One Hot Student

Laki Lomoro graduated with an Associate of Science in Accounting & Management from Spencerian College in May. He was honored at graduation as an Outstanding Accounting Student, and was also named a member of Who’s Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities for the 2012-2013 year.

While he was indeed an outstanding student, even more interesting is Lomoro’s background. A native of South Sudan, he arrived in the United States when he was only 12, and life for him was not easy. Lomoro speaks several languages, but English is not his native language. Lomoro was a very hard-working student, and studied in the Learning Resource Center almost daily. He would often sit in on classes to rewrite his lecture notes in his own words.

After graduating from Spencerian, Lomoro returned to South Sudan to keep books for his family’s business. He plans to work in the family business, and keep books for his family’s business. He plans to work in the family business.

Massage Therapy Degree Allowed for Many Career Options for Donna Bohannon

Before Donna Bohannon came to Spencerian College, she had never had a professional massage. She became interested in the field of massage therapy because it offers many career choices. “There is opportunity in spa, self-employment, the medical field and sports. You can sort your own path,” she said. She chose Spencerian because, “when I enrolled, it was the only school in the region to offer an associate degree in medical massage therapy, and I wanted to do something in the medical field.” Bohannon was impressed with Spencerian’s facilities, staff and the excellent externship program. Once enrolled at Spencerian, she found that, “the classes were wonderful,” and she learned the benefits of massage and how to apply them to her customers, depending on their medical issues.

Bohannon completed her externship with the University of Louisville swim team, and had the opportunity to travel with them to the Big East competition. She said it was thrilling to be there, especially when they won the title. The next year she helped set up the massage externship with the U of L football team, and she supervises the externs. Now a graduate of Spencerian’s AAS in Medical Massage Therapy program, Bohannon has set up her own practice in her home with the hours set around her schedule.

In Memoriam – A Love for Life

Wilhelmena Mary Winterkorn Turley, Spencerian College class of 1930, passed away on January 1, 2012 at the age of 100. She graduated from Spencerian with a degree in bookkeeping, and kept the books on her husband’s family farm in the 1930s and 1940s. She then went to work in the late 1940s for Sharp Oil Company, a Shell oil distributorship owned by her brother-in-law, Robert Sharp, in Corydon, IN. Turley was the sole bookkeeper and receptionist for the oil company until the 1970s, and continued to work for the oil company until the Sharp family sold out in the mid-1980s. She was a volunteer at the Joe and May Rhoads Senior Center in Corydon, IN until late 2011, and she enjoyed serving, “the older folks,” as she said.

Turley always had a smile on her face, and she enjoyed working, gardening and traveling. She was driving until just a week before she died.

Before enrolling in Spencerian College, she was one of only two graduates from the New Middletown (IN) High School in 1928.

This proud Spencerian College graduate survived the Great Depression and World War II, and she put her degree to work for over 35 years.

Marta Lucas, licensed massage therapist and massage therapy faculty member at Spencerian College, was recently elected President of the Kentucky Chapter of the American Massage Therapy Association (AMTA). AMTA is the largest non-profit professional association that serves licensed massage therapists, massage therapy students and massage schools. AMTA has more than 56,000 members nationwide, and the Kentucky chapter has over 700 members. The mission of AMTA is to serve its members while advancing the art, science and practice of massage therapy. In 2010, the Texas chapter of AMTA named Lucas the Meritorious Award winner for her volunteer work with that chapter.

Lucas has instructed various massage-related courses for 14 years, and she has been a faculty member at Spencerian College since moving to Kentucky in March 2010.

At the Faculty Appreciation luncheon in July, Sherre Bewick was awarded the Outstanding Instructor of the Year honor. Bewick has taught surgical technology at Spencerian College for the past 10 years, including on-line courses. She is a certified surgical technologist with over 25 years of surgical experience. This experience provides useful examples and scenarios to help students.

Because she almost always teaches from a “hands-on” approach, Bewick utilizes much more than just classroom lecture in her courses. If the lecture is about dressings, she passes around ten different types and has the students put them on. She uses DVDs, videos, PowerPoint presentations, hand-outs and Association of Surgical Technologist (AST) publications and books.

Another powerful teaching tool is her collection of surgical supplies that she uses in conjunction with her lectures. Her students must learn over 100 instruments in ten weeks. Bewick has found that if a student can actually see and touch what she is talking about, he or she can understand it more clearly. So she passes instruments around the class and says the name and the use of the instrument to facilitate the students’ learning. To further help them with this task, she created a CD of all the instruments that students can use as a study guide. Bewick also constantly updates her surgical supplies so that her students can be current in the field.

One of Bewick’s most important goals is for her students to be able to make the transition from the classroom into their clinical rotation in the hospital. So she introduces classes to the operating room with a website that shows both live and recorded surgeries. She also has the students practice in the lab with mock surgeons. According to Jeremy Ingram, a recent graduate, “everyone (has been) extremely pleased with my skills. I haven’t found anything yet in the clinical site that I haven’t been prepared for.”

Thank you, Sherre Bewick, for your dedication to your students and for upholding Spencerian College’s reputation as a leader in medical education.