Ambulance lights flashed.

The patient’s vitals were checked once more.

The team edged closer to the 15-minute mark allotted to transport their patient.

The scenario played out in a classroom in Friendswood High School, where students pursuing careers as paramedics train on a medical grade mannikin inside a realistic ambulance cabin.

The cabin, part of what’s called an ambulance simulator, was installed in health science teacher Carla Burris’ classroom in January. The simulator, bearing all the realism of an actual ambulance, comes equipped with flashing lights, life support equipment, IV hangars, oxygen outlets and supply cabinets.

“The ambulance has so many cool features I was not expecting,” said Angela Generillo, a Friendswood High School senior in Burris’ class. “This definitely changed the classroom dynamic — it gives us real life simulations and teaches us a lot more than the textbook could ever teach us.”

The simulator was paid for with funds from a UTMB President’s Cabinet award that builds on an existing partnership between UTMB and the Friendswood Independent School District. Through the $50,000 award, students train for a future in health care while enrolled in a new dual-credit emergency medical technician (EMT) certification course at the College of the Mainland.

“We want to thank the UTMB President’s Cabinet for not only making this dream a reality for the EMT students of today but for stirring the interests and passions in the hearts of the students of tomorrow,” said Ashley Adair, executive director of Friendswood ISD’s Education Foundation.
Welcome to the Cabinet...

**Since September, we have welcomed 18 new members to the Cabinet.**

Mr. Al Duran
Inge E. Duran, MD
Dr. and Mrs. N. Miles Farr
Dr. Patricia E. Fingerhut and Mr. Martin Fingerhut
Mr. Thomas R. Galan
Shannon P. Guillot-Wright, MD, PhD
Ms. Jamie Joiner
Peter Kan, MD, MPH, FAANS, FRCS(C)
Dr. Amy C. Madril and Mr. Adrian Madril
Darlene A. Martin, RN, PhD, FAAN
Dr. and Mrs. Michael C. Mitschke
Carolyn S. Nelson-Becker, EdD, MSN, CNM (ret.)
and Mr. Keith T. Becker
Mr. and Mrs. R. Craig Ott
Mrs. Josanne E. Smathers
Ms. Kathy A. Thomas
Drs. Donna B. and Scott C. Weaver
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald J. Welch
Dr. and Mrs. Jerome L. Yaklic

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

As of April 2021, the President’s Cabinet reports 307 members. Membership categories consist of a Junior level (age 40 or less) and regular membership level. Below is a breakdown of membership by category, location and constituency.
The hats have wide-brims that cover the head, neck and ear area and provide ample sun protection including SPF 50+. Hats are being distributed one Saturday a month at the Galveston Street Ministry, located at 20th & Winnie Streets.

Andrea sets up a special booth at the Galveston Street Ministry to distribute hats and educational materials. She has held events in December (top left), January (top right), February (bottom left) and March (bottom right).

100 Kitchen Gardens — 2018 Award
Realizing UTMB’s Institutional Vision through 100 Kitchen Gardens & Door-to-Door Compost was a 2018 PC project that partnered with Seeding Galveston to build and maintain neighborhood gardens and established a pick-up compost program.

Because of the success of the program and the efforts of Seeding Galveston volunteers, the Texas Medical Association Foundation has awarded the program a second-place John P. McGovern Champion of Health Award.

UTMB Food Pantry — 2020 Award
Through a collaboration with the UTMB Students In Medicine Making Excellent Recipes (SIMMER), clients visiting the UTMB Food Pantry can receive free glucose checks and blood pressure readings, along with diabetes information the last Tuesday of the month as an ongoing initiative.

OR Recycling Program — 2020 Award
In case you missed it, Dr. Jenny Pennycuff, anesthesiologist, was featured in the April 19 edition of The Daily News discussing the President’s Cabinet sponsored recycle program designed to help reduce plastic waste in UTMB operating rooms.

HATS FOR HOMELESS — 2020 Award
UTMB medical students led by MS2 Andrea Francis began distributing hats to Galveston homeless on Saturday, December 12, 2020. Ten hats were distributed during the first session and recipients were taught strategies to avoid sunlight damage to their skin while outdoors during the day. This group has 90 hats to distribute with initial grant funding from a 2020 UTMB President’s Cabinet Award. Dr. Richard Wagner, UTMB Dermatology Program Director, is the faculty sponsor for this award.
PC Members Out and About

JAMES SELIG
James Selig was elected in February to represent the agents of the Keller Williams Southwest Texas Region on the Keller Williams International Agent Leadership Council for the next two years.

