

STATEside News



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Updates from Beck PRIDE Center for Wounded Veterans

Paws for Vets received a grant for \$5,000 from the Craighead Community Foundation and met their goal for the first online crowdfunding program at A-State. Classes started with 12 dogs and their veteran owner. The veterans and their service dog graduated June 29 at the You Lucky Dog boutique, which sponsored the service vests and ceremony for dogs.

DogFest was held on May 20 at A-State Armory as a fund raiser for the next service dog class. Crowley's Ridge Defender also supported a poker fun run motorcycle ride on June 3 to support the adoption of shelter animals as service dogs. The response was so great that two classes were developed with 15 veterans/dog pairs and started July 31. The dogs must complete basic and advanced obedience training and a community access exam before completion. Service claim days about military veteran's benefits were held May 23 and August 29 to assist disabled veterans with receiving benefits.

The Redmon Memorial Roping Competition was held May 29 at the equine center. Proceeds will benefit mental health services for veterans in Northeast Arkansas. The Director of the Arkansas Department of Veteran Affairs (ADVA), Col. Nate Todd visited the Beck PRIDE Center on August 16. Preparations are underway for an event for veterans to be held tentatively October 6. More to come soon. Chancellor Damphousse visited the center on August 10 and was able to meet participants and supporters.

Beck PRIDE participants are gearing up for a new semester and planning on tailgating at football games. See you there!



ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

College of
Nursing & Health Professions

Dean's Corner

I am energized to for the start of another fall semester. My executive team looks a little different this year so I want to introduce them to you.

- Dr. Brinda McKinney, chair, BSN Programs
- Renee Miller, chair, AASN programs
- Dr. Shawn Drake, chair, Physical Therapy
- Dr. Amy Shollenbarger, interim chair, Communication Disorders
- Dr. Christine Wright, our new chair in Occupational Therapy, and new to Jonesboro
- Dr. Robert Bradley, director of our new Athletic Training Program, and also new to Jonesboro
- Dr. Cheryl DuBose, chair, Medical Imaging and Radiation Sciences replacing Ray Winters who is now on faculty full-time.
- Dr. Debbie Persell has stepped back up as program director, Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management.
- Pam Towery, director, Nutritional Science
- Dr. Stacy Walz, chair, Clinical Laboratory Science and also part time assistant dean of Special Projects in the college
- Dr. Pat Walls, co-chair, Social Work and director of the BSW program
- Dr. Larry Morton, co-chair, Social Work and director of the MSW program

We are still searching for a chair to oversee our graduate nursing programs.

Special thanks to Ray Winters who stepped down from a departmental leadership position but is still working hard as faculty. A personal welcome to Christine Wright who has hit the ground running in OT and is prepping for an Oct. 2-4 accreditation site visit among many other organizational items. Robert Bradley will lead our new master's in Athletic Training program. He has a lot of work to do and people to meet before his first class arrives in summer, 2018. I feel so fortunate to have such a solid team leading our programs in the college.

We had a great fiscal year--our student semester credit hours increased by 5,087 over last year to 54,511 and the number of graduates is at an all-time high--688. Thanks to everyone who contributed to that process.

The college will host its Distinguished Alumni Awards ceremony at 2:00 p.m. Oct. 14 in the Reynolds Center for Health Sciences Room 222. Everyone is welcome.

Special thanks to our students and faculty who responded to Hurricane Harvey. We know that you made a difference during this time of tragedy.

Please enjoy reading the news of the college. A special welcome to our new chancellor, Dr. Kelly Damphousse. He would love to meet you.

Susan Hanrahan,
Dean

College of Nursing
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COLLEGE NEWS

Congratulations to the following:

DEANNA BARYMON (MIRS), **DR. CHERYL DUBOSE** (MIRS), **DR. LARRY MORTON** (SW), **DR. SUSAN MOTTS** (PT), and **Dr. Stacy Walz** (CLS) on attaining tenure and promotion to associate professor.

DR. STEPHEN GUFFEY (PT), **WILLIAM PAYNE** (CLS), and CLS students **LOGAN MEURER** and **PATRICIA HENSLEY** published an article titled *"Susceptibility of Trichopyton Mentagrophytes to Visible Light Wavelengths"* in *Advanced Skin Wound Care* (May, 2017).

