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Dean's Corner

Fall semester is here already and there are some noteworthy changes that I would like to reflect on. The first is that Dr. Les Wyatt, our system president, has stepped down to pursue other interests. Dr. Wyatt came to ASU on July 1, 1995 (the same day as me) as university president so I have not worked at ASU without the presence of Dr. Wyatt. Even when he moved exclusively to the ASU System, he was still working to support the development and growth of the college. Dr. Eugene Smith was the one who brought me to Jonesboro while he was serving as interim president. Dr. Wyatt hired me in a permanent capacity and I will be forever grateful.

Over the time that Dr. Wyatt served as university president, the college experienced tremendous growth. He supported opportunities for program development and implementation at a time when the university and the state did not have funds for that purpose. With the "start-up" assistance of state and regional hospitals and his approval of the operations plan, the college was able to begin nurse anesthesia, expand BSN nursing, extend our off campus delivery sites and start diagnostic medical sonography to name only a few. That was a tremendous boon for our regional health care community who were experiencing significant shortages in those health disciplines.

In addition, Dr. Wyatt was the one who allowed us to participate in a "facility needs review" that was being conducted by the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation. When the Foundation selected our college to submit a formal proposal, Dr. Wyatt was with us every step of the way. That outcome will forever change the "face" of the college but would not have happened without his support of the program growth piece or his personal involvement with the Foundation proposal.

Another person leaving his position who has been instrumental to the growth of our college is Mr. Ben Owens, St. Bernards President. When I moved to Jonesboro one of the first people I went to see was Ben because of all of our students they were allowing to do clinical work at their facilities. My intent was to see what we could do for them. That started a series of visits that helped me build the college's 10-year curriculum plan. Ben not only encouraged me to be aggressive with workforce growth initiatives but was one of the financial supporters of each one of them over that period of time. He welcomed me into the medical community through his invitations, contacts and conversations and to him also, I will be forever grateful. I will miss him so hope he doesn't mind responding to my e-mails while he is relaxing on the lake so I can pick his brain about something.

Lastly, Congressman Marion Berry has chosen not to run for re-election. I recall shortly after I first moved here that Marion was launching his bid for Congress. He has been a "strength" in the first district. Congressman Berry has continued to listen to me talk about health care workforce needs as well as Veteran's issues. He has been an advocate for ASU and is someone (as well as his capable staff) to whom we owe a great deal of gratitude. I know he will still be around and am thankful that we can continue to visit with he and Carolyn.

So, some big changes for me after 15 years of this type of support. However, I am excited about the transition teams in place. Drs. Potts, Howard and Jones at ASU, Chris Barber at St. Bernards and a ? for Congress until the November election. My hope is that we will

have an equally strong next 15 years—if I can make it that long. ☺ Special thanks to these outgoing leaders and visionaries—Dr. Les Wyatt, Mr. Ben Owens and Congressman Marion Berry.

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College Advocacy Board

The College Advocacy Board has been in existence since 2004. The purpose of each member of the board is to learn about the college and advocate on its behalf. The intent of our meetings is to inform members of our larger community of who we are, where we are and where we want to go. Since its inception some board members have rotated off the board including Jane LeBlanc, Dr. George Herndon, Martha Caldwell, John Freeman, Joe Gammill, Harry Hardwick, Dr. Susan Irvin, Dr. David Smalley, Harold Thomas (deceased), Vicki Crego, Greg Spears and Dr. Joe T. Wilson. More recent appointments are Irene Martz, E. Paul Milam, Dickey Hays, Ritter Arnold, Pam Crowson, Kevin Hawley, Barbara Martin and Dr. Bill Keisker. Remaining board members include Wayne Baker, Beverly Bartels, Angela Fowler, Cecelia Killough, Julia Turner-Robinson, Brent Stidman, Shirley Turner and Dr. Don Vollman. The board meets formally one time per year and informally around other events of the college during the academic year. We are grateful for these individuals' service and thank them for their work on behalf of the college.

College News

Julie Isaacson, Dr. Mike McDaniel, Dr. Beverly Boals, and Dr. Louella Moore presented their article, “Developing and Implementing a System of Shared Governance From a Faculty Perspective” at the American Institute of Higher Education’s Fourth International Conference held in Williamsburg, VA on March 17 – 19, 2010.



China group picture taken at World Health Office in Beijing

CNHP teamed with the ASU Study Abroad Program to offer a 3 credit course trip to China in May. The trip exposed current and future health care providers to Chinese methods of delivering healthcare while allowing them to learn and appreciate Chinese culture. John Pate, who works for ASU in China, and **Ray Winters**, Chair of the Department of Medical Imaging and Radiation Sciences, lectured and guided the group and visited places such as the World Health Office, Peking University and the Forbidden City to name a few.

