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WHAT'S AHEAD FOR 2020?

A new semester, spring 2020, is now underway for our students. Here are a few key items about our students in the MHSA classes ahead academically so you, especially our MHSA alumni, can take stock of who's doing what:

- The **spring 2020 Semester** started yesterday, Monday, January 13, 2020 for everyone and ends on Friday, May 1, 2020.
- The MHSA Class of 2020: 17 third-year full-time MHSA students will complete their administrative residencies and graduate on Saturday, May 16, 2020; two third-year Executive MHSA (EMHSA) students complete their studies and graduate as of August 7, 2020, although they join in the commencement ceremony on May 16, 2020. One third year EMHSA student will transfer to the online EMHSA program to complete his degree.
- The MHSA Class of 2021: 24 second-year full-time MHSA students start their administrative residencies in summer 2020; three Executive students complete year number two in summer 2020 and continue with in-seat classes on August 24, 2020. One EMHSA student will transfer to the online EMHSA program to complete her degree while the other two join all 24 full-time students at the Commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 15, 2021. Executive students' actual graduation date is August 6, 2021.
- The **MHSA Class of 2022**: 32 first-year full-time MHSA students get to do administrative internships this summer 2020. These students return to campus for the fall semester on August 24, 2020 and start on their searches for administrative residencies in addition to completing academic coursework for the second year.
- The **Fulltime MHSA Class of 2023**: the new first-year students who are currently being interviewed for acceptance get underway with Orientation on August 20-21, 2020 and classes begin on Monday, August 24, 2020.
- The **Executive MHSA Online** students begin classes in this new format track on August 24, 2020. The program is designed to be completed in two years, but these are working professional students and have the flexibility to take longer, according to their personal schedules. There is a six-year maximum timeframe for completion.

ACHE STULL ESSAY FOR 2020

Each year Xavier MHSA participates in the Richard Stull Essay Competition sponsored by ACHE, the American College of Healthcare Executives. Teaching Professor **Dee Ellingwood** incorporates the essay assignment into his fall semester HESA 511 "Managerial Concepts in Healthcare Organizations" course. The essay submitted for the 2020 competition selected by Prof. Ellingwood and faculty was written by first-year MHSA student **Amanda Fronk** '22M.

Amanda's essay was titled, "The Looking Glass Initiative™: Using Virtual Reality and Video Game Simulations to Improve Clinical Decision-Making and Reduce Health Care Disparities in African-Americans."

Amanda creatively developed "The Looking Glass Initiative" and applied it to the topic of her essay. The national essay winner will be announced at the ACHE Congress in March 2020. The purpose of the essay is to get students thinking and demonstrating their ability, as a future healthcare services executive, to identify and describe important issues in this profession.



ALUM-N-I-C-E Our 1,693 Graduate MHSA Alumni, 178 Undergraduate BSHSA Alumni, and 21 MS-HECOR Alumni are the pride and joy of Xavier and our HSA Department. We applied your achievements and commitment to the highest quests in health services administration.

• **Rampi Gulati** '19 HECOR, graduated from MS-HECOR in December 2019. He is the Health Economics and Reimbursement Manager for the Eye Division of Allergan, Irvine CA.

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