Message from the Chair

Dr. Luis Montes

Greetings from the Chemistry Department! As I write this students and faculty are getting ready for the end of the Fall 2012 semester. This past year has seen a number of significant changes and events. At the end of June, Dr. Cheryl Frech stepped down as department chair after serving two consecutive four-year terms. Under her leadership, the department has grown in majors and made significant improvements in academic programs and services for students. Dr. Frech is now a full-time faculty member in the department. I look forward to continuing the focus on preparing undergraduate students for success in graduate school, professional school, or careers as chemists. Fortunately for me, I have the wisdom and experience of twelve years of former chairs still in the department (Drs. Frech and Dechter), as well as frequent interactions with other former chairs who have since retired. In fact, six former chairs gathered for a photo at the recent alumni reunion (see related story, right).

The department also continues to re-examine our use of lab space, based in part on recommendations from the 2009 visit by the Council for Undergraduate Research. The main goal is the creation of dedicated research spaces, making it easier for faculty and students to maintain ongoing projects without having to plan around the use of the spaces for teaching labs. Over the summer Howell Hall 215 was turned into an interdisciplinary biochemistry and molecular biology research area. Dr. Lilian Chooback is sharing this research space with faculty from the Biology Department and the Forensic Science Institute. Howell Hall 350, which was formerly the experimental biochemistry teaching lab, was also turned into dedicated research space for faculty working with undergraduates, and is shared by Drs. Bowen, Jourdan, Meier, Rundle, and others. HOH 357, which was the inorganic and physical chemistry teaching lab, is now the experimental biochemistry teaching lab.

Top News

2012 Chem-tastic Alumni Reunion

The Department of Chemistry hosted its first ever alumni reunion September 21-22, 2012. Over the two days nearly 100 former students and faculty were in attendance.

On Friday afternoon, Chemistry Club members hosted a club meeting where a panel of alumni answered questions from current students. After the meeting, students and faculty gave tours of Howell Hall to show visitors our classrooms and laboratories. A reception was hosted by the Alumni Association at the Alumni House. Despite the hot weather, guests enjoyed an outdoor meal and reception and many people stayed late into the evening visiting with friends.

Saturday began with a continental breakfast in the Atrium and visitors were able to view a large selection of research posters prepared by UCO students and faculty. Students and faculty gave tours of the campus and faculty presented short “Classes without Quizzes” on topics ranging from biochemistry research to river rafting to the history of the department. After sharing lunch in the Atrium, groups were able to tour the OSBI and Forensic Science Institute. The weekend was capped off with a banquet in the Nigh University Center.

The first Alumni Reunion was an unqualified success. If you were unable to attend, we hope you will make plans to attend a future UCO Chemistry Reunion.

Seven Department Chairs, September 2012

From left: Terry Smith, Larry Westmoreland, Fred Grosz, Cindy Coleman, Jim Dechter, Cheryl Frech and Luis Montes
Research Updates

Dr John Bowen: Dr. Bowen continues to work with a group of UCO students and high school students to monitor the antibacterial compound triclosan in the outflow of Oklahoma sewage treatment plants with GCMS and SPME. Other research projects include the analysis of chemical odors in stinkhorn mushrooms, with Dr. Clark Ovrebo of Biology, the origin of alcohol in Jello shots, and the development of a paper-based biosensor. Three UCO students traveled with Dr. Bowen to the Southwest Regional ACS meeting in November to present papers and posters.

Dr. Lilian Chooback: Dr. Chooback has moved her research work to HOH 215, which has become an interdisciplinary chemistry/biology laboratory. She has 5 students working with her on enzyme kinetics and crystallography research projects.

Dr. Tom Jourdan: Five forensic science master’s degree students are pursuing research with Dr. Jourdan. Three of these students will attend the AAFS meeting in Washington, DC with Dr. Jourdan in February. Their research projects range from ion chromatography to ICP MS.

Dr. Steve Meier: Dr. Meier is working with three sophomore chemistry majors to attach a pincer ligand to nickel and ruthenium to develop catalysts that can functionalize the C-H bond of hydrocarbons. Dr. Meier and his students will present their work at Oklahoma Research Day, held at UCO in March, and at the fall ACS meeting in Indianapolis.

Dr. Dana Rundle: Two UCO chemistry majors are working with Dr. Rundle to perform cytotoxicity assays on heteroarotinoids to determine if these compounds are able to induce apoptosis in two ovarian cancer cell lines.