DR. STEPHEN GUFFEY (PT), **WILLIAM PAYNE** (CLS), and DPT student **WILSON ROEGGE** had a manuscript titled *"In vitro Fungicidal Effects of Methylene Blue at 625-nm"* accepted for publication in the *Mycoses Journal*.

DEAN SUSAN HANRAHAN will become the president of the Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions (ASAHP) in October, holding a 2 year term. ASAHP is headquartered in Washington, D.C.

DEAN SUSAN HANRAHAN was named by the *Jonesboro Sun* as one of "12 Who Make it Happen." The honorees were selected from across the region.

DR. STEPHEN GUFFEY (PT) **DEANNA BARYMON** (MIRS), and DPT students **CODY DOERFLEIN**, **CARDIN VO**, and **DARREN BOWEN** had a manuscript titled, *"Degenerative Changes in Asymptomatic Subjects: A Descriptive Study Examining the Supraspinatus Using Musculoskeletal Sonography in a Young Population"* accepted for publication in the *Journal of Allied Health*.

CLINICAL LAB SCIENCE

MS. AUDREY FOLSOM (formerly Skaggs) and **MRS. ANNETTE BEDNAR** attended the legislative symposium in Washington, D.C. in March, where they first learned about legislative issues

facing clinical laboratories, and then met with Arkansas legislators to discuss these issues. They co-presented their experience at the state CLS conference in April in Little Rock.

DR. STACY WALZ presented two scientific sessions at the national CLS professional meeting held in San Diego in July, *"Introducing the Quality Aims to Practitioners - A Case-Based Approach"* and *"Cultural Respect in the Laboratory"*.

COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

DR. AMY SHOLLENBARGER had a manuscript titled *"An Investigation of College Students' Knowledge of Stuttering"* accepted for publication in the ASHA journal called *"Perspectives"*.

Two Communication Disorders graduates **OLVIA GOODON**, **AVERY DAY**, and **DR.**

AMY SHOLLENBARGER (faculty) will present two posters titled *"Should It Stay or Should It Go? Cases of Silent 'E' in Derived Word Spelling"* and *"A Concurrent Validity Study of Listening Comprehension Measures in English Language Learners (ELLs)"* at the ASHA Annual Convention November 9-11, 2017 in Los Angeles.

DR. AMY SHOLLENBARGER had a manuscript titled *"How African American English Speaking First Graders Segment and Rhyme Words and Nonwords with Final Consonant Clusters"* accepted for publication in the *Language Speech, and Hearing Services Schools*.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Board of the Council on Accreditation for Emergency Management Education has voted to extend accreditation to all three degrees in DPEM for the next five years.

SARA WALKER presented a poster titled *"Initial Presenting Cardiac Arrest Rhythms*

and Paramedic Preceptor Decisions to Intubate" at the National Association of EMS Educators (NAEMSE) 22nd Annual Educator Symposium, August 9-11, 2017 in Washington, D.C.

Progress is still being made on the disaster training sites in Imboden and Walnut Ridge. More to come in the Spring newsletter.

NURSING

DR. KAREN AUL will present a poster titled *"Who values Who? Identifying Health Profession Students' Perceived Values of Other Interprofessional Students"* at the 2017 NLN Education Summit September 14-16 in San Diego, CA. **DR. AUL** also had an article, *"Who's Uncivil to Who? Perceptions of Incivility in Pre-Licensure Nursing Programs"* published by Elsevier.

DR. MARK FOSTER presented a poster titled *"Evaluating FNP students Suicide Prevention Curricular and Preparedness"* at the 17th Annual Nurse Educator Institute April 5-7, 2017 in Branson, MO. At the same conference, **DR. FOSTER** also co-presented a poster with **DR. ANGIE SMITH** titled *"Preception of Patient Simulation Software in Advanced Health Assessment: Pre/Post Clinical Placement"*

Congratulations to **Dr. Susi Snellgrove** on her promotion to rank of professor.

DR. LIBBY NIX had an article titled *"African American Hemodialysis Patients' Perceptions of Faith and Nursing"* in the *Journal of Community Nursing Online*.

NUTRITIONAL SCIENCE

AMANDA HERINGER (adjunct) is one of four in the state of Arkansas who is a certified specialist in sports nutrition.

