boy, Brett. Isn’t he adorable?! They both looked great!

## Ryan Wegner, MS, CRNA '05

Ryan was presented a plaque from FANA for a job well done as president of the Florida Association of Student Nurse Anesthetists this year.



## Helen Jones, MS, CRNA '99



Helen and Kevin Jones are proud parents of their newest addition to the family. Luke Connor Jones arrived on

January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at 7:52 am weighing in at 7 lbs 7oz and 19 1/2 inches long!

## Carolina Gonzalez, BSN, RN '06



Senior student, Carolina Gonzalez and Major Alan Yankowsky (USMC) were married on Saturday, February 4, 2006, in

Richmond Virginia. Friends and family from all over the United States flew in for the occasion including bridesmaid and senior student, Amanda Brown. Amanda reported that the wedding weekend went over smoothly and that a good time was had by all. Congratulations, Carolina and Alan, our best wishes for your long and happy life together.



## THIS JUST IN...



Graduating class December '05 – All 14 passed their National Certification Examination!

No numbers yet, but who cares?! They're all CRNAs!

## Holiday Cards

Thanks to all who remembered the program with cards. So many kids and pictures of new babies. Must be the Sevo!!

## Greg & Andrea McCracken, ms, CRNAs '00

Andrea and I would like to introduce Ryan Jarrell McCracken into the world. Weighing in at 8 lbs, 14 oz, he was born December 27, just in time for that tax break! Andrea is recovering from her C-section very well. Ryan is growing by the minute. Greg out.



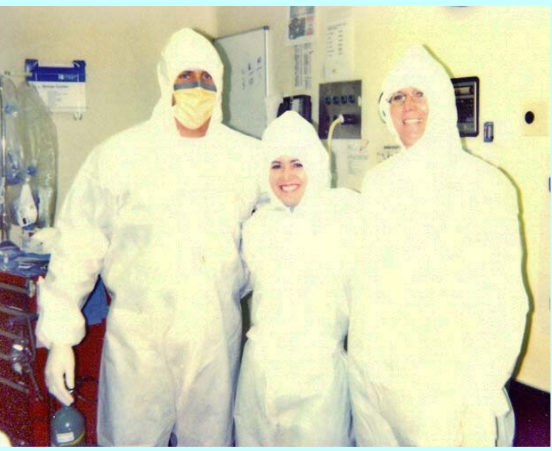
## Roger Gallagher, BS, CRNA

Old dawg marine/navy guy Roger, Volunteered as our Clinical Coordinator here at Bay Medical. Hard working, easy-going and student advocate. Perfect.

## INTERVIEWS

**T**HIRTY-SIX HIGHLY QUALIFIED APPLICANTS WERE INTERVIEWED THROUGHOUT JANUARY AND FEBRUARY FOR OUR CLASS OF 15 BEGINNING AUGUST, 2006. THE INTERVIEW TEAM CONSISTED OF ANESTHESIOLOGISTS, CRNAs AND SECOND YEAR STUDENTS. THIS IS NOT AN EASY JOB AND WE APPRECIATE THE FACULTY AND STUDENTS FOR VOLUNTEERING THEIR LATE-AFTERNOON TIME FOR THIS IMPORTANT TASK.





The Evolution from RN to CRNA

