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REGIONAL CENTER FOR DISASTER PREPAREDNESS EDUCATION DISASTER TRAINING FACILITY

by Dr. Debbie Persell, Program Director

The Regional Center for Disaster Preparedness is moving forward with plans to develop a disaster training facility. This facility will be located in Walnut Ridge, AR (100 acres) near the Regional Airport and in Imboden, AR (200 acres). Excitement is growing as planning meetings occur with various subject matter experts on earthquake, tornadoes, floods, hazardous materials, water rescue, agriculture accidents, high voltage and various wilderness activities. In late November 2016, the Advisory Board for the facility held its first meeting to discuss the concept, scope of the plans, role of the advisory board and subject matter expert working groups as well as the next steps in development.

Recently a delegation from the Regional Center went to Muscatatuck Urban Training Center in North Vernon, Indiana and has plans to visit other similar sites. The purpose of these visits is to learn from experts in the field and develop opportunities for collaboration for our current students and future endeavors of the new training facility.

Steps are underway to secure grants and other donations that will make this project possible. There are many ways individuals and corporations/businesses can participate. In addition to money,
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Dean's Corner

Post-holiday greetings! I am excited to begin 2017. The fall semester went by so fast that I am not really sure what all we got accomplished.

I think our biggest word for this year will be transition. We already have many new faculty who continue to transition into their academic roles, most of them coming from clinical practice. It is one thing to know the professional content and practice it clinically but how about the actual "teaching" part— instructional course design, critical thinking and evidence-based practice strategies, working effectively with students facing challenges, active learning, motivating students, academic integrity and ethics, assessing student learning outcomes and the list goes on. This is a whole new world for our junior faculty and I am grateful that we have "senior" members to mentor them on these pieces and many more. As our faculty retire out of the academic workforce, we will continue to see these types of transitions in our faculty complement.

Staff are transitioning also — some because of retirement and others because of job opportunities. It has been great to bring new faces from outside our campus to our college. Many provide different skills and certainly bring their own personality. Staff are the glue for our work in this college. They bring so many pieces together and keep us on the right path as we move forward each day. We are so appreciative of their work.

Our students transition all of the time — from high school to college, from one college year to the next, to graduate school or to the workplace. Students have to be the most flexible and nimble. However, life is a series of transitions so we hope we are preparing them well. Yes, we provide structure and support that often doesn't exist when they graduate but they are transitioning away from their parents to college (us) and then to independence (the workforce). Since students are our business, this is one of the most important pieces of our work each day and one that we take very seriously.

Outside our college other transitions will be taking place. We will be searching for a new chancellor of the university, hospitals are in perpetual transition because of the ever changing rules and regulations, there will be many political transitions including a new president — transition after transition which is often the perfect milieu for change. My hope for 2017 is that we can keep pace with our students and the world around us and continue to make a difference in all that we do. Thanks to all of you who help us do that each day — there are so many of you!!

Be sure and read through the newsletter — lots of good "stuff" in progress.

Have a wonderful new year!

Susan Hanrahan,
Dean

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COLLEGE NEWS

DR. SUSAN HANRAHAN was appointed by the board of directors, Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions, Washington, DC, as their President-Elect. The term of office will be for one year. She has also been selected to serve on the University of Kansas Health Professions Alumni Board of Directors.

DEANNA HARRIS was selected as the National Business Women's Week Woman of the Day for October 18th.

DR. (BG RET.) DAVID SMALLEY, member of the college advocacy board, and CLS alumnus, was inducted into the Hall of Heroes,

which pays tribute to ROTC Alumni who have distinguished themselves through heroic service, government service, and outstanding representation of the university, at the Induction Banquet/80th Anniversary Reunion, on Nov. 11, 2016.

• On Oct. 7th, 2016 the college hosted a number of pre-professional advisors from community colleges and college campuses across the region. There was an opportunity for information sharing and Q&A among faculty and staff as well as college tours.

• Brad Phelps, General Counsel for the ASU System, provided a faculty development in-service in January. Topics included Child Maltreatment, Title IX, Student with Disabilities and Social Media.

