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## Newsletter



### Army-Baylor Alumni Association News

Fellow Bears,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the President of our Alumni Association. On behalf of the members, I extend a sincere thank you to the board members and volunteers that make everything possible through their dedication and hard work – LTC Rob Letizio (Immediate Past President), LTC Forest Kim (1<sup>st</sup> VP), Mr.

LTC (R) Jeff Hillard (2<sup>nd</sup> VP) and Ms. Sara Ryan (3<sup>rd</sup> VP). Also thanks to our Baylor Faculty representatives – LTC Lee Bewley (Program Director) and LTC Cynthia Childress (Treasurer). In addition, Ms. Elizabeth Sadler, Ms. Jetta Elliott for fulfilling critical roles and responsibilities when called upon. Many thanks to each and every one of you!

As many of you are aware, 2013's annual Baylor Alumni Dinner in Chicago was cancelled; federal budget constraints and policies made business travel for many of our Alumni challenging. We hope that the new year brings better luck...The board has begun preliminary planning for next year's annual event for a limited-risk social event to bring our Alumni together at the ACHE Conference in 2014. Stay tuned for additional details in follow-on newsletters and postings to our social media sites.

Congratulations to this year's Distinguished Alumni Award winner, Rear Admiral Rebecca McCormick-Boyle, class of 1996. She's a twenty-seven year Navy Nurse Corps Officer and Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives. RADM McCormick-Boyle has a distinguished career and a proven track record as a healthcare leader within our Military Health System. Congratulations!

Over the past year the board worked diligently to achieve 501(c)3 federal non-profit organization status. We are happy to share with you all that we've met this goal! We can now reach a broader base of potential benefactors and provide tax incentives for charitable donations. This new status has required a much more intense administrative effort, including active management, formalized meeting structure, additional board members and annual tax filing from our board members. Many thanks goes to the main campus alumni staff for their assistance to the Army-Baylor Alumni Association gaining federal non-profit status.

In addition, we're making great strides migrating/nesting our current website at <http://www.armybaylor.com/>, onto the main campus alumni website at <http://www.baylor.edu/alumni/>. Leveraging the main campus website and staff provides our Association the necessary tools and resources at no cost to maintain an updated, modern and professional website that our alumni deserve and have come to expect; best of all, we'll maintain the full autonomy that we've been accustomed to for the past decade.

Call to former Army-Baylor Alumni Presidents and Distinguished Army-Baylor Alumni Awardees: the Board records are incomplete on those that have either held the office of Alumni President and/or received the award. We are attempting to reconstruct the rolls. If you are a former Alumni President and/or award recipient, please contact me at [jo-seph.p.edger.mil@mail.mil](mailto:jo-seph.p.edger.mil@mail.mil).

Lastly, the Board continues sponsorship of civic and academic endeavors across the nation. If you know of a worth-while endeavor that could benefit from our support, please contact me at [joseph.p.edger.mil@mail.mil](mailto:joseph.p.edger.mil@mail.mil). Our 2013 sponsored events included:

- J. Dewey Lutes Student Research Conference;
- Academy Health Sciences Graduate School Research Day
- Army-Baylor Distinguished Lecture Series
- Army-Baylor Alumni Association Reception for the incoming and outgoing class

We also have a commitment from The Fisher Foundation for \$3,000.00 to assist with the Orals Reception. Please visit them at: <http://www.fisher-foundation.com>

LTC Joseph (Joe) P. Edger, FACHE  
Alumni President  
Class of '05

**Thanks for all you do for Baylor University and our Army-Baylor Alumni**

## Army-Baylor Alumni Board

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**Special thanks to our Baylor Faculty Representative**

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## Distinguished Alumni Award



RADM Rebecca McCormick-Boyle is the recipient of the 2013 Distinguished Alumni Award. RADM McCormick-Boyle, a twenty-seven year Navy Nurse Corps Officer and Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives is 1996 graduate of the Army-Baylor Masters of Healthcare Administration program.

RADM McCormick-Boyle has a distinguished career and a proven track record as a healthcare leader and manager. Her career has spanned a broad spectrum of duties: Director, Branch Medical Clinics; Executive Assistant, Commanding Officer for Health Care Operations; and Senior Nurse, Fleet Hospital. Additionally she served in recruiting and as Branch Clinics Director, Nurse Corps Career Plans Officer, Executive Officer, Commanding Officer and now Chief of Staff at the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. She is an insightful leader who fosters creative collaboration as well as meticulous attention to detail.

