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THE ADMINISTRATOR'S CORNER

by James Fitzgibbon, KPSAHS Regional School Administrator

It's hard to believe that another year has come and gone so quickly. We can remember 2011 as a year of hard work, and also one that left us with much to celebrate. In September over 60 students participated in the commencement exercises at the Scottish Rite Temple in Oakland. The Stockton branch campus completed its first Phlebotomy class with a 100% pass rate on the student certification exam, and also welcomed the inaugural class of general track Sonography students for the Class of 2013. We have made significant progress down the road to WASC accreditation and are on track to submit our Application for Eligibility this month.

As this new year unfolds we look forward to building on our solid foundation while continuing to meet the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. I am continually impressed by the spirit of teamwork, dedication, and professionalism exhibited by everyone at KPSAHS and am confident that 2012 will also be a year of accomplishments of which we can all be proud.

-James

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

Sonography (General) Stockton Campus

Applications accepted: Aug 26, 2011 - Jan 13, 2012

Program Start Date: April 2, 2012

Sonography (General), Sonography (Cardiac), Nuclear Medicine

Applications accepted: (To Be Announced)

Program(s) Start Date: (To Be Announced)

Radiography - Eve./Wknd. Track

Applications accepted: Jan 31, 2011 – Jan 27, 2012

Program Start Date: July 2012

Radiography - Day Track

Applications accepted: Jan 31, 2011 – Jan 27, 2012

Program Start Date: October 1, 2012

INFORMATION SESSIONS

Richmond Campus

2012 dates are coming soon. Please check the website at www.kpsahs.org for updates.

Stockton Branch Campus

2012 dates are coming soon. Please check the website at www.kpsahs.org for updates.

Dates and times of Information Sessions are subject to change. Please confirm prior to attending.

**** NEW PROGRAM ****

**Starting January 2012 KPSAHS
will offer a 16-week course in
Computed Tomography**

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LIVE WELL BE WELL

by Karen Norwood, Facility Services Manager

2011 KPSAHS HOLIDAY GIVING

Kaiser School of Allied Health Sciences participated in its annual holiday collection drive to support the Bay Area Rescue Mission. The collection drive is sponsored to help provide support to families in need. Nearly half of the concentrated poverty neighborhoods in the Bay Area are in the East Bay. Staff and students were able to fill an entire barrel with food and personal care items for these families.



(l-r) Karen Norwood, Tan Knight, Stacey DeHart

For more information on giving to the Rescue Mission please contact Karen Norwood at Karen.d.Norwood@kp.org.

2012 LIVE WELL BE WELL

It's a new year filled with new activities. This is a great time to begin evaluating your health and setting new goals. The Live Well Be Well Committee for the MWS campus has begun scheduling new activities for 2012 which will include circuit training, cardio programs with weight training, guest speakers from other departments doing brown bag presentations, and a farmer's market. A mid-year Live Well Be Well awards luncheon will be taking place here at the School for all Live Well Be Well participants.



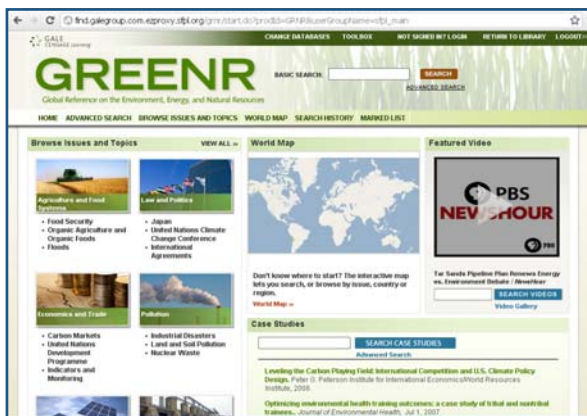
IN THE LIBRARY WITH LYN

by Lyn Fischback, MLIS, KPSAHS Medical Librarian

The public library has changed much since the days of card catalogs and endless stacks of books. Today, much of what the library has to offer is located online. Not only are books available electronically, but so are hundreds of databases on a variety of subjects. While Kaiser Permanente Clinical Library may offer the greatest depth of medical information, tools, and drug formularies, the public library offers information on a broader range of subjects.

