Stellar crop of graduates

Members of the 2011-2012 graduating class gathered in June to celebrate their many accomplishments and get an important piece of paper—their residency certificate to frame on a wall of honor. Read about those receiving awards and see more photos on page 2.

Sherwood Joins Department as Vice Chair for Research

Edward Sherwood, MD, PhD, joins our faculty on July 1 as Professor/Vice Chair for Research. Our department is consistently ranked one of the top extramurally funded research programs in the nation, and is unique among academic anesthesiology departments due to its strong program of both basic science and clinical research. In his role, Sherwood will oversee all of the department’s investigational endeavors.

“We are thrilled to have Ed join our faculty, and his leadership will certainly play a vital role in the continued success of our department,” said Warren Sandberg, MD, PhD, chair of the Department of Anesthesiology. “In addition to his noteworthy personal research interests, Ed has demonstrated solid leadership on the institutional level, and is a key contributor to the scientific dialogue nationally.”

A distinguished translational physician-scientist, Sherwood previously served as vice chair for research, and professor/James F. Arens Endowed Chair of the Department of Anesthesiology.

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Academic Awards for 2011-2012

On Friday, June 15, outstanding faculty and residents were honored for their contributions to the department, and specifically to education and patient care. Faculty members from each division announced the honorees, and the chief residents announced faculty members that went above and beyond in their efforts to train and mentor. On the following pages are photos of recipients present at the awards ceremony.

RESIDENTS’ AWARDS
Dr. Allison Greening  Acute Pain Service
Dr. Ryan Tomlinson  Adult Multispecialty Anesthesia, Critical Care Medicine, Pain Medicine
Dr. Brooke Hobgood  Ambulatory Anesthesia
Dr. Jeremy Bennett  Cardiothoracic Anesthesia, Cardiovascular Anesthesia, VAMC, Hepato-Vascular Anesthesia,
Dr. Jace Perkerson  Neuroanesthesia
Dr. Erin Brockway and Dr. Korie Vakey  Obstetric Anesthesia
Dr. Korie Vakey  Pediatric Anesthesia
Dr. Paul Reynolds  Regional Anesthesia
Dr. Heidi Smith  Vice Chairs’ Award for Outstanding Scholarship

FACULTY AWARDS
Golden Apple Awards
Dr. Arna Banerjee, Dr. Ann Walia, Dr. Liza Weavind
Volker I. Striepe Teaching Award
Dr. Doug Hester
B.E. Smith Mentorship Award
Eric Delpire, PhD

Golden Apple Award recipient Dr. Liza Weavind, with Dr. Ryan Tomlinson, Dr. Brett Campbell and Dr. Carrie Menser.

Obstetric Anesthesia award winners Dr. Erin Brockway and Dr. Korie Vakey with Dr. Curtis Baysinger.

Neuroanesthesia award winner Dr. Jace Perkerson with Dr. Kenneth Smithson.
Congratulations to our Outstanding Faculty and Residents!

At right, Regional Anesthesia award winner Dr. Paul Reynolds with Dr. Randall Malchow.

Golden Apple Award recipient Dr. Arna Banerjee, with Dr. Ryan Tomlinson, Dr. Brett Campbell and Dr. Carrie Menser.

Vice Chairs’ Award for Outstanding Scholarship recipient Dr. Heidi Smith with Dr. Matt Weinger.

Pediatric Anesthesia award winner Dr. Korie Vakey with Dr. Daniel Roke.

Critical Care Medicine award winner Dr. Ryan Tomlinson with Dr. Arna Banerjee. Dr. Tomlinson also won the Adult Multi-specialty Anesthesia award and the Pain Medicine award.

Acute Pain Service award winner Dr. Allison Greening, with Dr. Raj Gupta.
Phythyon Lecture Features International Speaker

The Annual Phythyon Lectureship and other events related to the lectureship were held on April 26 and April 27, and featured guest lecturer Dr. Peter Marhofer. The lecture drew a large crowd of department members and alumni, and many members of Dr. James Phythyon’s family were in attendance.