• The Master of Science in Health Studies and its associated graduate certificates will receive an external review in February. The Academic Program Review is required by the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

CLINICAL LAB SCIENCE

AUDREY SKAGGS received a professional development award of \$500 from the provost in early fall. She was recognized at the National ASCLS Convention in Philadelphia in July as Arkansas chapter member of the year. Additionally, Audrey is giving a presentation in February at the Clinical Laboratory Educators Conference in Boston on using Nearpod to

engage students in the classroom.

DR. STACY WALZ graduated from the Jonesboro Regional Chamber of Commerce's "Leadership Jonesboro" program in August. Dr. Walz was appointed Chair of the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science's Patient Safety Committee in August as well.

A blog post for Lab Testing matters, entitled "Enhancing Education in the Diagnostic Process," was published by Dr. Walz in November. You may read it here: <http://www.labtestingmatters.org/ascls-enhancing-education-in-the-diagnostic-process/>

COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

DR. CHRISTINA AKBARI and **DR. AMY SHOLLENBARGER** were featured in La Ventana newsletter from Hispanic Community Services, Inc., for the language and literacy program they are developing for bilingual children.

DR. AMY SHOLLENBARGER, SHANON

BRANTLEY, and **ARIANNE PAIT** presented a paper titled "The Importance of Soft Skills for Clinical Success" at Arkansas Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention on October 12-14, 2016, in Hot Springs, AR.

DR. CHRISTINA AKBARI and **DR. AMY SHOLLENBARGER** presented a poster titled "The Acoustics of Palilalia" at the 5th Joint Meeting of the Acoustical Society of America and the Acoustical Society of Japan on Nov. 28- Dec. 2, 2016 in Honolulu, HI.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

In December 2016, **DR. DEBORAH PERSELL** served as the Editor for the Nursing Clinics of North America. In addition to being Editor, Dr. Persell had an article in the issue, "Vehicle of Hope: Faith Based Disaster Response." **DR. BRENT COX**, DPEM faculty, also had an article "Hospital Decontamination: What Nurses

Need to Know." **DR. FELICIA RIVERS**, DPEM adjunct, had an article as well, "US Military Nurse: Serving Within the Chaos of Disaster." The issue had a focus on qualitative research that gives voices to nurses responding to disaster and voice to those they assist. Their stories are powerful reminders of what it means to

be a nurse during times of disaster. You can read these articles for yourself at the A-State library or access them through PubMed.

SARA WALKER was accepted to the 2017 Fisdap Research Summit on Feb. 6-7 in Minneapolis, MN.

NURSING

KACIE ALTOM and **DR. KAREN AUL** presented a poster titled, "The Flipped Assessment: A Clinical Evaluation Strategy to Facilitate Critical Thinking" at the National League for Nursing Education Summit on Sept. 21-23, 2016, in Orlando, FL.

DR. KAREN AUL was awarded best poster for her presentation titled, "The Effect of Using a Food and Fitness iPad Application to Increase Obesity Awareness in Pre-licensure Nursing Student" at the International Conference on Nursing and Healthcare on Dec. 5-7, 2016 in Dallas, TX.

DR. MARK FOSTER presented a poster session titled "Gaps in Suicide Prevention in the Delta" at

the Advanced Practice Nurses of the Ozarks Caring Cradle to Grave Conference on Nov. 11, 2016 in Branson, MO.

DR. LIBBY NIX had an article titled "Hemodialysis Nurses a Most Trusted Profession: African American Hemodialysis Patients Perceptions of Faith and Nursing" accepted for publication in the Journal of Christian Nursing.

JESSICA CAMP will present a poster presentation titled "Does competency-based curriculum affect the preparation of the Adult-Geriatric Clinical Nurse Specialist" at the AACN 2017 Master's Education Conference Abstract on February 23-25, 2017 in Atlanta, GA.

DR. SUSAN SNELGROVE presented a poster

entitled "Sexual Withholding and Relationship Violence in Older Couples," at the Gerontological Society of America Annual Conference, on Nov. 16-20 in New Orleans, LA.

