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Army-Baylor Class of 1997

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. This fall newsletter probably finds you busy with work, family and hopefully an occasional football game (with tailgate). This year's Baylor students are expectantly enjoying their second semester and a few maybe dreaming of what it would be like to enjoy a tailgate party of their own. All reports from the program director, LTC Lee Bewley, are that the class of 2011 is going full steam ahead.

The alumni association leadership is working a number of initiatives this year. We are currently making final arrangements for this year's Baylor Dinner in Chicago, reviewing a number of Baylor Alumni sponsorship proposals and reviewing and updating the constitution and bylaws.

As in years past there's been an effort by the alumni committee to advance the networking capability of the alumni association. With the advent of computer technology plus the development and introduction of networking sites this newsletter introduces a number of productive websites. I would like to encourage you to take a minute to review and participate in the websites mentioned.

In addition, I ask that you make special note of a letter from Larry Johnson. Your monetary contributions to this specific worthwhile initiative and/or a contribution to the general Alumni Association fund can and will do wonders for the Army-Baylor program and is always greatly appreciated.

As in the past I would like to invite and encourage any Baylor Bear with ideas or skills, knowledge and abilities to please share them when me or any member of the alumni committee. The alumni association is only as good as the ideas and efforts of its members. I hope you enjoy the newsletter!

Army-Baylor Alumni 3rd Vice President:

MAJ Daniel P. Fisher

Army-Baylor Class of 2009

The Army-Baylor Alumni Club is attempting to keep up with technological trends in social networking by establishing an Army-Baylor Alumni group on LinkedIn. LinkedIn is an internet site used to facilitate professional networking and has over 47 million members. LinkedIn gives you the opportunity to post your profile in as much detail and public visibility as you desire to help you make better use of your professional

network and help the people you trust in return. The overall goal of LinkedIn is to make professionals more productive and successful through enhancing communication.

There are currently 95 members in the Army-Baylor LinkedIn group and growing. Please consider registering on www.Linkedin.com and joining the "Army-Baylor Alumni" group. Joining gives you the ability to both post and receive information. Obtaining the information does not require logging into the website as postings of information are sent automatically to the email address you specify. If you choose not to follow a discussion, you can simply opt out of future responses. Best of all, LinkedIn is free to join!

Army-Baylor Program Director:

LTC Lee W. Bewley, Ph.D., FACHE
Army-Baylor Class of 1999

All is well here at the program. The 34 students in the didactic phase successfully completed the first semester. Army healthcare leaders should be aware that there are only a couple of future 70As in this class, so there will be only be a couple traditional Summer 2011 Administrative Residents available that could fill 70A billets in Summer 2012; however, the incoming class of 2011-2013 appears to be very robust with more than 25 MSC officers scheduled to attend. In this context, I strongly encourage you to develop and employ the marketing network to guide our officers to apply for Long-term Health Education and Training (LTHET) with Army-Baylor as their prime choice. Additionally, I would go so far as to suggest that you should discourage career-oriented officers from attending non-accredited (CAHME\AACSB) graduate programs nights\weekends\online\deployed. The Program has the capacity (maximum of 60), some really great faculty teaching, and a superb preceptor\alumni network. Given the recent CAHME and AACSB full reaccreditation, the U.S. News and World Report Top-20 ranking, and the opportunity to earn both a MHA and MBA from Baylor University, there is a fairly compelling value proposition there for potential students that will both serve them well in their career and serve the Army Medical Department by providing access to a strong, reliable stream of well-developed, competent healthcare administrators. Clearly, this same case for value resonates across all of our services and the Veterans Health Administration.

