2013 Archives

November 2013

Nowicki presents at Indiana University Health

Dr. Michael Nowicki presented "Economics Driving Healthcare Reform" to the leadership team at the Indiana University Health in their new Neuroscience Center, pictured below, on November 25.

11/27/2013

Nowicki presents "Financial Management 101" to Kentucky Chapter of HFMA

Dr. Michael Nowicki presented an introductory course in healthcare financial management to the Kentucky Chapter of HFMA in Lexington and Louisville on November 6 and 7.

11/11/2013

The School of Health Administration holds annual Healthcare Conference & Awards Dinner

Friday, November 1 marked the 17th conference & recognition dinner for the School of Health Administration. The conference, from 2:00 - 5:00pm, included presentations from Ms. Dianne Gottsman of the Protocol School of Texas and Mr. Joel Helmke, MHA ’96 the administrator of the Division of Internal Medicine at MD Anderson Cancer Center. Ms. Gottsman discussed business & technology etiquette while Mr. Helmke's presentation covered the role of MD Anderson as well as what the PPACA means for healthcare managers.

The dinner, which began at 6:00pm, saw awards presented to this year's winners of the Allen G. Herkimer Outstanding Alumni Mr. Joel Helmke & Ms. Barbara Wells. We also honored our outstanding preceptor of the year, Ms. Veronica Herrera. Certificates were given to students for academic excellence and the induction ceremony for the Upsilon Phi Delta honors society was held.

11/8/2013

October 2013

Nowicki presents "Financial Management" at ACHE BOG Exam Prep Course

Dr. Michael Nowicki presented "Financial Management" at the ACHE BOG Exam Prep Course in Atlanta on October 29.

10/30/2013

Rubenstein honored by Baylor University's Board of Regents

General Rubenstein was honored by the Board of Regents of Baylor University at its Meritorious Achievement Awards gala on October 17. He received the Contributions to the Professions: Healthcare Medal of Service "for dedication to advancing his chosen profession and making a significant impact on our world."


10/22/2013

Rubenstein participates in International Stability Operations Association Summit

General Rubenstein participated in the annual International Stability Operations Association Summit in Washington DC on October 15 and 16, and moderated a panel titled Organizational Sustainability: Expeditionary Medical. The panel discussed employee healthcare and medical services for companies and non-governmental organizations operating in fragile environments.

10/22/2014

BHA student Brant Matchett assist Lieneck with Bobcate Day

Dr. Cristian Lieneck represented the School of Health Administration at Bobcat Day on Saturday, October 12 with the assistance of current BHA student Brant Matchett, pictured below.

10/14/2013

September 2013

Nowicki presents "Healthcare's Future" to the Veterinary Specialty Practice Alliance

Dr. Michael Nowicki presented "Healthcare's Future" to the Veterinary Specialty Practice Alliance annual meeting held in Austin.

9/30/2013

Nowicki presents ACHE workshop for Indiana National Guard

Dr. Michael Nowicki presented a three-day ACHE workshop on healthcare financial management to members of the Indiana National Guard seeking board certification in healthcare management.

9/3/2013

August 2013

Nowicki honored with other retiring chairs at College of Health Professions Fall Gathering

Dr. Michael Nowicki was honored along with Mr. Dave Falleur of Clinical Laboratory Science and Mrs. Sue Biedermann of Health Information Management for their service and commitment to the College and their respective departments. Dr. Nowicki served as the Director of the HA since September 2007 as well as , Mr. Falleur has been the Chair of the CLS program since 1974 and Mrs. Biedermann served as the chair of HIM from 1984. They are now looking forward to resuming full time teaching loads. The Dean, Dr. Ruth Welborn, gave out rocking chairs so they can finally relax and enjoy their time.

8/21/2014

Nowicki attends final commencement as School Director

Dr. Michael Nowicki attended the commencement ceremony for the final time as the Director of the School of Health Administration on Friday, August 9th at Strahan...
Coliseum. Dr. Nowicki, seen here with recent MHA graduate Jeff Nwabeke, will continue to attend the commencement ceremonies as he returns to full time teaching after serving as the School Director for six years (2007 - 2013).

Zalucki & Nowicki provide certification prep course for South Texas Chapter - ACHE

Paula Zalucki, FACHE, and Dr. Michael Nowicki, FACHE, FHFM, provided a one-day certification preparation course for the South Texas Chapter of ACHE on Friday, August 9, at the Baptist Health System School of Health Professions in San Antonio.

Brooks receives appointment to CAHME Standards Council

The Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education has appointed Dr. Matthew Brooks to a two-year term on the Standards Council. The Standards Council is responsible for developing accreditation standards for member programs.

Nowicki presents workshop for ACHE

Dr. Michael Nowicki presented a workshop titled "Critical Financial Skills for Hospital Success" for the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) in Cape Cod on June 24.

Lieneck and new HLC officers conduct leadership retreat

The new HLC officers conducted a leadership retreat on July 5 at the College of Health Professions for the upcoming academic year. Their agenda included: a SWOT analysis of the HLC student organization, recognizing of SMART goals, a brainstorming session, reviewing the organization's Constitution and By-Laws, as well as programming events for the upcoming year. Stay-tuned for some exciting events, and even some unique changes to past processes!

