

# NEWSLETTER

## RCAA Welcomes Class of 2011

## 2009-2010 Physician Lecture Series

On Friday August 21, the RCAA and the faculty of the RC Department sponsored a welcome luncheon for the newly admitted class of 2011. Lina Gamez, Interim Vice President of the RCAA represented the organization and offered words of encouragement to the students. Subway sandwiches and desserts were provided, and a good time was had by all.

The 09-10 Physician Lecture Series coordinated through the UTHSCSA RC department is scheduled to begin Friday, September 18 and run through Friday, November 20th. RCAA members are entitled to attend 6 free sessions annually.

## 2009 55th AARC International Congress December 5-8, 2009

### FALL 2009 SCHEDULE:

Friday, September 25 **JUAN SANCHEZ MD**  
– Pleural Effusion  
Friday, October 2 **STEVEN DERDAK, MD**– PFT Interpretation  
Friday, October 9 **ANTONIO ANZUETO, MD** – Acute Lung Injury  
Friday, October 16 – **JAY PETERS, MD**  
– **SARCOIDOSIS**  
Friday, October 30 **CURT FROEHLICH, MD** – **ECMO**  
Friday, November 13 **LUIS ANGEL, MD** – Lung Transplant and Donor Management  
Friday, November 20 **JEAN PETERSHACK, MD** – Neonatal Cardiopulmonary Cases

San Antonio is very fortunate to be host city to this year's AARC annual meeting. This is a good opportunity for our alumni who have moved away to come back and visit, while also attending top-notch AARC educational sessions. The RCAA is also planning a dinner on Friday, December 4th, so come into town a day early for the AARC and visit with your friends from the RCAA. Further information to come.

## NAME OUR NEWSLETTER

Can you think of a clever eye-catching name that just rolls off of the tongue? Perhaps your wit and wisdom are legendary. If so take a moment to name our newsletter! Please submit suggestions directly to [RCAA@uthscsa.edu](mailto:RCAA@uthscsa.edu). Winners will be selected by the Executive Council.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I wanted to thank those of you who made the decision to support the RCAA and welcome you to the organization! We hope to be a valuable resource to you throughout your career and look forward to interacting with you at the various functions we have planned throughout the year. Make sure to check our website often for updates about future events and plans. Again, welcome to the RCAA!

Heather DiGiovanni, BSRC, RRT

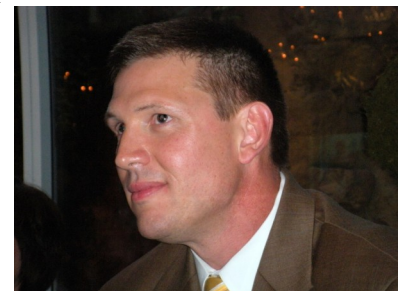
Interim President,

Class of 2008



## RCAA Wishes David Vines a Fond Farewell

The RCAA would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. David Vines for all that he has done for the department and the students of the UTHSCSA during his tenure as faculty, program director, and interim chair. We congratulate him on his new position as Program Chair of the Respiratory Care program at Rush University in Chicago, and wish him all the best.



## RCAA INTERIM EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS OF THE RCAA

1. Art Carandang
2. Jessica Harris
3. Adrian Gonzalez
4. Ricky Smith
5. Janna Rodriguez

### Heather DiGiovanni, BSRC, RRT

Interim President

### Lina Gamez, BSRC, RRT

Interim Vice-President

### Jana Alsobrook, BSRC, RRT-NPS, AE-C

Interim Secretary/Treasurer

### Leo Wittnebel, MSIS, RRT

Faculty Advisor

### Helen Sorenson, MA, RRT

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