Take San Francisco Public Library (www.sfpl.org) as an example:

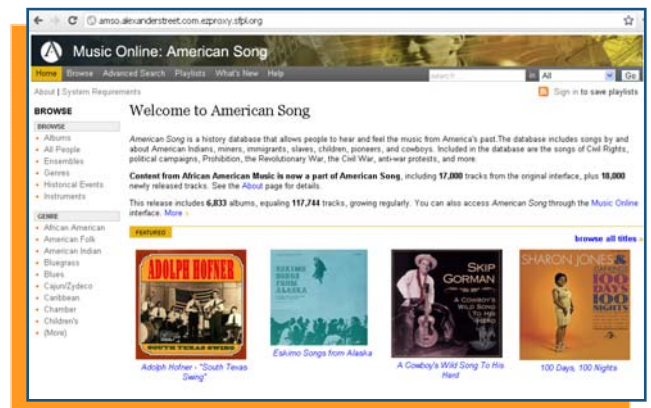
Under the eLibrary tab choose "Articles & Databases." Here you'll find a list of different databases, a brief description of their content, and a timeline for how far back the information is offered.



From a historical database of American songs, to 200 Chinese magazines; from Contemporary Women's Issues, to the GreenR database addressing environmental and sustainability issues; one can find a wealth of interesting information in numerous fields including arts, humanities, people, jobs, and languages.

The best part about using the library's databases is that one can be sure they contain reliable and current information. They are also available at any time and place through remote access.

So next time you're downtown at the library, consider applying for a library card and bring much of the library home with you!



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STOCKTON BRANCH SITE ADMINISTRATOR'S CORNER

by Tan Knight, Stockton Branch Site Administrator

Over this past weekend, I continued the annual tradition of disassembling and storing away the holiday decorations. Does this sound familiar? It was also a great time for me to reflect back on the Stockton branch campus since its opening to the public back in July 2011. We have been quite busy putting together educational programs and building critical relationships with other health care organizations, academic institutions, business owners, and even a few city and state officials.

Highlights from 2011:

- The Phlebotomy Program completed its second cohort of students in December, providing a total of 19 lab assistants to the Central Valley and San Joaquin areas.
- Nine sonography students will start their second quarter of the 18-month program in January.
- The Richmond radiography classroom received its upgrades in video conference equipment and program staff is preparing to offer didactic work to the Stockton classroom in the first quarter of 2012.
- November 9, 2011--several members of the KPSAHS leadership team and staff attended the Community Health Forum at University of the Pacific in Stockton. This event provided a marketplace of ideas for community and industry leaders to learn, discuss, and debate health care and the significance of health care reform in our community. The keynote speaker was Dr. Robert Pearl, MD, Executive Director and CEO for The Permanente Medical Group, Inc.

In 2011 both the Central Valley Business Journal and San Joaquin Physician featured stories on the Stockton branch campus and the relationship between Kaiser Permanente, KPSAHS, California State University Stanislaus, and the Grupe Commercial Company. These articles can be accessed online by clicking on the links below.

[San Joaquin Physician](#)

Visionary: Healthcare at the Speed of Business

by William West

[Central Valley Business Journal](#)

Luncheon Celebrates Local Business, Medical and University Partnership

Written by Jonathan Mumm



THE ROAD TO REGIONAL ACCREDITATION

by Betty Sundberg, Ed.D.

It's so satisfying to provide an update on progress toward KPSAHS Eligibility for WASC. The initial goal to submit the Application for Eligibility is still on target for January 2012.

With a great deal of activity behind the scenes, the following is a listing of tangible accomplishments over the past few months:

- Formal filing with WASC of Intent to Apply for Eligibility;
- Initial draft of Application prepared for upload to WASC LiveText database;
- Positive meetings between WASC and TPMG/ KPSAHS administration regarding qualifying for regional accreditation;
- Bachelor of Science curricula finalized to include upper division general education coursework;
- Program accreditation for Sonography (JRC-DMS/CAAHEP) granted recognition of the Bachelor of Science in Sonography for the School (first school in the State of California recognized for this degree level and subject);
- Substantive Change Application to Radiography program accreditor (JRCERT) submitted for recognition of the Bachelor of Science degree level;
- Scheduled January 2012 enrollment for currently enrolled students to the Bachelor of Science – Sonography;
- CampusVue implemented as a software database, providing for tracking and reporting;
- Identification and initial inquiry made to prospective members of the KPSAHS Board of Directors;
- Memo of Understanding with CSU, Stanislaus for future linkage and coordination;
- Additional positions to the School identified or proposed: Chief Financial Officer; Student Services Coordinator; Career Planning/ Placement position;
- KPSAHS Mission Statement updated to address Institutional Learning Outcomes;
- Program review for Bachelor of Science in: Sonography, Radiology, and Nuclear Medicine completed to include: update of course outlines/syllabi; validation of award of course credit; integration of Curriculum Mapping; alignment of Outcomes at the Institution, Program, and Course levels;
- School administrators/Program Directors participation in three WASC Retreats and Workshops on topics of Outcomes Assessment, Program Review, and WASC Future Direction;
- Active involvement of Faculty Committees on General Education, Curriculum, and Assessment.

