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ALUMNI NEWSLETTER FOR FHSU DEPARTMENT OF ALLIED HEALTH

## Facility Showcase

Welcome back, alumni! In this spring edition of the newsletter, we want to update all on the many changes to our equipment and facilities in the department. The department is still housed in Cunningham Hall, although one could say we are on the verge of outgrowing our spaces.

We currently have three energized X-ray rooms, two of which are DR systems, one being a CR system, as well as a CR portable unit. We also have three mammography units sharing space in our X-ray lab. In our ultrasound lab, we have four Epic ultrasound systems, three Philips iU22 systems, two portable GE systems, as well as handheld Butterfly units.

In our X-ray labs, we have two mannequins for the students to practice taking exposures, as well as a pediatric and infant mannequin to practice positioning. In the ultrasound labs, we have several phantoms, including obstetric with different gestational ages, gynecologic, abdomen, and superficial phantoms with a variety of pathological processes available for the students to practice during lab time.

We are incredibly fortunate to have the equipment and resources available for our students to train and prepare for their clinical rotations in an ever-changing field of medical imaging technology. If you find yourself in the area, please stop by, and we would be happy to show you around!



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# Commencement 2023

Our department has been quite busy celebrating the many achievements of the graduating RT and DMS Classes of 2023!

The RT Class of 2023 is graduating 25 seniors, and the DMS Class of 2023 is graduating 14 seniors. Many of the senior students, along with some faculty members, have been recognized with varying honors and awards this spring semester.

- RT Senior, **Ashlyn Cole**, was awarded Outstanding Undergraduate Student in the Allied Health Department.
- RT Senior, **Hannah Thiessen**, was awarded Outstanding Senior Radiography Clinical Project for Benefits of Multidetector Computed Tomography with Virtual Hysterosalpingography.
- DMS Senior, **Sydney Koirth**, was awarded the Outstanding Academic Achievement Award.
- DMS Seniors, **Sydney Koirth** and **Jessica Reid**, were nominated for the Torch Award.
- RT Program Director and Professor, **Jennifer Wagner**, was also nominated for the Pilot Award.
- Allied Health Department Chair and DMS Program Director, **Brenda Hoopingarner**, was promoted to Professor.

We are proud of the hard work and accomplishments of all the graduating seniors, and we are excited for their next adventures!



We are in search of the following to replace our equipment on-campus for our students to train with a more up-to-date:

**Used Portable Digital X-ray Machine**

**Used C-arm**

**Used Mammography Unit**

If you or someone at your facility has any information regarding possible used equipment availability, please contact Jennifer Wagner

(jrwagner@fhsu.edu) at 785-628-5678.



# Alumni Spotlight - Bailey Dinkel (Deutscher) '12

## What degree(s) did you earn from FHSU?

AS in Radiologic Technology and BS in Medical Diagnostic Imaging.

## Have you pursued any further education?

Yes, I did a one-year program online through Pitt Community College out of North Carolina for Nuclear Medicine.

## Where have you taken your career since graduation?

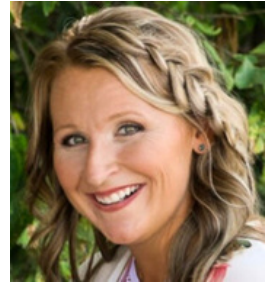
I started as PRN in Larned, KS, at the hospital, where I learned CT. I continued working at the hospital in Hoisington, KS, where I was full-time and could use my mammo credentials, worked in the operating room, and completed my CT boards. I then came to Hays Med full-time, where I did all the above as well. I furthered my career in Nuclear Medicine and now work full-time solely in Nuc Med. In between I did a lot of contract work in smaller hospitals including Minneola and Oakley, KS.

## What is something you enjoyed about the Allied Health Department or the program(s) offered?

The programs beyond prepare you for a successful career path, not only academically but physically also. They have an amazing program that has the groundwork built for success. From the minute you're in the program, they have every step covered to help you along the way.

## What advice would you give someone thinking about a career in medical imaging?

Consider your life goals and where you see your career. It is a tough program, so be sure you're ready for the commitment. Prepare yourself before committing to the program, and be ready to go all in and take it seriously once you get in. Follow the instructors' lead and advice, and there is no doubt you will succeed and do great things!



## News from Campus

- Applications for Master of Professional Studies (MPS) in Medical Imaging to begin in Fall 2023 are now being accepted. Contact Christa Beiker (crbeiker@fhsu.edu) at 785-628-5678 with questions.
- RT Annual Meeting and Selection occurred during the first week of March. The committee offered 48 candidates positions in the program to begin Summer 2023.
- JRCERT accreditation visit occurred March 23-24. Final visit summation and recommendation expected to be received this fall.
- 39 total FHSU students attended the KSRT Conference March 30-April 2 in Hays, KS.
- Several FHSU students won awards at the KSRT Conference, including **Ashlyn Cole** (2nd - Lateral Elbow and 1st - Odontoid), **Taylor Atwil** (1st - Sunrise Patella), **Kali Weber** (1st - Most Interesting Case), **Allie Kruse** and **Abby Barnes** (3rd - Scientific Exhibit), and **Helen Puett** won a student scholarship. The FHSU team (**Ashlyn Cole, Hannah Jones, and Payton Lee**) placed 3rd in the Ray Bowl. **Payton Lee** had the highest written test score.
- The KSRT Board of Directors selected FHSU students **Ashton Kahrs** as a Student Representative, and **Rebecca Glahn** as an Intern and ASRT Student Leadership Development Program representative.
- DMS Annual Meeting and Selection occurred during the first week of May. The committee offered 20 candidates positions in the program to begin Fall 2023.



## IMPORTANT DATES

**June 5:** First day of the summer 2023 semester



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