Dr. Marhofer, Director of Paediatric Anaesthesia at the Department of Anaesthesia, General Intensive Care Medicine and Pain Control at the Medical University of Vienna, spoke on regional anesthesia in children. Your continued support of this important endeavor, which supports educational efforts related to pediatric anesthesia is appreciated.

Above, three generations of the family of Dr. James Phythyon, a founding member of the Pediatric Anesthesiology Division, attended the memorial lecture established in his honor. The event, held in April 2012, marked the seventh year of the endowed lectureship. At left, Dr. Peter Marhofer traveled to Nashville from Austria to present a lecture on the effectiveness and challenges of regional anesthesia in children.

Sherwood Joins Department, continued from page 1

siology at University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas. He also was a professor in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology and director of the M.D. Ph.D. Combined Degree Program at UTMB. Sherwood received his medical degree (with honors) from the University of Chicago, and his Ph.D. in physiology from Tulane University. He completed a residency in anesthesiology at Northwestern University and an internship in internal medicine at University of Chicago. Sherwood completed his undergraduate studies at Southwestern University.

His major research interests include altered antimicrobial immunity in experimental models of sepsis and thermal injury. He has several active research grants, including a National Institutes of Health RO1 grant to define the role of natural killer and CD8+ T cells in the pathogenesis of acute intra-abdominal sepsis. Sherwood has authored nearly 70 peer reviewed articles, and is the recipient of numerous awards associated with teaching and research.

Sherwood currently serves as an associate examiner for the American Board of Anesthesiology and is on the editorial boards of the leading medical journals Anesthesia and Analgesia, Shock, and Frontiers in Molecular Innate Immunity. He is a permanent member of the National Institutes of Health Surgery, Anesthesia and Trauma (SAT) Study Section.

Sherwood is joined in Nashville by his wife, Kelly Chambers, and their three children, Lynn, 18, Nick, 17, and Lee, 14.
Research Symposium Highlights Investigators

The eighth annual Anesthesiology Research Symposium in May featured invited speaker Dr. Michael J. Joyner of Mayo Clinic. During Grand Rounds, Dr. Joyner, one of the world’s leading experts on human performance and exercise physiology, spoke on: “What Have We Learned From the ‘New Biology:’ Physiology vs. Reductionism?” VU staff can view his lecture by clicking here. During the daylong symposium, Dr. Joyner and Anesthesiology faculty quizzed researchers about their work. The day’s poster and oral presentations, as well as contributions throughout the year, were evaluated by senior faculty, and winners were announced at the symposium’s conclusion. They are:

- Pittinger Prize for Excellence in Clinical/Translational Research: Stephen Bruehl, PhD
- Pittinger Prize for Excellence in Basic Science Research: Jerod Denton, PhD
- Pittinger Prize for Excellence in Health Services & Informatics Research, Jesse Ehrenfeld, MD, MPH
- Roger England Award for Excellence in Support of Research: Sreedatta Banerjee, BS
- Best Poster Presentation: Chris Hughes, MD
- Best Oral Presentation: Rene Raphemot, BS
- James Tayloe Qwathmey Anesthesiology Award: Joel Musee, PhD
- Bradley Smith Mentorship Award, Eric Delpire, PhD

At left, Dr. Sandberg thanks Dr. Joyner for his contribution to the symposium.

Above, BH Robbins Scholars met with Dr. Joyner during his visit to discuss the challenges and rewards of scientific investigation.

Above, graduate student Rene Raphemot gives his oral presentation of his research. Raphemot works in the lab of Jerod Denton, PhD.

Above, research nurse Elizabeth Card explains her work to new Anesthesiology Vice Chair of Research Dr. Edward Sherwood.

Above, researcher Mark Jewell explains his research to Dr. Matt Weinger during the poster session.
Toast to VIA Features Tales from Kijabe

The annual Vanderbilt International Anesthesia Wine Tasting Fundraiser, “A Toast to VIA” was a wonderful time of sharing and supporting our Department’s primary outreach project. VIA Director Dr. Mark Newton, as well as many recent VIA participants, shared their personal experiences with VIA, and just over $4,300 was collected to support VIA. The fundraiser was held on May 24 at the home of Dr. Warren and Elisabeth Sandberg.