One final point of news and request: The upcoming Army Medical Service Corps LTHET message will include at least one and perhaps two Ph.D. starts for the period 2011 – 2014 with service as an Army-Baylor MHA\MBA faculty member from 2014 – 2019. We need faculty to earn a doctorate in the fields of Management and Health Administration\Policy. There are a number of subdomains, e.g. Economics, Finance, Marketing, etc. that fit Program faculty needs. If you know someone that is interested in applying, please do not hesitate to have the officer contact me or one of our faculty to provide a perspective on doctoral studies and service here at the Program. Successful candidates will have a strong academic record and have competitive standardized test scores (1100+ GRE or 600+ GMAT). The Program will assist the selected future faculty members in finding\applying for a doctoral program that fits the officer's interests and needs of the Program.

Air Force Update:

LTC Paul Brezinski

It is that time of year again. The Program just welcomed four USAF MSCs and one USAF Nurse Corps Officer into the Program and simultaneously shipped four students off to residencies at top-notch healthcare organizations across the country. Residency locations for the 2009/2010 year include Kaiser Permanente, Johns Hopkins, Inland Northwest Health Services, and University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics. As always, the USAF students in the Program are performing extremely well in both the didactic and residency phases.

On another note, the Program is undergoing a significant curriculum restructuring in response to the needs of the students and input from both internal and external stakeholders. Some major changes include the integration of health policy, human resources, and operations management as core courses for all students. In addition, the Graduate Management Project has morphed into a series of practical application projects, the quantitative and econ series have been significantly consolidated and revised, as have strategy and marketing. When all is said and done, an already strong Program should be even stronger.

In terms of USAF participation, the Program hopes to reach out to the Medical Corps and Biomedical Science Corps for future USAF students. In the AFMS, officers in all corps serve in leadership positions for which MHA/MBA education and training is essential. The Program hopes these efforts will help present and future leaders in the AFMS expand and sharpen their repertoire of skills. More to come on this front. In closing, if anyone has any input/feedback, or would just like to discuss past, present, or future issues at the Program, feel free to email or call: paul.brezinski@amedd.army.mil; 210-221-8857.

Navy & Coast Guard Update:

Lieutenant Suzanne J. Wood, PhD, MSC, USN, FACHE

The Class of 2011, eight of which are Navy and one is Coast Guard, is now well into the second semester of the didactic phase. As in previous years, the cohort comprises the most junior officers in the program, yet many come with previous military experience, either as enlisted personnel or line officers. This particular group includes an aviator, surface warfare officer, and two others who wished to convert to the Medical Service Corps in early- to mid-career. Because they are highly motivated individuals, we were able to secure the Cleveland Clinic, Jefferson Health System (Philadelphia, PA), and Johns Hopkins, in addition to the list of well attended residencies within Navy Medicine and the San Antonio region. Working with the Specialty Leader, CAPT Mike Hendee (a Baylor alumnus) we were also able to negotiate early for follow-on orders, as many students wished to serve overseas, as with Yokosuka and Okinawa, Japan, Guam, and Naples, Italy. Though students must complete their residencies prior to reporting overseas, they will benefit from having a long lead time for planning purposes.

2010 Lewis E. Angelo Professional Symposium (LEAPS):

The committee has begun initial planning for the Lewis E. Angelo Professional Symposium (LEAPS) scheduled at the Swissôtel, in downtown Chicago, 25 March 2009. As always, Navy LEAPS coincides with the ACHE Annual Congress, 22-25 March, and is geared toward the interests of those serving in the U.S. Navy, Coast Guard, and Public Health Service. As in the past, this year's schedule will be loaded with opportunities!

Plan to join us at the Navy Town Hall Meeting Wednesday afternoon, the Navy Regents' Reception and Awards Dinner Wednesday evening, and the Lewis E. Angelo Professional Symposium all day Thursday. I would like to especially encourage you to get involved early. We will have many opportunities for mentoring, volunteering, and in competing for the Navy Regent's awards, which are always terrific! Registration and volunteer information will soon be available on the Web page, <http://www.navyleaps.com>

