

# STATEside News



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## Beck PRIDE Update

By Lynda Nash, Director, Beck PRIDE Center

A second class of service dogs and their veteran partner are nearing the completion of their training and will graduate in February, 2018. The Craighead Chapter of the Military Officers Association (MOA) applied for a national grant for the Battle Buddies: Paws for Vets in the fall of 2017. They received a grant in the amount of \$5,000, which is supporting the training for the third service dog training class of 12 teams (veteran and dog) which started January 8th, 2018. The Rotary Club of Jonesboro hosted a Veteran's Appreciation dinner, October 10, 2017 with an excellent program provided by retired Brigadier General Edward Daniel "Dan" Cherry. Proceeds of \$9,000 were donated for veteran mental health needs and the Battle Buddies: Paws for Vets program.

The Beck PRIDE Center for Wounded Veterans sponsored two claims workshops in the fall of 2017 and will schedule another claims workshop for February, 2018. Twenty-eight veterans were directly assisted during the two service days by Veteran Administration (VA) staff. Shaneka Holmes, a VA vocational-rehabilitation officer is now located near the registrar's office to provide services for veterans returning to school through the support of A-State, BPC, and VA offices. Ms. Holmes will provide services for veterans who would like to attend any higher education or training program.

The Disabled American Veterans Chapter 26 presented two A-State veteran students with a \$1,000 scholarship for the fall of 2017. Gov. Mike Beebe Scholarship applications are being reviewed for the spring of 2018.

Chancellor Damphousse visited the center Aug. 10 and was able to meet participants and supporters. He spoke about A. State being the first Arkansas university to receive Purple Heart Designation and now is placing a Purple Heart designated parking sign on campus, which was noted in his January Frist Friday video. (continued on pg. 4)



ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY  
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## Dean's Corner

Happy 2018! We seem to be operating warp speed, it also feels like the "faster we go" the more there is to do. So kudos to our administrative team, faculty and staff for that forward momentum and progress.

The university is preparing for our regional accreditation site visit (Higher Learning Commission). The review team will be here March 5-6. This will be an important visit for our institution and we are working hard to have our materials in order

In addition to that, our college continues to focus on workforce shortages and gaps in care, and tries to be proactive as best we can. We want to enhance our students' experiences, provide state-of-the-art curriculums, expand outreach and grow our research—it takes a lot of time, effort and planning. All of this work is critically important for the quality education that our students and their families and employers are looking for.

Within the college, we just finished a semester of brown bag seminars on areas related to social determinants of health ---a poverty simulation experience by our faculty and two discussions on child abuse. One of the abuse presentations was made by Dr. Karen Farst, medical director of the Arkansas Children's Hospital Team for Children at Risk. She also holds an endowed chair in Child Maltreatment at Arkansas Children's Hospital. This spring we will do our "Path to Health" series which will include conversations about occupational profile, nutritional eating and fitness. Happy and healthy people live longer, so we are focused on elements related to that. Other educational pieces

this spring will include faculty development in the area of item writing and test construction, a seminar on opioids and addiction and our grief seminar which will once again feature Dr. Ken Doka who will be talking about "Growing with Grief Through the Life Cycle".

Faculty and advisors in the college have been involved in new student recruitment initiatives spearheaded by Chancellor Damphousse. Many students have an interest in health professions careers and we are happy to assist with degree planning. Please send students our direction! The chancellor also has a student retention initiative for the university. Dr. Stacy Walz represents the college on that commission.

We are adding a new athletic training lab in the Smith building. We are still on track to accept our first class of students this spring for a summer start date. In the spring we will also begin remodeling a space for a small research lab which will also be located in Smith.

I think there is excitement for 2018. We are on track to have another memorable year for our college.

Stay in touch with us. We would love to hear from you!

Susan Hanrahan  
Dean  
College of Nursing  
& Health Professions



## CLINICAL LAB SCIENCE

**DR. STACY WALZ** was selected as the faculty commencement speaker for the December commencement ceremony because she won the professional service award.