Dr. Rebecca Matthews and Dr. Shawn Drake authored, “*Healthy Ager: An Interdisciplinary Service – Learning Experience.*” Matthews will be giving the presentation at the 37th Annual National Conference by the Professional Nurse Educator’s Group in Baltimore, MD in October.

Dean’s Office

Dr. Angie Schmidt has been appointed Associate Dean of Special Projects beginning July 1. She will serve in this capacity half time while continuing her role as director of the MSN programs.

Beck PRIDE Center

Susan Tonymon spoke as a presenter/facilitator at The Veteran Success Jam, a three-day live online virtual collaboration that brought together thousands of veterans and their families, service members, campus leaders, nonprofit organizations, and government agencies from around the country to discuss various aspects of

veteran’s lives. The Veteran Success Jam was sponsored by the American Council on Education (ACE) and the Kresge Foundation.

Northeast Arkansas American Red Cross presented the **Beck PRIDE Center** with 12 Wii game systems and other items worth more than \$2500 in May. Systems were for family and program use.

Arkansas State University has been named by *G.I. Jobs* magazine as a Military Friendly School for 2011. This honor ranks ASU in the top 15% of all colleges, universities and trade schools nationwide.

Physical Therapy

Lisa Kenyon in conjunction with Mark D. Sleeper, and Dr. Melissa M. Tovin published, “Sport-Specific Fitness Testing and Intervention for an Adolescent With Cerebral Palsy: A Case Report” in the journal of Pediatric Physical Therapy, Summer 2010, Volume 22, Issue 2.

Ashley Mott-Murphree will be presenting her abstract submission, “*Providing Literature and Resources to Expectant Mothers of Children with Down Syndrome*” for the ASAHP 2010 Annual Conference Poster Session held in Charlotte, NC.

Ashley Mott-Murphree in conjunction with Ronald De Vera Barredo and Edilberto A. Raynes published, “*Factors Influencing Philosophies of Care of Student Physical Therapist Assistants After the First Clinical Education Experience*” in the International Journal of Social Health Information Management, Volume 3, Issue 4.

Nursing

Dr. Debbie Persell, assistant professor of nursing and coordinator of Regional Training Center for Disaster Life Support at Arkansas State University, was named “Academic Nurse of the Year” at the 2010 School of Nursing Alumni Awards Reception at the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC). Congrats, Debbie! **Annette Stacy** was appointed to the Arkansas Spinal Cord Commission. The appointment expires in Jan. 2015. Our congratulations go out to **Dr. Susie Sifford** for successfully defending her dissertation this past March!



Dr. Sifford also received the Eric Ashworth Hodges Best Dissertation Award and the Outstanding Future Nurse Leader Award at the UAMS College of Nursing Recognition Ceremony in May.

Dr. Sifford will be presenting her abstract submission, “*In Their Shoes: Strategies Developed by Certified Nurses’ Assistants to*

Manage and Prevent Resident-to-Resident Violence in Nursing Homes” at the Annual Gerontological Society of America in New Orleans in November. Congratulations to **Dr. Lisa Waggoner** on the completion of the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree in May.

Brenda Anderson has been accepted to give her abstract presentation, “*Use of Rubrics in the Clinical Evaluation of the Associate and Baccalaureate Nursing Students*” at the October 2010 RNAO Conference: “Knowledge, the Power of Nursing: Celebrating Best Practice Guidelines” held in Toronto, Canada.

Dr. Debbie Persell will be presenting her abstract submission, “*Lessons Learned from the College of Nursing and Health Professions Involvement in the University’s Response to H1N1*” at the ASAHP 2010 Annual Conference held in Charlotte, NC.

Dr. Sue McLarry was invited to be on the Steering Committee for the Johnson & Johnson *Promise of Nursing in Arkansas* gala. Watch for statewide information on this great opportunity to celebrate nursing and raise monies for nursing scholarships.

Stacy Troxel, Nursing, earned her Specialist Degree in Education from ASU during the May commencement ceremony.

Radiologic Sciences

Congratulations to **Ray Winters** who became President elect of the Association of Collegiate Educators in Radiologic Technology. This is a five-year commitment which includes one year as President elect, two years as President, and two years as Chair of the Board.

Tracy White attended a special meeting on patient safety in provision of radiation therapy treatment in June held in Miami, Florida.

The following abstract submissions will be presented at the National Conference of the Association of Collegiate Educators in Radiologic Technology in February 2011: “*Multiple Learning Styles and E-Learning: What Are My Options?*,” by **Cheryl DuBose**, “*Anatomy and Imaging of the Portal System*,” by **Donna Caldwell**, “*Motivating And Mentoring Technologists Into Educator Roles*,” by **Jeannean Rollins**, and “*Arsenic, Mustard Gas, and Tanning Beds*,” by **Tracy White**.

