Cutting Edge Education Tool Added in School of Allied Health Professions

The UNMC School of Allied Health Professions (SAHP) recently purchased an Anatomage virtual dissection table (pictured below) to be used for student education in both the SAHP and the Department of Genetics, Cell Biology & Anatomy. Several faculty members in RSTE plan to begin incorporating the technology into their courses starting in the summer and fall of 2014. The table is one of only 175 in the world and the only one in Nebraska. It allows for life size, touch-interactive and 3D animation of both normal anatomy & pathology. Actual patient computed tomography and magnetic resonance imaging scans can also be loaded into the table for review. A second table will be available to students in the new Health Science Education Complex currently under construction on the UNK campus.

Students Honored at Graduation Breakfast

The 2014 RSTE graduates were honored at the annual RSTE Graduation Breakfast held on April 29th. Students enjoyed breakfast with faculty & alumni and received graduation goodie bags as party favors!

Pictured at right: students enjoy breakfast at the UNMC Alumni House.
A year of change for the Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Program

Stephanie Vas, BS, RT(R)(MR)(CT)  Stephanie Lough, BS, RT(R)(MR)

The MRI Program at UNMC is one of only six in the United States that have earned accreditation by the JRCERT accrediting body. “This prestigious distinction is a status that we are incredibly proud of and have worked very hard to develop into an educational experience sought after by students throughout the region,” said Stephanie Vas, MRI Program Director. The two UNMC faculty members leading this program are similar in name yet diverse in their strengths. Stephanie Vas, UNMC/RSTE Alumna, Class of 2011 & former clinical education coordinator, has recently been appointed as the new program director for the MRI program. Not only does Vas possess a firm vision for the MRI Program, she is organized, methodical and executes her plan with great precision. Her calm focus is a great strength. Another leader, Stephanie Lough brings an exceptional degree of clinical expertise to UNMC. Stephanie is also a UNMC/RSTE Alumna, Class of 2007. She has worked in the MRI department at the Nebraska Medical Center for seven years as a technologist and taught several of the MRI programs’ courses. She has joined UNMC as the new MRI clinical education coordinator as well as the now separate Computed Tomography Practicum. The CT Practicum offers students the opportunity to acquire not only the clinical skills necessary to work as a technologist in the field but the didactic knowledge necessary to be a highly skilled as well. “I am excited to take on my new role as a clinical education coordinator for UNMC. Not only do I have a passion for teaching students but I pour enthusiasm into their clinical experience as well. I truly want our graduates to be exceptional in every way possible. Teaching great critical thinking skills is vastly important to the success of our grads. I love this profession and I truly hope that my excitement shines through.”

A message from our President-Elect

Hello to all! I hope that this edition of the newsletter finds you all in the midst of fun and relaxation this summer! My name is Beth Niedbalski and I am the President elect for the UNMC RSTE Alumni Chapter. I am a 2011 graduate of the UNMC Radiography program and a 2012 graduate of the UNMC Diagnostic Medical Sonography program. I currently work in the Omaha area as a Diagnostic Medical Sonographer. I look forward to being more involved in the Alumni Chapter as President. I have several goals in mind for the group including increasing our membership, as well as creating new incentives for our alumni members such as offering continuing education events. Enjoy the rest of the summer and stay tuned for information on upcoming Alumni events!

Editor’s note: Beth assumes the presidency on July 1, 2014.

Upcoming Events:
SAHP Professionalism Ceremony         September 6, 2014

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