MELANIE MATA presented a poster entitled "Human Trafficking: What a Nurse Needs to Know" at the International Conference for Forensic Nursing Science and Practice in Denver CO on Oct. 1, 2016. She also presented "Using Simulation in a Rural Pediatric Setting: Is it effective?" at the 15th Annual Leadership Institute on June 13, 2016 in Branson, MO.

NUTRITIONAL SCIENCE

JOANNA CUPP traveled to the Food and Nutrition Conference and Expo (FNCE) in Boston, MA on October 15-18, 2016. She attended an accreditation workshop sponsored by The Commission on Dietetics Registration (CDR) and Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics

(ACEND). JoAnna also participated in the Student Dietetic Internship Fair on October 16 to recruit students for the Arkansas State University Nutritional Science Program.

The Nutritional Science Program completed a Self-Study Report in December 2015, in preparation for an

accreditation site visit on March 13-15, 2016. As a result of that visit, The Accreditation Council for Education and Dietetics (ACEND) Board voted in its July 2016 meeting to grant full accreditation status to the program for a period of seven years.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

The **OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT** program received accreditation from the Accreditation

Council for Occupational Therapy Education until May 2021.

PHYSICAL THERAPY

DR. ROY ALDRIDGE will present an abstract titled "*Therapeutic Treatment of Veterans Through Yoga: A Mixed Methods Approach*" and a poster titled "*The Effect of Hippotherapy on Shoulder Function and Related Disability for a Military Veteran*" at the American Physical Therapy Association Combined Sections Meeting on Feb. 15-18, 2017 in San Antonio, TX.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS:

DR. CHRISTIE PHILLIPS (2016 Autumn). The Neuroprotective Effects of Physical

Activity for Persons at Risk for Alzheimer's. Neurological Summit. Baltimore, MD: United Scientific Group.

DR. SHAWN DRAKE (2016 November). Dry-land Training Programs for Age Group Swimmers. Arkansas National Strength and Conditioning Association Meeting. Jonesboro, AR: Arkansas Chapter of National Strength and Conditioning Association.

DR. JUNLIN ZHANG (2016 October). Published an article about "*Origins of*

the Left Subclavian Artery" with Baylor University Medical Center Proceedings. You may read it here: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5023307/>.

DR. CHRISTIE PHILLIPS (2015 October) Published an article about "*Pedunculopontine Gamma Band Activity and Development*" with Brain Sciences. You may read it here: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4701027/>.

RADIOLOGIC SCIENCE

The **MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING AND RADIOGRAPHY** program has received continued accreditation until third quarter 2024 from the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology.

DEANNA BARYMON in collaboration with **DR. CHERYL DuBOSE** had an article titled "*Endometrial Ablation: A Tale of Two Women*" accepted into publication in the Journal Of Diagnostic Medical Sonography.

DEANNA BARYMON had an article titled "*HCAHPS: What's Sonography Got To Do With It? The Sonographers Role in HCAHPS and Value-Based Purchasing*" accepted for publishing in the Journal of Diagnostic Medical Sonography.

RAY WINTERS in collaboration with Dr. Lynette Watts of Midwestern State University had an article titled "*Examining Grade Inflation and Considerations for Radiologic Science:*

A Literature Review" accepted into publication in the Canadian Journal of Medical Imaging and Radiation Sciences.

DR. CHERYL DuBOSE will present a poster titled "*Analysis of a iPad Initiative*" at the Association of Educators in Imaging and Radiologic Sciences Conference, July 13-14, 2017 in St. Louis. MO.

SOCIAL WORK

DR. JODY LONG had an article titled "*What Not to Wear: An Analysis of Outpatient Resident Attire*" accepted for publication in Academic Psychiatry.

DR. PATRICIA GUY WALLS and coauthor **DR. JODY LONG** have an article in the press, "*African Americans and Heart Disease*." It will appear in the Journal of Health and Social Work of the

National Association of Social Worker Journal.

GRANTS/CONTRACTS

DR. ROY ALDRIDGE submitted a \$2,125 grant proposal titled "*The Effects of Hippotherapy in the Gross and Fine Motor Function of Children with Down Syndrome and Spina Bifida*" to the Arkansas Department of Education.