Clinical Lab Sciences

Bill Payne was a contributing author to a new textbook entitled, *Clinical Laboratory Microbiology*. Co-authors include Karen Kiser from St. Louis Community College and Teresa Taff from St. Jon's Mercy Medical Center in St. Louis. Dr. Elizabeth Zeibig is the series editor from St. Louis University. Bill wrote 5 very long chapters and co-authored 4 additional chapters in a 42 chapter text. His areas of focus were on fungal cultures, medical mycology, parasitology, gastrointestinal system, final identification, susceptibility testing, acid-fast bacilli cultures, viral, chlamydial and rickettsial specimens and intracellular microorganisms. Many of the photos in his chapters were his own. Congratulations on this significant effort!

Accreditation News - Congratulations to our CLS department for receiving NAACLS accreditation awards for Clinical Laboratory Technician (AAS) and Clinical Laboratory Science (BS) degree programs.

Social Work

Dr. Young Hong's proposal *Generational Differences in Learning Styles and Use of Technology of Social Work Students* has been accepted as a POSTER for the October 2010 Annual Social Work Program Meeting in Portland, Oregon.

Dr. Patricia Walls took part in "Women from Around the Globe" summit at ASU, in which she held a workshop "The Global Impact of HIV on Women Around the World." The event was sponsored by the Office of Diversity Initiatives & Reaching Across Differences.

Dr. George Jacinto was appointed to the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) Passing Score Panel. The panel consists of social workers across the United States and Canada who recommend the passing standards for new social work licensing examinations to be released in 2011.

Dr. George Jacinto recently published, *Caregivers Working Through Self-Forgiveness* (VDM Publishing House, Ltd., 2010) based on his dissertation. The book explores how caregivers of individuals diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease work through self-forgiveness as part of the grief process.

Dr. Gauri Bhattacharya did a presentation in celebration of Black History Month entitled "Equity and Equality in Social Development."

Dr. Guitele Rahill was invited to write a medium length entry in the upcoming *Encyclopedia of Immigrant Health* on

International Health Care. The completed work will represent the joint efforts of a panel of editors and authors from all over the globe.

Two presentations were accepted by the 2010 Rural Social Work Conference in July: "Social Work Ethics" by **Dr. Barbara Turnage** and "Rural-Based Clinical Practice" by **Dr. Barbara Turnage** and **Dr. George Jacinto**.

Dr. Loretta Brewer submitted an abstract proposal, "Ancestors, Elders, and the Role of Spirituality in Late Life," which was accepted for the 2011 International Conference on Religion and Spirituality in Society to be held in Chicago, IL in February.

Dr. Loretta Brewer submitted another abstract proposal, "Population Aging, Workforce Shortages, and the Challenge to Develop Geriatric Competencies" which was accepted for the 30th Annual Arkansas Aging conference. The presentation will be held in October at the Hot Springs Civic and Convention Center, Hot Springs.

Accreditation News - At its June 2010 meeting the Commission on Accreditation (COA) voted to reaffirm the BSW accreditation for eight years, ending in June 2018.

ASU CARE

The Dept. of Social Work will begin a new project in the fall entitled ASU CARE (Community Action Reinforcing Empowerment). Faculty and students will provide "case management" for individuals who live in the area north of the ASU campus. The goal of the Center is to focus on issues such as substance abuse, crime, employment seeking activities, health disparities, education, social capital, family services, youth development, etc. The project is in conjunction with revitalization work identified by the Mayor's office. An opening date has not been established. Look for additional information on the Dept. of Social Work website. Dr. George Jacinto is the Center Coordinator.

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

Dr. Sue Hale will be the speaker for the CNHP fall faculty development session. She will discuss "Professional Partnerships in the University Setting: Maximizing the Effectiveness". Sue is the Director of Clinical Education and Assistant Professor in the Dept. of Hearing and Speech Sciences at Vanderbilt University. She served as President of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association in 2009 and is currently serving as Immediate Past President. She is a frequent presenter in the areas of clinical supervision, counseling and

professional ethics as well as an author and co-author of articles and book chapters.

GRANTS/CONTRACTS:

Dr. Angie Schmidt (Nrs), awarded from DHHS/HRSA Nurse Anesthetists Traineeships, \$25,777.

Dr. Guitele Rahill (SW) awarded National Science Foundation (NSF) research grant, \$45,441. Project titled "Re-Housing Urban Haiti After the Earthquake: The Role of Social Capital."

Dr. Dick Freer (SW) awarded, Alternative Dispute Resolution from the 20th Judicial District Court, State of Arkansas, \$10,000.

Dr. Shawn Drake (PT), Dr. Rebecca Matthews (Nrs), and Dr. Loretta Brewer (SW) submitted proposal *An Interdisciplinary Approach for Older Adults with Multiple Chronic Conditions* from Clagett Family Foundation for Physical Therapy, \$270,000. (pending)

Dr. Susie Sifford (Nrs), submitted proposal *Victims' Perceptions of Triggers of Resident-to-Resident Violence in Nursing Homes* from American Nurses Foundation, \$1,906. (pending)

Dr. Debbie Persell (Nrs), submitted proposal *Disaster Camp* from Craighead County Foundation, \$2,200. (pending)

Dr. Susan Hanrahan (Dean's Office), awarded \$200,000, Donald W. Reynolds Foundation, Art Award.

