MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fellow MHA Students,

I hope the spring semester has treated you well thus far. There are a few new things coming up so be sure to check the upcoming events section later in the newsletter.

We are currently approaching the end of a canned food drive competition with the Public Affairs Student Association and Masters of Business Administration students. The can drive is supposed to end this Friday so if you have any time please try donate whatever you can. The boxes are located in the SPEA lounge (BS-1000). If you would rather donate money please feel free to give your donation to any MHASA Officer and they will be glad to purchase cans for you or give your donation straight to the Wheeler Mission.

Our next educational event will be a presentation with a guest speaker named Spencer Grove on March 1st. He is the VP of Governmental Affairs with the Indiana Health and Hospital Association. It will be an excellent opportunity to learn about Spencer’s career path and how the IHHA represents Indiana Hospitals on the state level. As usual, pizza and drinks will be served after the meeting when we will discuss future social and educational events.

MHASA is going to start having weekly social gatherings as a way to relax after class. We will be meeting on Wednesdays at a location to be determined. This upcoming week we will be meeting at the Slippery Noodle Inn around 9:00pm.

A reminder to those who signed up, the Indiana Pacers game that MHASA is attending is next week.

We have a good crowd coming so we hope to see all of you who RSVP'd there.

Stay tuned for upcoming events as we have some interesting ideas that are being worked out right now. And, as always, if you have any ideas for events please let any MHASA Officer know and we will see if we can work something out.

I know the spring semester can be a busy one for everyone so I wish you all the best of luck.

Sincerely,

Dave Hyatt
President, MHASA

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Indiana University MHA Program

MHA ALUMNI PROFILE: KELLY BRAVERMAN, IU MHA ‘02

Kelly Braverman is a 2002 graduate of the Indiana University MHA program and is currently the Assistant to the President/CEO of Clarian Health and is also the Director of Program Development and Operations at IU Medical Group-Specialty Care. During her time in the MHA program, Kelly did an internship at Hancock Regional Hospital. After graduation, Kelly completed an administrative fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic in Ohio.

Kelly is happily married to Michael Braverman and has a six month old son named Parker. Thus, according to Kelly, her favorite title is definitely “Mom.”

1. What is your education/work background?

I completed a required, undergraduate internship in Ft. Wayne, Indiana at North-east Indiana Rehabilitation Institute (NRI) / St. Joseph Hospital, allowing me to receive my Bachelor of Science degree in Recreational Therapy from Indiana University in Bloomington.

After graduation I worked as a therapist at Crossroad Children’s Home, which at the time housed approximately 100 youth, ages 8-20 who had been court ordered to live on the premises for behavioral, emotional, psychological and social problems. I also worked for a short time as an investigator with Child Protection Services in Allen County.

While in the MHA program, I was a program coordinator for SPEA’s Executive Education Program, and did my internship at Hancock Memorial (now Hancock Regional). After experiencing a rural hospital in Greenfield, I was able to do an Administrative Fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic in Ohio which encompasses 52 city blocks of campus—quite a change!

After completing my fellowship, I moved back to Indianapolis and began working at Clarian Health, as the Special Assistant to the President & CEO. I still have many of the same responsibilities as I did when I started, but I have also recently assumed a position with Indiana University Medical Group-Specialty Care as their Director of Program Development and Operations.

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Pizza and soft drinks will also be provided following the discussion.

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**February**

- 2nd – MHASA vs. PASA vs. MBA Students Canned Food Drive Ends
- 7th – Indiana Healthcare Executives Network Meeting, 6:00 PM at St. Francis Education Center
- 9th – MHASA Indiana Pacers game, 7:00 PM at Conseco Fieldhouse

**March**

- 1st – Healthcare Career & Government Relations Discussion, 4:00 – 5:45 PM in BS4032D

Be sure to check the IU MHA Student Association Website, SPEA Lounge, and your email for the most updated information on upcoming events.

**HEALTHCARE CAREER & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS DISCUSSION**

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2. Is it your career goal to become a CEO in healthcare?

Yes, if I can figure out how to balance family and work at that high of a level. In the “cake and eat it too” world, I would like to be CEO, but I also want to enjoy my family, coach t-ball and attend practices, lessons or whatever is needed. I’m hoping to learn a lot from the CEO of Riley Hospital for Children. Dr. Ora Pescovitz seems to be able to do it all (CEO, mother and wife) very well. I wonder if she sleeps.

3. How did the IU MHA program help prepare you for your current role as Director of Program Development & Operations?

Jon Render taught our Healthcare Law class and made the comment that as a healthcare attorney it is his job to help find a way to make things happen (legally of course). I thought this was a great mentality to take with me.

Dr. Thomas deCoster taught our Organizational Behavior class. Our scenario role playing with difficult employees and learning techniques to control situations has been invaluable not only in my professional career, but in my personal life as well.

4. What is your fondest memory of your time in the IU MHA program?

Attending ACEH Congress as a student is probably my fondest set of memories. We attended a handful of courses, learned how to network, and had a great time.

5. What is your opinion of doing a fellowship versus obtaining a job after graduation?

The quality of instruction at IU was excellent, but no academic environment can substitute for the hands-on learning. I was able to find a project-based fellowship at The Cleveland Clinic that focused on adding value to both the fellow and the organization. The fellowship allowed for constant exposure to operational areas which helped to strengthen my aptitudes and develop competencies. For me, it was the best decision I made.

Also, depending on the quality and reputation of the fellowship program, it could likely help increase your marketability in obtaining your first job.

6. What advice do you have for current students?

If possible, I would take the time to experience as many different types of healthcare settings as possible. Volunteer or shadow anything from a nursing home to home health to an insurance company to a public health clinic. It may help you learn what you like and don’t like, but it may also help you get a more global picture of healthcare and how it all interrelates.

I would also consider taking a course in medical terminology or and introduction to Latin or Greek – There are several meetings per day where someone spouts off a type of procedure or diagnosis, and the small amount of medical terminology I took helps me to piece together what the medical personnel are referring to. Easy example: “ritis” means inflammation; hence appendicitis would be an inflamed appendix.