TOM SCHWENK
Tom Schwenk was honored with Texas Realtors Acts of Kindness Award for his contributions to the Galveston Community. The award was presented September 3, 2020 at the Virtual Texas Realtors Annual Conference and Centennial Celebration.

RAIMERS & KEISER HONORED
From left, Unsil and Dr. Philip Keiser with Drs. Ben and Sharon Raimer.

The Community Assistance Providers of Galveston County honored Drs. Ben and Sharon Raimer and Dr. Philip Keiser at its Tiny Bubbles and Big Hearts gala October 2, 2020 at the San Luis Hotel and Conference Center in Galveston.

BJ HERZ
BJ Herz was named The Galveston Daily News’ Citizen of the Year for 2020. Herz was the top of 20 finalists honored at an event at the Sea Star Base Galveston in Galveston.

LEONARD WOOLSEY—THE DAILY NEWS
On a recent visit to The Daily News office, Marie Marczak, UTMB director of Annual Giving was treated to a tour of the newsroom by Leonard Woolsey, publisher of The Daily News and Coast Monthly magazine.
JEFF TEMPLE & ANN WOODS

One of UTMB’s own has taken the lead in a nationwide effort to reduce teen pregnancies. Jeff Temple, director at the Center for Violence Prevention at the Center for Addiction Research, will be the principal investigator of a study funded by a two-year, $1.4 million grant awarded by the Department of Health and Human Services in October 2020.

Dr. Jeff Temple and wife Ann Wood were also highlighted in the November 6 edition of the Galveston County Daily News.

MARY ANN SALCH MURPHY

Mary Ann Salch Murphy opened her home for the November 2020 edition of Coast Monthly Magazine and showcased her amazing and unique Christmas décor.

KEVIN SMITH & MICHAEL WOODY

In the February edition of Coast Monthly Magazine, Kevin Smith and Michael Woody debuted their third-floor corner loft in the Southwestern Telephone and Telegraph Building in downtown Galveston.
Adair worked with Burris to develop the successful proposal seeking support from the President’s Cabinet.

“She told me to dream big,” Burris said about the grant request.

Numerous area community colleges use ambulance simulators in their EMT courses, Burris said, explaining the origin of her idea.

“I’m hoping the simulated ambulance is going to build students’ confidence and make them better health care professionals,” said Burris, a former EMT who began teaching the course this year at the high school.

Burris’ students practice life-saving procedures, including CPR, administering blood pressure checks and other exercises. As the students train in the ambulance simulator, their actions are recorded using an overhead camera inside the cabin. The recordings allow Burris to offer the students feedback.

While training inside the simulator, the students also learn to communicate with one another during the simulated emergency scenarios and learn to rely on their teammates.

The high school students are thrilled about what the new simulator will mean for their future careers.

“This ambulance puts us at an advantage going into clinicals because it allows us to be a step ahead in almost every aspect of our EMT training,” said Gillian Smith, another senior in the class also interested in a career in health care.

Passion for health care is more important than ever in the midst of the pandemic, said President’s Cabinet Awards Committee Chair Barbara Slusher.

“The pandemic has shown us that preparing for the future of health care is so important,” Slusher said. “The opportunity to collaborate with Friendswood ISD to train some of our future health care leaders is a gift that will benefit many in the future.”

View the video highlighting the journey, from dream to reality, of the simulated ambulance for Friendswood ISD.

Volunteer Opportunities

- 2021 Awards Committee
- 2021 Recruitment Reception Hosts

Contact Marie Marczak at 409-747-4876 or email mmarczak@utmb.edu for details.
A special note of thanks...

Last March, COVID-19 was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization. UTMB immediately went to work to find a solution and our community stood with us in our efforts. Join us in thanking and recognizing the following President’s Cabinet Members for their generous donations to UTMB hospital and clinical staff who worked tirelessly caring for patients during this unprecedented time:

- Patricia and Steven Rennick
  Patty Cakes Bakery / Mosquito Café — Baked goods
- Jack and Katy Brown
  Jack Brown Insurance — Breakfast tacos
- James and Becky Korenek
  Baked goods
- Tom Becker and James Swinnea
  Breakfast tacos

COVID-19 GIFTS-IN-KIND...

Recognizing the President’s Cabinet members we have lost this past year...

James D. Bashline
Mary E. Cooper
Constance V. (Connie) Powel
J. Fellman Seinsheimer, III
James W. Swinnea, Jr.