Dr. Gauri Bhattacharya was awarded a grant by the Middle East Studies Committee to fund her research proposal, "Israeli-Arab Relations: How Globalization Influences Individual Perceptions of Conflict" for the 2010-2011 academic year.

Arianne Pait, Merrill Catt and Tisha Pierce – OASIS Institute – submitted to Dept. of Education \$1.1M. (pending)

Dr. Susan Hanrahan, Roy Aldridge and Becky Keith – Hippotherapy for Veterans, submitted to Disabled American Veterans. \$40,000. (pending)

Dr. Sue McLarry (Nrs), awarded Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, 2nd Degree Accelerated Nursing Scholarships, \$50,000.

Dr. Sue McLarry (Nrs), awarded DHHS/HRSA Advanced Nurse Education Traineeship, \$43,318.

Dr. Susan Hanrahan and Susan Tonymon – Special Projects for Beck PRIDE – Assisi Foundation, \$125,000. (pending)

Goodbye to:

A Retiring Faculty by Dean Hanrahan

Dr. Susan Roehrig was hired as an Associate Professor of PT in August 2004 from Hardin Simmons



University. She holds a doctorate from the University of New Mexico and received her physical therapy education from the University of Kentucky. When she graduated from PT school, she practiced for about 5 years and then began her educational career at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine followed by holding a number of positions and duties at the State University of NY-Buffalo. She went on to Hardin Simmons and finally to ASU when she ended her full time teaching career. Susan has continued to do clinical practice throughout most of her time in education.

Adult neuro is her area of expertise and she holds a specialty certification (NDT certified) for adult hemiplegia. However, she has a fondness for students and admission standards for PT programs. Some of her scholarship has been in the area of licensing exam performance, student problems, teaching methods and case studies among other more clinical scholarship pieces. Even though adult is her area, she does not discriminate on the age of the population she is studying as she has published in both the Journal of Pediatric PT as well as the Journal of Geriatric PT. She has been primary advisor to 40 student researchers and their projects in her career.

Susan is very service focused—received two service awards while in the State of NY. She is an examination item writer for the Federation of State Board of PT, a journal reviewer for the premier PT journal, Physical Therapy, a book reviewer for FA Davis Publishers, is the current president of the Jonesboro branch of AAUW, is a member of the American and Arkansas PT Associations, volunteers for Hope Circle locally and is active in her church.

Dr. Roehrig is a model faculty member and when she arrived we needed some senior leadership. She was willing to help with most anything (including serving as interim chair), mentored junior faculty and was a voice of experience. Her dependability and attention to detail are unmatched and when she came to me a year+ ago wanting to retire, I asked her to delay her retirement

for one year because of the transition the department was in, which she did, and I will be forever grateful.

Even though she lost both of her parents while on faculty here, a good thing has come from it. She has established the Helen and Bill Roehrig Memorial Endowment with an annual award going to a PT student with an interest in geriatrics or neurology who exhibits exceptional professional behaviors. The first award was given last year.

It is bad enough that we are losing a quality faculty member in our college but the worst part is we are losing one named Susan (Susan Marie at that) and that is even more sad to me. Thank you, Dr. Susan Roehrig for your service to ASU and our college.

Goodbye to Other Personnel:

Jill Self – Administrative Assistant II, Nurse Anesthesia Program. Jill was accepted to the PTA program at ASU.

Jennifer King – Coordinator, Medical Imaging & Radiation Sciences.

Lisa Kenyon – Assistant Professor, Physical Therapy.

Mitch Watrous – Assistant Professor, Clinical Lab Sciences.

Sherri Griffin – Computer Operator, Dean's Office.

Welcome to:

Dr. Joe Williams, Ph.D., CRNA, has been appointed Associate Professor of Nurse Anesthesia. Dr. Williams is relocating here from Fort Worth, TX and received his doctorate from Union Institute University in Cincinnati, OH.

Tonya Pankey, M.S.N., R.N., who has taken an Assistant Professor position in Nursing in the West Memphis office. Tonya obtained her Masters of Science in Nursing from Walden University, Baltimore, MD.

Heather Dawn McPike, MSN, APN-BC has taken a position as Assistant Professor in Nursing. Ms. McPike received her Masters of Science in Nursing at Arkansas State University.

Amber Wooten, BSRS, RDMS, Adjunct Faculty has taken a position as a full-time, temporary faculty of MIRS. Amber received her degree at ASU.

Bilinda Norman MSN, APN, CDE has accepted an Assistant Professor position in Nursing. She received her BSN and MSN at ASU and is a Diabetes Educator.

