

## Upcoming...

**November 11, 2011**

Continuing Medical Education  
**When is Hospice Appropriate?**  
Noon – 3:00 p.m.  
Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital  
Auditorium  
Yakima, Washington

**November 11, 2011**

University holiday, no classes



**November 24 - 25, 2011**

University holiday, no classes  
Yakima, Washington



**TJ Orthmeyer, Chase Livingston** and **Jenna Borys** after receiving their white coats at this year's White Coat Ceremony. Held on September 10, the ceremony was performed at The Capitol Theatre in Yakima, Washington.



## THIRD YEAR ROTATION INSPIRES

Third year osteopathic medical student Allison Jarstad had no idea how much she would love surgery. The following describes her experience while training under the guidance of Chair of the Department of Surgery and Adjunct Clinical Faculty member, Jason Cundiff, MD.

"It is an incredible feeling to be a part of solving specific medical problems and saving lives. During rounds, Dr. Cundiff expects students to participate in interviews with patients and assist in determining a diagnosis and postoperative treatment plan. In doing so, we are pushed to think like doctors.

In the operating room, students participate from initial incision to closing, and classroom pathology provides precisely what students need to know for the various surgeries performed. Dr. Cundiff's non-profit organization, Pacific Northwest Surgical Outreach in Haiti, provides me the opportunity to utilize skills from the classroom and the clinical rotation for one week, where I will continue to assist with surgeries and manage patients' immediate postoperative care as part of my surgical training.

I have learned more during the last four weeks from the hands-on experience with Dr. Cundiff than I ever could from solely reading a surgical textbook."

## A Quality Connection

YouTube Interview Provides In-depth Connection between Adjunct Clinical Physician and PNWU Osteopathic Medical Student

Teaching affiliate Skagit Valley Hospital in Mount Vernon, Washington, made the following YouTube video possible for our use. Filmed last year, the video features Skagit Regional Clinics general surgeon Mark Johnson, MD. It also features Cullen Taplin, now a fourth year PNWU medical student. Dr. Johnson and Cullen discuss Skagit Valley's medical education program.

Dr. Johnson and Cullen also discuss their thoughts on the difference between DOs and MDs, the quality and readiness of PNWU students for clinical rotations, the typical day for the adjunct clinical faculty and the student, acceptance by the other health disciplines and residency programs and patients' reactions to medical students.

There are three ways to access the YouTube video:

1. Click on the link below -OR-
2. Copy the link into your web browser -OR-
3. Go to [www.pnwu.org](http://www.pnwu.org) and click the link under the Home page Rotation FAQs tab, then under Read more...you will find the link.

[http://www.youtube.com/user/SkagitValleyHospital?feature=mhee#p/u/6/12rMGqAk\\_6k](http://www.youtube.com/user/SkagitValleyHospital?feature=mhee#p/u/6/12rMGqAk_6k)

## Celebrating Binational Health Week

On October 6, PNWU students celebrated Binational Health Week with a visit by Dr. Edilberto Hernandez-Cardenas, of Cuernavaca, Mexico (INSP- Instituto Nacional de Salud Publica). Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital's Outreach Office made Dr. Hernandez-Cardenas' visit possible.

Binational Health Week (BHW) is one of the largest mobilization efforts of federal and state government agencies, community-based organizations, and volunteers in the Americas to improve the health and well being of the underserved Latino population living in the United States and Canada.

Through October 16, Memorial Hospital will offer several Binational Health Week health classes, radio programs and a mammography event.

In addition, the Seattle-based Mexican Consulate is hosting a family physician from the state of Oaxaca. This special guest has a strong background in indigenous and traditional medicine, migrant health issues and the Mexican health care system.

With a focus on rural and underserved populations, global health expertise enhances PNWU students' ability to care for all persons, anywhere.

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## LEADERS & MENTORS

A quick glimpse at some of the incredible staff, faculty and volunteers who enrich our quality of medical education ...



**Jim Rhodes, PhD**  
Associate Professor of Histology



**LeAnn Hunter, MSDO**  
Director of Enrollment Services



**Donald Woods, DO**  
Associate Professor of Osteopathic Principles and Practices



**James Haven, MD**  
Board of Trustee, Regional Advisory Cabinet Member and Advancement Committee Chair