Above, Dr. Ali Greening and other residents who spent a month in Kijabe, Kenya, for an international medical rotation share their personal experiences with attendees.

Above, Dr. Joe Schlesinger, a talented concert pianist, performs jazz during the Toast to VIA.

Above, VIA Director Dr. Mark Newton thanks the crowd, which included alumni Dr. Lawrence Berman and former chair Dr. Bradley Smith.

Above, Dr. Brett Campbell, his wife, Kate, and his son, Quinten, look at a photo book telling the story of VIA.

Above, Hoyt Hill pours a selection of international wines during the event. Hill, owner of Village Wines, donated the wines for the event.
Two FAER Grants Awarded to Department Members

Tom Austin, MD, a BH Robbins Scholar and clinical fellow in the Division of Pediatric Anesthesiology, has been awarded a Foundation for Anesthesia Education and Research (FAER) Mentored Research Training Grant-Basic Science for his project: “Effect of Neuronal K-Cl Cotransporter KCC2 Activation on Pain Perception.” The two-year grant provides up to $75,000 the first year, and up to $100,000 the second year. Dr. Austin’s mentor is Eric Delpire, PhD.

Arna Banerjee, MBBS, assistant professor in the Division of Anesthesiology Critical Care Medicine and director of the Simulation Technologies Program at CELA, has been awarded a FAER Research In Education Grant for her project: “Factors Contributing to Global Subjective Clinical Assessment.” The two-year grant (up to $50,000 per year) is intended to stimulate career development for anesthesiologists researching the concepts, methods and techniques of education in anesthesiology.

Ehrenfeld key in efforts for equality in healthcare for LGBTI patients

Vanderbilt University Medical Center’s commitment to meeting the needs of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) community has been affirmed strongly in recent months, and Anesthesiology Assistant Professor Jesse Ehrenfeld, MD, MPH, has been a key player in making important changes happen at the institution to encourage equality for this group.

VUMC was recently recognized with certification by the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) as a Healthcare Equality Index (HEI) “Leader in Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transgender Healthcare.” By meeting the “Core Four” rated criteria in the HEI survey: patient non-discrimination policies, visitation policies, employment non-discrimination policies and training in LGBTI patient-centered care, Vanderbilt is one of only 234 hospitals and clinics in the nation and the only one in Tennessee to receive this designation.

Andre Churchwell, MD, associate dean for Diversity for the School of Medicine, also announced the creation of a new program within the Office of Diversity. Dr. Ehrenfeld, and MD/PhD student Kris-

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Personnel Updates

As our Department grows and we add members or as individuals assume new roles, these changes will be announced via email, as well as in our newsletter. Please welcome the following individuals or congratulate them on new responsibilities. If your division has recent hires or changes in status since March 2012 which are not included in this announcement, please contact Jill Clendening at jill.clendening@vanderbilt.edu.

New Hires

Matthew Buck, MD, joins our Department in July as an Instructor in the Division of Obstetric Anesthesiology. Matthew completed a residency and an internship at Medical University of South Carolina (Charleston). He received his medical degree from Ross University School of Medicine (Dominica, West Indies). Matthew earned a bachelor of science in psychology and a bachelor of science in biochemistry from University of Georgia (Athens, Ga.) Matthew’s favorite pastimes include swimming, camping, hiking and sailing. He also loves railroad trains. He is married to Ana Buck.

Gregory Evans, MD, joins our Department in July as a Clinical Fellow in the Division of Anesthesiology Critical Care Medicine. Gregory completed his residency in anesthesiology at Cleveland Clinic, and he received his medical degree from University of Cincinnati. Gregory earned a bachelor of arts degree in biology from Wayne State University. Gregory is married to Tiffany Evans, and they have a two-year-old daughter, Gabrielle.