From Temporary Full-Time to Permanent:

Annette Bednar, Assistant Professor of Clinical Lab Sciences

Linda Latting, Assistant Professor of Nursing – Mountain Home

HOMECOMING OPEN HOUSE

Homecoming is Oct 2. The College will present its Distinguished Alumni Awards at 2:00 p.m. that day in the Reynolds Center for Health Sciences. Tours will be available as well as refreshments. All family, friends and alumni are invited to attend.

Student News

Students from the BSN "community" class supported the YMCA's Toast of the Town which honored Dr. Buck Rusher (now deceased). They greeted and seated guests as well as served and cleaned up the meal. It was an excellent event.

Congratulations to VonDarius Heard and Reid Ermert, Radiation Therapy students, who have been accepted into Roswell Medical Cancer Institute's Dosimetry Program in New York. They were 2 of 6 students chosen for the fall class of dosimetry students out of over 50 applicants.

Dr. Phyllis Skorga, Nursing, directed a paper collaboration for three of our graduate students. Master of Science in Nursing students Samantha Anderson, RN, Jessica Tucker, RN, and Lakisha Lankford, RN collaborated on a paper, "Clinical Nurse Specialists: One of the MVP's of Healthcare." The article was published in the March 2010 edition of ASBN Update, the electronic newsletter of the Arkansas State Board of Nursing.

Hunter Fair, Dyersburg, TN and Andrew Benson, Marion, AR were recipients of the Dean's Academic Performance Scholarship for the 2010-2011 academic year. Each received an award of \$3200 for support in their freshman year. Hunter's intended major is physical therapist assistant and Andrew's is nursing. Congratulations to them!

Three Master's of Science in Nursing graduate students presented posters at regional, national and international conferences. Jessica Wynne Armstrong presented "Caregiver Stress: Knowledge is Power" and Kathleen Prinner presented "Caregiver Stress" at Sigma Theta Tau Tri-Chapter Research Day in Jonesboro in April and at the 10th Annual Nurse Educator Institute in Branson, Mo. Melanie New presented "The Effect of Music Therapy, in the Form of Ocean Sounds, on Open Heart Surgery Patients' Comfort Levels." This poster was presented at the 35th annual meeting of the American Society of Regional Anesthesia and Pain Medicine, Toronto, Ontario, Canada in April. Supervising faculty were **Dr. Angela Schmidt**, **Dr. Charlotte Young**, and **Dr.**

Phyllis Skorga.

The St. Bernards Medical Center Auxiliary presented \$20,000 in nursing and health professions 2010 scholarships to 10 individuals. Among them were **Lisa Weir**, Brookland, AR; **Erin Weeks**, Walnut Ridge, AR; **Lori Kercheval**, Corning, AR; **Kayla Hendrix-Burks**, Rose Bud, AR; **Hannah Bruce**, **Mable Prunty**, and **Meg Bradley** of Jonesboro, AR. Congratulations!

The Arkansas Methodist Center Auxiliary awarded \$1000 scholarships to residents of Greene County. Among them were **Hannah Johnson**, Radiologic Sciences, and **Tabetha Johnson**, BSN program.

Chapter CF of the Philanthropic Education Organization, presented a check for \$1500 to **Stephanie Faber**, a nursing student at ASU.

Inductees into Phi Kappa Phi

Kelli Camp – Nursing
Amy Gibson – Nursing
Shibu Koshy – Nurse Anesthesia
Jessica Appleby – Communication Disorders
Carol McFarlin – Social Work
Tim Rigsbee – Nursing
Sarah Jones – Nursing
Crystal Kent – Nursing
Ashley May – Nursing
Catelyn Williams – Communication Disorders
Our AV coordinator, **Sherry Griffin**, was also inducted. She is earning her degree in Mid-Level Education.
Miss Amy McKinney, Graduate student in Communication Disorders, completed her two-year term as Student Vice President of the ASU Chapter 141 of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. Two new students were elected as Student VPs for the next two years: Ashley May, a junior majoring in Nursing, and Catelyn Williams, a junior majoring in Communication Disorders. The Phi Kappa Phi chapter also recognized the accomplishment of Paige Snyder, an undergraduate major in Communication Disorders. Snyder was awarded a Study Abroad Scholarship from the National Headquarters of Phi Kappa Phi.

Officers from our college include President, **Rick Neeley**, Communication Disorders, newly installed President, **Annete Stacy**, Nursing, and President Elect, **Dick Freer**, Social Work.

In Sympathy

Darlene Avery, BSN senior nursing student, and her family on the loss of her

son, **Matt**.

Nonie Wiggins, Nursing, on the loss of her grandmother, **Frances Burris**.

Penny Head, Physical Therapy, on the loss of her grandfather.

Cathy Hall, Nursing, on the loss of her brother-in-law.

Dr. Sue McLarry, Nursing, on the loss of her husband, **David**.

Kathleen Lorange and her husband, **Mark**, on the loss of **Mark's father, Bernard A. Lorange** and the loss of **Kathleen's mother, Phyllis Williams**.

