



**SPECIAL  
POINTS OF  
INTEREST:**

- **New Scholarship** being offered at NMI
- **Tyco Mallinckrodt Award** given
- **JRCNMT** to visit NMI next summer
- **Dr. Lisa Dutton** to leave The University of Findlay

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## NMI Scholarships

### A New Scholarship Opportunity for NMI Students

Eric Schaaf owner of HeartLight Pharmacy Services located in Lima, Ohio, has endowed NMI with a \$1,000.00 per year operating scholarship. This scholarship will be divided into four \$250.00 scholarships. Two students from each of the Fall and Spring classes will be selected to receive the scholarships each year.

Criteria for the scholarship are that the student will:

- be enrolled in the one year certificate program at NMI.
- be an Ohio resident.
- demonstrate good problem solving capabilities and an active interest in the profession of Nuclear Medicine Technology.

And

- demonstrate a financial need.

This scholarship will start with the Fall 2007 class.



### **HeartLight Pharmacy Logo**

We want to thank Mr. Schaaf and HeartLight Pharmacy Services for their generous donation and support for the program.

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## NMTCB/ARRT Results

In 2006, 85 NMI graduates took the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board Exam. Of those graduates, 95% passed on the first attempt. The national pass rate for 2006 was 88%. The mean score for NMI was 79 with a national mean of 79. Of the graduates who passed the exam on first attempt, 19% did so by passing with Distinction or High Distinction.

In 2006, 22 graduates took The American Registry of Radiologic Technologists—Nuclear Medicine exam. Of these, 100% passed on the first attempt. The average score was 86. The national mean score was 85.

The results for 2007 will be reported at the next Advisory Committee Meeting.



## Fall 2006 Class Graduates

### Graduation

The NMI Fall 2006 class graduated on August 27, 2007. Of the 47 students who began last Fall, 46 successfully completed the academic portion of the program and went on to the clinical portion. A student from the Spring 2006 class who had taken a Leave of Absence began clinical training with the Fall 2006 class.

Of the 47 students who began their clinical training in December of 2006, all of them suc-

cessfully completed their clinical training and have successfully completed the NMI Program requirements.

### GPA's

The average GPA was calculated for the Fall 2006 class. Used in the calculation were the courses taken at NMI. The average GPA for the Fall 2006 class was 3.56. There were four students who achieved a 4.0.

Many of the graduates have

contacted us to let us know that they have been offered jobs. If your facility has a job opening, please contact any of the faculty members here at NMI. You may also post any positions directly to The University of Findlay web site by going to the following web site: <http://www.findlay.edu/offices/adminoffices/careerservices/careerplacement/employer/postingjobs.htm>. We will let the graduates know about any openings.

## Spring 2007 Class

The Spring 2007 class began clinical training on May 7, 2007. Fifty-two students were originally accepted into the class. Twelve students withdrew from the program either before the beginning of the semester or within the first week of classes. Forty students began the academic portion of the program and 39 students started their clinical training in

May. One student is on a Leave of Absence and is scheduled to start clinical training with the Fall 2007 class.

These students are doing very well in their clinical training thanks to wonderful NMI Clinical Affiliates.

## Fall 2007, Spring 2008 & Beyond

### Fall 2007

The Fall 2007 class began the academic portion of the program on August 27, 2007. Fifty-one students were enrolled. One student withdrew from the class during the second week due to personal issues.

### Spring 2008

A total of 95 applicants were considered for the Spring 2008 class. Of those, 46 were accepted due to a limited number of available clinical sites. A small number have withdrawn, but are being replaced with students from the alternate list.

### Future Classes

There are currently 76 applications for the Fall 2008 class, and four applications for the Spring 2009 class. The deadline for new applications for the Fall 2008 class is November 1, 2007.

# Faculty/Staff Update and Activities

Rick States, Program Director, spent a week at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, FL. He is well on his way to obtaining his doctorate. Rick was elected to serve as the Assistant Chair of the JRCNMT Board, and also performed site visits for the JRCNMT in Nevada, Maine, and Vermont. Rick is also currently working on his tenure document for The University of Findlay.

Clinical Coordinator Ryan Smith graduated from The University of Findlay in July with his Master of

Business Administration degree with an emphasis in Organizational Leadership and a secondary concentration in Human Resource Management. We are quite proud of Ryan. Congratulations! Ryan also performed a site visit for the JRCNMT in Virginia and attended a continuing education seminar in Lima, OH.

Lori Kloman Williamson, Clinical Coordinator, is starting to take classes to work towards a Bachelor's degree. She also attended the Spring Meeting for the Appalachian

Association of Nuclear Medicine Technologists and will be taking part in a seminar to become a site visitor for the JRCNMT.