Irina Gault, MD, joins our Department in July as a Clinical Fellow in the Division of Pain Medicine (Interventional Pain). Irina completed her anesthesiology residency at University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, and she received her medical degree from Medical University of South Carolina (Charleston, SC). Irina earned her bachelor of arts degree in biological sciences from Clemson University (Clemson, SC.). She enjoys spending time with friends and trying new restaurants.

David Gooden, DO, joins our Department in July as a Clinical Fellow in the Division of Pediatric Anesthesiology. David completed an anesthesiology residency at Kettering Hospital Network, Grandview Medical Center Core Site (Dayton, OH), where he also completed a medical internship. He received his medical degree from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine (Kirksville, MO). He received a bachelor of arts degree in biology from Austin College (Sherman, TX). He is married to Megan Gooden, and they have a one-month-old daughter, Payton. David’s hobbies are baseball, boxing, and guitar. A little-known fact: He once won a hot dog-eating contest, wolfing down 22 hot dogs in one sitting.
Lesley Lirette, MD, who recently completed a Regional Anesthesia/Acute Pain Fellowship, including a rotation in Kijabe, Kenya, is beginning a Clinical Fellowship in Interventional Pain in the Division of Pain Medicine. Lesley completed her anesthesiology residency at Tulane University School of Medicine. She received her medical degree from Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center (New Orleans, LA). Lesley earned a bachelor of science degree in chemistry from Millsaps College (Jackson, MS). She enjoys running, reading, football, cooking, and being with friends. Lesley is also a big fan of Halloween, which she says is her favorite holiday.

Gustavo Lozada, MD, joins our Department in July as an Instructor in the Division of Pain Medicine (Regional Anesthesiology). Gustavo completed an anesthesiology residency at Tufts Medical Center (Boston, MA) and an internal medicine internship at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center. He received his medical degree from University of Tennessee Health Science Center (Memphis, TN). Gustavo earned a bachelor of science degree in biology and philosophy from Boston College. He enjoys traveling, reading sci-fi and historical novels, hiking and cooking. An unusual quirk about Gustavo is that he has a “dreadful fear of heights” but likes to fly.

Katharina Modes, MD, joins our Department in July as a Clinical Fellow in the Division of Pediatric Anesthesiology. Katharina completed her anesthesiology residency at State University of New York (SUNY) Health Science Center at Syracuse. She received her medical degree from the University of Regensburg (Regensburg, Germany). She loves hiking, reading and travel. A native of Germany, she speaks German, English and French. Katharina is married to Bradley Beardsley.

Kimberly Palmiter, BS, joins our Department in July as a Department Education Specialist in the Division of Anesthesiology Critical Care Medicine, and she will coordinate all aspects of the division’s fellowship program. Kimberly received a bachelor’s degree in biology from Middle Tennessee State University. She previously worked as a Department Education Specialist for the Department of Trauma and Surgical Critical Care Fellowship at Vanderbilt. Prior to coming to Vanderbilt, she served as the manager for the Graduate Medical Education Program at Virginia Hospital Center(Arlington, VA). She is married to Shawn Palmiter, and they have two children, Kira, 14, and Aiden, 11. In her free time, she enjoys gardening, the beach, and reading.

Andrea Primm, ACNP, joined our Department in June as a Critical Care Nurse Practitioner in the Division of Anesthesiology Critical Care Medicine. She is working in the Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit. Andrea received her bachelor of science in nursing at Middle Tennessee State University. She earned her master of science in nursing (MSN) from the University of Alabama in Huntsville. Andrea previously worked for Cardiovascular Anesthesiologists, P.C., as an acute care nurse practitioner. In her free time, she enjoys reading, watching movies and listening to live music, as well as hiking and spending time with family and friends. She was very musical growing up, playing the violin in the Nashville Youth Symphony. Andrea also played bassoon in high school band and was a member of Mid-State and All-State Band.
Joseph Schlesinger II, MD, who recently completed his anesthesiology residency at Vanderbilt, joins our Department in July as a Clinical Fellow in the Division of Anesthesiology Critical Care Medicine. Joseph received his medical degree from University of Texas Medical School at Houston. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in music, with a concentration in jazz piano performance, from Loyola University New Orleans. He is a BH Robbins Scholar, currently examining the plasticity of the temporal binding window and the relationship of visual-auditory interactions in human sensorimotor processing and reaction time. He enjoys traveling, playing piano (he is an accomplished jazz pianist, with deep musical roots in his hometown of New Orleans), and listening to live music. He once was a show band pianist for Carnival Cruise Lines where he met his wife, Kira Schlesinger.