Summer Academy for High School Students

The UCO Department of Chemistry Summer Academy provides four-day experience for young students to learn about chemistry and its relation to their world. In addition, students are exposed to the resources and opportunities at a metropolitan university campus.

The goal of the 2012 academy was to increase student awareness of the role that chemistry plays in our everyday lives, especially in ways that we take for granted as normal occurrences. Activities were designed for each day that illustrated the complexity of providing these basic necessities, along with information about the types of jobs and the educational requirements for each field.

The first morning was spent getting students oriented to the UCO campus. In the afternoon students isolated DNA in the biochemistry laboratory. On Day 2, students investigated the chemistry of light and color in the morning, and followed up with chromatography and crime in the afternoon. On the third day, students worked in the kitchen of the Human Environmental Science building to prepare food. “Is it chemistry or cooking?” the students were asked. After lunch, students and mentors enjoyed consuming their “lab” work products. The chemistry of tie-dye was the final activity of that day, and students were able to tie-dye a t-shirt. The final morning was spent on toxicology and chemistry magic.

Each group of students and their college mentor was provided a digital camera to record their activities throughout the week, and they were given time each day to record their thoughts in a journal. Each team produced a short Powerpoint presentation on their week. Parents were invited to the final session where the presentations were shown. It was remarkable to see the transformation of young students in a few short days spent learning about college and science.

The UCO Summer Academy is funded by a grant from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. We were recently notified that our grant for future summer academies (2013-2015) had been funded. The new theme is “Discovering Chemistry in Human Health”. Included in the upcoming academy is funding for tours of a hospital diagnostic laboratory and the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation. Please encourage a student in grades 8-10 to apply or ask a teacher to spread the word. Applications will be available in March.
Faculty Updates

Dr. F. Albahadily - Dr. Albahadily said he had a great time at the first Chemistry Alumni reunion that took place in September. He hopes to see or hear from more of you, more often. He still enjoys directing research students, but he is thinking about joining the Chemistry Department Retirees Club.

Dr. Robert Bost – Serving as lead instructor for Introductory Chemistry keeps Dr. Bost busy since the course has the largest enrollment of any offered in the department. He also teaches “Pharmacological Basis of Forensic Toxicology”. Outside of UCO, Dr. Bost and his wife, Kay, sing in their church choir and are active square dancers.

Dr. John Bowen – Dr. Bowen has an active research group of three UCO students and two high school students who are at work at a variety of projects (see Research Update). He continues to enjoy white-water rafting in the summers, but in 2012 he returned early due to low water. Over winter break he will be taking his first trip on Amtrak to Colorado.

Dr. Lilian Chooback – Biochemistry courses continue to be enjoyable for Dr. Chooback. She maintains an active research group (see Research Update) and attends several meetings a year with students. She keeps busy with her son’s ice-skating interests.

Dr. Jim Dechter – For Dr. Dechter it was a year of high hopes and few accomplishments. While he didn’t get his planned household projects accomplished last summer, he now has a list ready to go for next summer. He did receive extended visits from his brother and sister. The inorganic lab has been moved (again), back to the Quant Lab space, which is the fifth move, unless he’s lost count.

Dr. Mike Ferguson – Dr. Ferguson has enjoyed an exciting year. In March, he married Dayna Blailock, and their May honeymoon took them to Cozumel, Mexico and New Orleans (accompanied by Millie Mole). Away from UCO, Mike and Dayna enjoy taking part in trivia contests and playing golf.

Dr. Cheryl Frech – Dr. Frech was delighted to step down from service as department chair. In Fall 2012, she taught a General Chemistry lab for the first time in a number of years and she is working on a campus-wide mentoring program for new UCO faculty. She continues to serve as Book and Media Review editor for the Journal of Chemical Education and in other roles for the ACS. She and Dr. Montes organized a symposium on mentoring at the Biennial Conference on Chemical Education (BCCE) at Penn State in 2012.

Dr. David von Minden – Central Oklahoma continued to experience a drought in 2012, so the von Minden tomato and pepper patch was scorched. Ever the optimist, Dr. V is already perusing the tomato catalogs for more drought-resistant plants for 2013.