The CLS programs will have an on-site accreditation visit April 4-5. The professional accrediting organization is NAACLS (National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences).

**DR. STACY WALZ** was one of 15 administrators accepted into the Leadership Development Program through the Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions, Washington, D.C.

## COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

**DR. AMY SHOLLENBARGER's** manuscript was published in the ASHA journal, Language, Speech, and Hearing Services in Schools, titled *"How African American English-Speaking First Graders Segment and Rhyme Words and Nonwords With Final Consonant Clusters"* September 2017.

*"Effects of Bilateral Hearing Aid Use on Balance in Experienced Adult Hearing Aid Users"*, a manuscript written by **DR. MIKE McDANIEL**, is to be published in the American Journal of Audiology .

**DR. CHRISTINA AKBARI AND DR. AMY SHOLLENBARGER**, presented *"Acoustics*

*of Pillialia"* in Hawaii which was then accepted for publication in the Proceedings of Meetings on Acoustics.

*"An Investigation of College Students' Knowledge of Stuttering"* by **DR. AMY SHOLLENBARGER, DR. CHRISTINA AKBARI**, and Nichole Terry, was published in ASHA Special Interest Groups.

**DR. CHRISTINA AKBARI** was appointed to the Speech Committee for the Acoustical Society of America, which is having their national conference in New Orleans in December.

*"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)"* by **DR. AMY SHOLLENBARGER**, were presented as posters at the ASHA Annual Convention, November 2017, at the Los Angeles Convention Center.

**DR. MIKE McDANIEL** continues as president of the Faculty Senate and Faculty Association. He is in his final semester in office.

## DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

In August 2017, **SARA WALKER** presented *"Initial Presenting Cardiac Arrest Rhythms and Paramedic Preceptor Decisions to Intubate"* at the National Associations of EMS Educators 22nd Annual Educator Symposium In Washington, D.C.

**JOSEPH RICHMOND** is pursuing his doctorate in law and policy from Northeastern University in Boston, Massachusetts.

The paramedic program is under the letter of review for accreditation from CAAHEP

and will submit the initial self study report in June 2018 with the goal being awarded accreditation.

## NURSING

In Minneapolis, Minnesota, **LAUREN JOHNSTON** presented *"Scan it to Learn It!"* at the Nuts & Bolts for Nursing Educators Conference, August 2017.

**DR. MARK FOSTER** and **DR. DEBBIE SHELTON** presented a poster, titled *"Using Predictor Exams to Improve National Certification First-Time Pass Rates"*, at AACN's 2017 Faculty Development Conference at the Marriott Marquis in Atlanta.

**DR. KAREN AUL** presented in September, *"Who Values Who? Identifying Health Profession Students' Perceived Values of their Selected Profession in Conjunction with their Perceived Value of other Interprofessional Students"*, at the 2017 NLN Education Summit Conference, in San Diego.

**DR. SUSIE SNELGROVE's** abstract *"The Last Straw"*, was presented in the 2017 conference on Forensic Nursing Science and Practice, in Toronto.

**DR. MARK FOSTER** had his abstract *"Evidence-Based Prevention and Screening Guidelines for Cancer"*, accepted for presentation at the AANP 2018 National Conference in Denver.

*"Who's Uncivil to Who? Perceptions of Incivility in Pre-licensure Nursing Programs"*, was published by **DR. KAREN AUL** in Nurse Education in Practice.

Former faculty member, **DR. NONIE WIGGINS**, is the current president of the A-State Alumni Association.

**KACIE ALTOM** will be presenting her poster *"Improving Student Perceptions of Clinical"*, and **KATHRYN FLANNIGAN** is presenting *"Does a Gender Bias Exist in Maternal-Newborn Nursing?"*, at the 2018 National Nurse Educator Summit in Salt Lake City, April 22-25.

**DR. KAREN AUL** presented *"An Investment in Prevention: HIV/AIDS Surveillance"*, at the 5th Annual Health Disparities Conference

at Arkansas State University, November 17, 2017.

