

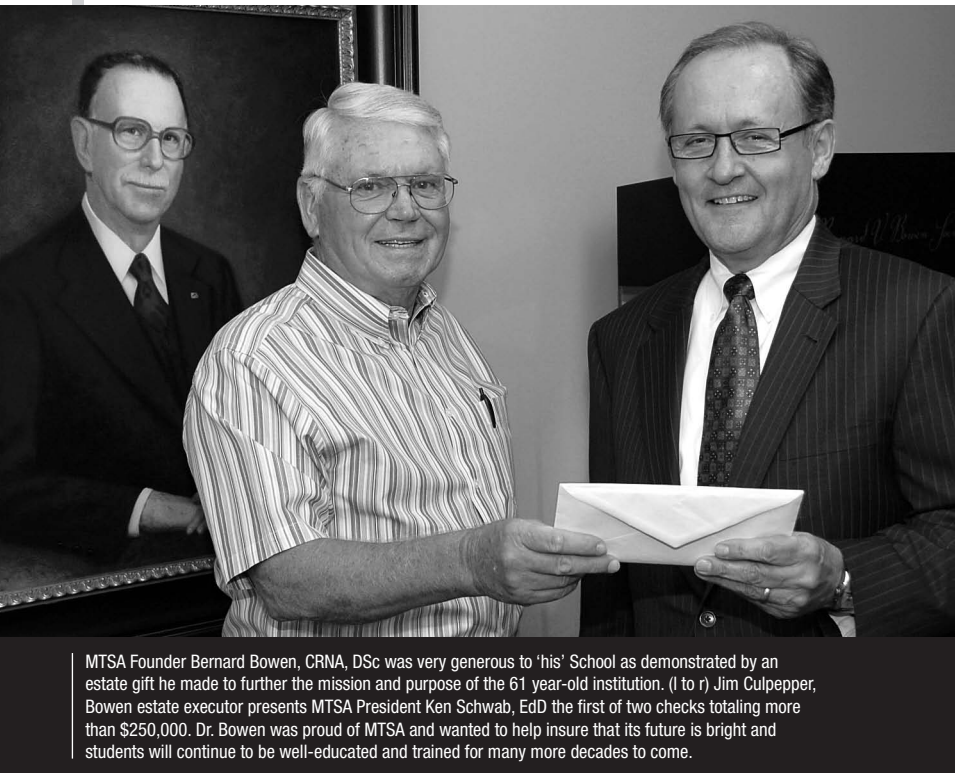
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MIDDLE TENNESSEE SCHOOL OF ANESTHESIA

REFLECTING CHRIST IN ANESTHESIA EDUCATION

## MTSA Named Bowen Estate Beneficiary



MTSA Founder Bernard Bowen, CRNA, DSc was very generous to 'his' School as demonstrated by an estate gift he made to further the mission and purpose of the 61 year-old institution. (l to r) Jim Culpepper, Bowen estate executor presents MTSA President Ken Schwab, EdD the first of two checks totaling more than \$250,000. Dr. Bowen was proud of MTSA and wanted to help insure that its future is bright and students will continue to be well-educated and trained for many more decades to come.

MTSA Founder Bernard Bowen, CRNA was a leader and visionary. These traits were exhibited recently when MTSA was presented a major estate gift totaling more than \$250,000 of which Dr. Bowen had left to MTSA. Jim Culpepper, Bowen's executor presented the first of two checks to MTSA President Ken Schwab, EdD and Mary Elizabeth DeVasher, CRNA, PhD in the lecture hall where a full room of MTSA junior students witnessed the momentous event.

Dr. Bowen had shared his intentions with MTSA several years ago and was pleased to be able to remember 'his' school in this manner. The gift came as the result of a 'simple bequest' which is an inclusion paragraph in an individual's *Last Will and Testament*.

If you would like information on how to remember MTSA in your estate plans, or discuss other avenues of estate planning to benefit MTSA, call the Advancement Office at (615) 732-7674.