Elaine Markon, Assistant Director, participated in a JRCNMT site visit in Oklahoma.

Paula Sadler, Administrative Assistant, is taking classes at The University of Findlay towards a Bachelor of Science degree.



## Scholarships cont.

### NMI Scholarship

The NMI Scholarship was established in 1996. It is an endowed scholarship that honors the students, technologists, physicians, and faculty who have contributed to the success of the NMI students.

One student from each class is chosen to receive support for the program.

Criteria for this scholarship are that the student must:

- be enrolled in the one year certificate program at NMI.
- have a minimum of a 3.0 in previous academic courses.
- demonstrate financial need.

And

- be recommended by the NMI Program Director with approval from the Director of Financial Aid at The University of Findlay.

The NMI Scholarship for Spring 2007 was awarded to Kristina Burden.

Congratulations to Kristina!

### Paul Cole Scholarship

This is a \$1000.00 scholarship that is offered by the Society of Nuclear Medicine in honor of Paul Cole who passed away in 1986 while serving as SNM president.

Lindsey Ferguson from the Fall 2006 class was awarded a scholarship in 2007.

## Site Visit Updates

Over the past summer Rick, Ryan and Lori visited all of the clinical sites currently training students. Rick visited sites in Pennsylvania, Texas, and Florida. Ryan visited sites in Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, Northern Ohio, Michigan, and Arizona. Lori visited the sites in Southern Ohio, Illinois, and Indiana.

There were no major issues regarding student training. All students were working hard to obtain the requirements for graduation.

We thank all of the NMI Clinical Affiliates for the hard work and dedication they have to the students and the NMI Program.



## NMI Affiliate Update



The following list of affiliates have recently received full accreditation from the JRCNMT for the NMI Program

- Chambersburg Hospital (Chambersburg, PA)
- Scottsdale Healthcare Shea (Scottsdale, AZ)
- Southeastern Ohio Regional Medical Center (Cambridge, OH)
- University of Virginia Health System (Charlottesville, VA).

The following list are radiopharmacies that have received full accreditation from the JRCNMT for the NMI Program;

- Cardinal Health NPS (Charlottesville, VA)
- Cardinal Health NPS (Pittsburgh, PA)
- Cardinal Health NPS (South Bend, IN)
- Cardinal Health NPS (Terre Haute, IN)

- GE Healthcare (Harrisburg, PA)
- GE Healthcare (Phoenix, AZ)

There are currently no clinical sites or radiopharmacies pending accreditation from the JRCNMT for the NMI Program.

*JRCNMT Site Visit will take place in the Summer of 2008.*

## JRCNMT Reaccreditation

We are compiling all of the information that has been submitted by the clinical affiliates and radiopharmacies. The document should be submitted to the JRCNMT by the end of the year.

A team of site visit inspectors from the JRCNMT will be coming to campus next year and will also visit a selection of clinical sites as well. The clinical

sites to be visited has yet to be determined by the JRCNMT. Once the JRCNMT notifies us of which sites they would like to visit, we will notify the sites ASAP. We will keep you informed concerning the accreditation process as we receive more information.

Thank you to everyone for your help and contribution to the accreditation document

## NMI Student Housing Update



A total of 33 students from the Fall 2007 class are currently utilizing Physical Plant/ NMI Houses. For the Spring 2008 class 27 students are currently signed up to use these houses.

A new house located

at 146 West Foulke was added this semester. It houses three students providing them with a common bath, living room, kitchen, and dining area. Each student has his/her own bedroom.

Overall the students are pleased with the housing. It is a lower cost option that allows

the NMI students more privacy and an improved studying environment than the dorms.

# Mallinckrodt Award of Excellence



NMI will be awarding the Mallinckrodt Award of Excellence. It will go to a graduate who meets the following criteria:

- Must be a graduate of the NMI Program and passed the NMI Final on the first attempt with a score of 85 or higher.
- Must have Program GPA of 3.8 or higher. Graduates with a GPA of 4.0 will be considered first
- Must demonstrate good

problem-solving capabilities and demonstrate an active interest in the nuclear medicine profession.

The award was reinstated for the Fall 2006 Class. The recipient was Shane M. Cox. Congratulations to Shane for his achievement.

## Donations

We would like to thank everyone who has donated items. Your support is appreciated by everyone here at NMI. We hope we did not miss mentioning anyone, because every donation is greatly appreciated and needed.