William "Bill" Payne, Clinical Lab Sciences, and his wife, **Penny Payne**, in the loss of **Bill's father, Charles C. Payne**.

Stacy Troxel, Nursing, on the loss of her father.

Convocation of Scholars Honorees

University Awards:

Chancellor's Scholar – **Amber Woods** (Nursing). Faculty advisor – Julie Isaacson. Other graduating seniors with a 4.0 GPA who received Academic Excellence: **Tiffany Timms** (Nursing), Advisor - Nonie Wiggins and **Tim Rigsbee** (Nursing), Advisor - Libby Nix.

Graduating in University Honors: **Ashlie Anderson**, BSN, **Kristi Cheshire**, BSN, **Candace Moore**, BSN, and **Jessica Stevens**, BSN

Graduating in Honors: **Shawn Austin**, BSN, **Allyn Cohen**, BSCLS, **Stephanie Dorris**, BSN, and **Amber Woods**, BSN

Honors Certificate: **Sarah Mouser**, BSN, and **Bridget Reyes**, BSN

Program Award Recipients

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENCES

Program Academic Scholar – Allyn Cohen
Outstanding Clinical Student – Amber Gazaway

ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE IN CLINICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY

Program Academic Scholar and
Outstanding Clinical Student – Scotty Hall
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMMUNICATION DISORDERS
Outstanding Undergraduate Student - Robin Pruett

Outstanding Undergraduate Student - Kandace Dyson

MASTER OF COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

Outstanding Graduate Student – Brandi Messer

ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE IN PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

Program Academic Scholar – Eric Oliver
Outstanding Student – Jesse Whittemore
Outstanding Student – Randy Johnson

MASTER OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
Program Academic Scholar – Shanna Painter

Outstanding Student – Shanna Painter
ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE IN RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY
Program Academic Scholar – Lauren Garner
Outstanding Clinical Student – Dalton Marshall

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN IMAGING SPECIALIST & RADIOLOGY MANAGEMENT
Program Academic Scholar - Lori Anderson

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN RADIATION THERAPY
Program Academic Scholar - Derek Morgan

Outstanding Clinical Student - Brittany Richey

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY
Program Academic Scholar - April French
Outstanding Clinical Student - Brittany Crabtree

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING
Program Academic Scholar - Ryan Booser
Outstanding Clinical Student - Katy Warren

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SOCIAL WORK
Outstanding Student - Lauren Bridges
Outstanding Field Student - Caleigh Catt

ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE IN NURSING
Program Academic Scholar - Tracy Waymack
Outstanding Clinical Students:

Jonesboro - Rachel Loomis Winkles
Beebe (Traditional) - Victoria Crumpton
Beebe (LPN to RN) - Melissa Cook
Mountain Home Traditional) - Kristin Willett
Mountain Home (LPN to RN) - Samuel Baroi

West Memphis (Traditional) - Sharon Kale
West Memphis (LPN to RN) - Roslyn Nichols
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING
Program Academic Scholar - Tiffany Timms

Program Academic Scholar - Tim Rigsbee
Program Academic Scholar - Amber Woods
Outstanding Clinical Student - Tim Rigsbee

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING
Program Academic Scholars
 Adult Health Nursing - Jessica Wynne
 Armstrong
 Family Nurse Practitioner - Brooke Pruitt
 Nurse Anesthesia - Roger McMillan
Outstanding Clinical Students
 Adult Health Nursing - Jessica Erin Camp
 Family Nurse Practitioner - Angela
 Montesi-Scott
 Nurse Anesthesia - Leanne James

SPECIAL AWARDS

Grace Whitis Service Award - Jessica
 Erin Camp
Don Vollman, M.D. Award - Allyn Cohen
**Beverly Bartels Undergraduate Nursing
 Service Award** - Lark Little

**Inductees to “Who’s Who Among
 American Universities and Colleges”**

Brandon Aven - Nurse Anesthesia
 Allyn Cohen - Clinical Laboratory
 Sciences
 Samantha Davis - Nursing
 Lauren Hancock - Family Nurse
 Practitioner
 Hannah McCone - Communication
 Disorders
 Sarah Mouser - Nursing
 Laura Mumphrey - Nursing
 Alexa Nation - Radiologic Sciences
 Eureka Reed - Social Work
 Amber Woods – Nursing

**Inductees to Phi Alpha
 (Social Work Honor Society)**

Jeri Austin	Tangella Mensah
Cassandra McKissack	Caleigh Catt
Eric Williams	Ashley Nance
Jo Anne Williams	Hope Cox
Shakeisha Williams	Jennifer Donahue
Elizabeth O’Neil	Destiny D. Wray
Sarah Fray Green	Jessica Reed
Carol McFarlin	Kristen Richmond