Moore moderates panel on faculty diversity at AUPHA annual meeting

Dr. Tondra Moore moderated a panel to discuss her research "Understanding the Dilemma in Achieving Diversity in Healthcare Management Faculty" at the Association of University Programs in Health Administration annual meeting in Monterey, California on June 20.

Lieneck and Nowicki present poster at AUPHA annual meeting

Drs. Cristian Lieneck and Michael Nowicki presented the poster "How are You 'Accounting' for their Prerequisite? Graduate Student Healthcare Finance Success" at the annual meeting of the Association of University of Programs in Health Administration on June 20 in Monterey.

Nowicki presents paper at HFMA Annual National Institute

Dr. Michael Nowicki presented "Economics Driving Healthcare Reform" at the Annual National Institute of the Healthcare Financial Management Association on Sunday, June 16, in Orlando.

Nowicki participates as panelist for South Texas Chapter of ACHE LPC

Dr. Michael Nowicki participated as a panelist at a discussion hosted by the South Texas Chapter of the American College of Healthcare Executives LPC on Friday, June 14 in Corpus Christi. The title of the discussion was "The Future of Healthcare Financing".

Nowicki appointed to National Healthcare Finance Curriculum Advisory Group by HFMA

Dr. Michael Nowicki has been appointed to the HFMA National Healthcare Finance Curriculum (HFC) Advisory Group. HFMA has charged the group with identifying market need and appropriate marketing strategy for healthcare finance curriculum.

Sanders named Interim Director of the School of Health Administration

Dr. Barbara Sanders, Associate Dean and Chair of Physical Therapy, has been named Interim Director of the School of Health Administration effective September 1, 2013. The previous school director, Dr. Michael Nowicki, is stepping down effective August 31, 2013, in order to return to full-time teaching and research in the school.

Rubenstein presents keynote for Nebraska Hospital Association

MG(Ret) Rubenstein presented "Health Care Leadership: Thoughts For Your Foxhole, From My Foxhole" as the keynote session at the Nebraska Hospital Association Mid-Year Meeting on Friday, May 24 in Kearney, Nebraska.

Rubenstein participates as panelist for Heartland Healthcare Executive Group

MG(Ret) Rubenstein participated as a panelist for ACHE Face-to-Face Education Panel Discussion hosted by the Heartland Healthcare Executive Group on the topic of "Managing Morale: Effective Management Techniques to Retain Your Staff." The panel occurred at the Nebraska Hospital Association 2013 Mid-Year Meeting in Kearney,
Dr. Michael Nowicki participated as a panelist at a discussion hosted by the South Texas Chapter of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHÉ) on Friday, May 24 in San Antonio, Texas. The discussion was titled “Sustaining a Financially Vibrant Healthcare Organization.”


Dr. Michael Mileski conducted a Nursing Facility Administrator Preceptor Training for the the Department of Aging & Disability Services (DADS) in Austin, Texas on May 8. To be licensed as a Nursing Facility Administration (NFA), a 1,000 administrator-in-training internship with a DADS-approved preceptor in a licensed nursing facility as one of the requirements. The training course ensured that all preceptors are following the same guidelines so the AIT experience is as similar as possible.

Dr. Michael Nowicki presented "Economics Driving Healthcare Reform" for the Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA) May 7-9 in Memphis.

MG(Ret) Rubenstein presented a talk at the Fort Collins, Colorado, Chamber of Commerce Health Summit on May 1st. General Rubenstein spoke about the role health and non-health organizations and their leaders play in the successful implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Dr. Cristian Lieneck attended the Texas Medical Group Management Association (MGMA) Annual Conference in Dallas, Texas on April 24-28. While there he made two presentations titled "MGMA-ACMPE Certification & Fellowship: Your Time is Now!" and "PPACA Post-Election: Welcome to the Future."

MG(Ret) Rubenstein presented a talk to leaders and managers of the University of Colorado Health System on April 17th. University of Colorado Health is a new health system that brings together the Poudre Valley Health System with University of Colorado Hospital. Joining the system are several hospitals and health organizations in Colorado Springs. General Rubenstein spoke on the critical role of leaders during organizational change.

Dr. Matthew Brooks has accepted the position of Director of Graduate Studies in the School of Health Administration effective at the beginning of the fall semester, 2013. In this new role, Dr. Brook will be responsible for the academic advising of all School graduate students as well as serving as MHA Program Director for CAHME purposes.

Dr. Cristian Lieneck co-presented with Texas State alumni Lily Timmon and Eric Weaver as well as Dean Lampman, Regional Surveillance Coordinator with the Tarrant County Public Health Department, at the Texas Public Health Association Educational Conference in San Antonio, Texas on March 21 & 22. The presentation was titled “Health Information Exchange and Meaningful Use.”
**Nowicki serves as discussant at the Southwest Academy of Management**

Dr. Michael Nowicki served as a discussant for the paper "The Organizational Theory to Implementing an Effects-Based Approach to Culture" for the Southwest Academy of Management in Albuquerque on March 15.