**LORI HAILEY** is serving on the Arkansas State Board of Nursing Simulation Guidelines Task Force.

**DR. ELIZABETH NIX's** abstract was selected for ANNA's 49th National Symposium, in Las Vegas, titled *"The Highs and Lows of Protein: What Do Peritoneal Dialysis Patients Really Know?"*.

### DID YOU KNOW:

Sitting at a desk for 10 hours per day can increase death risk by almost 50%.

### SOLUTION:

Five minutes of activity each hour

## NUTRITIONAL SCIENCE

**PAM TOWERY** attended the 2017 Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions (ASAHP) annual conference in San Antonio, Oct. 18-20, 2017. She presented a poster titled *"Nutrition and Musculoskeletal Pain: The Effect of a Plant-Based Diet on Functional Status"*. Co-authors for the research study were **J. STEPHEN GUFFEY**, **CODY DOEFLEIN** AND **KYLE STROUP**.

**JOANNA CUPP** attended the Food and Nutrition Conference and Expo (FNCE) in Chicago, IL on October 21-24, 2017, where she participated in round table discussions on the future of the nutrition and dietetics practice. The Commission

on Dietetic Registration (CDR) and Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) were present for the meeting and answered many questions as well as provided scenarios for review. JoAnna also participated in a simulation Oct. 21, 2017, titled *"Innovation in Education: Utilizing Dietetic Simulation for Clinical Experience"* at the Nutrition and Dietetic Educators and Preceptors (NDEP) Students Dietetic Internship/Supervised Practice Recruitment Fair, Oct. 22, 2017.

An article titled *"Sensory Evaluation of Cucumbers Treated with Blue Light"* has been accepted for e-publication in the *Journal of Allied Health* Spring/March 2018. Authors are **PAM TOWERY**, **J. STEPHEN GUFFEY**, **SUSAN MOTTS**, **KALEB BROWN**, **GRAFTON HARRELL**, **TODD HOBSON** AND **CHELSEA PATTON**.

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Most of the 2017 nutrition graduates graduated with honors. Of those taking their licensing exam to date, all have passed on their first attempt. Congrats to all!

## PHYSICAL THERAPY

**SHAWN DRAKE's** *"Implementing Exercise is Medicine into Physical Therapy Curricula"* was presented at the 2017 Education Leadership Conference in Columbus, Ohio in October.

**DR. ROY ALDRIDGE**, who has been on medical leave, will return to part-time teaching this spring.

**LATOYA GREEN**, **STACEY SLOAS** and **KRISTIE VINSON**, are all pursuing their doctoral degrees.

The A-State Physical Therapy department will be participating in a multi-site research study with the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM). The study will measure the cardiorespiratory fitness and muscular endurance

using protocols designed by the American College of Sports Medicine's Norms and Protocols Task Force. That data will be used to establish national norms for these two components of physical fitness. Dr. Shawn Drake, physical therapy, Ph.D. will lead the data collection at A-State. Dr. Drake is a certified ACSM program director and ACSM clinical exercise physiologist.

## RADIOLOGIC SCIENCE

**DR. CHERYL DUBOSE** received new credentials based on advanced study which was supported by the *Vollman Family Fund*, as MRSO (Magnetic Resonance Safety Officer).

**THOSE PRESENTING AT THE ASSOCIATION OF COLLIGATE EDUCATORS IN RADIOLOGIC SCIENCES CONFERENCE, IN LAS VEGAS, ARE AS FOLLOWS:** **RAY WINTERS** *"Examining Grade Inflation and Consideration for the Radiologic Sciences"*, **TYLER CARTER** *"Video-Recorded Patient*

*Simulations in Radiography Labs"*, **EDWIN WALLACE** *"The Wild World of Radiation Therapy: It's Not Just for Humans"*, **JEANNEAN ROLLINS** *"Trauma Radiography: 101"*, **DEANNA BARYMON's** *"Using Interprofessional Learning to Improve the Profession"*, and **TRACY WHITE** who has also been accepted to present a poster at ACERT titled *"Virtual Reality in Radiologic Sciences Education."*

**TYLER CARTER** was selected by the ARRT as a radiography certification exam item writer and as a recipient of the Education and Professional Growth Grant for \$500.