PAM TOWERY will present a poster titled *"Nutrition and Musculoskeletal Pain: The Relationship between Consumption of a*

Plant-based Diet and Functional Status" at the 2017 ASAHP Annual Conference in October in San Antonio, TX.

TAYLOR MAGGIO, a dietetic student, who had the highest GPA and most student credit hours of all students graduating,

was the student Commencement speaker at May graduation.

PHYSICAL THERAPY

DR. STEPHEN GUFFEY was the March University Research Professor of the Month.

DR. SHAWN DRAKE will present a platform titled *"Implementing Exercise is Medicine*

into Physical Therapy Curricula" at the APTA Educational Leadership Conference in Columbus, OH Oct. 13, 2017. She is certified as an ACSM Exercise is Medicine-Level 3 provider.

She is presenting with Dr. Marilyn Moffat, a Professor of Physical Therapy at New York University. Dr. Moffat served as President of the American Physical Therapy Association from 1991-1997.

RADIOLOGIC SCIENCE

DR. CHERYL DuBOSE was on the cover of "ASRT Scanner" magazine issued June/ July 2017, Vol. 49 No 5.

DR. CHERYL DuBOSE had a manuscript titled *"Analysis of an iPad Initiative: Are Students Using the Technology?"* accepted for publication in the JISE.

January, **TRACY WHITE** was elected as vice president and **DR. CHERYL DuBOSE** was installed as chairman of ACERT.

On January 27, **TRACY WHITE** and **VERONICA MANNING** presented a poster titled *"Teaching in the 21st Century Classroom"* while **DONNA CALDWELL** and **AMBER WOOTEN** presented a poster titled *"A Tale of Two Stones"* and **VERONICA MANNING** also presented on the *"Five E-s of Effective*

Mentoring" at ACERT Annual Conference in Las Vegas.

DR. CHERYL DuBOSE, RAY WINTERS, JEANNEAN ROLLINS, DEANNA BARYMON, and EDWIN WALLACE were each selected to present at the ACERT Annual Conference on January 31-Feb. 2, 2018 in Las Vegas.

DR. CHERYL DuBOSE presented a poster titled *"Analysis of an iPad Initiative"* July 13, 2017 at AEIRS in St. Louis.

J. TYLER CARTER was selected an an Item Writer for the ARRT Radiography certification exam.

DEANNA BARYMON published an article titled *"A Sonographer's Role in HCAHPS and Vale-Based Purchasing"* in the Journal of Diagnostic Medical

Sonography.

The Radiation Therapy program has purchased a new VERT system for virtual reality radiation therapy treatment. This is the only virtual reality system available for rad therapy students. AState is one of 14 programs in the nation to incorporate it into the curriculum.

The new Radiography curriculum begins its second phase this fall semester. All current radiography students have successfully transitioned into a chosen medical imaging or therapy specialty area, with the first class scheduled to graduate August 2018.

SOCIAL WORK

DR. REJOICE ADDAE presented a poster titled *"Restoring the Village: Addressing the Impact of Incarceration on the Black Family"* at the National Association of Black Social Workers Annual Conference April 11-13, 2017 in Washington, DC.

DR. TAMARA PACE defended her dissertation March 3, 2017 titled *The Experiences of African American Single Mothers Who Have Reared Academically Accomplished Children.*

DR. REJOICE ADDAE, DR. PATRICIA WILKERSON, DR. PATRICIA WALLS and DR. Evi TAYLOR presented posters titled *"Poverty: How Global Inequality Contributes to Social Injustices"* and *"Global Inequality: The Traumatic Effects of Racism"* at the 26th Annual Global Awareness Society International Conference May 24-29, 2017 in Costa Rica.

DR. Evi TAYLOR represented the faculty with an address to the graduating class at the morning session of Spring Commencement as well as the Summer Commencement.

DR. CHERYL KNIGHT defended her dissertation on March 21, 2017 titled: *"Clinicians and Treatment: Perceived Barriers to Psychiatric Treatment of Mental Health Professionals."*

DR. JODY LONG and **DR. Evi TAYLOR** presented a poster titled *"Patient Resistance or Clinical Bias"* at the Memphis Social Work Research Symposium April 21.