Jeremy Shelton, MD, joins our Department in July as a Clinical Fellow in the Division of Pediatric Anesthesiology. Jeremy completed an anesthesiology residency at Maine Medical Center (Portland, ME), and he received his medical degree from Creighton University (Omaha, NE). Jeremy earned a bachelor of science degree in environmental science, with history as a co-major from Creighton University. He loves doing anything outdoors: camping, cycling, skiing, hiking, golf, etc. For seven years, he played guitar in a rock band. And, if that’s not enough, as a member of the Creighton University men’s soccer team, Jeremy had the thrill of participating in two Division I Final Fours and one national championship game.

Ryan Tomlinson, MD, who recently completed his anesthesiology residency at Vanderbilt serving as chief resident for the 2011-2012 year, is joining our Department in July as a Clinical Fellow in the Division of Pain Medicine (Interventional Pain). Ryan also earned his medical degree at Vanderbilt, and he received a bachelor of science degree in forensic chemistry from the University of Mississippi. He loves “all things outdoors,” cars, Saturdays in the SEC, and friendly competition on the tennis court with his wife, Kate Tomlinson. He and Kate welcomed their son, Christopher Grant Tomlinson in March. A little known fact about Ryan? He has been trained in glacier travel and crevasse rescue techniques. Good to know if you ever get in a jam!

Joey Williams, ACNP, joined our Department in May as a Critical Care Nurse Practitioner in the Division of Anesthesiology Critical Care Medicine. He is working in the Neurological Intensive Care Unit. Joey received his bachelor of science in biology at University of Mississippi. He earned his master of science in nursing (MSN), in the acute care nurse practitioner program with an intensivist subspecialty, at Vanderbilt University School of Nursing. He received a family nurse practitioner post-master’s certificate from The George Washington University. Joey previously worked as a nurse practitioner at Carthage Family Practice Specialists (Carthage, TN) as a nurse practitioner at Concentra, Inc. in Nashville, and as a registered nurse at Skyline Medical Center in Nashville.
Items listed in the Department Update are self-reported by Division Chiefs and all department members, and any omission is not intentional. Items include all activities by department members since the last published newsletter. If you have an activity or accomplishment to be listed, please email information to Jill Clendening, jill.clendening@vanderbilt.edu. Monthly email reminders are sent requesting these updates.

## Accomplishments of Note

- **Dr. Suanne Daves** has been appointed to be the Pediatric Anesthesiologist in Chief. Suanne joined the Anesthesiology Department in December 2008 as an associate professor in the Division of Pediatric Cardiac Anesthesiology. She was appointed Chief of the Pediatric Cardiac Division in January 2009. In this new role, she will no doubt be a great leader in the clinical, operational, policy and quality improvement arenas, and beyond.

- The inaugural Combined Integrative Health & Pain Medicine Quarterly Grand Rounds was hosted in April by **Pain Division Chief Dr. Marc Huntoon** and drew approximately 30 attendees. The next Combined Integrative Health & Pain Medicine Quarterly Grand Rounds is set for Saturday, November 10. Dr. Asokumar Buvanendran, Director of Orthopedic Anesthesia and an Associate Professor of Anesthesiology from Rush University Medical Center (Chicago) will be the guest speaker.