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### Did You Know:

If you are tired... exercise

### SOLUTION:

30 minutes of exercise

## GRANTS/CONTRACTS

**JOSEPH RICHMOND** submitted a grant proposal to DHHS, in the amount of \$3,000, for supplies for our search and rescue dog, Scout.

**DR. SHAWN DRAKE** requested a grant from DHHS, for *Exercise is Medicine - On Campus Community Change*, sponsored by Arkansas Coalition for Obesity Prevention, in the amount of \$1,500.

**Did You Know:** If you are an optimist, it could help you live longer.

**SOLUTION:** Positive thinking!

## **IN SYMPATHY:**

**ANNETTE BEDNAR**, on the loss of her father, Dr. Clark Elkins

The family of **MARTHA CALDWELL**, former nursing faculty member

The family of **MARY ANN ARNOLD**. Mary Ann was the mayor of Marked Tree and an inaugural inductee into the Arkansas Women's Hall of Fame. Her son, Ritter Arnold, is a member of the College Advocacy Board.

The family of **MALLORIE DANIELLE BAKER**, of Paragould. She was the niece of two of our staffers, **DEANNA HARRIS**, and **CHANDRA CAMP**.

## **GOODBYE TO:**

**ARRON PADUAEVANS**, DPEM  
**DARTEL TREADWELL**, Physical Therapy  
**VERONICA MANNING**, Medical Imaging & Radiation Sciences  
**SINDY KEY**, Nursing  
**ANGIE SMITH**, Nursing

## **WELCOME TO:**

**SHELLY CRISTEE**, Nurse Anesthesia  
**LAUREN SHIMASAKI**, Dean's Office  
**JULIE FARMER**, Communication Disorders  
**DIANA KING**, Physical Therapy  
**AMY HYMAN**, DPEM

## **Beck PRIDE Update**

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Post-traumatic stress disorder support groups are offered twice a week at the BPC and a combat group is offered weekly. A dependents' support group was started in November, 2017.

VETS4AG is a joint partnership of the Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs, Arkansas Farm Bureau, A-State College of Agriculture, Engineering & Technology and the Beck PRIDE Center. The event was the first of two being offered in Arkansas. The promotion of agriculture and all aspects of that field was the focus of the program held Oct. 6, at the Cooper Alumni Center.

## **DELTA HEALTH DISPARITIES CONFERENCE 2017**

By Pat Walls, Chair

The Arkansas State University Social Work Department hosted its fifth Annual Health Disparities Conference, on November 17, 2017 in the Student Union on A-State campus. The conference theme was "Increasing Awareness of Health Disparities in the Delta Region." The keynote speaker was Dr. Robert Fullilove, Ed.D., associate of the Cities Research Group. Dr. Fullilove has authored numerous articles in the area of minority health.

Since 2010, he has been teaching public health courses in six New York state prisons that are part of the Bard College Prison Initiative (BPI) and serves as the Senior Advisor to BPI's public health program. Dr. Fullilove serves on the editorial board of the journal of Sexually Transmitted Diseases and the journal of Public Health Policy. Dr. Fullilove's keynote address focused on "Mass Incarceration and Racial and Health Disparities" and set the stage for a day filled with healthcare topics that were specific to the Delta region.

The conference platform for 2017 was designed to increase the awareness of the gaps in services in the Delta region. The conference offered dynamic presentations on healthcare, sexual health, grief and loss, and studies on health issues as they

relate to African-Americans in the Delta Region. The conference concluded with a dynamic panel discussion on disaster relief in the Delta region. All workshops/presentations incorporated best practice information and engaged groups in interaction and discussion. The conference forum also included student posters.

