

# STATEside News



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## Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

By Dr. Angela Stone Schmidt

The College of Nursing and Health Professions, School of Nursing, will offer the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Program beginning January 2014. The DNP Program is a post-master's degree requiring applicants to be Advanced Practice Nurses (Nurse Practitioners, Clinical Nurse Specialists, Nurse Anesthetists). Students must be Board certified in advance nursing practice with licensure as an APN or APRN in the state of practice. The practice-focused doctoral program will prepare nursing leaders for the highest level of clinical nursing practice beyond the initial and master's preparation in the discipline. The DNP curricula builds on traditional master's programs with education in evidenced-based practice, advanced clinical, organizational, economic, and leadership skills to design and implement programs of care delivery, which significantly impact health care outcomes and have the potential to transform health care delivery. Graduates with this terminal practice degree will be prepared for roles in direct care or indirect, systems-focused care.

The curriculum of 41 credit hours proposes a program of study of four semesters plus one summer, all offered by distance education. There will be immersion experiences throughout the year with concentrated time spent on campus with the cohort. The 41 credit hours include 11 new courses, with three of those courses identified as clinical internship courses. An evidence-based practice clinical project will be the capstone activity required prior to graduation. Students admitted with master's preparation and APN/APRN licensure have completed a minimum of 500 clinical hours at the graduate level.

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## Dean's Corner

Change seems to be the flavor of the day, yet the beat goes on—or it goes a lot faster!

I will begin with a significant personnel change. Welcome to our new Chair of Nursing, Dr. Marilyn Duran. She is not a stranger to our college; as she had a brief stint as a full-time faculty member in 2001 before her husband was transferred out of town. She continued in education at Texas Christian, earned her doctorate at Texas Women's University, went to Tarleton State as faculty in 2005, was Faculty Senate President there in 2011 and just happened to stop by my office for a visit in summer 2013. As they say, "the rest is history." I informed her of our administrative opening; she was intrigued and wanted to return to Arkansas. She visited with the program directors and then participated in our formal search process. We were able to hire her in June and she began her work in August of this year. I hope you have an opportunity to meet Marilyn—she is full of energy and good ideas. Also in the newsletter, please note a "good-bye" to Dr. McLarry, who retired after 20 years in our college.

This summer, change has also taken the shape of remodeling and "new" space. The third and fifth floors of the College of Nursing and Health Professions building have new hallways (flooring, lighting, paint, etc), new restrooms and a new Audio-Visual Laboratory. We also received permission to take over the vacated space in Smith for our DPEM and nutrition programs. That included some repair and paint work, and the acquisition of furniture to finish the space. As the college continues to add new programs and those programs quickly add students, it is not long before we have outgrown existing space. You will also note in the newsletter the approval by the Higher Learning Commission of our new Doctorate in Nursing Practice. Special thanks to Dr. Angie Schmidt and her team for their efforts. We have carved out some director and faculty

space for them as we work to accept our first class of students this spring.

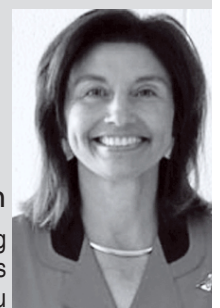
We have noted change in our hippotherapy program. A very sizable donation by Ms. Irene Martz (former employee in the Office of Academic Affairs), matched by her deceased husband's employer, has allowed a new interdisciplinary research project that will bring more evidence-based research into the literature about the effectiveness of equine-assisted therapy programs. We are very grateful for her vision and support of this initiative.

I do want to mention we lost one of our valuable college supporters, Mr. Jim Vaughn. He served on the College Advocacy Board and recently resigned because of health reasons. He and his wife, Wanda, established the Angie and Fred Schmidt Endowed Scholarship in honor of the couple. Angie is director of our graduate nursing programs and works in the dean's office as well. Jim had a fascinating life including being instrumental in establishing a statewide academic competition known as the Quiz Bowl. He also served as teacher and principal at the Hoxie High School in the 60s. He was well regarded, respected and had an ordinate number of talents and interests. Our sympathy to Wanda.

Change is "normal" for our college—that is the nature of our business. We expect it, we embrace it and we move with it—hopefully in a steady, controlled and quality fashion. Special thanks to all of you who contribute positively to our change efforts. As you can see, we cannot do all of this in isolation. We thank all of our "change partners" and look forward to what is yet to come.