RADM McCormick-Boyle possesses a palpable commitment to fellow Shipmates and the community in which she lives. She has energetically advanced the Navy's diversity imperatives. Establishing multicultural committees, instituted educational calendars and celebratory events to include speakers and command-wide displays which garnered community recognition. She sets a personal example of volunteerism through regular participation in community projects and school mentorship programs, forging a culture of volunteerism at her commands.

Professionally, she has been active in the American College of Healthcare Executives since 1993. In 2008 she was asked to serve on the College's Regent's Advisory Council as its senior Nurse Corps representative; in this capacity she increased communication about this professional opportunity to Nurse Corps Officers. She is the recipient of the 2011 Navy Regent's Senior Health Care Executive Awards. She is currently an active participant in her local chapter.

She is a decorated Navy officer whose awards in Legion of Merit (two awards), Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (two awards), and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

**Congratulations RADM McCormick-Boyle!**



## Students attend ACHE Landscape Conference

Students from the class of 2014 attended the local South Texas Annual Joint Healthcare Conference. The conference welcomed an esteemed group of speakers. Keynote speaker Thomas C. Dolan, Ph.D., FACHE, CAE, President and CEO of ACHE presented his observations about the American healthcare system, healthcare organizations and healthcare leaders. Dr. Dolan emphasized the need to reduce healthcare costs and improve quality. He also challenged attendees to plot their personal and professional goals for the next 20 years. Ms. Teri Fontenot, CPA, and Chair of the American Hospital Association presented an overview of the impact of the Affordable Care Act on payors, the public and providers. A panel of speakers presented recommendations for leading change in healthcare organizations.



Members of the Class of 2014 with Thomas C. Dolan, PhD, Outgoing President and CEO, ACHE

### Join the AABA Board!

Next Spring, the Board will seek nominees to serve in the 2nd and 3rd Vice President roles. To learn more or submit a nomination, contact [admin@armybaylor.com](mailto:admin@armybaylor.com)



## Director's Corner

Hello, Baylor Bears! I hope this note finds you and your families enjoying the summer! Your Army-Baylor MHA\MBA Program conducted our annual end of year activities in June as one class finishes the didactic phase bound for their administrative residencies and a new class begins the didactic phase.

All 54 members of the Army-Baylor Class of 2014 successfully culminated the didactic phase by completing Comprehensive Oral Examinations. The evening following the day of Comprehensive Oral Examinations was highlight by a first-class celebratory reception sponsored by the Army-Baylor Alumni Association at the Grand Hyatt Regency in downtown San Antonio that served to congratulate the Class of 2014 students completing the didactic phase and welcome the incoming Class of 2015. More than 200 students, faculty, alumni, and family members attended the event. The mem-

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bers of the Army-Baylor Class of 2014 will be serving one-year Administrative Residencies at more than 50 sites around the country including each of the Top 5 U.S. News Hospitals in America (Massachusetts General, Johns Hopkins, Mayo Clinic, Cleveland Clinic, and UCLA Medical Center).

The academic year both officially ended and began on June 18<sup>th</sup> during the Opening and Closing Ceremony. The ceremony marked the

highest enrollment (didactic and residency phases) of students, 108 total, within the program in more than 30 years. Major General Jimmie Keenan, Commander of the Army's Southern Region Medical Command and Chief, Army Nurse Corps, provided the keynote address. Major Michael Franz was recognized by both his classmates and the faculty with both the Peter T. Shaul Peer Award and the Army-Baylor Alumni Award. Faculty recognition included Lieutenant Colonel Forest Kim, Ph.D., Instructor of the Year; Major Joe Topinka, JD, Distinguished Faculty Service; and Major Fred Weigel, Ph.D., Researcher of the Year.

The latest Long-term Education and Training (LTHET) results indicate that the Army-Baylor Class of 2016 may be the largest cohort (near or at 60 students) in the modern history of the program. We continue to serve the Army Medical Department, Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Air Force Medical Service, and other federal health services with high-quality, fully-accredited graduate healthcare management education to continue to develop the next generation of federal healthcare executives and leaders in health.