GRANTS/CONTRACTS

KRISTIE VINSON received a \$5,000 grant from the Board of Directors of the Kays Foundation to purchase equipment for the Department of Physical Therapy.

DR. DEBBIE PERSELL submitted a \$25,470 grant proposal titled: *"Emergency Management/ Community Resilience"* to the ORAU Agency.

DR. DEBBIE PERSELL submitted a grant proposal titled: *"DRA SEDAP: Imboden AR Disaster Training Facility"* to the Delta Regional Authority Agency.

DR. JULIN ZHANG was awarded a \$60,000 grant from Arkansas Biosciences Institute for his proposal titled: *"Effects of prenatal citalopram exposure on the enteric serotonin system in rats."*

DR. JODY LONG was part of a grant submission to the USDA Agency entitled *"Delta Care-a van"*.

KAREN FULLEN, PI/program director and staff for the Title IV-E Academic Partnership in Public Child Welfare received a renewed contract (17-18) with the University of Arkansas and Arkansas Division of Children and Family Services in the amount of \$425,760.

In Sympathy:

THE FAMILY OF DANA DEVOE, former RN to BSN student.

WILLIAM PAYNE, CLS, on the loss of his wife, Penny.

SARA WALKER, DPEM, on the loss of her in-laws, Jeanette and Bill Rush.

THE FAMILY OF RENEE GRISSOM, graduate of the Bachelor of Social Work program.

Good-Bye To:

MELINDA BURCHAM, Nurse Anesthesia

MICHELLE BREWER, Nursing

JOHNNA BOGGS, Nursing

AMANDA WATERS, Nursing

ELIZABETH TODAK, DPEM

DR. MARY MORRISON, Occupational Therapy

DR. LORENA THOMPSON, Nurse Anesthesia

REBECCA BRIDGES, Physical Therapy

TIARA JOHNSON, Dean's Office

DR. BRENT COX, DPEM

Welcome To:

BROOKE CARR, Title IV-E

BESSIE HATCHETT, Title IV-E

DR. TODD HAMMOM, Nursing Anesthesia

DR. CHRISTIE WRIGHT, Occupational Therapy

RACHEL HILL, MSN Nursing Admin Asst.

DR. CHRISTINE WRIGHT, Occupational Therapy

DR. ROBERT BRADLEY, Athletic Training

ROBERT BYRUM, Physical Therapy (Mtn. Home)

RHONDA BOECHMAN, Physical Therapy (Mtn. Home)

MATTHEW HARMON, Nursing

NIKKI KEMP, Nursing

ARRON PADUAEVANS, DPEM

SAVANNAH HAILEY, Nursing

GALE ALLEN, Nursing

LUCINDA KEY, Nursing (Beebe)

YOUNG RETIRES

by Dr. Susan Hanrahan, Dean

Dr. Charlotte Young left the university in August 2016 as a Full Professor of Nursing after coming to A-State in August 1994.



She holds academic degrees from Syracuse University (PhD), Catholic University (MS-Psych Mental Health Nursing) and the University

of South Carolina (BSN). She is certified in Meta Synthesis as well as Systematic Review by the Joanna Briggs Institute, Australia and in Smoking Cessation Counseling. She completed a course in International Research Editing for Journals sponsored by the Cochrane Collaboration and NIH. She won many awards including two Army commendations (Development of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program; Development of Educational Skill Development Program) and was also recognized by such groups as Sigma Theta Tau (Excellence in Teaching and Excellence in Scholarship/Research), Arkansas State Nurses Association (Nurse Innovator) and received the College of Nursing and Health Professions Scholarship Award (2005).

Charlotte was a researcher plus. Her students loved her. She had over 21 publications and 25 presentations just since 2000. She was also an author of the chapter entitled "Confusion" in the Fundamentals of Nursing text which is a mainstay in nursing education. She came to us in 1994 with pages of publications and presentations including stints as a keynote speaker. I had the opportunity to write a letter of recommendation for her in 2005 related to her research and I want to quote some segments of that letter. "Dr. Young is probably the most creative and innovation member we have on our faculty. Charlotte never stops "high level" thinking—she is constantly integrating and synthesizing her thoughts into "high energy" actions. The progression of her scholarship has been superb and the dissemination of the results have occurred in most scholarly mediums targeting local through international audiences. If you ever attend a research presentation by Dr. Young, you will not fall asleep. Her skills in developing and designing computer presentations are fascinating—she will touch all of your senses whether you realize it or not. She was one of the first nurses in the nation to do a poster display using power point technology—very creative. She is masterful in this area. As I've watched Charlotte in action, her work starts very small, becomes her mission and builds over time. The final product/results are often unintended—not what she imagined from the start. The bottom line is research that impacts the health and safety of our citizens—a very

commendable research framework."