Most importantly, it's a pleasure to report – without exception – everyone is energetically on-board with this major step forward for the Kaiser Permanente School of Allied Health Sciences.



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SHORT TERM COURSE SCHEDULES — 2012

by Mei-Ling Leach, Admin. Services Coordinator

***Pre-registration required for all courses: www.kpsahs.org**
Tie Line: 8-414-5000 / (510) 231-5000

Computed Tomography (CT) Training

131 Category "A" ASRT approved CE's

Didactic training course for ARRT or NMTCB registered technologist, with primary certification in Radiology, Nuclear Medicine or Radiation Therapy. 16-weeks, Tuesdays only.

Date: Jan 10–Apr 24

Time: 8:30 AM–5:00 PM

Fee: \$3,007.50 **fee does not include books*

Continuing Education for Phlebotomists

Workshops*

6 CE's approved by CDPH-LFS

1-day course includes continental breakfast, lunch & study materials.

***2012 Dates TBA**

CPR: AHA BLS for Healthcare Providers*

1-day course, 5-6 hours in length

Date: Tue, Jan 31 **Time:** 9:00 AM

Fee includes book: \$77.50

On-line Renewal Course Offered:

Part 1: on-line course

Part 2: schedule practical exam with on-call instructor.

On-Line Fee: \$55.00

Required: Current AHA BLS card and book

To Register: Go to www.kpsahs.org, click: Program, Short Term Courses, CPR, Renewal Class..., add to shopping cart.

***2012 Course Schedule TBA**

Fluoroscopy Permit Course for CRT's

40 Category "A" ASRT approved CE's

6-Day Course, Mon-Sat

Dates: Feb 6-11

June 4-9

Sept 10-15

Time: 9:00 AM–6:00 PM

Fee includes study materials:

KP Employee \$352.50 / Non-KP \$402.50

IV Therapy Certification Program* 30 CE's

Blood Withdrawal Course* 6 CE's

BVNPT approved CE's Open to CA. LVN's, CA. BVNPT vocational nursing program graduates and RN's for refresher. IVT is 1-day per week for 6-weeks.

BW is a 1-day course. Tuesdays.

Dates: *Program 1:* Feb 14, 21, 28, Mar 6, 16, 20

Program 2: May 15, 22, 29, Jun 5, 12, 19

Time: 9:00 AM–6:00 PM

Fee includes study materials:

Both Courses: KP Employee \$302.50 / Non-KP \$327.50

IV Therapy: KP Employee \$267.50 / Non-KP \$292.50

Blood Withdrawal: KP Employee \$57.50 / Non-KP \$67.50

Mammography Training Course for CRT's

40 Category "A" ASRT approved CE's

2 weeks: Mon–Thu (8-day course)

Dates: May 14-17 & 21-24

Time: 3:00-8:00 PM

Fee: KP Employee \$352.50 / Non-KP \$402.50

**fee does not include books*

SAVE THE DATE

Sat., March 10th

Radiologic Technologist Seminar*

Approx. 7 CE's offered

This seminar offers a close look at specific issues in diagnostic imaging practices. Topics and speakers will be announced at the end of January.

Fee: TBA

Venipuncture Training Course for CRT's

9 Category "A" ASRT approved CE's

Independent lab work is due within 30 days of didactic training.

1-day course. Enrollment limit: 12 per class.

Dates: Thu, Jan 19

Thu, Mar 8

Thu, Apr 12

Time: 9 AM–5:30 PM

Fee includes study materials:

KP Employee \$137.50 / Non-KP \$152.50