

# VITAL SIGNS

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### From the Director's Chair

Dear Alumni,

Many changes have occurred at PGSHC in the past 18 months. The former director, Todd Worker, accepted another position within the UPMC Health System. I accepted the director's position in May 2000. I am excited about leading the Governor's School and taking it into the new century.

A short four weeks after my arrival, the Class of 2000 descended upon Pittsburgh. The five weeks were a bit chaotic, but 109 students successfully completed the program. This brought the number of graduates to 1433 during the first 10 years of PGSHC.

In addition to myself, there were two other administrative changes at PGSHC. Last spring, Mrs. Gisela Nelson became the new Assistant Director. We also have Mrs. Yvonne Thompson working with us as an Educational Consultant.

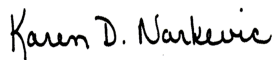
For the 2001 program, some revisions have been made in the curriculum. Each week has an overarching theme. The five themes are: Establishing a Living and Learning Environment at PGSHC, An Overview of Health Care in Pennsylvania, Improving Health Care in Pennsylvania, Measuring the Impact and Progress of the Improvements, and Looking to the Future. The MAD, TaT and CfH sessions have been restructured to follow these themes.

There are other changes in the curriculum as well. Rural Health and Minority Health Concentration Courses are being offered for the first time. The Class of 2001 will be taking field trips to the UPMC Sports Medicine Complex and the STAT MED VAC site. In addition, the entire class will be going to Indiana, Pennsylvania, to see rural health facilities. Several VIPs will visit campus this summer. Among them will be Dr. Robert Muscalus, the Physician General of Pennsylvania, and Dr. Neil Gardner, the Oral Health Administrator for Pennsylvania.

The students will still be having two Shadow Days, doing a research paper and the reflective portfolio.

We encourage you to stay in touch and check this site for information about special events during the program. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours truly,



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## Class of 2000

The class of 2000 has come and gone. I'm sure that everyone has applied to the school(s) of their choice. PGSHC wishes them well in all their endeavors.

Many of the 2000 Alumni have already begun to implement their service projects. There are a couple of alumni who are doing some pretty high profile Service Learning Projects. On March 27, **Kezia Ellison** held a Teen AIDS Awareness program on the University of Pittsburgh Campus. Kezia also received a proclamation from the office of the City Counsel, proclaiming March Teen AIDS awareness month.

**Kerry Craig** hosted an AIDS awareness festival on April 21. Kerry organized a number of volunteers from health providers to local bands. There were games and prizes, balloons and face painting.

We look forward to hearing about many more SLP's and awarding them at the 2001 closing ceremony.

## PGSHC Web Update!

Be sure to take a look at the PGSHC web site's new design!

The wait is now over! PGSHC not only has new faces among the staff, but also in our brochures and our web site.

Thanks to UPMC Health System's Public Relations Department web developer, John Winegarden. John volunteers with the Governor's School for Health Care and put us in contact with Alan Hainan a student at the ICM School of Business here in Pittsburgh. Alan, who is completing his externship at UPMC Public Relations, is primarily responsible for the unique design and layout of our web.

Many thanks to both John and Alan!

## Alumni Search

*Alumni Association!*

We are looking for all alumni. PGSHC is entertaining the possibilities of forming an alumni association. Anyone who would like to volunteer to take on this project, please contact us by phone, e-mail or direct mail.

*Alumni Updates*

Attached to this newsletter PGSHC has included a student /staff update form.

Please let us know where you are, and what you would like your fellow alumni to know about you. You may also locate the update form by visiting us on the World Wide Web at:

[www.pitt.edu/~pgshc](http://www.pitt.edu/~pgshc)

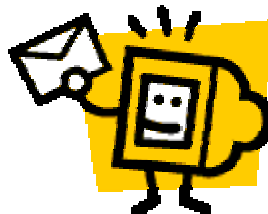
We are always interested in your program ideas, comments and suggestions to improve the program.

Let us hear from YOU!



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## Summer Job Opportunities

*It's still not too late!*

PGSHC is still in search of mature, responsible age 21 and over Resident Life Counselors for our 2001 program.

Aside from the age requirement, candidates must also

- ✓ Be able to obtain act 33/34 clearances
- ✓ Available to commit to living in residence for the entire program.
- ✓ Comfortable working with teenagers
- ✓ Well organized
- ✓ A team player
- ✓ Apt to facilitate small or large groups
- ✓ Good interpersonal skills
- ✓ Ability to relate well one on one

Contact our office immediately if you meet this criteria.



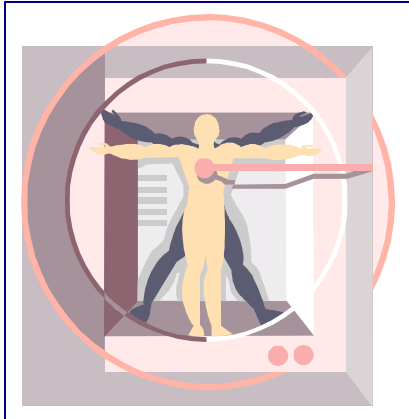
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