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CoARC E-Newsletter

Greetings from CoARC:

With this edition of the CoARC e-newsletter, we are pleased to bring you the latest news and information about the CoARC and the accreditation process. We will send you an update after each of the three Board meetings each year.

If you have any ideas about how we could make the newsletter better, please let us know!

COMMUNICATIONS CORNER

CoARC New Job Board has Successful Launch

Over recent years, the CoARC has seen a sizeable increase in the number of vacancies in Key Personnel positions and it has become very clear that finding individuals qualified to fill Key Personnel positions, and other respiratory educators as well, has become increasingly difficult. To help its programs address this problem, as part of its new website enhancement- the CoARC is pleased to be able to offer a "job board", specifically for the respiratory therapy education community. We are hopeful that using this resource will play a pivotal role in helping programs fill personnel vacancies. The cost for using the 'job board' is very affordable and competitively priced: a 30-day advertisement will cost just \$ 200; for 90 days the price would be \$500. In addition, the posting would be included in any electronic newsletters issued by the CoARC during the contractual time frame for the advertisement. Currently, the job board is up and running [click here](#) to see the latest postings. For more information, contact Shane Keene, Chief Operating Officer.

CoARC By The Numbers

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**The CoARC Welcomes our Newest Staff Member
 Tammy Alsup, MSHI**

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Program Numbers by CoARC Level as of January 1, 2019 (n=452)						
	200-level (Entry Base)	210-level (Entry ADT BS)	230-level (Entry ADT MS)	300-level (U.S. satellites)	400-level (Sleep cert)	500-level (Degree Advancement)
Continuing Accreditation	376	1	3	9	4	0
Probationary Accreditation	7	0	0	0	0	0
Provisional Accreditation	22	2	1	1	1	6
Inactive Accreditation	1	0	0	0	0	0
Approval of Intent	4	0	0	1	0	6
Letter of Intent	2	0	0	0	0	5
Total # of Associate Degree Programs						356 Entry
Total # of Baccalaureate Degree Programs						68 Entry; 15 DA
Total # of Master's Degree Programs						6 Entry; 2 DA



[Graduate and Employer Surveys Update](#)

Shortly after the release of its 2018 Annual RCS in late October, the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC) was informed that graduate and employer survey data from prior years could not be transferred into the new RCS format. As a result, programs will only be able to submit survey data for 2017 in their 2018 RCS. Accordingly, at its November meeting, the CoARC Board determined that no accreditation decisions based on subthreshold results in graduate and employer surveys would be taken until three years of data are available, which will occur with the submission of the RCS due July 1, 2020.

[Revised Definition of Graduate Date](#)

During a recent policy review, the CoARC and NBRC approved a revision to the graduate date definition.

Current Definition: **The graduation date reported must be the date of degree conferral as posted by the registrar on the student's transcript.**

Revised Definition: **The graduation date is the date on which the degree was conferred by the program's educational sponsor, not**



The CoARC would like to welcome Tammy Alsop as our Events and Accreditation Specialist for the Executive Office. This is a newly created position as the CoARC continues to transition to the virtual environment. She comes to us with her Master's in Healthcare Informatics and ten years of experience in higher education. Tammy currently resides with her family in Utah with her husband and twin girls named Brooklynn and Callie. Tammy's volunteer services include serving as the Vice-President of public relations for Intermountain Healing Hearts and she also serves on the Board of Directors for Women in Business.

CoARC Commissioner Awarded Honorary Lifetime AARC Membership

Shelley Mishoe, Ph.D., RRT, FAARC, FASAHP



Dr. Mishoe was recognized at the AARC International Congress in Las Vegas. Shelley is pictured here with Dr. Brian Walsh, AARC Immediate Past President receiving her award.

Dr. Ralph Kendall Site Visitor of the Year Award

The 2018 Award winners were Joe Coyle, M.D., who is a professor at Boise State University's Respiratory Care Program and Marby McKinney, M.Ed., RRT, RRT-NPS who serves as the Program Director for Alvin Community College. Alan Gustin, M.D. is the current CoARC President (pictured far left) and (pictured far right) Tom Smalling, Ph.D., RRT serves as the

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the date on which the student fulfilled all program requirements.

SCHOLARSHIPS



CoARC has Scholarship Money to Give Away!

Please encourage your students and colleagues to apply almost every year one of these awards goes unclaimed.

Student Awards

CoARC George G. Burton, MD Student Educational Research Scholarship - \$2000

CoARC Stephen P. Mikles, EdD, RRT, FAARC Media Award - \$2000

Faculty Awards

CoARC Louis Sinopoli, Ph.D., RRT, FAARC Faculty Educational Research Scholarship- \$2000

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CoARC CEO.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CoARC Board meetings are scheduled as follows:

March 21-23 Grapevine, TX
July 19-21 Ft. Lauderdale, FL
December 12-14 Tuscon, AZ

The CoARC will also be at the AAC Summer Forum. Our spring issue will have a complete schedule of our activities.

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SPOTLIGHT ON A COMMISSIONER

Lindsay L. Fox, MEd, RRT-NPS



Lindsay Fox is an Associate Professor and the Program Director of the Respiratory Care Program at St. Louis Community College. She began her career in academics in 2006 as a full-time faculty member at her alma mater, the University of Missouri just two years after her graduation from the baccalaureate program. Lindsay has now been a respiratory care educator for 12 years and has held the roles of Director of Clinical Education at the University of Texas Medical Branch and Program Director of two associate-level respiratory care programs. This past year, with the help of her faculty and advisory committee, she designed the respiratory care lab space for St. Louis Community College's new Center for Nursing and Health Sciences building that will open in the fall of 2019. Respiratory care students will gain hands-on experience with the newest respiratory care technologies in a space that will incorporate simulation training. Lindsay is excited to see her vision come to life and expects that it will lead to improved confidence in critical thinking skills at the bedside.

Lindsay has held numerous professional leadership positions including the Missouri Society for Respiratory Care's Education Committee Chair, District I President, and is currently the MSRC state treasurer. She is currently the chair of her campus's academic council, a member of the district college's academic council, and serves on the district-wide strategic planning committee.

Lindsay completed her first self-study and site visit as a Program Director in 2013. Soon after that experience, she became a site visitor. "I really valued the self-study and site visit experience as a Program Director. I knew very quickly that CoARC was an organization in which I wanted to serve. I have learned that as a site visitor, I not only can have a positive impact on educators and students across the country but can also utilize what I learn from these amazing educators to continually improve my own program." Lindsay is very excited to serve as a CoARC Commissioner and looks forward to bringing her energy and passion for respiratory care education to the board.

Inquiries related to this E-Newsletter can be addressed to:

[Tom Smalling](#), PhD, RRT, RPFT, FAARC, Chief Executive Officer

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