Lee W. Bewley, Ph.D., FACHE  
LTC, United States Army  
Program Director  
Army-Baylor Class of 1999

## 26th Annual J. Dewey Lutes Student Research Contest Winners

For the 26th year, students participated in the J Dewey Lutes Student Research Competition. The competition is named after J. Dewey Lutes, a distinguished healthcare executive and the first Director General of the American College of Hospital Administrators, now the American College of Healthcare Executives. The class submitted 13 research papers into the competition. The winning paper, "The Effects of Patient-Centered Medical Home Implementation on cervical cancer screening compliance rates at the Screaming Eagle Medical Home" found that enrollees of the PCMH clinic had a greater likelihood to have required cervical cancer screening than enrollees of Blanchfield Army Community Hospital. The Army-Baylor Alumni Association provides cash awards for the 1st (\$300), 2nd (\$150), and 3rd (\$50) place winners.



26th Annual J. Dewey Lutes Student Research Contest 1st Place Winners From left to right: LTC Lee Bewley (Program Director, Army-Baylor Program), Mr. Michael Hawkins (Army-Baylor Class of 2014), CPT Jeremy Trescott (Army-Baylor Class of 2014), LTJG Eric Harasimowitz (Army-Baylor Class of 2014), LTC Forest Kim (Deputy Program Director, Army-Baylor Program)

Watch the J. Dewey Lutes research paper presentations:

<http://www.baylor.edu/graduate/mha/index.php?id=97256>

2nd Place Student Research Paper: "Positive Factors Influencing Patient Experiences of Care for Inpatient Obstetrics Among United States Army, Navy, and Air Force Healthcare Facilities"



26th Annual J. Dewey Lutes Student Research Contest 2nd Place Winners From left to right: LTC Lee Bewley (Program Director, Army-Baylor Program), CPT Tim Anderson (Army-Baylor Class of 2014), MAJ Ken Sturtz (Army-Baylor Class of 2014), Mr. Brian Vazzano (Army-Baylor Class of 2014), LTC Forest Kim (Deputy Program Director, Army-Baylor Program)

3rd Place Student Research Paper: "Impact of Sponsor Deployment on Pediatric Behavior Health Services Utilization"



26th Annual J. Dewey Lutes Student Research Contest 3rd Place Winners From left to right: LTC Lee Bewley (Program Director, Army-Baylor Program), MAJ John Lavoie (Army-Baylor Class of 2014), CPT Kathryn LoFranco (Army-Baylor Class of 2014), CPT David Tyson (Army-Baylor Class of 2014), LTC Forest Kim (Deputy Program Director, Army-Baylor Program)



## Residency Options Grow

Recent Army-Baylor students have had unprecedented opportunities for their Residency experiences. This year's residency menu included some of the nation's most prestigious health care organizations in the Military Health System, civilian hospitals and the Veterans Health Administration. Residency locations include:

### Military Treatment Facilities & Veterans Affairs Medical Centers:

Moncrief ACH, Fort Benning  
 Womack AMC, Fort Bragg  
 Evans ACH, Fort Carson  
 Eisenhower AMC, Fort Gordon  
 Darnall AMC, Fort Hood  
 Ireland ACH, Fort Knox  
 Baynes-Jones ACH, Fort Polk  
 Madigan AMC, Joint Base Lewis McChord  
 Landstuhl AMC  
 MEDCOM  
 NH Jacksonville  
 NH Oak Harbor  
 NH Portsmouth  
 NMC Portsmouth  
 Richmond VMC  
 SAMMC  
 Tripler AMC  
 VAMC DC  
 Wilford Hall  
 WRNMMC

### Civilian Healthcare Organizations:

Baptist Emergency Hospital  
 Baptist Med Center  
 Baptist Region  
 Christus Santa Rosa  
 Cleveland Clinic  
 Johns Hopkins  
 Kaiser Permanente  
 Massachusetts General  
 Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville  
 Mayo Clinic, Rochester  
 NC Baptist  
 NE Baptist  
 Oschner Health  
 Poudre Valley  
 Providence Health  
 Scripps Health  
 UCLA Medical Center  
 University of Washington  
 UTHSCSA

Residency options include each of the Top 5 *U.S. News & World Report* 2013–14 Best Hospitals