

CT Expert Lectures in Trinidad

Visiting a medical center recently in Port of Spain, Trinidad, Kerry Greene-Donnelly had an eye-opening experience.

"Here I was in a debilitated, circa 1940s hospital – a place which obviously didn't have a lot of resources for infrastructure – yet, I was surrounded by some of the most up-to-date equipment, like a 64-slice Siemens CT scanner," she observed.

Greene was selected by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) and supported by RAD-AID International to lecture on CT and related quality assurance/ testing practices to imaging professionals on the islands of Trinidad and Tobago.

The CHP assistant professor and CT clinical coordinator worked for PAHO/WHO in the past, presenting several webinars from Upstate that were shared with more than 30 countries. The webinars covered CT dosimetry, image quality, CT protocols and pathology. The result led PAHO to ask Greene to lecture in the island country, and on December 6 and 7 about 30 radiologists and technologists attended her talks in Trinidad.

It was more than finding high-tech equipment in a resource-challenged country that so impressed Greene. The participants were not given credits for attending the lectures and they had to

sit in rooms reaching 100 degrees on a weekend. "In other words, they had no incentive other than that they wanted to learn. It was very inspiring!"

Greene plans to return next year to Trinidad, and to conduct additional imaging webinars this June at Upstate to stream to even more countries served by WHO.

The PAHO is also in need of recent imaging science text books. If alumni can assist in this effort by donating a gently used resource, please contact Greene at greenek@upstate.edu.



Kerry Greene-Donnelly, MBA, RT(R)(M)(CT) (QM), AAS '95, (left) with other Trinidad education team members

Dean Bonner's Mission is to Help Students in Crisis

We've all heard about someone who had to drop out of college because of a personal or financial crisis. Hugh Bonner has made it his personal mission as dean to help prevent any of his "kids" in the College of Health Professions from leaving their studies due to unexpected misfortune.

"One emergency can make a student leave their program, and they may never come back and finish," said Dr. Bonner. "It's been a passion of mine that if a student is facing a short-term, financial crisis, I cannot allow it to interfere with his or her education!"

Like the senior whose family home burned to the ground, destroying all the family's belongings. When word of the calamity reached the dean, he saw to it that the student received a \$1,000 gift. The whole department – classmates and faculty alike – also rallied to help and the student was able to complete the program.

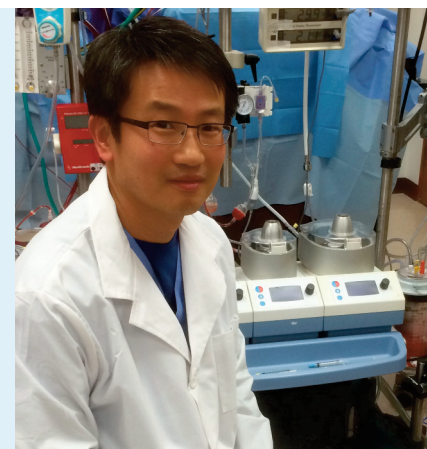
Or like the international student subsisting only on apples who received an emergency meal allowance. Or the student with unanticipated medical bills. Over the years and across

all CHP programs, many cases of real, unexpected need have been alleviated with Dr. Bonner's helping hand.

Since the late 1990s, Dr. Bonner has tapped a personally funded reserve to help these students overcome obstacles to becoming healthcare professionals. In recent years the fund has been supplemented by an anonymous donor and matching funds from the Upstate Foundation.

With his retirement approaching, Dr. and Mrs. Bonner and the CHP Alumni Association want to ensure that this type of student assistance continues in perpetuity by creating the **Dean Hugh W. and Lynnette Bonner Student Emergency Aid Endowment for Health Professions**.

All CHP Alumni and friends are invited to join with Dr. Bonner in this important endeavor. To participate, give online at www.foundationforupstate.org/chpalumni or call (315) 464-4416.



Inside, students including Min-Ho Lee, CP '16, thank our 2014 alumni donors!

"It was a difficult decision for me to enter school again to make a significant career change from a teacher to cardiovascular perfusionist. The news that I would be a recipient of a CHP alumni scholarship gave me strong confirmation that I am going in the right direction. Needless to say, the scholarship relieved the financial burden on me and my family."

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"Receiving the CHP alumni scholarship was such a blessing. It has significantly contributed to my goal of going through college without any debt. It gave me more time to focus on my studies and not worry about having to work as much. Thank you for helping me along my path to become a radiation therapist."

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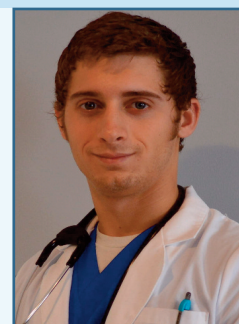
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"I really appreciate the Robert Councilman Scholarship. This award has allowed me not to have to work through my first couple of semesters, helping me to excel academically. I am able to learn and spend more time practically applying respiratory care skills I will be putting to use in the near future, all thanks to alumni and their generosity."

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"We are very excited about the prospect of a new facility that will support the technical and educational ad-

vances in laboratory science," said Susan Graham, MS, MT(ASCP),SH, department chair. "The design of new student laboratories will ensure that students continue to learn from our excellent faculty, but also from each other through interactive design and technologies."

The space on the second floor will be renovated to house Core Laboratory Facilities for research.

RESP Reaccreditation and Preceptors: The Respiratory Therapy Education program is seeking its 10-year reaccreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care. CoARC will conduct an onsite review later this year.

"We would like to recognize all those who support our educational efforts, particularly our clinical preceptors – many of whom are alumni – who function not only as staff respiratory therapists but also as teachers and mentors," said **Joseph Sorbello, MEd, RRT, RT**, program chair and 1976 alumnus. "Our preceptors are outstanding professionals who, despite being unpaid, take our students under their wings and provide them with the support, teaching, mentoring and tutelage needed to mold them into excellent entry-level therapists and future leaders. We are very proud to be part of such a great team of professionals!"

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APTA Conference, Reunion Draws Alumni, Students

The APTA Combined Sections Meeting held February 4-7 in Indianapolis was the perfect venue for a reunion supported by the **CHP Alumni Association**. At Granite City Food & Brewery, Physical Therapy alumni, faculty and students gathered not only to socialize but to honor Professor Emeritus Susan Miller, PT, DPT, MS (*left in first photo*) who is a strong advocate for the educational growth of students. At the APTA meeting, students gained knowledge firsthand from renowned experts such as Dr. Kenzo Kase (*center in*

second photo), inventor of Kinesio Tape, seen with alumna **Michelle Dolphin, PT, DPT '06, MS, OCS**, and student Caitlin Smigelski (*right*). Three senior PT students were invited to present their study at the national meeting – (*right photo, left to right*) Cara Corasaniti, Kelly Brunscheen and Lauren Shirley – with their faculty-mentor, alumna **Carol Recker-Hughes, PT '79, PhD, MA** (*second from right*). The students' successful pilot service project was, "A Fitness Mentorship Program Positively Impacts Children and PT Students," conducted

at the Catholic Youth Organization in Syracuse with children 4-18 years of age. **Support PT students like these in their pursuit of professional growth with your gift to the Susan Miller Physical Therapy Education Professional Development Fund. Join the DPT Class of 2015, which has already given a leadership gift of \$800!**

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