## CLASS OF 2011 GRADUATION EXERCISES PLANNED

Graduation exercises for the Class of 2011 will be held December 1, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Madison Campus Seventh-day Adventist Church when Master's of Science Degrees will be conferred. The church is located adjacent to the MTSA campus. All are invited to attend.

In addition to the awarding of the diplomas, special recognitions to be given include the *Team Spirit Award*, *Bernard V. Bowen Award*, and *Agatha Hodkins Award*.

The commencement address will be given by MTSA Adjunct Faculty member Michael Pilla, MD, Anesthesiologist who is an Assistant Program Director, Department of Anesthesiology at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. A reception for all graduates, family members, and friends will immediately follow the ceremony.



## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

MTSA has just completed a comprehensive strategic planning process that we believe will position MTSA to continue its leadership in anesthesia education. This plan focuses on the next five years which will bring significant change and development to the institution.

This planning process was highlighted by two retreat sessions – one for members of the President’s Council; the other for the Board of Trustees. Both sessions were led by facilitator Cissy Mynatt – a consultant from the Nashville Center on Non-profit Management. She did an outstanding job in giving both groups freedom to engage and exchange ideas, yet kept the process focused to produce quality priorities, goals, and objectives (see strategic plan outline on page 6). At a called meeting of the faculty, the Mission, Vision, Core Values, and History statements were presented and revised. Students were also given opportunity with an invitation to share feedback and provide input.

During the MTSA Board retreat, Ms. Mynatt completed an exercise with the Board members and determined that the Trustees’ combined years of volunteer service to the institution totaled more than 200 years. I want to thank each Trustee for their commitment to the institution, and their willingness to serve and give of their time and expertise in helping develop this five-year plan.

The Board approved the strategic plan reconfirming our commitment to the Mission, Vision, and Values of MTSA. The plan calls for the continued development and implementation of the DNAP. Critical to this new program will be on-going faculty development and continued physical plant improvements to insure its success.

My sincere appreciation goes to each Trustee, and each member of the administrative team, faculty, and staff for assistance in the development of this plan. We also enjoyed input earlier from alumni which has been incorporated into the planning process.

We are challenged by what lies ahead, but encouraged by the enthusiasm and commitment from each participating stakeholder, having faith that God will continue to guide this institution. Thank you for your continued involvement and support of MTSA.

Kenneth L. Schwab, EdD  
President

## MTSA Sponsors TANA Speaker and Lunch for Alumni and Students

MTSA will be a major sponsor for the upcoming 74th Tennessee Association of Nurse Anesthetists (TANA) annual meeting. MTSA is sponsoring a continuing education presentation, a session break for all attendees, and a luncheon for alumni and students on Friday, October 14.

The School’s sponsorships include: *Direct Laryngoscopy: Time to Change the Standard of Care?* to be presented by Jay Tydlaska, CRNA, MSNA, Access Anesthesia, Ft. Worth, Texas; *Federal Issues Critical to CRNA Practice*, presented by Frank Purcell, BS, Senior Director of AANA Federal Government Affairs; and the Friday, October 15, 9:30 a.m. session break.

MTSA faculty and students will be well represented at the annual conference this year. MTSA adjunct faculty member John Shields, CRNA, MS, APN, will present twice. His session topics include: *Monitoring the Cardiac Patient*, and *Anesthesia Considerations for One-Lung Ventilation*. MTSA adjunct faculty Josh Baxter, CRNA, DNP, APN will present *Is General Anesthesia Safe for the Cocaine Positive Patient?* MTSA students’ poster projects will be displayed throughout the weekend.

TANA’s annual meeting will be held at the same location as last year which is the Embassy Suites Murfreesboro Hotel and Conference Center – located at 1200 Conference Center Boulevard, Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

## FREE LUNCH!

MTSA Alumni and students attending the TANA meetings are invited to attend the **free luncheon on Friday, October 14 at 12:15 pm.** The alumni/student luncheon will be held in the Oakleigh (A) Room at the Conference Center. **RSVPs are required** by calling the alumni office at (615) 732-7671, or by emailing [alumni@mtsa.edu](mailto:alumni@mtsa.edu).