There are two files of her work in the personnel file so it is impossible to capture all there is to know about Charlotte. A professor emeritus from Syracuse University who was a reference for Charlotte in 1994 wrote this about her, "She is a remarkable communicator, practitioner, teacher, administrator and professional. She is one of the most creative teachers that I have ever known. Dr. Young is a leader in a culturally diverse climate. In mental health, psychiatric nursing and psychotherapy, Charlotte is an expert practitioner and mentor. Perhaps one of Dr. Young's greatest assets is the ability to coordinate and administrate integral parts of a program." What high praise and all of it came true in the time she was with us at A-State. The good news is that even though she is retired, her work is not done. She is off on another project that involves technology—be on the lookout for Dr. Charlotte Young. We were privileged and blessed to have her here in this college. Thanks so much Charlotte!!

DID YOU KNOW:

The average American drinks nearly 42 gallons of sweetened beverages **PER YEAR** = 39 pounds of extra sugar.

2017 GLOBAL PLATFORM FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

The Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction hosted by the United Nations Office of Disaster Risk was held in Cancun, Mexico during the week of May 22, 2017.

Over 5000 stake holders from across the world participated in this bi-annual event. The goal is to continue the development and implementation of the Sendai Framework to be implemented by 2030. The main theme was early warning systems and the need for redundancy as warning systems do fail because of the nature of the disaster itself.

Workshops such as this provide participants with updates, include current urgent topics and highlight the greatest concerns of disaster preparedness, response and recovery worldwide.

On this trip DPEM participated in an event by the Mexico National Security Defense that showcased Mexico's civil defense units and search dog teams. During this time, important connections were made with disaster risk reduction experts around the world and may provide a framework for future collaborations.

7TH ANNUAL PTA ALUMNI DAY

In conjunction with the 7th Annual PTA Alumni Day, the Physical Therapist Assistant Program at A-State will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first PTA program in the nation. In 1967, the first physical therapist assistant programs began at Miami Dade College in Florida and St. Mary's Campus of the College of St. Catherine in Minnesota. To celebrate this significant achievement, the PTA program will host a two-day event for local clinicians to be held Sept. 15 & 16, 2017. Activities will include free CEUs on Friday, September 15 beginning at 1:00 p.m. followed by a celebration reception that evening at the Cooper Alumni Center with games and activities for all PTA alumni and their families. For more information, please contact Becky Keith at beckeith@Astate.edu.

A-STATE'S DELTA SYMPOSIUM XXIII: CARING FOR COMMUNITY

Faculty participated in this conference hosted by the College of Liberal Arts & Communications:

DR. AMY SHOLLENBARGER, DR. SHAWN DRAKE, and DR. MARY MORRISON presented a panel session titled *"Intergenerational Health and Wellness Programs for People of Advanced Age Living in the Delta"*.

DR. SUSAN SNELGROVE presented a paper titled *"We're Not the Help: Cultural Care for the Community of Caregivers in Nursing Homes"*.

SCOUT

News from DPEM

The Disaster Preparedness & Emergency Management Department recently received a special and unique donation.

Scout, born on March 12, 2017, came to DPEM at 8 weeks old. Mr. David Richey, the owner of Crowley's Ridge German Shepherd's, is an advocate of giving back to his community and as a First Responder, recognizes the need for, and advantage of K9 assets in Northeast Arkansas as well as the state. Scout will be trained for live victim disaster search. This is a long and tedious process that has already begun and is well on its way. Although Arron Paduaevans is the primary handler and caregiver for Scout, all faculty and staff are committed and involved in training and working with her. Once trained and certified, Scout will become an asset during times of disaster including tornados, earthquakes, or any missing person event.