- Vanderbilt Anesthesiology rocked the World Congress of Anaesthetists in late March in Argentina. **Drs. Julian Bick, James Blair, Eswara Botta, Robert Deegan, Jesse Ehrenfeld, Mark Newton and Warren Sandberg** attended. Dr. Newton chaired a large multilingual panel on pediatric anesthesia, and easily 2,000 attended this session. **Drs. Deegan and Blair** gave talks and ran a TEE workshop. **Drs. Sandberg and Ehrenfeld** presented at a panel on anesthesia IT that **Dr. Sandberg** chaired. Also during the congress, **Dr. Mark Newton** was appointed to the Paediatric Anaesthesia Committee for the World Federation Society of Anaesthesiologists (WFSA). More than 9,000 delegates made World Congress of Anaesthesiologists 2012 the largest on record.

- **Dr. Stephen Harvey** had an essay, “A Different Kind of Vigilance” published in the April edition of Anesthesia & Analgesia. In the essay, Dr. Harvey describes the profes-
sional and personal challenges he faced after discovering evidence of child abuse following an anesthetic induction. Read his essay at: http://www.anesthesia-analgesia.org/content/114/4/910

- **Elizabeth Heitman, PhD, and Jane Easdown, MD,** were inducted into the Vanderbilt Academy for Excellence in Teaching in April. The Academy is a collective of outstanding teaching faculty who strive to have a significant impact on the educational enterprise within the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. They join fellow Academy for Excellence members, **John Algren, MD,** and **Michael Richardson, MD.**

- **Kevin Currie, PhD,** has been promoted to associate professor with tenure, effective retroactively from February 2012. Dr. Currie has also been invited to serve as a member of the Education Sub-committee for the Vanderbilt Brain Institute. As part of restructuring, the Vanderbilt Brain Institute has constituted a steering committee that will help lead future endeavors in the Vanderbilt neuroscience community. The Education Sub-committee is responsible for graduate and post-doctoral education and training.

- **Elizabeth Card, RN, CPAN, CCRP,** a research nurse in the Department’s Perioperative Clinical Research Institute, was honored with the Nursing Research and Evidence-based Practice Award during Vanderbilt’s Nurses’ Week Celebration in May. This award recognizes demonstrated leadership in evidence-based practice and shared decision making, as well as active pursuit of research to improve patient care and the encouragement of other staff to engage in and use research findings. A practicing registered nurse since 1990, Elizabeth has served as a sub-investigator or key study personnel in more than 45 clinical research studies at Vanderbilt.

- Five Vanderbilt Anesthesiology residents: **Drs. Paul Reynolds, Jennifer Maziad, Dustin Watson, Matthew Hamilton,** and **Brooke Hobgood,** along with **Jesse Ehrenfeld, MD,** participated in the ASA Legislative Conference in Washington, DC, April 30-May 2. They met with staff from the offices of Representative Jim Cooper, Representative Marsha Blackburn, and Senator Bob Corker. They also heard lectures from FDA representatives and Don Berwick, former CMS administrator, among others. Key issues discussed included preventing OR drug shortages, improving access to care, and payment reform.
• **Amanda Lorinc, MD**, a clinical fellow in the Division of Pediatric Anesthesiology, received the Association of University Anesthesiologists (AUA) Resident Travel Award. Dr. Lorinc presented her research, “Identification and Characterization of a Novel Compound That Protects Cardiac Tissue From hERG Related, Drug-Induced Arrhythmias,” during the AUA Annual Meeting in mid-May.

• **Jesse M. Ehrenfeld, MD, MPH**, was elected Speaker of the House of Delegates of the Massachusetts Medical Society at the organization’s annual meeting in May. The House of Delegates is the legislative and policy-making body of the professional association that represents nearly 24,000 physicians, residents, and medical students throughout Massachusetts. Dr. Ehrenfeld previously served three consecutive terms as Vice Speaker for the Medical Society.

• Kudos to the OB Division for receiving ACGME accreditation for the OB Anesthesia Fellowship. The Division is among the first 11 programs in the country that made the deadline and received approval from the ACGME/Resident Review Committee. The program received the full, three-year accreditation, and the inaugural ACGME Fellow, Dr. Matthew Buck, begins July 1.