## CRNA Faculty Added

New CRNA faculty members have been added to the core academic teachers at MTSA, announced Mary Elizabeth “Ikey” DeVasher, CRNA, PhD, APN. These new faculty members – who each have active clinical assignments – are added to the CRNA faculty already in place and give MTSA a solid spectrum of quality and currently practicing professionals. The new CRNAs will each be on-site for one full day per week throughout the year. The new staff includes:

### JOSHUA BAXTER, CRNA, DNP, APN

He currently practices at Nashville General Hospital at Meharry in Nashville, Tennessee. He received his BSN from the University of Alabama at Huntsville (2005); Master of Science with a focus in Anesthesia from MTSA (2007). He earned his Doctor of Nursing Anesthesia Practice from University of Alabama at Birmingham.

### YVETTE RIKER, CRNA, DNP, APN

She currently practices at Nashville General Hospital at Meharry in Nashville, Tennessee. She received her BSN from University of Florida in Gainesville (1997); Master of Science with a focus in Anesthesia from MTSA (2002). She earned her Doctor of Nursing Anesthesia Practice from University of Alabama at Birmingham.

### JOHN SHIELDS, CRNA, MS, APN

He currently practices at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. He received his BSN from Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, Tennessee (1982); a Diploma of Anesthesia from MTSA (1985); a Master of Science with a focus in Anesthesia from MTSA (2005). He is currently enrolled at Vanderbilt University and pursuing a Doctor of Nursing Practice.



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- October 14..... Georgia Association of Student Nurses, Athens, GA
- October 14..... TANA Alumni & Student Luncheon, Murfreesboro, TN
- October 14..... Alumni Regional Dinner, Athens, GA
- October 16..... Comp Exam
- October 17..... Alumni Regional Dinner, Tupelo, MS
- October 18..... Alumni Regional Dinner, Jackson, MS
- October 19..... Alumni Regional Dinner, Hattiesburg, MS
- October 20..... Alumni Regional Dinner, Biloxi/Gulfport, MS
- October 20..... Mississippi Association of Student Nurses, Biloxi, MS
- October 20..... Alumni Regional Dinner, Norman, OK
- October 20..... Alumni Regional Dinner, Auburn, AL
- November 1..... Finance Committee
- November 7..... Alumni Committee
- November 7..... Board of Trustees Meeting
- November 8..... Evaluation Committee
- November 8..... Faculty Committee/Academic & Clinical
- November 14..... Alumni Regional Dinner, Johnson City, TN
- November 15..... Alumni Regional Dinner, Fletcher, NC
- November 15..... Progressions Committee
- November 24..... Thanksgiving Day Holiday
- December 1..... Graduation Day
- December 5..... Alumni Regional Dinner, Orlando, FL
- December 8..... MTSA Christmas Party

# Chilly Start to Sun-filled Golf Classic

Chilly breezes and a grey, overcast horizon gave way to sun-drenched skies just after the 8th Annual MTSA Golf Classic sponsored PBG Builders, Inc. began on Sept 15. The field of 134 participants enjoyed the outing which resulted in a net contribution to MTSA of more than \$30,000. "The event proceeds were up significantly this year due to the very generous sponsorship support we enjoyed," says Jim Closser, Vice President for Advancement & Alumni.

This year's event was held at the Hermitage Golf Course - General's Retreat. Special contests featured: Long Drive - winner Eric Brooks; and Closest-to-the-Pin contests sponsored by Nevin Downs, MD on holes - winner hole #3 - Bob McDaniel (7'10"); hole #5-MTSA alumnus Jason Hollis (15"); hole #13 - Rhonda Switzer (7'6"); and hole #17 - Todd Schorsten (24.5") who also won overall closest-to-the-pin. The putting contest sponsored by Valley Anesthesia was won by Rick Webb.



Winners of the Eighth Annual MTSA Golf Classic sponsored by PBG Builders, Inc. championship first flight, with a team score of 60, are (l to r) Chadd Watkins, Eric Johnson, Paul Keener, and Aaron Jones ('00), CRNA, MS, APN.