2010 AUPHA Annual Meeting

Larry Johnson, PhD, FACHE

Assistant Professor Army-Baylor MHA / MBA Program

The Army-Baylor Alumni Board is considering a proposal to financially support the 2010 AUPHA Annual meeting. The Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA) has requested its member programs contribute to the 2010 Annual Meeting. AUPHA is a global network of colleges, universities, faculty, individuals, and organizations dedicated to promoting excellence in healthcare management education. Army-Baylor is a graduate-level AUPHA full member program and accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Health Management Education. <http://www.aupha.org/custom/directory/programs.cfm?proctype=Graduate>

The expected end result of our sponsorship is increased Army-Baylor H&BA Program recognition among key stakeholders, many of whom vote MHA Program Rankings in US News and World Report. Sponsorship also provides complimentary memberships, program advertising options and package of 8-10 specific benefits: <http://www.aupha.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3339>.

Our Alumni Board has decided to reach out and ask our membership to contribute to the AUPHA Annual Meeting. Your donation will be combined with funds from the A-B Alumni Board to increase our sponsorship level. Please send a check to Cynthia Childress, A-B Treasurer, 3151 Scott Rd., Bldg 2841, Room 1413, Ft. Sam Houston, TX 78234 or simply use PayPal <http://www.armybaylor.com> to make a donation. Please include an email to Cynthia.childress@us.army.mil designating your funds for AUPHA. Thank you!

Building the Network

Input from our alumni --- share your success and challenge stories and keep the U.S. Army Baylor network strong! We want to hear how you are doing. Go Bears!

International Impact of Army-Baylor Graduates

MAJ Dan Reynolds
Army-Baylor Class of 2009

I am currently deployed in Afghanistan as part of the CJTF-82 Surgeon section. The CJTF-82 Surgeon section has deployed out two TACs to align with the Afghan National Army (ANA) 201st and 203rd Corps. The ANA Corps is equivalent to a US Army Division with 3 brigades in each ANA Corps and 4 Infantry Kandaks, Combat Support Kandak, and Combat Service Support Kandak in each brigade. We are making an effort to work "Shoulder to Shoulder" with our ANA counterparts in their daily duties and revamping an effort to align intel and operations information of both the ANA and Coalition Forces.

I recently attended an ANA Medical Conference led by the OTSG and MEDCOM for the ANA, MG Yaftali. MAJ James Jones, a 2007 Baylor grad, is the 203rd Corps Surgeon Mentor. I met him at the conference, as another member of the CJTF-82 Surgeon section. MAJ Jones assisted in planning/executing a 203rd Corps Best Medic Competition.

Announcements

MAJ (P) (Dr.) Martin Doperak, class of 2009, was selected for promotion to Lieutenant Colonel in the Army Medical Department.

Capt (Major select) Scott Hughes, class of 2008, was selected as the "Young Healthcare Executive of the Year" for the South Texas chapter of ACHE

MAJ (R) Richard T. Hawk, class of 1999, was recently selected for the Supervisory Civilian Category II Award for the second quarter of 2009. He received this award at three distinct levels of competition (59th Medical Operations Group, 59th Medical Wing, and Team Lackland). The criteria used to confer this award upon a senior civilian with supervisory responsibilities include major achievements in three areas: leadership & job performance in primary duties, self improvement initiatives, and base and community involvement.

CPT Christian Nelson, Chief of Clinical Operations at Winn Army Community Hospital, Ft. Stewart, GA, earned the position of Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Where Did They Go?

Army-Baylor Class of 2009

The Army-Baylor class of 2009 graduated in August of 2009 moving onto their utilization assignments. The locations of many of their follow on assignments are listed below and demonstrate the operational and strategic positions entrusted to the graduates of our prestigious program.