Conference attendees and community members participated in free health screening stations. 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. **Save the date (November 9, 2018) for next year's conference.**

## **TITLE IV-E ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIP IN PUBLIC CHILD WELFARE**

Fall, 2017 has been a very busy time for the staff of the Title IV-E Child Welfare Program at A-State. Northeast Arkansas (NEA) continues to experience high turnover rates in child protection worker and supervisor positions at the Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS). The workloads of A-State field trainers have increased from an average of 8 NEA DCFS staff to 13. In addition, there has been turnover in half of the supervisor positions in the nine county area. From Jan. 1, 2017 to Nov. 30, 2017, field trainers completed 1,495 face-to-face training sessions with DCFS staff in their county offices. In addition, the

following professional development trainings were presented or sponsored by IV-E:

10/12/17-New Worker Education: Intimate Partner Violence in the Family Setting, Bessie Hatchett, Cooper Alumni Center.

10/12/17-New Worker Education: Maximizing Parent/Child Interaction During Supervised Visitation, Patricia Holt, Cooper Alumni Center.

08/17/2017-New Worker Education: Working With Families and Children Who Have Severe Disabilities, Patricia Holt, Cooper Alumni Center.

08/08/17 and 08/10/17-Managing Difficult Encounters in the Age of Video, 2017 Cooper Alumni Center. Two sessions each day.

08/08/17 and 08/10/17-Trauma Training: Through the Trauma Eye, Cooper Alumni Center. Two sessions each day.

07/20/17-Cooper Alumni Center, Annual DCFS Staff Education Day: Bessie R Hatchett, Brooke Carr, Professionalism in Child Welfare Practice; Beth Morris, Ashley McCool, Social Media and Child Welfare Ethics.

11/10/17-Patricia Holt provided a presentation for the College of Nursing and Health Professions, The Health Crisis of Child Maltreatment.

There were six senior social work student interns placed at DCFS with Karen Fullen and Trish Holt providing weekly supervision.

### CENTER FOR DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING RENEWED

Arkansas State University signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP) in Anniston, Alabama. The CDP is the lead organization for the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium and offers significant training on all types of disasters with an emphasis in weapons of mass destruction. As a result of this MOU, students in the Disaster Preparedness & Emergency Management (DPEM) program are eligible to travel to the CDP and complete specified training there. Once certificates have been earned in these trainings they are incorporated into course credit for the student.

### DISASTER TRAINING FACILITIES UPDATE

By Debbie Persell

Progress has been made on the development of the Disaster Training Facilities. At the October meeting of the Arkansas State University Board of Trustees, the signing of the leases for both the Walnut Ridge and Imboden sites was approved. These are long-term, 50-year leases with options for renewal. The lease at Walnut Ridge becomes effective upon possession. Possession will occur as funds for site development are obtained. We are however, in full possession of the land at Imboden. We have moved our decommissioned ambulance to the property to serve as a sign to all that we are there. We have also placed a large sign on all the gates.



The Delta Regional Authority announced that the DPEM Department received an award of \$150,000 for construction of the pavilion on the Imboden site. The pavilion will be utilized in the water rescue training.

It is anticipated construction will begin in the spring of 2018. We have also completed the paperwork to be placed on the Supplemental Environmental Project list for Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality. This would allow the disaster training facilities to be eligible for entities in violation of environmental codes to designate the facilities as a recipient of donations in lieu of any assessed fees or fines. We are continuing to pursue additional private and public funding for the facilities.

Because we are in possession of the Imboden site, development of specific training and education at that site is beginning. We are identifying subject matter experts for the training sites and will begin meeting with these groups in the near future.

### OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY DOCTORAL PROGRAM ACCREDITED

By Dr. Christine Wright

On Oct. 2-4, the onsite team from the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education visited campus for the final step in the accreditation process for the Occupational Therapy Doctoral program. On Dec. 12, the OTD program received the following responses from ACOTE:

"At its meeting Nov. 30-Dec. 3, ACOTE reviewed the Report of On-Site Evaluation (ROSE) regarding the Occupational Therapy Doctoral Program at Arkansas State University and voted to grant a Status of Accreditation for a period of five years."