Hole-in-one tournament sponsor Harold Greene (far right) is pictured with his 3rd place, 2nd flight MTSA winning student team members from the Class of 2012 including (l to r) Matt Lewis, Wes Henderson, and Todd Koppa.



MTSA alumnus Clyde Hall (75), CRNA just "hit one down the middle" on hole #4 during the MTSA Golf Classic.



This team of MTSA junior SRNAs including (l to r) Brenn Johnson, Kirk Hatton, Adam Kuzma, and Kevin Keller, were hoping their shots on Hole #5 at Hermitage Golf Course would all be winners of the \$10,000 hole-in-one prize. Although they did not win the hole-in-one prize, they had fun as the result of a generous donor who gave his team/foursome back to the School for students to enjoy.

## MAJOR SPONSORS

- Driving Range..... Cardiovascular Anesthesiologists, PC
- Golf Carts ..... Majestic Building Group, LLC
- Putting Contest ..... Valley Anesthesia Educational Programs, Inc.
- Holes-in-One..... Harold Greene, RHU - Mass Mutual
- Closest-to-the-Pin..... Nevin H. Downs, MD
- Skill Prizes ..... The Mollenkopf Design Group, LLC
- Drink Carts..... XMC of Middle Tennessee, Inc. - Xerox
- Team Photos ..... James Duncan Creative
- Lunch ..... State Volunteer Mutual Insurance Company
- Dinner..... Anesthesia Medical Group, PC
- Registration..... Kellogg's/Clark Distributing Co.

## WINNERS

### FIRST FLIGHT

- First Place (60) Eric Johnson, Aaron Jones, Paul Keener, Chad Watkins
- Second Place (60) Chuck Parker, Steve Parker, Phil Patterson, Stan Simmons
- Third Place (60) Tom Pedigo, Randy Huffman, Paul Law, Greg Shaw

### SECOND FLIGHT

- First Place (65) Mark Carter, John Davis, Rob Taylor, Jarrod Holmen
- Second Place (65) Sam Scott, Todd Schorsten, Wayne Holt, Andrew Schorsten
- Third Place (66) Harold Greene, Wes Henderson, Todd Koppa, Matt Lewis

### THIRD FLIGHT

- First Place (70) Parker McWilliams, Bob Boren, Bill Meek, Jim Smith
- Second Place (70) Mark Saterfield, Jeff Henry, Brian Manning, Brandon Palmore
- Third Place (70) Ervin Brown, Ty Watts, Scott Rice, Cody Watts.

# NBCRNA Introduces New CPC Program to Replace Recertification Requirements

The NBCRNA is introducing a new Continued Professional Certification (CPC) Program to replace the current recertification requirements.

NBCRNA will hold a Public Comment Period from September 6, 2011 through November 14, 2011. During this period, CRNAs are encouraged to complete a survey accessible at [nbcnacpc.com](http://nbcnacpc.com) to give feedback as well as send comments about the program. You can also direct any questions you may have about the program directly to NBCRNA at [recertification@nbcna.com](mailto:recertification@nbcna.com). Your feedback will be used to refine program parameters prior to final approval by the NBCRNA Board of Directors.

## CONTINUED PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION (CPC)

Continuing professional competence is an ongoing, multimodal, and progressive process that maintains and enhances proficiency in nurse anesthesia practice and is a concept that ranges on a continuum from entry-level proficiency to complete mastery.

The goals of the CPC program for nurse anesthetists are (1) to maintain core competence and (2) to enhance competence beyond the expectations of the initially certified nurse anesthetist. The CPC Program requirements take effect on January 1, 2015.

## PROGRAM COMPONENTS LICENSURE

Current and valid registered nursing and/or advanced nursing practice license.

## LENGTH OF CERTIFICATION

The certification period is four years.

## COMPETENCY MODULES

Four core competency modules in every recertification cycle, one in each of four core competency areas.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

NBCRNA requires 35 Continuing Education Credits per year (140 over four years), as follows:

- Up to 20 credits per year can be earned in educational activities that do not have an end-of-activity assessment of learning.
- Other 15 credits (or more) per year must be earned in educational activities that have end-of-activity assessments of learning.