Upon the arrival of Scout, numerous community members have stepped up to assist in sponsoring and ensuring Scout succeeds and is well cared for. Orschlen Farm & Home of Paragould, AR has committed to providing Scout with a bag of food per month and Dr. Ryan of Southwest Animal Clinic has donated his services as Scout's Veterinarian. Ridgemark Retrievers of Brookland, AR will be assisting with the initial obedience training beginning August 1. Once basic obedience has been established, Scout and the DPEM faculty will begin working with the Indiana Department of Homeland Security Search and Rescue Training program to complete the training and certification

Scout has quickly become a friendly and exciting face in the College of Nursing and Health Professions. She enjoys coming to work each day and visiting with students, faculty, and staff.



MASTER'S OF ATHLETIC TRAINING

by Dr. Robert Bradley, AT

Starting this fall, A-State will begin the process of finalizing the pieces to operationalize a graduate degree in the College of Nursing and Health Professions for the master's of Athletic Training (MAT).

Working with our internal and regional partners in athletic training and the medical community, we hope to gather the best assets available to us and build a program that doesn't just meet the expectations of our accreditation body, but exceeds them. At some point in the future, we plan to work with the PT program to create a curriculum and process whereas students can obtain a MAT and DPT concurrently. We hope to expand our enrollment to students who may not have considered A-State in the past to include students with athletic and healthcare focused backgrounds and those already holding teaching certificates. Our first cohort of students will be arriving Summer 2018.

If you know of any students with interest in this degree program, please have them contact Dr. Robert Bradley, at rbradley@astate.edu. You can find info about our program at <https://www.astate.edu/college/conhp/>.

LEARN @ A-STATE

A celebration of Investigations into Student- Learning Assessments

FACULTY PRESENTATIONS:

DR. KAREN AUL and **LAUREN JOHNSTON** "Scan It to Learn It!"

LA TOYA GREEN "Will scores on the Nelson Denny Reading Test and Health Sciences Reasoning Test predict first-time pass rates on physical therapist assistant board exam?"

BECKY KEITH "The Impact of Reading Comprehension on Physical Therapist Assistant Education"

You may read more about these presentations here: <https://www.AState.edu/a/assessment/files/Final2017Learn%40State+Program>.

UNIVERSITY AWARD WINNERS

DR. EVELYN TAYLOR (SW) and **DR. STACY WALZ** (CLS) were both recipients of University awards last spring. Taylor received the University Teaching Award for her work in motivating and empowering students. Walz received the Professional Service Award because of her extensive involvement in professional, community and university service work. Congrats to both of our faculty!!!

NEW PTA PROGRAM IN MOUNTAIN HOME

The **PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM** received approval in April 2017 from the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education to offer an expansion PTA program on the ASU-Mountain Home campus. This program began a cohort of 12 students on May 30 and will run simultaneously with the Jonesboro program with the graduation of the inaugural class in May 2018.

HEALTH DISPARITIES CONFERENCE

The **5TH ANNUAL DELTA HEALTH DISPARITIES** Conference will be held November 17 at the A-State Reng Student Union. The conference theme is "Increasing Awareness of Health Disparities in the Delta Region." The keynote speaker will be Dr. Robert Fullilove, Professor of Socio-Medical Sciences at Columbia University Medical Center. For more information please contact **DR. PAT WALLS** (pwalls@AState.edu).

PHASE OUT OF GRADUATE OFFERINGS

by Dr. Stacy Walz, assistant dean, Special Projects

The College of Nursing & Health Professions is constantly monitoring the market and seeking input from stakeholders regarding what degrees are most needed in this region. Based on these analyses, we have added new programs like Occupational Therapy and Athletic Training, and have also recently started phasing out other programs like the Master of Science in Health Sciences (MSHS) and the graduate certificates in Aging, Healthcare Management and Health Sciences Education.

The MSHS and its graduate certificates underwent a voluntary self-study and site visit in early 2017. The paper and site reviewers noted many strengths of the program, but also areas on which to improve. With expanded options for graduate degrees in most healthcare disciplines, and other graduate degree options available at A-State in business, management and education, it was decided that the MSHS and its graduate certificates should be phased out. A teach-out plan for the currently enrolled students was developed shortly after the decision was made and announced, and the last MSHS student will graduate in May 2019.