Dr. Jezercak is continuing the development of the Chemistry for Engineers course and excels in producing exhausted, but well trained physical chemists who have moved on to Ivy League schools in P-Chem.

Dr. Thomas Jourdan – Continuing his consulting work with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Dr. Jourdan served as part of a number of international teams teaching and developing curriculum on nuclear crime scenes and forensics. His work has taken him abroad to locations from Australia to Austria in the past year. He also attended the Biennial Conference on Chemical Education to present a paper on UCO’s novel forensic science education program.

Dr. Steve Meier – Dr. Meier also got married this summer, to Cassy, and he is a proud and busy dad to a 6-year old. He is working on technology in the classroom, converting all of his lectures to pencasts that students can access online at any time. He continues his organometallic research (see more in Research Update) and assisted with the Summer Academy in 2012.

Dr. Luís Montes – Dr. Montes continues to be involved in activities around campus. In addition to becoming department chair, he serves as co-chair of the UCO Faculty and Staff Fundraising Campaign, and as co-facilitator of the Prior Learning Action Team. He is interested in communicating chemistry to wider audiences and recently published a book review with two UCO undergraduates. He and his wife, Alyson, are planning a trip to Peru in 2013, and he continues to play Ultimate Frisbee in the warmer months.

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Our 2012-2013 Adjunct Faculty

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Anthony Harmon
Ratanmani Joshi
Pam New
Jan Post
Ruby Rahman
Roland Schultz
Lane Whitesell

Freddie Hall (UCO Alum!)
David Holder
Okhil Nag
Issa Nour-Mohammadi (new)
Fazlur Rahman
Tia Salvi
Robert Weston
Huaqing Wu
Going Places
UCO Chemistry faculty attend a variety of chemistry, biochemistry, and forensic science conferences and workshops. Here is a partial summary for 2013. If you plan to attend the same event, or if you live in the area, please let us know and we can plan a meal or a meeting.

American Chemical Society National Meeting
Drs. Dallas New and Cheryl Frech
New Orleans, LA April 7-11, 2013

Enzyme Mechanisms
Dr. Lilian Chooback
Coronado, CA January 3-7, 2013

American Chemical Society National Meeting
Drs. Steve Meier and John Bowen
Indianapolis, IN September 8-12, 2013

Club Activities - SAACS: Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society

With a set of entirely new officers, the Chemistry Club has been bubbling with activity. The club kicked off the semester with a highly successful table at the Student Involvement Fair presenting demonstrations on pH and equilibrium. In addition, the club teamed up with both the department and other organizations to host a multitude of events. With the Chemistry Department, the club assisted in their reunion by hosting a special meeting with a panel of alumni and offering to give tours and assist with the set up and take down of events. SAACS also teamed up with the Forensic Science Club for a Tie-Dye Event to kick off National Chemistry Week and participated in the Edmond Safe Trick or Treat. The club sent a group of students to help work at Chemistry Day and the Oklahoma Museum of Science offering fun activities and demonstrations to younger students. Several successful meetings have occurred so far and many more are to come! Robert Weston from the OSBI spoke at the most recent meeting and additional speakers will visit campus in the coming semester.

Millie Mole continues her travels!

Last issue, we introduced you to Millie Mole and featured her in a video of her travels all around the world. Well, tired, but never re-tired, she and her mole entourage continue tours to notable sites, both scientific and touristic, here and abroad.

Check out her new adventures on the Chemistry Website! http://www.uco.edu/cms/chemistry/. Travels include Penn State, Santiago, Mexico and even Iceland!

Always willing to hitch a ride to a new location, Millie is ever in search of new travel companions. If you are planning a trip to a far away location and plan to visit a historical site, or a current site of science activity or lore, Millie is willing to go along...always! Just contact us and we'll send you a mole and his or her passport! The catch? The Moles keep a dedicated scrapbook so please take and send us digital pictures! Be sure to let us know which mole you would like to travel with.

The Mole Family
From back row, left: Professor Mole, Medium Mole, Millie Mole; Front row: Micro Mole and Mini Mole

What do you know about our faculty?
Our faculty members have proven to have some rather interesting backgrounds and skills. Some have been listed below. Can you identify the faculty member?

- Which faculty member once hosted a forum on humor?
- Who worked as a jazz musician to earn supplemental money for graduate school?
- Which faculty member was a primo pinball wizard and ultimately trained others in the skill?
- Who regularly hops it up in square dancing?
- Which faculty member plays in a regular Friday evening poker game?
- Whose hobbies include rock and fossil hunting?