## RECERTIFICATION EXAMINATION

Successful completion of a standardized recertification examination based on a published content outline is required every eight years.

## PROFESSIONAL WORK PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS

At least 425 hours per year in nurse anesthesia work practice is required. The practice may include clinical practice, nurse anesthesia related administrative, educational or research activities.

Source: [www.NBCRNA.com](http://www.NBCRNA.com)

## Alumni Regional Dinners Scheduled



MTSA Denver, Colorado area Regional Dinner attendees (l to r) include Donna Lilly ('91), CRNA and Frank Velazquez ('69), CRNA. The dinner was held July 10, 2011 in Greenwood Village (Denver area), Colorado.

Below is a schedule of regional alumni dinners that have been planned. If you live in one of the areas/regions listed below, you should receive an invitation to attend announcing the location and venue. Please let us know your intentions to attend. All dinners are open for MTSA and a spouse/guest.

Please know that event dates, times, and locations are subject to change. If you live, work, or are traveling through the areas listed below, please plan to join us for dinner. For more information, call the MTSA Alumni Office at (615) 732-7674 or email [alumni@mtsa.edu](mailto:alumni@mtsa.edu).

October 14	Athens, GA
October 17	Tupelo, MS
October 18	Jackson, MS
October 19	Hattiesburg, MS
October 20	Biloxi/Gulfport, MS
October 20	Norman, OK
October 20	Auburn, AL
November 14	Johnson City, TN
November 15	Fletcher, NC
December 5	Orlando, FL

# MTSA BOARD APPROVES STRATEGIC PLAN

The Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia Board of Trustees and administrative team developed a five-year strategic plan for FY 2012-2017. This process began with a review, slight modifications, and reaffirmation of the School's Mission, Vision, and Core Values. A new History, Heritage, and Christian Legacy statement was addressed to help clarify the School's posture in this area. Then, following an agreement on the fundamental elements and principles of Mission, Vision, Core Values, and the History, Heritage, and Christian Legacy, there was considerable discussion regarding the strategic initiatives of which should be addressed during the next five years. The plan focuses on four "strategic priorities" which were developed and agreed upon by the Board and administration. Your involvement, engagement, and support of MTSA is crucial as we move forward with the implementation of this new plan.

## MISSION

Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia exists to provide a Christian, Seventh-day Adventist learning environment that fosters the pursuit of truth, excellence in anesthesia, and a life of service.

## VISION

Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia endeavors to be a national leader in academic and professional excellence, specific to graduate nurse anesthesia education. The School will remain responsive to the needs of its constituents and its diverse student body.

## CORE VALUES

- Christian, Seventh-day Adventist values-driven curriculum and program
- Academic and clinical excellence that fosters a life of service
- Wholistic approach to education, health care, and a balanced lifestyle
- Graduate education that prepares nurses to pass the National Certification Examination and enter the workplace with confidence

## History, Heritage, and Christian Legacy

### HISTORY & HERITAGE

MTSA has roots that began more than a century ago. In 1904, a group of Seventh-day Adventist pioneers, who were committed to health, wellness, and temperance, traveled south from Battle Creek, Michigan, to initiate a health care institution among the poor, and founded Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute. This Institute developed and transformed through name changes and maturity to include an elementary school, a high school, a junior college, and, eventually, a full college. Concurrently, on the same campus, Madison Sanitarium developed into Madison Sanitarium and Hospital, which, nearly a century later, became Tennessee Christian Medical Center. The hospital provided a site for clinical training as the college educated scores of health care professionals.

These ancestor institutions laid the ground work for MTSA, which began in 1950 as the Madison Hospital School of Anesthesia for Nurses, a part of Madison College. Bernard V. Bowen, CRNA, DSc, founded the School to facilitate nurse anesthesia education within the framework of Seventh-day Adventist beliefs, which included no Saturday classes. MTSA started with just two students in a 12-month program, but soon expanded to an 18-month program, admitting 16 students annually. On July 1, 1980, the School changed its name to Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia and is now the last vestige of Madison College and Madison Hospital. Since its beginning, the School has regularly provided anesthesia as a service for regional rural hospitals, which is the basis for the current multiple clinical instruction locations.