"Because this program was cited with no more than two areas of noncompliance, the accreditation term may be extended from five to seven years if the remaining area of noncompliance is resolved prior to the December 2018 ACOTE meeting."

The faculty are in the process of reviewing the one area of non-compliance and drafting a plan to address ACOTE's concerns in order to resolve the issue and receive the two-year addition.

There are many individuals to congratulate, including the faculty, staff and students in the Occupational Therapy department and the greater A-State community for all of the hard work provided to assist us in achieving full accreditation. Many thanks!

### ANNUAL SOCIAL WORK CONFERENCE 2018

By Dr. Evi Taylor

The Arkansas State University Department of Social Work will host its Annual Social Work Conference Feb. 16, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the third floor of the Student Union. This year's conference theme is "Trauma-Focused Treatment: Building Trauma-Informed Services for Children and Adults." Breakout sessions will focus on different types of trauma experienced by various populations such as children, adults, veterans and survivors of sexual assault; systemic trauma; and interventions such as bibliotherapy, brain spotting, use of service dogs and trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy.

This year's keynote speaker is Dr. Bree Conklin, DSW, LCSW. Dr. Conklin received her doctorate in social work from the University of Tennessee. She presently maintains a full-time private practice, specializing in chronic and complex trauma, post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety, depression and infant mental health. Dr. Conklin is certified in trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy and child-parent psychotherapy. The registration fee for this conference is \$75.00, which includes lunch and 6 CEUs. For more information contact Evi Taylor (etaylor@astate.edu).

## DELTA CARE-A-VAN

The New York Institute of Technology College of Medicine at A-state along with St Bernards Medical Center Internal Medicine Residency Program, the UAMS Family Medicine Residency Program and A-State College of Nursing and Health Professions have been awarded a grant from the USDA Healthcare Service Grant Program to purchase a mobile medical clinic and begin using the clinic to provide health care services to seven communities in Northeast Arkansas. The clinic will operate during the late afternoon and early evening hours. Primary care health services will be conducted such as physical exams, wellness screenings, health care education seminars and counseling. In particular, our nursing and social work students will be involved with the interprofessional team. The college has a focus on educating our students about the social determinants of health which includes the environment in which people are born, live and work. This clinic will allow our students to better understand patients in their environment and also as part of the community. Prevention, wellness, health promotion and health literacy are so important for the health of Arkansans and it often takes a "team" of people to collaborate and solve these very complex health issues. Thanks to NYITCOM at A-State for partnering with us!

## CNHP TO SPONSOR FOURTH TRIP TO LONDON

By Ray Winters & Dr. Brinda McKinney

In May students and faculty from the College of Nursing and Health Professions will take a 12-day trip to London. This trip will expose current and future health care providers to the British methods of delivering healthcare while allowing them to learn and appreciate British culture.

This year's group will be led by Dr. Brinda McKinney, chair of the BSN Programs in the School of Nursing, and Ray Winters, director of the radiography program in the Dept. of Medical Imaging & Radiation Sciences. The group will leave May 13 and return May 25. Students and others going must enroll in a special one credit hour course in order to be eligible for the trip. Our local British guide will accompany the group while in London and will serve as a resource for the group.

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 Ruskin 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. Other excursions are planned as well. The cost is approximately \$3,995 and includes airfare, hotel accommodations, breakfast, transportation and entry into all the exhibits.

Plans call for this to be an every-other-year event, so if you can't go in 2018, perhaps you can plan for spring of 2020. Alumni of any CHNP programs are welcome to go, as well as their spouses, friends and family. Remember that all travelers must enroll in the course. There are 40 slots available and reservations must be made by Feb. 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](mailto:rwinters@AState.edu) or Dr. Brinda McKinney at 870-680-8201 or at [bmckinney@AState.edu](mailto:bmckinney@AState.edu).



