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Message from the CSA Director

Hello all,

Happy holidays! 2019 has been one of the busiest years for the CSA. We provided our stakeholders with over fifteen courses, including multiple customized courses and consultations. We continue our partnership with Laerdal Medical and work closely with them on providing courses to their customers. Our new HealthImpact CEO, Garrett Chan, is extremely supportive of the CSA and we appreciate his leadership, advice and counsel as we grow! Please check our website as it is updated weekly.

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Deb Bennett has joined us as our CSA Manager. Deb has extensive experience in simulation and is a certified healthcare simulation educator. She will continue as CSA faculty while managing the CSA. Welcome, Deb!

With the International Meeting on Simulation in Healthcare (IMSH) fast approaching, I am honored to preside over the meeting as President. Many CSA members will be presenting workshops and podium presentations. As in past years, we will be holding a CSA meeting on Tuesday, January 21st, please see information below.

Thank you all for your ongoing support! Enjoy the newsletter and contact us with any questions.

Best regards,
KT Waxman
Deb Bennett & Team

International Meeting on Simulation in Healthcare (IMSH) 2020

IMSH 2020 will be held in San Diego January 19-22. Many of our CSA members will be presenting their work, please come and support them! If you have not registered yet, please go to www.ssih.org.

Our own CSA Director, KT Waxman will preside over the IMSH meeting and will become past-president following the meeting when Bob Armstrong assumes the Presidency.

The annual face-to-face CSA meeting will be held Tuesday evening, January 21, 2020 at the Marriott. An e-blast will be sent out in January as to the exact time and location. We will also have flyers posted on the message board at IMSH Central. Hope to see you there, all are welcome and bring a friend! Yes, we will have snacks!

Welcome Dr. Deb Bennett, Manager CSA

The CSA is happy to announce that Dr. Deb Bennett will assume the role of Manager (part-time). Deb will be responsible for most of the day-to-day operations of the CSA working closely with KT Waxman and the office staff. She will continue to be faculty as well. We are thrilled to have her on board! Here's a little about Deb:

Deb has been a nurse educator for over twenty years and a nurse clinician for over thirty years. She is a generalist with specialties in pediatrics and primary care. As a nurse educator, she has taught in associate, baccalaureate, and master's degree nursing programs. Deborah was the Simulation Director for California State University San Marcos for thirteen years. During that time, she developed CSUSM's simulation program and facilitated simulation for all levels of nursing students. Deborah assisted Speech-Language Pathology faculty at CSUSM in the development of their simulation program utilizing standardized patients. Also, while at CSUSM she collaborated with other healthcare disciplines to develop and facilitate interprofessional education simulations.

Deborah obtained a PhD from Washington State University in August 2015. The area of research was instrument development for pediatric medication administration competencies through simulation which was found to be reliable and valid. She is a member of SSH, SPN, INACSL, and a reviewer for the journal Clinical Simulation in Nursing. She was instrumental in launching the San Diego Simulation Collaborative and has been CSA faculty for many years.



The CSA has been very involved in working with the BRN to increase awareness of the evidence to support moving from 25% simulation to up to 50% for pre-licensure clinical hours. At this point, we are hopeful that guidelines for simulation will be recommended for schools next Fall. The CSA continues to move the simulation agenda forward.

Regional Collaborative Updates

Bay Area Simulation Collaborative (BASC):

VA Palo Alto Health Care System cut the ribbon on November 22, to its State-of-the-Art Simulation Center at its main division in Palo Alto, Calif. The medical center's Simulation Program has pioneered the use of mannequin-based, fully interactive simulators in anesthesiology, intensive care, emergency medicine, and other clinical settings since the 1980s. Additionally, Veterans participate as actors to portray patients and/or family members during training sessions dealing with verbal communication.

