

The Harcum Laboratory Ledger Of Histology, Phlebotomy and Clinical Laboratory Science

Advance Comes to Harcum



Harcum MLT majors were the focus of video interviews conducted on campus January 26 by online editors from Advance for Medical Laboratory Professionals, the nations only print and online news magazine to link laboratory

professionals in all the disciplines encompassing the industry, through coverage of professional organizations in the field and other newsworthy updates about the profession.

Students Waltina Brown, an online histotechnology major working at Bryn Mawr Hospital, Jennifer Simon and Carmelita Dennis (both MLT majors) were interviewed on camera in the Harcum library about their backgrounds, interest in their studied professions, their choice of a Harcum education and their future goals. Waltina spoke about how much she appreciated the online program with her busy schedule. We were pleased to have the chance to showcase our students.

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News from around the Program

The Histotechnician Program at Harcum College is in the midst of an accreditation review by NAACLS (National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Lab Science). The program was granted approval by NAACLS in June 2008 and welcomed its first class in September 2008, with the first graduating

class of Histotechnician students in May 2010!

The Lab Science department at Harcum College already has an established relationship with NAACLS, since the MLT program was awarded a 7-year accreditation in 2007, the highest accreditation award granted by NAACLS. Donna Broderick, Program

Director for both the MLT and Histotechnician Programs has much experience in maintaining NAACLS standards and is assured that the Histotechnician Program will follow in the path of the MLT program in gaining national accreditation and recognition.

Notes:

Please contact Karen Gatewood at kgatewood@harcum.edu, if you have an interesting story to share.

Be sure to visit Harcum College at www.Harcum.edu for all our school news.

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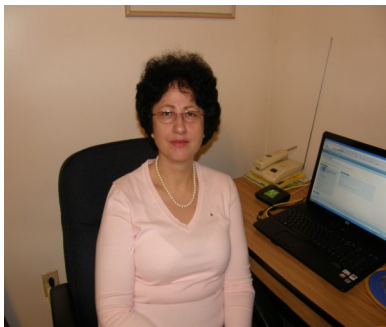


Congrats Grads!

We would like to congratulate Tracy Ellis and Yolanda Norton on their recent graduation in December 2009. We would also like to congratulate our 2010 spring graduates: Brandi Bryington, Zana Ilia, Andrea Johnson, Elaine Rhodes, Marie Sumner, Kimberly Campbell, Joekpele Varpilah , and Carmelita Dennis.

Your instructors wish you all the best as you embark on your new adventures.

Student Focus: Zana Ilia



Zana hard at work as one of our distance students

Zana had a background in microbiology but had been out of the field for quite a while. She was unable to find a school in her area until she learned about Harcum's distance student program. This innovative approach allows students to take all our department's classes online and complete their lab classes at a clinical site close to where they live. Zana completed her lab training at Elk Regional

Medical Center- a hospital Harcum has a close working relationship with.

After a talk with our program director, Donna Broderick, Zana realized Harcum would provide the support and guidance she needed to enroll as a distance student. In fact, it would be a perfect fit for a busy mom who wants a quality education. While she appreciated being a "click away" from classes, she makes note of the quality of the online experience. She states, "The assignments, tests, projects, etc., were well designed to cover the program in detail and to intertwine theoretical background with real life hands on experience. The instructors' feedback to my questions was prompt and very insightful. "

She found she really enjoyed being an online student. She commented,

"What I like most about my two years at Harcum as a distance student is the independent learning experience, fostered by the online environment. Written assignments gave me the luxury of having more time to do research to prepare for them. 'Writing my mind' instead of 'speaking my mind' encouraged me to experience a 'deeper level of thinking 'before submitting the assignments, rather than giving an answer 'on the spot,' as is sometimes required in face-to-face classes.

As Zana finishes up her MLT degree, she envisions continuing on for her MT degree and potential employment in the research department of a biotech company.

Harcum wishes Zana well as she completes her education in our distance program .