## GRIEF SEMINAR

The Billy Joe and Betty Ann Emerson grief seminar is scheduled for Tuesday, May 22 at the A-State Fowler Center.

Dr. Ken Doka will present "Growing With Grief Through the Life Cycle."

The registration brochure is available at (<http://www.AState.edu/college/conhp/>)

## CLINICAL INSTRUCTORS SEMINAR

The 21st annual Clinical Instructor's Seminar will be held Feb. 23, 2018. Mr. Kirk Lane, the Arkansas drug director, will be our keynote speaker. Mr. Lane will present information about the opioid epidemic in Arkansas. He will discuss the impact of opioid abuse on individuals, communities and healthcare. Mr. Lane's experience as a police chief also allows him to speak from experience on the impact of drug abuse on all aspects of well-being. Mr. Lane has served as a member of the Arkansas Drug and Alcohol Coordinating Council, the Arkansas Gulf Coast HITDA State Board, the Terrorism Task Force, the Arkansas Prescription Drug Advisory Board and the Arkansas Prescription Drug Monitoring Program. Following lunch, each department will host afternoon breakout sessions. Please contact Arianne Pait at [apait@AState.edu](mailto:apait@AState.edu) if you would like to receive a registration brochure.

## COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS TO HONOR DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

Six distinguished alumni of the College of Nursing and Health Professions at Arkansas State University were honored for their professional achievements during the annual recognition and reception Saturday, Oct. 14, as part of A-State's Homecoming festivities. Each of the honored alumni represented a school or department within the College of Nursing and Health Professions. Those who were scheduled to be recognized were BECKY BREWER from radiologic sciences; SARAH SUMPTER from social work; LADON JONES from physical therapy; BOBBY ABBOTT from clinical laboratory science; KATHARINE PARDEW from nursing; and ALLONDA MERIWETHER from communication disorders.

## STUDENT NEWS

**ASHLEIGH MUNDWILLER**, with the Radiation Therapy Program, will give an oral presentation on Prostate Cancer during the student presentation, as well as **CENA DOUD**, who will display her poster on Intraoperative MRIs. They will be presenting in January, 2018, at the *Association of Collegiate Educators in Radiologic Technology*, in Las Vegas.

## CD STUDENTS WHO SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDED THEIR THESIS

**HANNAH HARRIS**, "*The Effectiveness of Video Modeling in Word-Finding Therapy for Individuals Diagnosed with Aphasia*"

**ELLA CORRINE McDANIEL**, "*The Impact of Language Acquisition Through Motor Planning on Speech and Language Development in Children with Developmental Delays*"

**BROOKE McCURLEY**, "*Improving the Reading Comprehension Skills of Hispanic Youth That Attended an After School Program*"

**TRAVIS NODINE**, "*An Examination of the Impact of Dialect on First Graders' Reductions of Final Consonant Clusters in Spelling*"

**KELSEY JOINER**, "*How Vocal Music Students and Communication Disorders Graduate Students Perceive Singing Voice Quality*"

**BROOK MYRICK**, "*Understanding Roles for Collaboration: Teacher and SLP*"

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL

### THE VISION FOR THE NEED FOR STAR HOUSE SIMULATION TRAINING

By Dr. Patricia Guy Walls and Dr. Jocelyn Martin

There is a growing interest in the use of simulation training. Simulation is commonly known as a replication of potential real-life experience in an environment similar to the one in which events actually may occur (Cant & Cooper 2009). Due to the fast pace and high complexity of problems that healthcare providers and other professionals encounter daily in rural communities, workers and students may often feel challenged and unprepared to practice in the professional environment. Simulation training will provide hands on learning experiences that are realistic and help students gain competence and confidence.

