

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF NURSE-MIDWIVES STUDENT NEWSLETTER

Hello Students,

Welcome to the ACNM Student Newsletter! These quarterly newsletters compile events and student-oriented topics. If you have something you would like to share, suggest a topic, or nominate a student for the Student Corner, please contact the Student Representative to the Board of Directors, Andrew Youmans at John. Youmans@frontier.edu, or the newsletter editor, Yuliya Labko, MSN, CNM at yulabko@gmail.com.

ACNM 61st Annual Meeting and Exhibition Recap and Takeaways

The ACNM 61st Annual Meeting and Exhibition was alive with student energy this year! Many nurses and student midwives attended the event and some were kind enough to share their thoughts below. As always, check out the ACNM Student Midwives page for ongoing discussion, support, and midwifing!

The SANMS Student Report to ACNM Board Members

The purpose of the student report is to provide student members of ACNM with an opportunity to address the ACNM BOD, ACNM staff, ACNM leadership and the general membership about the issues/concerns that they would like to see addressed by the College and to share their vision of how these issues/concerns might be addressed. Visit the link below for current and past student reports.

<http://www.midwife.org/Students-and-New-Grads>

A Word from The Incoming Student Representative to Board of Directors

A specific charge in the SANMS student report to the ACNM Board of Directors was to increase student involvement in ACNM. I, along with other members of the board, am working on communicating this desire to the sections, committees, and taskforces. It is important to note as we work to increase student involvement that we recognize that students are playing a key role. Many affiliates already include students in a specific role within their leadership or in the affiliate. The board of directors included a student representative. This position rotates alphabetically throughout the midwifery education programs. Dede Horvath, SNM has served for the last year as the student representative ending her term at the last annual meeting. Students are serving with the PAC, and many were volunteered at the PAC rally in Albuquerque. Students also served as pages at the annual meeting. I would like to highlight a student from Johns Hopkins/Shenandoah University, Zoe Gutterman, SNM who presented information to the Board of Directors regarding gynecological and primary care of incarcerated women, and requested a position statement. The board voted to send this request to the Division of Standards and Practice (DOSP). This would not have been done without this student.

To increase your involvement there are many things that you can do. The first is to connect with your local affiliate. Seek ways in which you can become involved. This does not mean to wait for someone to advertise they want student help. The students I have met that have had the most success in becoming involved saw a need for their help and offered it instead of waiting to be asked to help.

ACNM is your professional organization. Getting involved now helps you build connections to finding a job upon graduation, finding midwives that mentor you as you transition to the role of new midwife, and can help prepare you to be involved. Being a student is stressful and challenging, and your student role should be your priority, but there is much to do in ACNM.

Andrew Youmans, RN, CPEN, FAWM
Student Representative to Board of Directors

EXHIBITION STUDENT REACTIONS

ACNM 61st Annual Meeting and Exhibition Student Reactions

"It was an amazing experience to get to attend the ACNM conference this year. I was lucky enough to participate as a student liaison and student page, in addition to receiving the Varney Participant award, and these commitments combined kept me running! Between paging sessions (easy to do— introduce speakers and count attendance), and attending numerous events with legendary midwives (midwifery "mothers" and writers of our textbooks), I didn't find a single minute to be bored. I have never been surrounded by so many successful, passionate, and doctorally prepared women in my life! And to top it off, every one of them was a midwife. The deep impact the conference had on my perspective of midwifery made me leave the conference with a newfound dedication to advancing our profession and ensuring women gain access to midwives across the world. I hope to be a life-long attendee of the ACNM conference; it should not be missed!"

Leah Rashidyan, Nurse Midwifery/WHNP, San Diego State University '16

"Students, faculty, and alumni enthusiastically represented the University of Utah Midwifery program at the 61st ACNM Annual Meeting! We were engaged by the dynamic lecturers, warmed by the meeting of new and old colleagues, and thrilled to dance the night away at the Awards Dinner. We are grateful for the memories and already planning our getaway to Chicago next year! #midwivesrock"

Hannah Murphy, DNP Student Midwife/WHNP, The University of Utah

Exam Prep

As always, do not forget the wonderful ACNM Exam Prep resources available on the link below:
<http://www.midwife.org/Students-and-New-Grads>

Announcements

The Student and New Midwives Section is accepting liaisons from midwifery programs around the country. Contact your Program Director or last years' SANMS liaison to volunteer for this special opportunity!

Below are the programs for which a liaison is needed:

- Baylor University
- Baystate Medical Center
- Bethel University
- California State University, Fullerton
- Case Western Reserve University
- Midwifery Institute of Philadelphia University
- New York University
- Rutgers Biomedical Health Sciences Nurse Midwifery Education Program
- Shenandoah University
- Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center
- University of California, San Francisco at SFGH
- Wayne State University