Our Incredible Staff News

Ryan Hays: Ryan was married in August 2012 and he and his wife, Jamie, are building a house in Yukon.

Carla Supon: Carla traveled with her father on a trans-Canada train trip in 2012. She continues to be active in her church and regularly supplies the office with home-baked goodies.

Luis Figueroa: Luis is our new student secretary. A Chemistry major most recently from Duncan, Luis is also conducting research with Dr. Meier.
NEWS FROM CHEMISTRY AND FORENSIC SCIENCE GRADUATES
The Chemistry Department faculty and Emeriti Faculty have been fortunate to have had contact with or enjoyed the company of a large number of our alumni during this past year. If you haven’t updated us with your current job and life information, please send an email to Dr. Grosz or Dr. Montes.

1950’s
Warren Smith, Ph.D. (50) – Warren retired from UCO after serving as a Biology Professor and Chair of the Dept. He is very active in church and Edmond civic activities.
John McBroome (57) – In retirement, John enjoys golfing and going to the lake. He sometimes joins the Emeriti Faculty at their monthly Retirees Luncheon.

1960’s
Louis Holshouser (64) – It was a pleasure meeting Louis for the first time at the Alumni Reunion in September.
Carl Amos (68) – Carl still does consulting work and regularly attends Oklahoma Section ACS events.

1970’s
Tom Kupiec, Ph.D. (78) – Tom is the CEO of Analytical Research Labs and DNA Solutions and is the director of a think tank and an active supporter of UCO.
Stan Sanders, Ed.D. (78) – Stan is a Professor in Education at Southwest Missouri State University. In his spare time he enjoys riding his Harley with his wife.
Joni McClain, MD (79) – Joni is Chief Medical Examiner in Dallas. She recently toured Iceland along with Dr. Hart and Dr. Westmoreland.
Paul Tiffany (79) – Paul has worked as a chemist in several laboratories in Boston and in the OKC area and is currently considering a career change.

1980’s
Sandy Lee (81) – Sandy works in molecular genetics at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, TX.
Clayton Fuller (82) – Clayton serves as an ER Physician in St. George, UT. Besides his practice he keeps very busy as the bishop of his church. His children have all graduated from college.
Glen Brunette (83) – Glen continues to work for Citgo Grease in OKC. He enjoys working on his farm and golfing.
Moshood Leshi (83) – Moshood just returned from Libya where worked for KBR Corp. as an environmental specialist in the oil fields. He lives in Houston.
Mary Long, MSFS(04), JD (07) – Mary continues to work as an attorney for the law firm of McLendon and Murphy.
Kathy (Swallows) Hays, Ph.D. (85) – Kathy is in the analytical services group at Phillips 66 in Bartlesville. She is a senior water chemist looking at ways to reduce contaminants in water streams associated with oil production and refining.
David Mansell (85) – Dave says hello to his former classmates and faculty. He works in the biotech field for Johnson Matthey Pharma Services in Larkspur, CA.
Lane Gardner (86) – Lane has completed over 25 years with the Lubrizol Corp where he is the terminal and warehouse manager. He lives near Houston and travels to other warehouse sites.
Jim Schmidt (86) – Jim continues to write and recently completed a manuscript for a book on Galveston and the Civil War. He also presented a paper on stereo-specific drug metabolism at an industry workshop. His daughter was married in August.
Frankie Wood-Black, Ph.D. (86) – Frankie works for TriHydro Co. and works out of Ponca City, OK. Her daughter, Audrey was married this fall.
Janet (York) Hendricks, DDS (87) – Janet continues her work as a dentist in Moore. She says she is taking up golf in preparation for her future retirement.
Ron Tackett (87) – Ron continues to work for the Agilent Corporation specializing in GC/MS. He lives in Sherman, TX and enjoys his new grandson.
Tracie Collins, MD (89) – Tracie has accepted the position as chair and professor at the University of Kansas School of Medicine in Wichita, KS.
Mary Flynn, DVM (89) – Mary does volunteer veterinary work for animal shelters. She and her husband grow grapes, fruit, and raise animals. They make very good wine.
Christianne (Gray) King, DVM (89) – Christianne is working as a veterinarian in Norman, OK.
Danny Mathis (89) – Danny is an analytical chemist at Tinker AFB in MWC. He enjoys spending time with his family on their farm near Choctaw.
Gregg Meidl (89) – Greg continues to serve as the accounts manager at Siemens Energy and Automation, Inc. in Bartlesville, OK. He is an avid golfer.
Kelly Randolph, DVM (89) – Kelly has a veterinary practice in Orlando, FL. She and her husband have traveled to many exotic places including Africa.
Graylon Williams, Ph.D. (89) – Graylon joined several UCO chemistry alumni working at Phillips 66 in Bartlesville, OK. He is an analytical group leader.