DR. BRINDA MCKINNEY was awarded a \$6,900 grant from Academic Partnerships for her project titled "*Using Professional Development to Engage Online Nursing Faculty*."

DR. SUSAN MOTTS submitted a \$186,000 grant proposal to the National Institutes of Health for her project titled "*Preparing Future Scientists to*

Engage in Interprofessional Research: Photobiomodulation and Other Health-Related Interventions" and a \$2,125 grant proposal for "*Brainstem Circuitry of the Prepulse Inhibition of Startle in Rats*" to the Arkansas Department of Education.

DR. DEBBIE PERSELL submitted a \$197,708 grant proposal titled "*Preliminary Site Development for a Two-Campus Disaster Training Facility*" to Delta Regional Authority and a grant application for the "*MacArthur \$100 Million Challenge*" to the MacArthur

Foundation.

DR. JUNLIN ZHANG submitted a \$90,000 grant proposal titled "*Effects of Perinatal Citalopram Exposure on the Serotonin System in Rat Intestine*" to the Arkansas Biosciences Institute.

DR. PAIGE WIMBERLEY submitted a \$87,502 grant proposal titled "*Identifying Service Delivery Gaps for Breast Cancer Survivors in the Arkansas Delta*" to Delta Health Care Service Grant Program.

IN SYMPATHY:

DEANNA BARYMON, on the loss of her father, Walter "Wally" Davis

DR. JOCELYN MARTIN, on the loss of her father, Gilbert Martin.

GOOD-BYE TO:

PATRICIA DAVIS, Nurse Anesthesia

NATALIE GATLIN, Social Work

SHARON WILSON, Dean's Office

KENYA DUNCAN, Social Work

MARSHA JOHNSON, Occupational Therapy

TERESA FISHER, Nursing

WELCOME TO:

ANDREA BROWN, Occupational Therapy

PATRICIA CUMMINGHAM, Nursing

DARTEL TREADWELL, Physical Therapy

CHANDRA CAMP, Social Work

TIARA JOHNSON, Dean's Office

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equipment and supplies can be donated. To learn more about how you can become a part of this great project, or request additional information, please contact Dr. Persell at dpersell@AState.edu or 870-680-8286.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

Seven distinguished alumni of the College of Nursing and Health Professions at Arkansas State University were honored for their professional achievements during the annual recognition ceremony on October 15, 2016.

Those recognized were **CINDY HANNAH** of Clinical Laboratory Sciences; **SHERRY MANGRUM** of Social Work; **JENNIFER DeCLERK** of Medical Imaging and Radiation Sciences; **DAN LEE PARKER SR.** of Nursing; **TIFFANY RYAN** of Communication Disorders; **CECELIA KILLOUGH** of Physical Therapy; and **STEPHANIA TERRY** of Physical Therapy.

MEDIC ONE GIFT PROVIDES FOR AMBULANCE SIMULATOR LAB

A-State press release

Medic One Ambulance has provided Arkansas State University students a way for hands-on care and training with its \$50,000 gift to the College of Nursing and Health Professions. The gift assisted in the purchase of an ambulance simulator lab.

The state-of-the-art simulator at A-State is the only one of its kind in the state of Arkansas. It is designed to enable students and professionals to train in situations of medical emergencies. "I can't think of a more appropriate gift for an EMT and paramedic program than a

simulator which replicates a moving ambulance," said Dr. Susan Hanrahan, Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions. "The college could not have afforded this equipment without the support of Medic One."

"Medic One Ambulance is committed to the areas we serve," stated Ryan Kibler, president, Medic One Ambulance. "There has been a shortage of emergency management service (EMS) personnel in Northeast Arkansas and Southeast Missouri for over two decades. Adding an EMS program to Arkansas State University's degree offerings will allow newly trained emergency management technicians (EMT) and paramedics into local service areas. This donation will benefit all EMS agencies by having highly trained EMS employees in order to serve people in the community better."