Susan Hanrahan, Dean

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## COLLEGE NEWS

Congratulations to the following faculty who received promotions:

**BRENDA ANDERSON** - Associate Professor and Tenure, School of Nursing

**DR. NONIE WIGGINS** - Associate Professor, School of Nursing

**DR. PAIGE WIMBERLEY** - Associate Professor, School of Nursing

**DR. KAREN ALLEN** - Tenure, Department of Social Work

Congratulations to the following faculty who received College Faculty Achievement awards:

**DR. SHAWN DRAKE** (Physical Therapy) - Scholarship

**ARIANNE PAIT** (Communication Disorders) - Teaching

## CLINICAL LAB SCIENCE

**ANNETTE BEDNAR** lead a luncheon roundtable discussion titled, "Moving from the Clinical Laboratory to an Academic Setting" at the American Society of Clinical Laboratory Science (ASCLS) Clinical Laboratory Educators Conference in Kansas City, MO on February 15, 2013. She also served on the conference program

**LIBBY NIX** (Nursing) - Service

**DR. JOY GOOD** (Communication Disorders), **DR. KAT CARRICK** (Social Work) and **DR. KAREN ALLEN** (Social Work) were selected to participate in the May 2013 ASU Institute for Research Development.

**DR. REBECCA MATTHEWS** (Nursing) and **DR. PATRICIA GUY-WALLS** (Social Work) provided an eight-week Matter of Balance class to residents of Benedictine Manor during the Spring 2013 semester. They were certified as Matter of Balance instructors in Spring 2013.

**DR. ANGIE SCHMIDT** (Nursing) and Beverly Parker have recertified as Master Trainers for the Chronic Disease Self-Management Program by the Stanford Patient Education Research Center.

**LIBBY NIX** (Nursing), **BILINDA NORMAN** (Nursing), and **PAM TOWERY** (Dietetics) made an oral presentation and a poster presentation titled, "Breakfast Blitz" at the National ADA meeting on May 23, 2013 in Orlando, FL.

The **HEALTHY AGER FACULTY TEAM** presented the Healthy Ager program at the American Society on Aging Conference in Chicago March 13-15, 2013. The paper titled, "Healthy Ager Service Learning Project: Emergent Themes on Inter-professional Healthcare Team Experience" will be published in the proceedings of the Worldwide Nursing Conference July 7-9, 2013 in Singapore.

**DEANNA HARRIS**, AV Lab Coordinator, received a Service Award on May 2, 2013, for 20 years of service to the university.

## COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

**THE 7TH ANNUAL JANE H. LEBLANC CONFERENCE IN COMMUNICATION DISORDERS** was held on June 6-7 in the ASU Student Union and Reynold's Center for Health Sciences. Fifty area Speech/Language Pathologists attended the training to further their knowledge in the area of language and literacy disorders. The keynote speaker was Sandie Barrie Blackley from North Carolina,

committee and was appointed to a two-year term on the Board of Directors of the Arkansas Chapter of the Clinical Laboratory Managers Association (CLMA). **MS. BEDNAR** also presented a program titled, "What a Difference a Day Makes: Moving from the Clinical Laboratory to an Academic Setting" at the Arkansas CLMA/ASCLS Spring 2012 Conference at the Baptist

an expert in reading and language disorders. Other presenters included **MERRILL CATT**, **DR. JOY GOOD** and **AMY SHOLLENBARGER**. Topics included evaluation and treatment of dyslexia, morphological analysis and spelling intervention.

**AMY SHOLLENBARGER** was named the 2013 Communication Disorders Outstanding Alumnus at the Seventh Annual Jane H. LeBlanc

Health Schools in Little Rock, AR on April 27, 2012.

**DR. STACY WALZ** presented her abstract titled, "Pending Microbiology Cultures at Hospital Discharge and Post-Hospital Patient Outcomes in Medicare Patients Discharged to Sub-Acute Care" on July 30 at the 2013 American Association for Clinical Chemistry Annual Meeting in Houston, TX.

## DIETETICS

**KELLY TIDWELL** and **PAM TOWERY** provided nutrition information and snacks for students participating in summer camps sponsored by the College of Nursing and Health Professions - Howl for Health and Disaster Camp. They also participated in the first Harrisburg Health Fair. The display focused on increasing flavor without added sugar, salt and/or fat by using herbs in home cooking.