The college is exploring the development of another "generic" graduate degree that would meet the needs of our current and future healthcare workforce. Stay tuned for that!

GRIEF SEMINAR

Dr. Ken Doka presented at the May 23 Billy Joe and Betty Ann Emerson Grief Seminar. His topic was "Disenfranchised Grief in the 21st Century: New Problems, New Strategies." Over 250 health care professionals and others were in attendance. He covered causes, circumstances, cultural context, complicating factors, intervention strategies and cases of disenfranchised grief in his daylong seminar. Dr. Doka is a professor of gerontology at the graduate School of the College of New Rochelle and senior consultant to the Hospice Foundation of America. He has written more than 34 books and over 100 articles and book chapters.

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

This fall faculty in the college heard Dr. Lynn Beck Brallier from the Academy on Academic Leadership speak on "Seizing Opportunities and Overcoming Challenges in Health Care Education." Specifically she addressed working with challenged and challenging students, developing critical thinking and cultivating academic integrity. This spring we will host Dr. David Swanson who has expertise in competency based evaluation, encompassing knowledge, attitudes, judgement and clinical skills. He currently serves as the vice president for Programs and Services at the American Board of Medical Specialties.

DISASTER/CERT CAMP

News from DPEM

Disaster Preparedness & Emergency Management, in partnership with the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management (ADEM), hosted Disaster Preparedness/CERT Camp July 18-20. During the 3 day camp, participants learned valuable disaster preparedness skills, including how to develop a GO Bag, how to properly use a fire extinguisher and how to conduct structural disaster assessments. Each student also completed CPR, First Aid and AED certification and earned certification as a Community Emergency Response Team Member. A huge thank you goes out to ADEM, St. Bernards, A-State's Dietetic Program and Jonesboro Fire Department for their assistance and contributions in making the camp possible.

PATH TO HEALTH

The college is focusing on initiatives that stem from Healthy Active Arkansas, a plan endorsed by Governor Hutchinson. These include health messaging, vending options and food catering choices. The Spring Brown Bag series will touch on nutritionally healthy eating, occupational profile and fitness.

STUDENT NEWS

Phi Kappa Phi Initiates

The following students were inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society.

BSN **EMILY A. DIXON**
 MSN **BARBARA SHACKELFORD**
BOBBI A. SUTTERFIRD
HEIDI F. CHARTON
JENNIFER L. CRISP
JESSICA B. NUTT
JULIE KEEFER
JUSTIN COATS
TAMMIRA C. JONES
 MSN **ANGELA CULLIPHER**
IRMA M. RIVERA

Academic Performance Scholarships

The following scholarships were awarded to entering freshman who declared majors in the College of Nursing and Health Professions. Each scholarship provided \$2,100 in funding. The recipients were:

BAILEY McALEXANDER, Jonesboro, Ark.

CHASE McARTHUR, Jonesboro, Ark.

MORGAN McALEXANDER, Jonesboro, Ark.

SYDNEY WAKEFIELD, Blytheville, Ark.

Congratulations to each student.

Student Research Showcased at Create @ State Symposium

CNHP Winners at Create @ State, along with their project titles and faculty mentors are:

Poster Undergraduate Categories

1ST PLACE: Primary presenter **LOGAN MEURER** and **WILLIAM PAYNE, DR. STEVE GUFFEY, DR. SUSAN MOTTS** (faculty)-
"Inactivation of Campylobacter jejuni Following Exposure to 405 nm Blue Light"

Poster Graduate Categories

1ST PLACE: Primary presenter **KAYLY KING** and **DR. DEBBIE SHELTON** (faculty)-*"A Rural Health Care Clinic's Zostavax Vaccine Uptake Rate Compared to the National Average of 28%"*

Oral Presentations, Undergraduate Categories

1ST PLACE: Primary presenter **CLARE DOSS** and **DR. ROY ALDRIDGE, NATHAN WELLS, KRISTIE VINSON** and **MANDY NORTHCUTT** (faculty)-*"The Effects of Hippotherapy on Gross and Fine Motor Function in Children with Down Syndrome and Spina Bifida"*