Medic One Ambulance is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to respond to medical emergencies. The service provides Advanced Life Support (ALS) crews, working around the clock every day to respond with the latest in life saving equipment. Wheelchair transportation is also available to and from doctor appointments, nursing facilities, rehabilitation and hospitals.

"State-of-the-art equipment certainly enables quality learning for our students," added Hanrahan.

"We are excited to have these EMS programs and can't wait for our graduates to be in the workforce. Our special thanks to Medic One for this extraordinary gift."

DIET AND PAIN RESEARCH

In the Phototherapy Institute this spring, one research team composed of physical therapists (PT), PT doctoral

students and a registered dietitian is examining the value of a plant-based diet in the management of musculoskeletal pain and associated functional limitations. Chronic musculoskeletal pain affects all genders, ethnicities, and age groups; the impact of chronic pain can be debilitating.

Previous work on a subject has linked plant-based diet consumption to improved status of persons with inflammatory conditions. Subjects in the eight-week study will undergo baseline measures of pain and functional status.

One group will continue a normal eating pattern; the other group will follow a plant-based diet. Pain and functional status will be assessed for changes at the end of the eight-week period. This investigation may lead to enhanced collaboration between PT and nutritional science, supporting interprofessional management of chronic musculoskeletal conditions.

A-STATE EMT INAUGURAL CLASS

by Sara Walker, EMS Program Director

The inaugural Arkansas State University EMT class was a success. Our first cohort of 10 students completed their EMT education and successfully passed their psychomotor examination. Each student will now be required to pass the National Registry cognitive exam in order to obtain EMT certification.

Throughout the semester, the program received numerous phone calls and emails concerning our EMT students and their outstanding work ethic and knowledge of the material. We are beyond proud of this class and their willingness to be the best.

The EMS lab and the new state of the art EMS training equipment proved to be a

critical factor in the students' education. The classroom ambulance simulator provided the students with "real-life" training and ambulance familiarity. Students learned first hand what it was like to treat patients in the back of a moving ambulance and the difficulties that coincide. Our thanks to Medic One.

In the spring 2017 semester, we will be admitting our 2nd cohort of EMT students and accepting our first cohort of paramedic students.

A-STATE PTA PROGRAM CELEBRATES 20 YEARS

In conjunction with the 6th Annual PTA Alumni Day, the Physical Therapist Assistant Program at A-State celebrated its 20th anniversary on Saturday, October 15th! Approximately 65 participants attended a day full of activities including free CEUs presented by Rhonda Boeckman, PTA, a cake & punch reception as well as tailgate party preceding the A-State Homecoming football game.

Brian Lewis, PTA (Class of 2005) was recognized as the recipient of the Kerry Williams Memorial PTA Award for 2016 for the state of Arkansas. The PTA Class of 2017 organized a food drive to support the campus food pantry as a part of the National PT Day of Caring. The students asked the attendees to donate non-perishable food in lieu of paying a registration fee for the CEUs.

EVERY CHILD IS OURS MLK DAY OF SERVICE

On January 16, 2017 **DR. EVI TAYLOR**, Dr. Gina Hogue, board members of A-State

K-20, and A-State students volunteered at the Every Child Is Ours (ECIO) MLK Day of Service. This is an annual event in which the students in Tuckerman School District volunteer to provide meals to residents in the nursing home and people in need in the community. A-State social work students and football players assist volunteers in packaging the food and also visit the classes and provide the students with support and encouragement. This is always an exciting event to see people in a community coming together to serve others!

TITLE IV-E ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIP IN PUBLIC CHILD WELFARE

by Karen Fullen

In response to the exploding numbers of Arkansas Children in Foster Care and other out of home placements, the Title IV-E program staff at A-State has been involved in several new initiatives this year. Among those is a new training series on child sex trafficking, which has been developed and is being delivered state wide. Field Trainer Trish Holt is the lead on this event. Lynda Nash has also been assisting with the training delivery.

Governor Hutchinson has proclaimed that funding the child welfare initiatives, both public and private, is a legislative priority issue. We look forward to changes in the near future and know that the IV-E program will be very involved in the professional training of the child welfare workforce.

