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**October 2020**

**Online MS and Graduate Certificates in Palliative Care**

**Message from the Director**

What gorgeous weather we’re having here on the eastern shore of Maryland! Although I still can't believe it's October! Who stole my summer?! Unbelievably, we have an application deadline coming up - December 15th - for our spring 2021 semester! Interest in our program remains brisk, but don't let that stop you! Please tell all your colleagues and acquaintances about our wonderful program!

I can't tell you how proud we are of our graduating class. Read all about them [HERE](#)! You can watch our virtual graduation ceremony [HERE](#). Let's cross our fingers that we can celebrate in person August 2021, and we'll invite our graduating class from August 2020 as well!

Enjoy the beautiful fall weather, remember to steal a little time for yourself, and above all, stay safe!

*Mary Lynn McPherson, PharmD, MA, MDE, BCPS*
*Executive Director Advanced Post-Graduate*
October is For:

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Read: Breast Cancer Patient Call for Palliative Care "Early and Often"

LGBTQ+ History Month

Read: LGBTQ at the End of Life: Needs and Challenges

World Hospice Day - October 10th

How to get involved: World Hospice and Palliative Care Day Website

National Case Managers Week October 11 - 17

Read: About NCMW

National Pharmacy Week October 18 - 24

Explore: National Pharmacy Week
For your listening pleasure

Find our entire library of Podcasts on our website:

Palliative Care Chat Podcast

Episode 37 - "Layne Heller: Missionary POSSIBLE!"

Listen to this riveting description of a palliative care missionary hard at work in Mozambique Africa. Layne Heller is a graduate of our Online Master of Science and Graduate Certificate Program in Palliative Care.

Click here to listen!

Episode 38 - "Lifestyle Medicine Finds a Home in Palliative Care"

Join Dr. Simran Malhotra and Advance Practice Nurse Carlie Pierorazio as they discuss the role of lifestyle medicine in caring for patients with serious or advanced illness.

Click here to listen!

Who Wants to Save $75?

Application Fee Waiver
As you are all aware the need for Palliative Services is constantly growing. And our Online Master of Science and Graduate Certificate Program continues to grow as well! We are delighted with the number of students we have enrolled, the diversity in learners, the faculty who are outstanding in this field, and the wonderful, glowing comments we receive!

Here's some good news - we are happy to WAIVE the application fee for qualified applicants, if you apply by November 15, 2020! Please begin your online application AND send an email to palliative@umaryland.edu, with "Promo Code" in the subject line.

Need more Program Information?

Join Dr. McPherson for an Info Session, sign up below:

October 20th - 12 noon and 8 PM ET
December 1st - 12 noon and 8 PM ET

Congratulations to our Recent Graduates!

We are very proud of all our graduates but especially the recent class. To finish your final classes in the midst of a pandemic while continuing your role in healthcare is a monumental accomplishment.

We hope to see you in person next Summer for our combined graduation ceremony!

Graduation Pics, Quotes and Thanks

| Sabrina Abbott | Melissa Holowaty | Brooke Pritchett |
| Chrystral Antoine-Frank | Angela House | Dawn Quinn |
| Andy Arwari | James Joseph | Laura Readling |
| Dawn Baker | Farhana Kamal | Kristienne Rooks |
| Ryan Baldeo | Kimberly Kirsch | Joseph Scalese |
| Mary Bezak | Christine Lacayo | Cindy Scott |
| Ryan Costantino | Delissa Lum Burris | Alexandra Simms |
| Kathryn DiFrancesco | Heather Marsh | Kirstin Springmeyer |
| Hollie Dunivan | Jennifer Martin | Anne Supplee |
| Azadeh Erfani | Megan Mitchell | Elodie Tendoh |
| Elisabeth Geeslin | Patrice Moore | Brooke Thomas |
| Cathy Gibson | Kelsey Neely | Marissa Todd |
| Anne Goldsborough | Susan Nelson | Natisha Waites |
| Kathy Gubin | Kathleen O'Connor | Alyson Yost |
| Layne Heller | Jim Phells | |

Watch our Virtual Graduation Video

What's on your reading list?

https://medium.com/@drmichellepearce/beyond-resilience-how-to-bloom-in-the-dark-b3b0d0ee7f7f

Michelle Pearce, PhD, BCC (PALC 606)

Chiaramonte D, Alder S (eds). Special Focus Issue on Integrative Palliative Care. Journal of Alternative and Complementary Medicine 2020;26(9). Available at: 
https://www.liebertpub.com/toc/acm/26/9

Delia Chiaramonte, MD (PALC 606)

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**Brag Book**

We always say we have the MOST amazing faculty and students in the universe.

Read on to see where they've spoken, what they've published, and what they're doing.

Laura Finn (Class of 2021)

**Finn, L., & Roche Green, A. (Eds.). (2020) Supportive Care Strategies: Optimizing Transplant Care. Springer.**
Lynn McPherson, PharmD, MA, MDE, BCPS, CPE (PALC 601, 602, 605, 607, 612, 615, 617)

Poster Presentations:

Baltz AP, Costantino RC, Gressler LE, McPherson ML. Sex Differences in Over the Counter Medication Use Among Hospice Patients Diagnosed with Cancer. International Palliative Care Network Poster Exhibition. November 15, 2019.


Publications:


Ware OD, Cagle JG, McPherson ML, Sacco P, Frey J, Guralnik J. Confirmed medication diversion in hospice care: Qualitative findings from a national sample of agencies. J Pain Symptom Manage 2020, Accepted for publication.

Shirley Otis-Green, MSW, ACSW, LCSW, OSW-C (PALC 603)

Oncology Practice. npaa043, https://doi.org/10.1093/nop/npaa043


May 2020 - National Webinar
Association of Oncology Social Work National Webinar: “Advance Care Planning During a Pandemic.” https://www.aosw.org/professional-development/online-learning/webinars/details-(1)/?webinar=WEB0520#presenter

Congratulations on your Teacher of the Year Award!

Arif Kamal, MD, MBA, MHS, FACP, FAAHPM, FASCO (PALC 616)

Welcome to the World, Charles Kingston Malotte!

Kasey Malotte PharmD, BCPS (PALC 611)

Healthy baby born September 9th, 2020!

Congratulations on your New NEJM Procedural Video!

Eric Widera, MD (PALC 612)

Over 5 years ago, our group here at UCSF started on a project to put communication skills on par with other procedural skills learned by health care professionals. It started with the idea that there were many NEJM procedural videos but not one on the critical procedure of conducting a family meeting for those with a serious illness.

Thanks to a lot of hard work from both palliative care docs, including Alex Smith, Kana McKee, Wendy Anderson and myself, as well as Critical Care docs, including James Frank and
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View a previous information session

APPLY TODAY!

Referral Program

Anyone, current student or alumni, who sends a referral, and they enroll in either a certificate or the MS, will receive a package of goodies. All your referral has to do is e-mail palliative@umaryland.edu with your name and once they submit their application, we'll send you the goods! What could be easier than that?

What to join the fun?
Get started on your application today!