Heartlight Pharmacy Services donated eight 150 cc bags of normal saline by Hospira, five Phosphotech kits, one liter of hydrochloric acid, 23 thirty cc vials of Heparin, 5 fifty cc vials of 50% Dextrose, 4 fifty cc vials of Sodium Bicarbonate, 1 fifty cc Unit of Use Syringe of 50% Dextrose.

Adam Pisapia of St. Luke's Hospital in New Bedford, MA donated one Hamamatsu Photonics PMT, one lung case study demonstrating a cardiac shunt, and 28 expired CIS-US inc. MDP kits.

## IAEA Approves a new Ionizing Radiation Symbol

In February of 2007 the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and the International Organization for Standardization launched a new warning sign for areas that might have dangerous levels of ionizing radiation. It is to be used as a supplementary warning to the trefoil also in use. The symbol was developed to be more recognizable by the general public

thereby providing better protection.

The symbol will be used in areas that are IAEA levels 1, 2, & 3. sources. These are defined as those that are capable of causing serious injury or death. This includes food irradiators, teletherapy machines, and industrial radiographic machines. It will not be used for building access doors or packaging.



## Dean Lisa Dutton to leave U of F

Dr. Lisa Dutton, Dean of the College of Health Professions at The University of Findlay, announced that she will be leaving the University at the end of the Fall 2007 Semester. She will be relocating to Minnesota with her family.

Dr. Dutton has been the Dean of the College of Health Professions since its inception. She has been an integral part of the ongoing advancement of the Nuclear Medicine Institute. Her guidance and leadership

will be missed by everyone at NMI and The University.



## Student Background Checks

Many of the affiliates require student background checks to be performed on students before they start at their clinical training. The College of Health Professions met earlier in the year to discuss this trend in healthcare training. After researching the options, the UF College of Health Professions decided to use Verify Credentials, Inc. The fee is

\$55.00 for U.S. citizens and \$115.00 for Canadian citizens. Verify Credentials Inc. performs a County Criminal Search in all counties of residence for applicant in the past seven years.

After the search is performed, the results are sent to NMI. We send them to the Clinical Affiliate that will be training that student. A copy is also

kept in the student's file at NMI.

This process was started with the Fall 2007 Class. There have been no difficulties with the student's ability to access the site and provide Verify Credentials with information needed to perform the search.

## Grade Point Averages

The Nuclear Medicine Institute at The University of Findlay began giving letter grades for the clinical portion of the program in Fall 2005. Before this, students were given a pass/fail grade for the clinical hours.

The grade point averages were calculated for the Fall 2005, Spring 2006, and Fall 2006 classes using only their credits earned at the Nuclear Medicine Institute. The average GPA for all classes was above a 3.5.

The students' performance in both the academic and clinical portion of the program is exceptional.

# NMI Spotlight— International Ties



the students that have completed the program in August 2007 were born outside of the U.S. Countries of birth represented were China, India, Canada, and Ethiopia. International backgrounds offer another dimension to the classroom and provide a cultural awareness to the students, faculty and training sites.

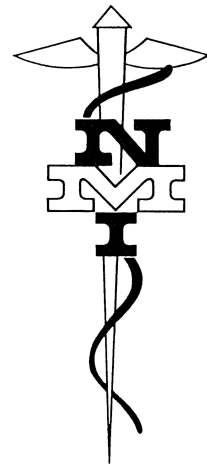
Throughout the years, NMI has been privileged to have students born in other countries complete the program. Most continents (except Antarctica and Australia) have been represented. Four of

## Advisory Committee Meeting

The next Nuclear Medicine Institute Advisory Committee Meeting will take place on Friday, May 2, 2008. The meeting will begin at 12:00 pm. Lunch will be provided starting at 11:30 am. If you have any topics that you would like to discuss at the next meeting, please contact either Ryan Smith at 419-434-6102 or Lori Kloman Williamson at 419-434-4448. You can also e-mail Ryan at [rsmith@findlay.edu](mailto:rsmith@findlay.edu) or

Lori at [kloman@findlay.edu](mailto:kloman@findlay.edu).

Thank you for your continued commitment and participation in the program at the Nuclear Medicine Institute at The University of Findlay



This newsletter is a replacement of our Fall NMI Advisory Committee Meeting, as discussed at the Spring 2007 meeting. This is an alternate method of disseminating and exchanging information and ideas between the NMI Clinical Sites and the resident faculty. If you have any comments or concerns on the current newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact any of us here at NMI.

If you have any ideas, suggestions, or items that you would like to see in any upcoming newsletters, please contact Lori Kloman Williamson at 419-434-4448 or via e-mail at [kloman@findlay.edu](mailto:kloman@findlay.edu).