Recently the program lost two of its field trainers, Natalie Gatlin and Kenya Duncan. Natalie returned to do field

work in the Division of Children and Family Services and Kenya has gone into the mental health delivery profession. We look forward to bringing new staff into the program in the very near future.

DELTA HEALTH DISPARITIES CONFERENCE 2016

Arkansas State University Social Work Department hosted its 4th Annual Health Disparities Conference on November 4, 2016 in the Student Union here on campus. The conference was chaired by Patricia Guy-Walls and co-chaired by Dr. Patricia Wilkerson. This year's conference theme was "Bridging the Gap between Health Disparities in the Delta." The keynote speaker was Dr. Charlotte Lewellen Williams, DrPH, MPH, and associate professor of public health and director of the Center on Community Philanthropy. Dr. Williams leads the center's work in Arkansas and the region that lifts up community philanthropy as a powerful influence for turning communities toward positive change. She also co-authored a book titled *"Passing the Torch; Planning for the Next Generation of Leaders in Public Service."*

The conference offered dynamic presentations on health disparities, well initiatives and innovative prevention strategies for communities at risk in the Delta Region. Faculty from many programs in the college made presentations. All workshop/presentations incorporated best practice information and engaged groups in interaction and discussion. The conference forum also includes a



For the 10th anniversary of the PTA program, the department held a CE seminar on Oct. 15. Students also collected 245.2 pounds of food for the campus food pantry.



AASN students participated in a community teaching project at Delta School in Wilson, AR on Oct. 28, 2016.

student's Poster Track which included ten outstanding poster presentations.

Conference attendees and community members participated in free health screening stations with free health education material throughout the conference. Sponsors of the conference included the College of Nursing and Health Professions, Department of Social Work, Multicultural Center, Arkansas Department of Health, Delta Studies Center, and A-State Office of Diversity.

HOME I.V. GIFT ESTABLISHES DEAN'S EXCELLENCE FUND

A-State press release

Home I.V. Specialists has established the Dean's Excellence Fund at Arkansas State University with a gift of \$50,000. This endowed fund will provide A-State's College of Nursing and Health Professions an opportunity to enhance the educational experience for the college's students by strengthening its programs, faculty and facility.

"Home I.V. Specialists is proud to be partnering with Arkansas State University and the College of Nursing and Health Professions to create the Dean's Excellence Fund," said Brandi

Melton, vice president of Home I.V. Specialists. "The medical communities that have supported Home I.V.

Specialists for 25 years greatly benefit from the exceptional education and training that students receive from A-State."

With the establishment of the Dean's Excellence Fund, the dean will have an ability to identify and fund opportunities in priority areas that necessitate high-impact strategies or solutions, which are meaningful to the continued evolution and growth of the college. This discretionary fund is available for ambitious activities such as emerging practices, knowledge building, quality transformation and leadership succession.

"In my 20-plus years at the university, I have never had the opportunity to have discretionary funding readily available for purposes of building and growing the college," stated Dr. Susan Hanrahan, dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions. "For each new project, I would have to take time to identify funds for a particular initiative. This will certainly expedite the process of bringing more formulated ideas to the table for conversation and

possible implementation. This is really a visionary fund and I am grateful to Julia and Brandi for their support of our current and future efforts."

The College of Nursing and Health Professions, behind the leadership of Dr. Hanrahan, has become one of the premier colleges in the region. In August 2015, the A-State School of Nursing was selected as one of the top 10 collegiate programs in the eastern region of the United States and as the top-ranked program in Arkansas by NurseJournal.org.

Home I.V. Specialists, Inc. is a specialty pharmacy, home infusion, enteral, parenteral nutrition and home medical equipment provider offering services to patients throughout Arkansas and Southern Missouri. Home I.V. Specialists is the only locally owned statewide provider in Arkansas, offering patients hospital and home training on services and medications with 24-hour follow-up. Home I.V. Specialists currently has full service pharmacies in Jonesboro and Little Rock with a support center in Mountain Home. Further Arkansas expansions are planned.