The origin of simulation at VA Palo Alto goes back more than 3 decades when Dr. David Gaba developed the first prototype of a mannequin simulator designed to test human performance in a realistic operating room environment. The early CASE (Comprehensive Anesthesia Simulation Environment) model was connected to a Macintosh Plus computer and had vital signs on display that the operator could manipulate.

In the 1990s, the VA Palo Alto simulation center found its permanent home in building 100. Drs. Gaba, Howard, and Fish published their landmark book *Crisis Management in Anesthesiology* which stood as the authoritative text on this subject for 2 decades until they released the 2nd edition which is now the authoritative text. *Crisis Resource Management (CRM)* is used as a foundational framework for most of the simulations delivered at the VA Palo Alto. Simulation in healthcare has grown far beyond anesthesiology, and health professional schools of all disciplines worldwide have embraced simulation as a routine part of their curricula and even as a replacement for clinical time. The pioneer anesthesiologists at VA Palo Alto with the support of the Stanford Dept of Anesthesia have been integral to this global expansion and spread across healthcare disciplines.

Dr. Gaba likes to say "Simulation is a technique, not a technology." We also believe that simulation is a culture. Simulation normalizes mistakes as part of the learning process. It encourages practice, and it fosters empathy through a collective experience.

The center is one of the largest in the entire network of VA Medical Centers and looks forward to establishing further use of simulation within its local walls and also collaborating with outside agencies.

Learn more on the [Simulation Center Webpage](#).

Southern California Simulation Collaborative (SCSC):

A wonderful meeting held by Kaiser on Sunset. Our meeting had very impressive talks regarding implementation of Team Stepps, a showing of their new Simulation space and some impressive vendor led demonstrations from Gaumard who kindly sponsored the event.

We are looking forward to meetings commencing once more in February 2020 with events proposed at the VA, Santa Bárbara and UCLA.

A very busy and productive year with increasibg engagement across the SOCAL region.

[Russell D Metcalfe-Smith](#)

San Diego Simulation Collaborative (SDSC):

On October 17th San Diego Simulation Collaborative held a meeting hosted by Mira Costa Community College. Those who attended participated in a Virtual Dementia Tour prepared by the Nursing Skills and Simulation Specialists at Mira Costa College, Denise Omitt RN, Jackie Fritts MSN RN , and Maria Duralde RN CHSE. Several of the attendees commented on "how realistic it was and now have some understanding on how it feels to have dementia"

Photo- Denise Omitt is preparing Roland Estrella prior to participating in the Virtual Dementia Tour while Dr. Kristen Nahrstedt is observing.



At the end of the meeting there was discussion on CSA's representation for IMSH and everyone is looking forward to the conference.

CSA Mentor Program

CSA has a wonderful mentoring program which includes ongoing mentorship with one of our experienced CSA faculty. See our website for details or contact Deb Bennett at debennet51@gmail.com