• **Steven Passik, MD, PhD**, was quoted in the May 2012 Anesthesiology News in the article: “Pain Education Lacking in Medical Schools.” The article examines a recent Journal of Pain survey that shows that among U.S. medical schools, only 3.8% reported having a required pain course. A large number of U.S. medical schools did not report teaching any pain courses at all, and an equally large number commit fewer than five hours to pain education over four years.

• At the Georgia (Atlanta) Association of PeriAnesthesia Nurses annual meeting in Atlanta in July, two of our research nurses will be sharing their work. **Elizabeth Card, RN, CPAN, CCRP**, will be presenting “Delirium in the PACU,” and **Donna Nelson, RN, CAPA**, will be presenting “What About Hyperalgesia?” Kudos to these investigators who are making us proud!

• **Drs. Justin Sandall and Megan Anders** successfully completed their board certification in Anesthesia in April. All of the Critical Care fellows have completed Anesthesia Board certification and are due to take Critical Care Boards in October.

• Congratulations are in order for our Critical Care Medicine fellows for their successful completion of the 2011-2012 ACCM fellowship. They achieved a 90th percentile score for our program for the MKAPP (a standardized, national, CCM in-training exam given to all the adult critical care fellows for that year) — this is rock star stuff. Fellows are Drs. Megan Anders, Chris Henson, James Mykytenko, Jim Phillips, Justin Sandall, and Jonathan Shoopman.

• **Matthew Weinger, MD**, Director of the Center for Research and Innovation in Systems Safety (CRISS), has been awarded a two-year, $750,000 grant from the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI), one of the first grants awarded by the nonprofit institute established by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010. The Vanderbilt research begins July 1, and will track both patient/patient family and clinicians’ reports of “non-routine” events in four different clinical areas, including elective pediatric cardiac surgery, outpatient pediatric oncology (chemotherapy administration), adult day surgery, and adult patients with acute coronary syndrome who are undergoing cardiac catheterization. The grant was the focus of a recent Reporter article: [http://www.mc.vanderbilt.edu/reporter/index.html?ID=12770](http://www.mc.vanderbilt.edu/reporter/index.html?ID=12770)

• **Rich Holden, PhD**, a member of CRISS, was awarded an internal KL2 entitled “Human Factors Design and Evaluation of a Flight Plan to Support CHF Patients’ Education Self-care” on which Dr. Matt Weinger is his mentor.
Recent Publications


- Sun YT, Shieh CC, Delpire E, Shen MR. K+/Cl- cotransport mediates the bactericidal activity of neutrophils by regulating NADPH oxidase activation. *J Physiol.* 2012 Apr 23.

Recent Publications


Sign up Now for Second Annual Department Blood Drive!

Last year’s inaugural Anesthesiology Department Blood Drive, had 38 presenting donors, with 27 productive pints. The 27 pints had the potential of positively affecting 81 lives.

Remember giving blood takes just one hour or less!

To sign up, go online to www.redcrossblood.org, click on “Make a Blood Donation Appointment” at the top right, and enter “vandy19” as the sponsor code. Select the July 27th blood drive at TVC. Appointments can also be made by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (733-2767). Appointments are encouraged.

Those who are not able to donate blood can also visit the Red Cross website and make a financial donation in support of the Red Cross' efforts.

Please bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive ID when you come to donate. For additional eligibility questions, please call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.
Chief Resident and artist extraordinaire Dr. Brett Campbell wanted something special to remember his years of residency, his classmates and the anesthesiology faculty here at Vanderbilt. He thought about a special gift he had once received, the inspirational Dr. Seuss book, *Oh, The Places You’ll Go!*

“I thought it would be neat to put something together like that for graduation,” Brett said, perhaps not realizing how his artistic eye for perfection would turn his idea into a true labor of love.

He started work about two months before graduation by writing the text and playing around with Photoshop and hand sketches to figure out the best way to make it look similar to Dr. Seuss’ work.