Oral Presentations, Graduate Categories

1ST PLACE: Primary presenter **OLIVIA PEEK** and **DR. AMY SHOLLENBARGER** (faculty)-
"Should it stay or should it go? The case of silent 'e' in derived word spelling"

Honors Recognition

GRADUATING IN UNIVERSITY HONORS

JORDAN EANES
 Bachelor of Social Work (Magna Cum Laude)
LOGAN MEURER
 Bachelor of Clinical Laboratory Sciences (Cum Laude)
MALLORY OUSLEY
 Bachelor of Science in Nursing
SHELBY RICHARDS
 Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Magna Cum Laude)

ADARA WILLIFORD

Bachelor of Social Work (Summa Cum Laude)

GRADUATING IN HONORS

JUSTIN ALEXANDER
 Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Magna Cum Laude)

MATTHEW AUSTIN
 Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Cum Laude)

BRANDI BOWLER
 Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Sciences/Magnetic Resonance Imaging (Cum Laude)

JADE CALDWELL
 Bachelor of Science in Dietetics (Cum Laude)

BAILEY GARTRELL
 Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Cum Laude)

ALEXA GATES
 Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Magna Cum Laude)

MACKENZIE LEE
 Bachelor of Social Work

HOLLIE LOCKE
 Bachelor of Science in Communication Disorders

JORDAN LYERLY
 Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Cum Laude)

ADRIENNE MOORE
 Bachelor of Science in Nursing

JORDAN MOORE
 Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Magna Cum Laude)

RACHEL PILLLOW
 Bachelor of Social Work (Magna Cum Laude)

MERIDITH SMITH
 Bachelor of Science in Communication Disorders (Magna Cum Laude)

VANESSA THOMPSON
 Bachelor of Social Work

SHELBY WALLACE
 Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Cum Laude)

MEGHAN WARFORD
 Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Cum Laude)

HONORS CERTIFICATE

AMANDA BUTLER
 Bachelor of Science in Nursing

BRITTNEY IGLEHEART
 Bachelor of Science in Nursing

ANGEL LIVINGSTON
 Bachelor of Science in Nursing

SARAH SHACKLEFORD
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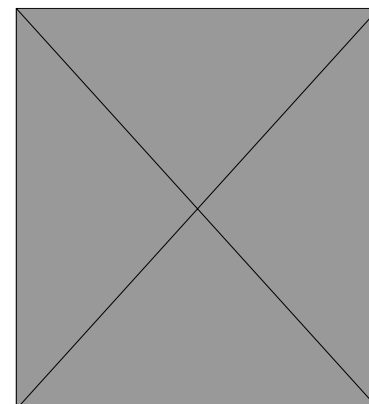
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TITLE IV-E

by Karen Fullen

BROOKE CARR and **BESSIE HATCHETT** presented *"Professional Boundaries"* to 110 Northeast Arkansas Child and Welfare (DCFS) staff and regional child welfare professionals at the staff Enrichment Conference July 20, on the A-State Campus. **BROOKE CARR** and **BESSIE HATCHETT** attended the nationally acclaimed professional training conference, Langevin Instructional Techniques, in Atlanta, GA, on April 25. **TRISH HOLT** attended the Mid-South Summer School at UALR on June 5-8. **KAREN FULLEN** served on the conference committee for the Arkansas State University Social Work Spring Conference, Child Welfare, March 17, on the A-State campus. **KAREN FULLEN** continues to serve on the leadership council of the Arkansas Title IV-E Academic Partnership.

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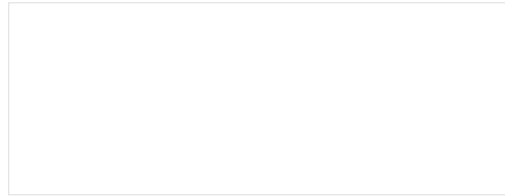


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Fall 2017

Schedule of Events	
August 21	Classes Begin
September 4	Labor Day Holiday
October 14	Homecoming
November 17	Delta Health Disparities Conference
November 20-25	Fall Break and Thanksgiving Holiday
December 4	Last Day of Class
December 9	Commencement (Jonesboro)
	Winter Break

Save the date for the **SPRING GRIEF SEMINAR, MAY 22, 2018** at the Fowler Center. By popular demand, **DR. KEN DOKA** will return to present *"Growing with Grief Through the Life Cycle."*

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