



David Areaux named as department chair

Western Michigan University's Department of Physician Assistant has announced the appointment of David Areaux, MPAS, PA-C as the new chair and program director. This is a role that he is familiar with, having served as interim chair and program director since July 2018.

David, currently an associate professor, has been part of WMU's PA program since 2008 when he started as an assistant professor.



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Student spotlight: Iomar Camacho-Alvarez

Each year, at MAPA's fall conference, the Michigan Physician Assistant Foundation awards a scholarship to a student entering their final year. Applicants must demonstrate a number of attributes including outstanding scholarship and professional involvement and/or community service. **Iomar Camacho-Alvarez** was the 2018 recipient for Western Michigan University.



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CHHS News and Events

On February 22, the CHHS Committee for Diversity and Inclusion hosted its biannual **Diversity and Inclusion Conference**. The theme for this year's conference was Health Care: The Power of a Community Who Cares.

The event drew more than 120 students, faculty and community members to the college for a full day of information sessions, presentations and fellowship.



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PA Department News and Events

WMU Night of Excellence honors outstanding alumni



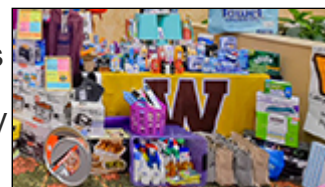
CHHS Dean Ron Cisler, Antonio and Karen Giannelli, Donna Stoker.

October 5 was WMU's night to honor its outstanding alumni, including PA alumnus, **Antonio Giannelli**, PA-C Class of 1977. Mr. Giannelli is a clinical preceptor for WMU's PA program as well as for MSU's College of Medicine. Mr. Giannelli is a senior PA at Great Lakes Center for Rheumatology in Lansing. He is an outstanding advocate for PAs across the country. We are proud to honor him with an outstanding alumni award.

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PA students participated at fall conference

Every year, the Michigan Academy of Physician Assistants annual Fall CME Conference appeals to practitioners and students alike. WMU physician assistant students regularly participate in events like the annual community service project and quiz bowl.



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PA students join Homecoming Stampede

Three first year PA students, **Becky Cronin**, **Katie Armbruster** and **Mallory Marlowe** and faculty advisor **Drew Zolp**, PA-C, joined the WMU Homecoming Stampede tailgate on a cool and rainy morning October 6.

The students checked the blood pressure of visitors to the CHHS tent. The attendees were grateful for this service and our students enjoyed getting some additional practice of their physical exam skills!



Join us for the PA Job Fair!

Job fair for PA students and alumni will be held on **Thursday, March 28** from 1 to 3 p.m. The list of employers is not set yet, but typically includes Spectrum Health, Sparrow, Bronson, Borgess, Troy Beaumont, Pine Rest, Mercy Health. We are

hoping to expand that list to others as well.

Free parking will be available in Lot 104. If you have any questions, contact **Tami Gaishin**, Director of Clinical Education at (269) 387-5316 or **Donna Stoker**, Coordinator of Clinical Rotations at (269) 387-5321.

Alumni Outreach

Alumni happenings

We invite all of you to submit news to us to share with fellow alumni! Where are you working? Have you had any significant life events? Any additions to your family? [Fill out our form](#) or send your updates to pa-info@wmich.edu. Be sure to include the year you graduated.

Need excellent PAs? Submit your job postings with us

If you or your company are in search of a highly qualified PA, consider sharing your job posting on our WMU job service. There is no cost to become part of this site and is the best way to reach our highly qualified students and alumni! Visit wmich.joinhandshake.com/login for more information.

Help us find your classmates

Do you know any alumni who did not receive this newsletter? Encourage them to [share their e-mail address](#) with us and we will add them to the list.

Giving at CHHS

You can support the department in a number of ways. Serving as a Preceptor is an excellent way to give back and is very much needed and appreciated! Did you know your financial gifts can go directly to the department? Click below to find out how.

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