**Inductees to Lambda Nu
 (National Honor Society in Radiologic
 Sciences)**

Jadyn Allen	Kim Free
Katie Martin	Lauren Garner
Lori Anderson	Jessica Moore
Micah Ballard	Beverly Gober
Derek Morgan	Tabitha Hall
Devin Bozeman	Jessie Riggs
Whitney Davis	Ray Hardee
Wendy Smith	Matt Dobbins
VonDarius Heard	Reid Ermert
Hannah Johnson	

**Inductees to Sigma Theta Tau
 International Honor Society
 (Nursing Honor Society)**

BSN
 Elizabeth Adams Tammy Poindexter

Magan Adams
 Shawn Austin
 Ashlie Anderson
 William Bohrman
 Tiffany Baltz
 Karen Watson
 Darlene Avery
 Tara Militoni
 Amber Woods
 Kristi Cheshire

MSN

Sherry Burton
 Tonya Miller
 Kathleen Prinner
 Jordan Robinson
 Angela Montesi-Scott
 Mary Melissa Cantrell
 Jessica Wynne Armstrong

LEADER

Johnnie Ellis Gambill

Stephanie Doris
 Timothy Rigsbee
 Lauren Jackson
 Michael Tillman
 Tiffany Jones
 Erin McKenna
 Tiffany Timms
 Jessica Stevens
 Candace Moore

Lashica Scaife
 Zenobia Newman
 Lakecia Purnell
 Yen Hoang Pham

Inductees to Alpha Eta

(National Honor Society in Allied Health)

AASN

Samuel Baroi
 Angela Burress
 Lisa Casto
 Charlotte LaFevers

Kristian Ray
 Patricia Talbert
 Tracy Waymack

PTA

Charlie Buck
 Eric Oliver
 Randy Johnson
 Jessica Calhoun

Terri Rodgers
 Matt Tharp
 Gentry Tipton
 Jesse Whittemore

PT

Ashley Distretti
 Bethany Coward
 Matt Daigle
 Jerry Bearden
 Tiffany Pharr
 Brian Swain

Lauren Dodson
 Aaron Estes
 Carly McLaughlin
 Shanna Painter
 Ashley Shoemaker
 Stormy Teague

Faculty Achievement Awards

Teaching – **Dr. George Jacinto**, (SW)
 Scholarship – **Dr. Guitele Rahill**, (SW)
 Service – **Dr. Debbie Persell**, (Nrs)

Palliative Care Symposium

The College of Nursing and Health Professions co-sponsored, along with the Center on Aging-NE and St. Bernards Senior Services, a program on “Respecting Choices.” Linda Briggs, RN, MSN, who works with Gunderson Lutheran Medical from LaCrosse, WI, was the guest speaker. Over a two day period, Linda involved a number of stakeholders in discussion that revolved around advanced care planning, respecting choices, team approaches, and roles and responsibilities. Faculty and students in the college were involved in a discussion entitled, “End of Life Ethical Dilemmas and Conflict Resolution.” The information was well received by those who participated.

Faculty Exchange

For a week in March, Ms. Merja Sallinen from Pori, Finland, was on our campus and in our community. Merja was a faculty exchange visitor through the Magellan Faculty Exchange Program, hosted by Dr. Trish King, Chair of Physical Therapy. Ms. Sallinen has a bachelor’s and master’s degree from the Department of Social and Health Care University of Applied Sciences, Finland. She serves as the senior lecturer and program coordinator for Rehabilitation Education. The topics that she spoke on during her visit included work ability and vocational rehabilitation, rehab in a changing society, health and illness in Finland and other areas which supported her background in physical therapy and rehab counseling. The college hopes to have one or two faculty visit Finland next year.

First 100 Faculty Honorees

The ASU Faculty Association held a recognition ceremony in the spring for the First 100 Distinguished Faculty Honorees in conjunction with the 2009 Centennial Celebration. Faculty from the College of Nursing and Health Professions who were recognized included: Beverly Bartels (1977-1998), Associate Professor of Nursing; Dr. Mary Hartwig (1972-1988), Professor of Nursing; Dr. George Herndon (1968-1985), Professor of Speech Pathology; Dr. Charles Joiner (1987-2006), Associate Professor of Social Work; Mary Jean Rutherford (1986-2005), Associate Professor of Clinical Laboratory Science; and Dr. Grace Whitis (1985-1998), Professor of Nursing. All of our honorees are still living and we want to congratulate them for this recognition and again thank them for their service and leadership to this college. Lee Dew, ASU Professor of History, stated in 1968, “The most vital part of any college is the faculty, for without a skilled and competent faculty, no college can function effectively.” We love our faculty but we love our staff too – together they work to make a difference.