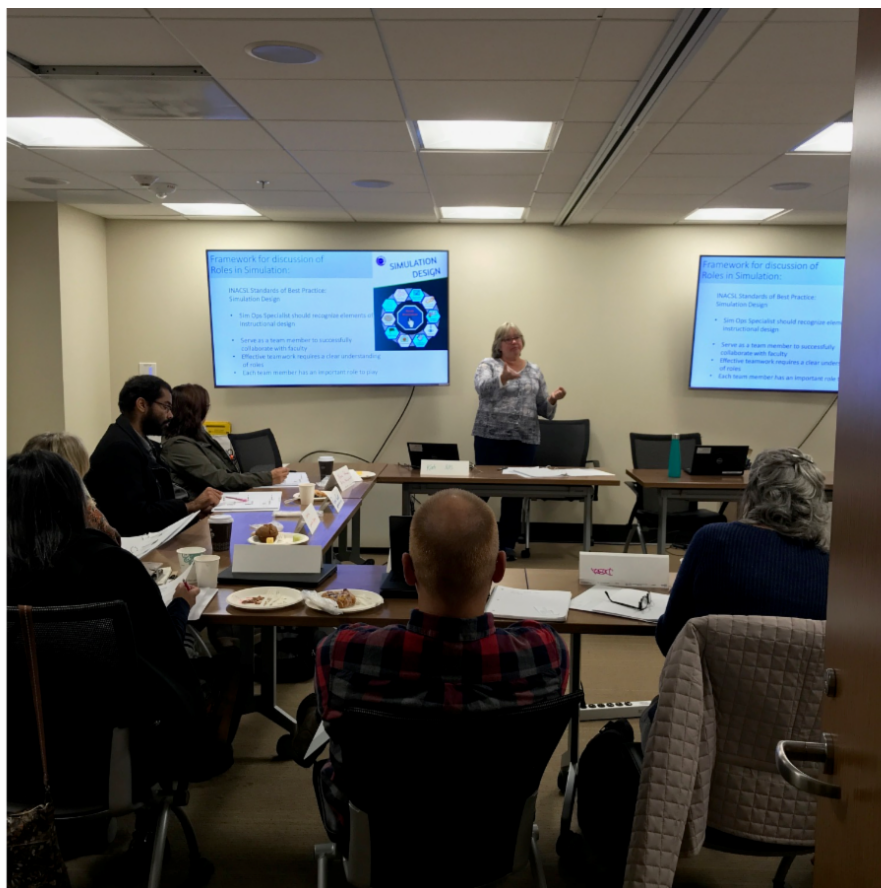
Job Opening at Vanguard University of Southern California

The Department of Nursing at Vanguard University of Southern California, Costa Mesa, invites applications for a full-time faculty position in the role of Simulation Lab Coordinator, beginning Spring 2020. The desired applicant is a visionary nursing faculty who is enthusiastic about creating and building an outstanding simulation-based learning program for a new pre-licensure program. This position functions under the supervision of the prelicensure director and assistant director. Faculty are responsible for individual scholarship (e.g., independent research), university service, community service, and an appropriate teaching load. The pre-licensure program is approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing and is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

Application materials and position information are available at <https://www.vanguard.edu/resources/human-resources/employment-opportunities>

Simulation Operations Specialist Course

The CSA held its first Simulation Operations Specialist Course in November and 12 eager learners attended! The 2-day workshop was held at Alameda Health System's Simulation Center in Oakland, and was facilitated by CSA faculty: Kati MaxKenzie, MSHS, CHOS, Manager; Brian Hanlon, BS, Sim Specialist; and Barbara McCamish, MSN, MPT, CNL, CHSE. The evaluations were outstanding and we plan on holding a second course on August 28-29, 2020 in Oakland. Stay tuned for details and check the website often. Here are some photos from the workshop:







CSA Education Courses and Conferences

For course descriptions and more information, please visit the [CSA website](https://ui.constantcontact.com/rnavmap/emcf/email/view?flow=view&camefrom=view&campaign=466628d3-f599-4589-9b06-e0ea4247a681)

2020 CSA Course Calendar

Simulation Intensive

January 9-11, 2020

The Glass Building, Torrance

Cost: \$1250 CSA Subscribers; \$1500 Non Subscribers

[Register Here](#)

19.5 CEUs

Advanced Debriefing Workshop

February 21, 2020

Sacramento State School of Nursing

Cost: \$350 CSA Subscribers; \$400 Non Subscribers

[Register Here](#)

6.5 CEUs

Simulation Intensive

June 24-26, 2020

CSU Sacramento

Cost: \$1250 CSA Subscribers; \$1500 Non Subscribers

Registration coming soon

19.5 CEUs

Simulation Operations Specialist Course

August 28-29, 2020

Alameda Heath System, Oakland

Registration coming soon

Simulation Intensive

August 2020 (dates TBD)

CSU, Channel Islands

Cost: \$1250 CSA Subscribers; \$1500 Non Subscribers

Registration coming soon

19.5 CEUs

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