The STAR house (Simulation Training and Research House) will provide students with a real-world scenario where they can apply their skills and garner knowledge while dealing with realistic problems in a controlled collaborative learning situation. This new tool will add an essential component of professional practice through case studies and examples that present challenges that arises in everyday professional practice. The STAR House will allow for the creation of realistic experiences, as it can be set up to resemble the unit of choice. The Star House will utilize approaches that correspond with the way most adults learn: inductively, from specific to general, and through practice and feedback. In this environment, many different types of students including social workers, child advocacy, counseling, psychology, sociology, criminology, education and other health professionals, along with Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS) workers and law enforcement officials, will be presented with the opportunity to develop skills for gathering and evaluating data, environmental assessment, effective interviewing and problem solving.

The innovation of the Star House simulation training for students and professionals will assist in developing vital skills and approaches that lead to better outcomes for children and families and other target populations in the rural Delta area. STAR simulation training activities will be developed to mimic the conditions and tasks that a professional will encounter while in the professional workforce.

The house is located at 2511 Quapaw, on the A-State campus.

### BSN PASS RATES

Students who graduate from A-State's program are eligible to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX). For the graduating class of 2017, the BSN Traditional Option program had a 95.9 % NCLEX pass rate. The BSN Accelerated Option program is currently at 96.6 %, with one student still waiting to test. The faculty teaching in the BSN programs at A-State are dedicated to equipping all BSN graduates with the knowledge needed to successfully challenge the NCLEX-RN and the skills needed to practice. Congrats to the faculty and the students!

## CEU COURSES

The Department of Physical Therapy is hosting two continuing education courses this spring for alumni, clinical instructors, students and therapists in the surrounding communities. The two courses are offered by well-known CEU providers and internationally-known instructors.

The first course is a Motivations CEU course on campus Feb. 3-4. Dr. Robert Donatelli will be presenting his course, Donatelli's Pathophysiology and Mechanics of the Shoulder with Lab. A-State employees & clinical instructors can register for the course using the discounted consortium rate. Use "Arkansas State University" as the company name/corporate name. The discounted course fee is \$395 and participants will receive 16 contact hours or 1.6 CEUs.

Here is the link with brochure and registration information: [https://www.cvent.com/pub/eMarketing/Pages/WebEmail\\_New.aspx?emstsub=cefd9f73-e68e-4c1b-a505-634858b52479](https://www.cvent.com/pub/eMarketing/Pages/WebEmail_New.aspx?emstsub=cefd9f73-e68e-4c1b-a505-634858b52479) The second course is offered by Maitland-Australian Physiotherapy Seminars. MT-2: Essential Spinal Seminar will be held April 13-15. This is a three day seminar worth 3.2 CEUs upon successful completion. The published cost of the course is \$650, but we will be able to offer a limited number of seats for \$420. General course information is available at <http://ozpt.com/> and registration information will be emailed out and posted to our department webpage in the next few weeks.

A-State Department of Physical Therapy is committed to supporting the continuing education needs of our alumni and clinical instructors. If you have suggestions for future courses, please contact Kristie Vinson, Director of Clinical Education, at 870-972-3236 or [kvinson@AState.edu](mailto:kvinson@AState.edu).

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## Schedule of Events

January 16	Classes Begin
February 16	Social Work Conference
February 23	Clinical Instructors Seminar, A-State Fowler Center
March 19 - 23	Spring Break
April 23	Convocation of Scholars
April 30	Last Day of Class
May 12	Commencement (Jonesboro)
May 22	Billy Joe and Betty Ann Emerson Grief Seminar

### UPDATE MAILING ADDRESS:

Moved or moving, but want to stay current on our newsletters? Please send your new address to Sharon Quillman, [squillman@AState.edu](mailto:squillman@AState.edu), 870-972-2060.

**Special Congratulations to Jane LeBlanc, Who Turned 102 Years Old in December. She Was A Former Faculty Member in the Communication Disorders Department. In the College, There is A Professional Development Program Named in Her Honor. She is Also A Past Member of the College Advocacy Board, And Received A Key to the City of Jonesboro. Stay Strong Jane!**