Promotion & Tenure

Congratulations to **Dr. George Jacinto**, Associate Professor of Social Work and to **Libby Nix**, Assistant Professor of Nursing for earning tenure. We would also like to extend our congratulations for those who earned promotion and tenure: **Donna Caldwell** to Associate Professor of Radiologic

World AIDS Day Latino Town Hall meeting—2009

By *Francisco Sastre*

Latinos in the United States have been disproportionately affected by HIV and AIDS. As the largest minority group in the country, the impact of the HIV epidemic in this community is alarming, particularly as the Latino population continues to grow in the U.S. During the 2nd annual World AIDS Day Conference hosted by Arkansas State University on December 1st, 2009, this important issue was a key component of event's agenda. This year's conference included, for the first time, a component exploring the impact of HIV among Latinos. Stakeholder and members from the Latino community were in attendance to participate in a Town Hall meeting to discuss HIV and its impact on the community. The event included a presentation by Mr. Francisco Sastre, from Florida International University (Miami, FL), and an open forum to discuss HIV-related topics.

Mr. Sastre's presentation, *Viviendo positivo: Miedos, retos y vidas con VIH en los Latinos* ("Living positive: fears, challenges, and living with HIV among Latinos"), highlighted social and cultural trends that are linked to the disproportional impact of HIV/AIDS among Latinos in the U.S. Although the statistics emphasized the significance of the problem, the primary focus of the presentation was to discuss the impact of HIV-related stigma among Latinos. Carrying on the theme of this year's conference, "HIV Complacency: A Deadly Risk Factor," Mr. Sastre's presentation drew attention to HIV stigma as a key factor contributing to the spread of the epidemic among the Latino community. Sastre explained that "among Latinos, processes of stigmatization are promoted and sustained by the cultural values that are specific to this community. Consequently, HIV-related stigma presents a major challenge for providing services to Latinos living with HIV and preventing new infections in the community."

During the presentation, the attendees heard testimonies from several Latinos living with HIV/AIDS speaking about their experiences living with the condition. These testimonies form part of an HIV awareness campaign launched by

Univision, the largest Spanish-language television network in the U.S. Through these personal experiences, the audience learned how people continue living regular lives with HIV as a chronic illness.

The overall objective of the presentation was to challenge common public opinion and notion regarding HIV/AIDS, including notions and fears associated with HIV testing. According to Mr. Sastre, HIV testing not only "is important to find out one's HIV status, but it also serves as a good starting point to have an honest conversation about HIV and has the potential to destigmatize HIV. HIV testing is something that an individual can do regularly to change the way HIV is seen in our community and prevent the spread of the epidemic all with one simple action."

The Latino forum concluded with a session of questions and answers. During this session, Mr. Sastre, was joined by Gina Gomez, the Executive Director of Hispanic Community Services, Inc., as well as by staff from the Craighead County Health Department in answering questions. The questions covered a wide range of HIV-related topics including some on HIV myths, facts about HIV transmission, exposure, and HIV testing. As part of the day's event, free HIV testing was made available during the conference provided by the Arkansas Department of Health and the Craighead County Health Department. A total of 63 individuals were tested during the event, including 18 Hispanics/Latinos (29%).

GRIEF SEMINAR

Dr. Alan Wolfelt was on our campus for the third time May 18 and 19. On Tuesday night he presented to a community audience "The Wilderness of Grief: Finding Your Way." On Wednesday, he spent a full day with clinicians, clergy and others "Exploring the Spiritual Aspects of Death, Grief and Mourning." Programming was sponsored by Emerson Funeral Home, Thompson Funeral Home, Langford-Bookout Funeral Home, College of Nursing and Health Professions, NEA Baptist Clinic, NEA Baptist System, HopeCircle and FAMILIES, Inc. Counseling Services. Thanks to our sponsors and special thanks to Dr. Wolfelt. To learn more about him and his Center for Loss Transition, visit www.centerforloss.com.

Special tribute to Bill Smith By Dean Hanrahan

Our condolences to the William Smith Family. Mr. Smith passed away in late May. Bill was married to Harriet Mildred Smith—a nurse. Mildred did not graduate from ASU nor did Mr. Smith. They both just happened to live in Brookland, AR and when she passed away, he provided an endowed scholarship in her memory in our college. We have given that scholarship for quite a few years now to deserving nursing students. Some of you might remember that Mr. Smith attended a few of our Convocation of Scholars Banquets. He was a very kind and gracious man. He dropped off perennial bulbs for me to plant in my yard when he knew I liked flowers and we kept in touch through occasional letters. I knew his health was not good but did not know he was at the Hospice House where he died.

Mr. Smith was 91 years old and outlived all of his brothers, sisters, daughter and pet. Many nieces and nephews survive him. Our scholarship has now been renamed the William and Harriet Mildred Memorial Scholarship in Nursing. I will miss his handwritten letters and generous personality. Besides the funding he initially provided through his scholarship, he left us, in his estate, another \$25,000 in support of the scholarship fund. We are especially grateful to him for leaving us this lasting memorial. He has and will continue to make a difference in many nursing student's lives. What a wonderful legacy and what significant memories he has left for us. May he rest in peace.

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