Deputy Commander for Clinical Services, Moncrief ACH; Ft. Jackson, SC
Primary Care Staff Officer, MEDCOM Clinical Services Division; Ft. Sam Houston, TX
Research Analyst, OTSG Decision Support Center
Strategic Operations Officer, Army Medical Specialist Corps; Ft. Sam Houston, TX
Chief of Managed Care, DeWitt ACH; Ft. Belvoir, VA
Chief of Clinical Support Division, Winn ACH; Ft. Stewart, GA
Chief of Military Education & Training, Reynolds ACH; Ft. Sill, OK
Department Head, Patient Administration, NNMC Bethesda; Bethesda, MD
Group Practice Manager, Mike O'Callaghan Federal Hospital; Nellis AFB, NV
Group Practice Manager, 49th Medical Group; Holloman AFB, NM
Group Practice Manager, 10th Medical Group; US Air Force Academy, CO
Chief of Logistics, 49th Medical Group; Holloman AFB, NM
Deputy Director, Directorate of Medical Administration & Operations; Walter Reed AMC
Nurse Methods Analyst, Blanchfield ACH; Ft. Campbell, KY
Chief of Logistics, Vicenza Health Clinic; Vicenza, Italy
Department of OB/GYN Administrator, Tripler AMC; Honolulu, HI
S3 (Operations), 32nd Medical Brigade; Ft. Sam Houston, TX
S3 (Operations) 399th Combat Support Hospital; Ft. Devens, MA
Chief of Nutrition Care Division, CRDAMC; Ft. Hood, TX
S3 (Operations), Irwin Army Community Hospital
Medical Administration Officer, USS Boxer (LHD-4); San Diego, CA
Information Management Officer, Naval Hospital Jacksonville; Jacksonville, FL
Emergency Management Officer, NNMC Bethesda; Bethesda, MD

Training DOD and VA Healthcare Administrators of the Future

Army-Baylor Class of 2010

The class of 2010 transitioned to many great residency locations in July of 2009 where the students can begin expanding their knowledge and applying what they learned in the didactic classroom phase to continue their growth into the future's healthcare administrators. The location of the residency locations are listed below. If you are located near one of these locations and have educational opportunities to offer that would enhance the learning opportunities of the residencies, please contact MAJ Brad Beauvais, PhD, MBA, MA (Bradley.Beauvais@AMEDD.ARMY.MIL). MAJ Beauvais is an Assistant Professor at the Army-Baylor Program in Health and Business Administration and serves as the Residency Chairman.

Office of the Surgeon General; Washington, DC
Walter Reed AMC; Washington, DC
Naval Medical Center Bethesda; Bethesda, MD
Johns Hopkins; Baltimore, MD
Naval Medical Center Portsmouth; Portsmouth, VA

Greater San Antonio Hospital Council; San Antonio, TX
Baptist Health System; San Antonio, TX
Tricare Regional Office-South; San Antonio, TX
Army Medical Command; Ft. Sam Houston, TX
Army Dental Command; Ft. Sam Houston, TX
Southern Regional Medical Command; Ft. Sam Houston, TX
Army Medical Specialists Corps Office; Ft. Sam Houston, TX
AMEDD Personnel Proponent Directorate; Ft. Sam Houston, TX
San Antonio Military Medical Center/BRAC Office; Fort Sam Houston, TX
Brooke Army Medical Center; Ft. Sam Houston, TX
Center for the Intrepid (BAMC); Ft. Sam Houston, TX
VA North Texas Health Care System; Dallas/Fort Worth, TX
Veterans Affairs Medical Center; Battle Creek, MI

Navy Medicine West; San Diego, CA
Naval Medical Center San Diego; San Diego, CA
Kaiser Permanente; Napa-Solano Region, Vacaville, CA
Madigan AMC; Fort Lewis, WA
Naval Hospital Bremerton; Bremerton, WA
Inland Northwest Health Services; Spokane, WA
Tripler AMC; Honolulu, HI

Evans ACH; Ft. Carson, CO
VA Medical Center; Denver, CO
University of Utah Health Sciences Center; Salt Lake City, Utah

DD Eisenhower AMC; Fort Gordon, GA
Womack AMC; Fort Bragg, NC
Moncrief ACH; Fort Jackson, SC
Landstuhl AMC, Germany