1990’s
Mike Childers (90) – Mike retired from the OSBI and he and his family are currently serving as missionaries and teachers at Great Adventures Ministries in the Philippines. They plan to return to Oklahoma in February of this year.
Karen Floyd (90) – Karen and her husband Phil (90) live in north Oklahoma City. Phil is a practicing physician in OKC.
Michelle Harris, Ph.D. (90) – Michele continues to serve as professor and assistant chair in the chemistry department at Stephen F. Austin University.
Sharman Hoppes, DVM (90) – Sharman is a professor in the veterinary science department at Texas A & M. She has numerous animals on her farm. She enjoyed the Chemistry Alumni Reunion.
Rebecca (Rangel) Johnson, PharmD, (90) – Becky is still the President of Allergy Labs in OKC which is currently undergoing a large expansion of their facilities.

Mitch Preston, MD (90) – Mitch moved back to Oklahoma to be closer to his grandson. He is a physician at a clinic in Sapulpa, OK. In his spare time he enjoys bicycling.

Elaine Taylor (90) – Elaine works for the OKCPD in the Forensic Lab as a DNA Analyst. She was unable to attend the Chemistry Alumni Reunion due to illness in the family.

Joe Lestina, MD (91) – Joe is part of the Alaska Hospital Group of 30 physicians. His schedule allows him to participate in exciting Alaskan outdoor activities.

Mike Sullivan, Dr. of Chiropractic (91) - Mike has a chiropractic office in Norman, OK.

Dan Bolton, Ph.D. (93) – Dan continues to work for the Eastman Chemical Corporation in Kingsport, TN.

Derek Ponder (93) – Derek is the Technical Director of QA/QC and the lead organic chemist in the industrial labs at Tinker AFB in Midwest City, OK

Robert Parkhill, Ph.D. (93) – Robert bought a condo in Smyrna Beach, FL. He recently completed a triathlon and hopes to do a half-iron man in the future.

Karen Reed (93) – Karen homeschools her 5 oldest children. She and her entire family attended the Chemistry Alumni Reunion. They are building a new medical clinic.

Gary Berg (94) – Gary is owner of KOTEmaster in Tulsa, OK and lives in Broken Arrow, OK.

Kristy Hoggat (94) – Kristy and her family live in Carl Junction, MO. Her husband teaches science in the public schools.

Arron Karcher (94) – Arron has recently been transferred from Duncan, OK to Midland, TX by the Haliburton Corp. He now has greatly expanded supervisory duties.

Tammy (Uptergrove) Detrixhe (95) – Tammy works for the Army Corps of Engineers in Washington. She also has recently completed her 17th year with the Army Reserves.

Mark Hatley, MD, Ph.D. (95) – Mark recently accepted a position at St. Jude’s Research Hospital in Memphis, TN. He says his dream position consists of 80% research and 20% clinical practice.

Andy Hogue, DO (95) – Andy is a partner with Dr. Gourley at the Edmond Regional Eye Associates, Inc.

Julio Lairet, MD (96) – Julio and his wife left the military and he has taken an academic emergency medical position at Emory University in Atlanta, GA. His wife Kim focuses her work on breast surgical oncology.

Jerry Rice (96) – Jerry works for the Oklahoma Department of Transportation as a laboratory analyst.

Crystal Stearns (96) – Crystal has reached her 10th year with the Oklahoma DEQ. She recently had major knee surgery that prevented her from attending the Chemistry Alumni Reunion.

Owen Byfield (97) – Owen is a supervisor at a water analytical lab in Stillwater, OK.

Paul Langevin, DO (97) – Paul and his wife Jennifer (96) live in Casper, WY where he has a practice and enjoys the outdoors.