“After about a week, I realized that the most complex method would look best,” he said. “I hand drew each page multiple times until I liked the look, then scanned each in to Photoshop. To make the lines crisp, I used a pen tool to trace both sides of each black outline, and then filled in the space between the traces to achieve the final effect.”

This meant that each character had to be hand drawn, then digitally traced twice in Photoshop. A single page took him about 5-6 hours to create, longer for the more complex pages. From start to finish, it took about a month and a half to create the whole book.

“My wife Kate was the only help I had,” he said. “She helped alter some of the features of each resident (and Algren and Sandberg) to make them look more realistic.”

In true artist form, Brett commented that he wished he had been able to capture a few of the residents more realistically, but judging from the smiles, laughter and hugs resulting from the gift to the class and to Drs. Algren and Sandberg, his work could not have been more perfect.
Silvio Sitarich, MD, on far left, and his friend, Vojin Janjic, represented Monroe Carell Jr. Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt in the 39th Music City Invitational tournament held at Vanderbilt in April. This competition draws top players from across the country. Their team won the division. Big congrats to Silvio!

Alumni Updates

- Alumni **Dr. Rob Isaak** has passed the ABA written and oral board exams and obtained ABA Board Certification. He also passed the "Special Competence in Basic Perioperative Transesophageal Echocardiography" board exam (Basic PTEeXAM) and obtained Board Certification in Basic Perioperative Transesophageal Echocardiography. He is currently working at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill as a General and Liver Transplant Anesthesiologist and serving as the Director of the Vascular Anesthesia Resident Rotation.

- In May, alumni **Dr. David Norris** graduated with an MBA from Wichita State University while also working full time and as president of his group. He said, “It was challenging but with the help of family, I survived.” He has now started a physician business consulting company.

Professional Portraits

Please note, if you are a new member of the Department of Anesthesiology and have not yet scheduled a professional portrait, please contact your division’s administrative assistant to determine if you are eligible for a portrait. Your AA will have all the necessary information to schedule your on-campus portrait.
Residents’ Welcome Party is Big Hit with Families

Current faculty and staff of the Anesthesiology Department gathered recently at the home of Chair Dr. Warren Sandberg and Elisabeth Sandberg to welcome and get to know the new class of residents. Great food, fellowship and lots of activities for kids made it a festive event for all. One of the most popular activities was the handiwork of the balloon artist, who crafted creative hats, animals and other creations for just about everyone in attendance. Here are a few photos of the smiles spotted during the day.
ten Eckstrand will co-direct the new Program in LGBTI Health.

“I think it is safe to say that while Vanderbilt has always had a forward-thinking policy of inclusion, that there is a new articulation and emphasis on programming and developing resources around supporting the health of LGBTI patients,” Ehrenfeld said. “Going through the HEI certification process, we realized that these resources needed a defined home. We’re in the early formative phases of this program. We’re excited, but there’s more work to be done.”

Ehrenfeld and Eckstrand, who have worked to address health disparities for LGBTI patients, were among the Vanderbilt staff and faculty who were highly involved in achieving the HEI designation. Ehrenfeld and Eckstrand will also be presenting a session at the November 2012 Association of American Medical Colleges Annual Meeting entitled: An Institution-wide Approach to Improving LGBTI Health.

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Please send us your news to share with other Vanderbilt alumni and faculty. News can include personal news, accomplishments and achievements. In addition, send us your mailing address, e-mail address and other current contact information so we can keep you updated on all the latest news and upcoming events.

Please send news via e-mail to Communications/Marketing Coordinator Jill Clendening at: jill.clendening@vanderbilt.edu, by calling 615-322-4841 or by mail to:
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Dr. Ehrenfeld and Eckstrand were invited to Washington, D.C., in March where they participated in a roundtable discussion hosted by the White House on the Affordable Care Act, sharing their efforts on championing access to healthcare, particularly for the LGBTI community.

Angela Brown is Program Coordinator for Alumni Affairs for the Department of Anesthesiology.

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