BECK PRIDE CENTER

Arkansas State University was named the first Purple Heart University in Arkansas. A ceremony commemorating this was held during the football game against New Mexico State. The bell tower was lit purple to celebrate Veterans Day and this event.

The Beck PRIDE Center was the recipient of a \$10,000 grant from Home Depot and the National Student Veterans Association to refurbish the day room. The day room was outfitted with new appliances, furniture, supplies, smart television and accessories for programming. All work was completed before the December break.

Volunteers from Home Depot assisted in putting together furniture and setting up. The student veterans are proud of their home away from home.

Paws for Vets was the first online crowdfunding program for A-State. The online promotion met their goal.

A grant from Craighead Community Foundation for \$5,000 was approved for the Paw for Vets Program. Plans are underway for the first class of support dogs for veterans this spring.

Three student veterans received a total of \$3,000 in scholarship funds from The Governor Mike Beebe Student Veteran Scholarship Fund for spring.

The Disabled American Veteran chapter is presenting two scholarships, \$500 each to student veterans this spring.

Suicide prevention continues to be a focus for the center. A SAF-TALK workshop was presented to 30 mental health professionals on Nov. 18th; a follow-up is offered March 2nd.

Registration for the suicide prevention workshop will be announced by the end of January. The workshop is limited to 50 participants and anticipated to fill quickly.

STUDENT NEWS

Five Communication Disorders graduate students' thesis research was accepted for poster sessions at the Arkansas Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention on Nov. 16-19, 2016 in Philadelphia, PA. These include:

AMBER LINDLEY and DR. AMY SHOLLENBARGER (Faculty)- *"Stuttering and the Effects of Mindfulness Training."*

ELIZABETH DRYER and DR. CHRISTINA AKBARI (Faculty)- *"Effectiveness of Video Modeling as an Intervention Technique for Broca's Aphasia."*

RAGAN BRAY and DR. RICK NEELEY (Faculty)- *"Graduate Students' Perceptions of Cultural Competence Experiences."*

SARAH GEARHART and DR. CHRISTINA AKBAR (Faculty)- *"Incidental Learning through Reading Comprehension: Impact of the Barton Reading and Spelling System."*

APRIL MORGAN and DR. MIKE McDANIEL (Faculty)- *"Influences of an After School Literacy program: A Barton Reading and Spelling Program Efficacy Study."*

REGIONAL EARTHQUAKE DRILL PLANNING CONFERENCE

In anticipation of multi-state regional earthquake exercise in June 2017 and in collaboration with Arkansas Department of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Regional Center for Disaster Preparedness hosted the Mid-Planning Conference on January 25, 2017 on the campus of Arkansas State University. Dr. Brent Cox is on the planning committee and is coordinating the Regional Center's participation for this multi-state exercise. We look forward to hosting participants from around the country in June.

GOVERNOR'S EARTHQUAKE CONSORTIUM

On January 26, 2017 the Regional Center for Disaster Preparedness hosted the Governor's Earthquake Consortium at Arkansas State University. Dr. Persell was the keynote speaker. Updates will be provided by earthquake specialists throughout the state and region. City, county and state officials will be in attendance.

DPEM Co-SPONSOR OF CONGRESSMAN CRAWFORD'S FIRST EVENT

The Regional Center for Disaster Preparedness Education was privileged to be a co-sponsor along with Craighead County Emergency Management for Congressman Crawford's Families Immediate Response through Safety and Technology (FIRST) event. October 21 was dedicated to city and county officials related to emergency management. Dr. Persell provided an update on the disaster training facility. On October 22, multiple vendors gathered at St. Bernards Auditorium to provide education and demonstrations to the general public on disaster preparedness related to the Zika virus, K-9 search and rescue dogs, high voltage electricity, earthquake preparedness, Smart 911, fire safety, emergency response vehicles, tornado stimulators, amateur radio, hazmat decontamination and more. A kids safety zone was also included.

CNHP SPONSORS 3RD TRIP TO LONDON

By Ray Winters

In May students and faculty from the College of Nursing and Health Professions will take a ten day trip to London. This trip will expose current and future health care providers to the English methods of delivering healthcare while allowing them to learn and appreciate British culture.