Tim Parker (98) – Tim is in project management in the environmental area for Corning, Inc. in Corning, NY. Jennifer (98) stays at home and takes care of their 3 children.

Sara (Paschel) Ferrero (99) – Sara is the laboratory director at the OSBI Lab in Lawton, OK. Sara and her husband have two children.

Shawn (McCleskey) Rimassa, Ph.D. (98) – Shawn is a team leader at BASF and says she is now a chemist working for a chemical company. She is the proud mother of a daughter.

2000’s

Camie (Fertig) Dove (00) – Camie lives in Carol Stream, IL and works as a project manager for STARLIMS a laboratory information management system software company.

“Gary” Kuo Fei Huang (00) – Gary works for the Taiwan Coast Guard. He is married and has 2 children. He is now a Facebook friend of Fred Grosz.

LaKeisha Glasper (01) – LaKeisha works for Lyondell Chemical Co., a polymer laboratory, in LaPorte, TX.

Melissa (Carker) Hollingsworth, MSFS (01) – Melissa teaches chemistry for the Hutto High School in Hutto, TX. She, her husband, and two children live in Hutto.

Rebecca Rogers, MSFS (01) – Rebecca was transferred from Philadelphia to the Tulsa FBI Office. She has a son (5) and a daughter (4).

Keely Cox, MSFS (02) – Keely teaches high school science at Lawton High School in Oklahoma.

Jonathan Drobac, MSFS (02) – Jonathan lives in Madison, WI where he works for the Promega, Co. as a technical support and training specialist. He and his wife have three children.

Reggie Hooks, MSFS (02) - Reggie lives in Hawaii and works at the University of Hawaii.

LeAndrea Lockridge, MSFS (02) – LeAndrea finished a family medicine residency in Knoxville, TN and is now working in a community medical office in Knoxville.

Grady Moore, MSFS (02) – Grady works for the Hach Chemical Co. teaching theory and practice of water treatment instrumentation. He and his wife have two children.

Diana (Garcia) Morales, MSFS (02) – Diana works as a Forensic Scientist/DNA Analyst with the Austin Police Dept. in Austin, TX. She enjoys running, biking and working out.

Wynn Ngo, MSFS (02) – Wynn recently completed her 10th year in the DNA Section with the Texas DPS in Houston, TX. Wynn and her husband have two children.
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Sheryl Perry, MSFS (02) – Sheryl is a manager of the Emergency Center at St. Joseph’s Hospital in Tampa, FL. She very much enjoys the beach in her spare time.

Cody Buller, MSFS (03) – Cody continues to work at the Arizona DPS in Phoenix, AZ. He and his wife are expecting their second child.

Heather Dietrich, MSFS (03) – Heather has worked for the Kansas City PD since 2006. She teaches online crime scene investigation courses for Everest Univ. and is pursuing a Ph.D. in Criminal Justice at Capella Univ.

Robin (Olson) Castro, MSFS (03) – Robin is a Forensic Scientist IV in the Serology & DNA Section at the Texas DPS in Corpus Christi, TX.

Courtney (Collums) Campell, MSFS (03) – Courtney is a Chemist III at the Arizona DPS. She recently got married so note the name change.

Kristi (Waggoner) Rhoda, MSFS (03) – Kristi works for the Oklahoma Department of Corrections and is the supervisor over 8 probation officers. She recently got married.

Kevin Burns, MSFS (04) – Kevin received his MS in Biochemistry and now is in his second year in Pharmacy School. He and his wife have a daughter.

Kimberly (Richardson) Edwards, MSFS (04) – Kimberly works as a crime scene investigator at the Kansas City PD in Kansas City, MO. She recently presented a research paper at the Impressions Research Symposium in Florida.

Tana Flies, MSFS (04) – Tana works as a Medical Technologist in Phoenix, AZ. She is seeking admission to medical school.

Leslie Katzillerakis, MSFS (04) – Leslie recently attended the Assn. of Forensic Quality Managers Meeting in Minneapolis, MN.

Nichole Newquist, MSFS (04) – Nicole left the Dallas ME’s Office and is now with the Arlington PD in their civilian crime scene unit. she and her husband live outside Ft. Worth and have a small pecan farm.

Jessica (Douglas) Davis (05) – Jessica is a long distance runner and tri-athlete. She is currently in PA school.

Michael Henderson (08) – Michael is a graduate student in Chemistry at the University of Chicago.