## CHRISTIAN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST LEGACY

The Christian spirit of dedication and work that led to MTSA's development is very much alive today. The School continues to foster a learning environment that encourages strong moral principles and a close relationship with God. The School celebrates and respects the diversity of faiths represented among students, faculty, and staff. It operates with a wholistic, balanced approach to life that includes physical, mental, emotional, moral, and spiritual aspects, while encouraging a relationship with God as Creator.

As a Christian denomination, Seventh-day Adventists are a faith community rooted in the beliefs described by the Holy Scriptures, including both the Old and New Testaments. In harmony with a broad overall mission to reflect Christ in its educational program, and in keeping with its Adventist heritage, MTSA conducts classes that include exposure to Adventist beliefs. Many of these beliefs are foundational and common to Christians from a variety of faith traditions and include the *Trinity*, *the Divinity of Jesus*, *a literal six-day creation*, and *salvation through faith in Jesus*. Yet, some belief differences may be present, including a 24-hour Sabbath rest from work and school, beginning Friday evening at sundown and concluding Saturday evening at sundown, when no School-sponsored activities, classes, or events take place. Additionally, at School functions, food choices are exempt of certain options as a commitment to health and temperance.

Jesus Christ exemplified a life of service. MTSA desires to follow His pattern and honor the Bible's teachings through learning, scholarship, and ministry. For more information regarding the SDA church visit [www.adventist.org](http://www.adventist.org).

## Four Strategic Priorities

1. Recruitment effectiveness
2. Program effectiveness
3. Incorporation of clinical doctoral education in nurse anesthesia, as well as continuation of the MS level nurse anesthesia education
4. Maintain fiscal stability and strength through operations, community partnerships, and philanthropy to enhance MTSA



Kate Herman (right), *Nashville Business Journal* President & Publisher presents MTSA Program Administrator/Vice President/Dean Mary Elizabeth "Ikey" DeVasher ('69/'95) CRNA, PhD, APN the award for 2011 Health Care Hero – Mentor Category.

## DeVasher Named Health Care Hero

The *Nashville Business Journal* (NBJ) selected MTSA Program Administrator/Vice President/Dean Mary Elizabeth "Ikey" DeVasher ('69/'95) CRNA, PhD, APN as a 2011 Health Care Hero – Mentor Category. The award was presented by NBJ President & Publisher Kate Herman during an awards luncheon held at the Renaissance Hotel & Convention Center, August 20, 2011.

NBJ Editor Lance Williams said, "Whether caring for the sick, volunteering to help an overburdened hospital staff, researching the latest medical treatments or managing the day-to-day operations of critical hospital functions, these [awardees] are the people who make a difference in everyday lives."

DeVasher was one of 29 recipients in categories including: Behind the Scenes, Community Leader, Company Leader, Development Champion, Health Care Newcomer, Innovator, Law Champion, Lifetime Achievement, Physician or Nurse, and Mentor (the category in which she was named).

MTSA President Ken Schwab was present during the awards ceremony and reflected by saying, "Ikey has truly been a 'Mentor' to not only students but other programs throughout the country. I join our board, administrative group, faculty, students, and alumni in congratulating her for this well-deserved recognition."



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Masking and ventilation techniques are practiced by Class of 2013 junior Daniel Etheridge during MTSA's Broadfields Orientation.

## A PIECE OF HISTORY

Graduates from the Class of 1976 are pictured standing in front of MTSA Chairman Nevin Downs, MD and MTSA Founder Bernard Bowen, CRNA, DSc and include: (l to r) Morris Pollick, CRNA (Jefferson, Texas); Michael LaFever, CRNA (Kingston Springs, Tennessee); Geraldine Godsey-Wares, CRNA (Smyrna, Tennessee); and Brian Reid, CRNA (Franklin, Tennessee).

*The photograph taken March 18, 1976 was submitted by Brian Reid.*