3/18/2013

**Nowicki presents paper at ACHE Congress on Healthcare Management**


3/18/2013

**BHA Student Jennifer Phan selected as the Texas MGMA Student Committee Chairperson**

Jennifer Phan is currently a student in the Bachelor of Healthcare Administration (BHA) program and was selected as the Texas Medical Group Management Association (MGMA) Student Committee Chairperson. The purpose of the Student Committee is to recruit, retain & increase involvement of student members; represent a student focus in all program planning, educational, networking & policy activities; organize annual presentations to each individual Graduate & Undergraduate programs within the state; collaborate with individual state chapters to encourage student internship, residency & fellowship opportunities; and maintain an active database of all student programs within the state as well as the program contact within each program. Jennifer was also designated as the recipient of a complimentary student membership to MGMA as a benefit of the School of Health Administration's status as a MGMA-affiliated chapter.

3/11/2013

**McIlwain presents at Association for Gerontology in Higher Education Annual Meeting**

Ms. Amber McIlwain presented her paper "Changing the preparation of future faculty through team teaching: Charting the course for graduate instructors in gerontology" at the 39th Annual Meeting & Educational Leadership Conference of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education. The paper was presented with co-author Tina Kruger Newham from Indiana State University.

3/6/2013

**BHA Students Kara Hand & Monica Rivas assist Lieneck with Bobcat Day**

Dr. Cristian Lieneck represented the School of Health Administration at Bobcat Day on Saturday, March 2 with the assistance of current BHA students Kara Hand & Monica Rivas.

3/4/2013

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**February 2013**

**Nowicki presents workshop for ACHE**


2/27/2013

**Nowicki opens Central Health’s planning retreat**

Dr. Michael Nowicki opened Central Health’s planning retreat on Saturday, February 23 with "Economics Driving Healthcare Reform". Central Health is a separate political subdivision of the State of Texas dedicated to improving access to and delivery of quality health care to eligible residents of Travis County.

2/25/2013

**Fields presents at Southwest Academy of Management Annual Conference**

Dr. Tina Fields gave a presentation at the Annual Conference of the Southwest Academy of Management in Albuquerque, New Mexico on March 12 through 16 titled "The Collaboration of Not-for-Profits Hospitals and Public Health Departments to Perform Community Needs Assessments that Meet PPACA Requirements." Dr. Fields will also serve as the Track Chairperson for the areas of Public, Nonprofit, Health Care Management & Social Issues.

2/20/2013

**Rubenstein presents at Gulf Coast Chapter of Healthcare Financial Management Association**


2/20/2013

**Alumnus Brian Henry receives ACHE Regent's Award**

Mr. Brian Henry, MHA '08, BHA '06 received the 2012 ACHE Regent's Award for outstanding service to the Central Texas Chapter during the Texas Hospital Association in Austin.

2/14/2013

**Hatala presents at Southwest Academy of Management Annual Conference**

Dr. Jeff Hatala gave a presentation at the Annual Conference of the Southwest Academy of Management in Albuquerque, New Mexico on March 12 through 16 titled "Factors associated with local public health association participation in obesity prevention 2008." The research for this paper is based on Dr. Hatala's doctoral dissertation.

2/8/2013

**Nowicki makes list of 100 Great Health Administration Professors and Leaders**

Dr. Michael Nowicki, Professor and Director of the School of Health Administration, made the list of 100 Great Health Administration Professors published by MHA Guide.

2/4/2013

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**January 2013**

**Renick serves as President of the Board of Directors of the National Volunteer Caregiving Network (NVCN)**

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Dr. Oren Renick was recently selected as the new President of the Board of Directors of the National Volunteer Caregiving Network (NVCN). The NVCN is an association of volunteer caregiving organizations that provide practical services to elders and people with disability to help them maintain independence. Services include transportation, respite care, fall prevention, relationship building, faith community nursing, health advocacy, etc. NVCN has over 100 member organizations based in 48 states, and collaborations with several hundred similar organizations like Shepherds Centers. Texas State, through some of its Service Learning Initiative programs, has had an affiliation with NVCN for a number of years. This affiliation began in response to some Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grants Dr. Renick received several years ago.

Dr. Renick is the only board member from Texas. Other board members and officers are located across the country from Massachusetts to California.

1/31/2013

**Nowicki presents finance workshop for ACHE**

Dr. Michael Nowicki presented a "Critical Financial Skills for Hospital Success" workshop for ACHE in Park City, Utah, on January 28 and 29, 2013.

1/26/2013

**Alumnus Felicia Miller named 2013 Minority Business Leader by the Dallas Business Journal**

Ms. Felicia Miller has been named a 2013 Minority Business Leader by the Dallas Business Journal. This well-deserved recognition credits Felicia for being an influential leader who is focused on making a difference in the workplace and for being a strong advocate in the community. She will be formally recognized for her achievements in the Feb. 8 print edition of the DBJ.

1/16/2013

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