This year's group will be led by Ray Winters, Chair of the Dept. of Medical Imaging & Radiation Sciences and Dr. Brinda McKinney, Chair of the BSN Programs. The group will leave May 14 and return May 26. Students may obtain up to 3 hours college credit for the experience. Local English Guides will accompany the group while in London.

The 12-day trip will begin in London. While in London students will tour the British Museum, the British Library, the old operating theatre, the Alexander Fleming Lab (birthplace of modern clinical lab science), and the tower of London. The group will then bus for a day to Stonehenge and on to Bath, an ancient Roman settlement. They will then tour the Royal College of Surgeon's Hunterian Museum and spend a day at the Anglia Rusking University with other

healthcare students. They will also tour the Florence Nightingale Museum and visit one of England's largest hospitals, the Guys and St. Thomas Hospital. During the middle of the week students will have 3 days "off" to explore London or visit other cities on their own. Total cost of the trip is \$3,815 each for a party of 25.

Plans call for this to be an every other year event, so if you can't go this year, perhaps you can plan for spring of 2019. Alumni of any CHNP programs are welcome to go, as well as their spouses, friends and family. There are 40 slots available and reservations must be made by February 15 by making your initial, non-refundable deposit of \$500. If you think you are interested and want more information or to be placed on a waiting list, contact Ray Winters at 870-972-3329 or at rwinters@AState.edu or Dr. Brinda McKinney at 870-680-8201 or at bmckinney@AState.edu.

We believe this trip provides a unique opportunity for our students that they wouldn't get at other universities. It will also provide an opportunity for alumni to learn the differences and similarities in health care delivery in one of the world's fastest growing economies.



The Elizabeth Tower also known as "Big Ben" and the London Bridge.

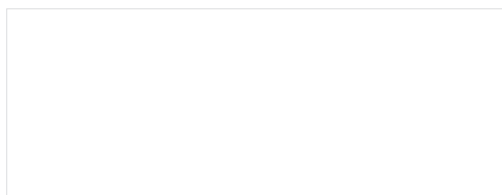


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Spring 2017

Schedule of Events

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| January 17 | Classes Begin |
| March 17 | Social Work Conference |
| March 20-25 | Spring Break |
| April 17 | Convocation of Scholars |
| April 21 | Clinical Instructors Seminar, A-State Fowler Center |
| May 1 | Last Day of Class |
| May 13 | Commencement (Jonesboro) |
| May 23 | Billy Joe and Betty Ann Emerson Grief Seminar |

The **2017 CLINICAL INSTRUCTORS SEMINAR** will be held on April 21 at the Fowler Center. The topic will be transplants, with each department sponsoring afternoon breakout sessions. For more information, contact Arianne Pait at apait@AState.edu.

The **2017 BILLY JOE AND BETTY ANN EMERSON GRIEF SEMINAR** is scheduled for May 23 at the Fowler Center. Dr. Kenneth J. Doka, professor of gerontology at the Graduate School of The College of New Rochelle and senior consultant to the Hospice Foundation of America, will present "*Disenfranchised Grief in the 21st Century: New Problems, New Strategies.*" For more information, contact the Dean's office

in the College of Nursing & Health Professions or contact Tiara Johnson at tiajohnson@AState.edu.

The **SOCIAL WORK SPRING CONFERENCE "CREATIVE MINDS CONVENING TO PROMOTE A BETTER FUTURE FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS"** will be held on March 17, 2017 in the Student Union from 8:30am - 4:00pm. Victor Vieth, founder and senior director of Gunderson National Child Protection Training Center is the keynote speaker. Mr. Vieth is known nationally and internationally for creating programs and working on public policy issues related to child protection. There will be break

out sessions throughout the day with social workers and other mental health professionals presenting on various topics (trauma, incarceration, poverty, pregnancy, dating violence, eating disorders, substance abuse, and many other mental health issues) related to children and adolescents. For further information, please contact Dr. Evi Taylor in the Department of Social Work at 870-972-3984.