**PAM TOWERY** facilitated a session titled "Portion Control - Don't Overdo It!" at the 2013 Women's Health Conference held in Jonesboro, AR, on March 9, 2013. She also presented a session

entitled "Engaging Students in Active Learning" at the Global Teaching Conference, Arkansas State University, on March 27, 2013, and a poster session titled "Engaging Students in Global Awareness" on Thursday, April 4, 2013 at the Arkansas Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics meeting held in Little Rock, AR.

**KELLY TIDWELL** held a Lunch and Learn titled "Enjoy Healthy Food that Tastes Great" in March promoting National Nutrition Month.

**PAM TOWERY**, **KELLY TIDWELL** and students in the 2012-2013 dietetics class attended the Arkansas Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics meeting

held in Little Rock on April 4-5. Those students included: Brian Buck, Samantha Glisson, Caleb Mullis, Crissie Overshine, Shawna Spurling, Tiffany Sterling and Nikki Wright.

The Dietetics program is happy to welcome 10 students for 2013-2014. Future dietitians include **BRIANA BARRENTINE**, **SHENEQUA DAVIS**, **CHELSEA DOMINO**, **JOE PAUL GLIDEWELL**, **TAYLOR HASTINGS**, **HUONG HO**, **MATT HOLLOWAY**, **BRE'ANNA TAYLOR**, **CRISTI WESSEL** and **HAYLEY JO WOODS**.

The Dietetics office has moved to the Eugene Smith building, Suite 410.

## DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

**DR. DEBBIE PERSELL** was invited to be the School of Nursing commencement speaker at the University of Missouri - Kansas City in May 2013.

DPPEM, in partnership with the EnRICH Inter-

national Network, hosted the first online international conference for student research on disasters and emergency management on July 26, 2013.

The first class of nine DPPEM master's degree

students graduated on August 2, 2013.

Thirty seventh and eighth graders attended Disaster camp the week of July 15. This effort was supported by the Arkansas Fire Prevention

Commission, St. Bernards Hospital, the NEA Disaster Management for the Red Cross, and Arkansas Department of Emergency

Management. More information can be found on the DPEM Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/ASU.DPEM](http://www.facebook.com/ASU.DPEM).

The DPEM office has relocated to the fourth floor of the Eugene Smith Building, suite 410.

### NURSING

**The SCHOOL OF NURSING** received a NSNSA Stellar School Chapter Recognition from the National Student Nurses' Association.

**REBECCA MATTHEWS** attended the week-long Meta-Analysis Summer Institute at Missouri University School of Nursing in Columbia, MO, June 2-7, 2013. She also completed Chronic Disease Self-Management instructor training in April 2013.

**CARLA MCCAIN** (Admin Specialist II, Nursing) earned a Bachelor of Arts in Humanities degree with a major in Criminology/Sociology and a minor in Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

**LIBBY NIX** and **BILINDA NORMAN** made a podium presentation titled, "Healthy Eating" to the state-wide ASU Childhood Services Early Childhood Education Conference on August 6, 2012.

**LIBBY NIX** made a poster presentation titled, "Educating Community Health Nursing Students with Real World Experiences: Implementing Primary Prevention Strategies of Care for the Community" at the Drexel University Nursing Education Institute On June 18-20, 2013 in New Orleans, LA.

**DR. ANGELA SCHMIDT** was selected to serve on the National League for Nursing (NLN) Met Life

Grant Expert Panel, to evaluate ACES unfolding cases on aging and dementia, April-June, 2013. Beginning in September 2013, MSN and BSN students will pilot the use of the cases with other Schools of Nursing throughout the U.S. to evaluate their effectiveness in nursing education. She also served on the planning committee, the abstract review panel and as a session moderator for The Southern Nursing Research Society (SNRS), 27th Annual Conference: Expanding Networks of Knowledge, February 25-March 2, 2013, Little Rock. **DR. SCHMIDT** had an article titled "Outcome Trends Post Discharge from Inpatient Rehabilitation to the Community", published as a feature article for Rehabilitation Nursing Journal, Summer 2013, and is available by Wiley Publishers. An additional publication, Healthcare Fraud, will be published in the September 2013 issue of The Encyclopedia of White Collar and Corporate Crime, 2nd Ed, published by Sage Publications. She was also an invited reviewer of the textbook, "Chronic Illness: Impact and Interventions," Eighth Edition by Lubkin and Larsen, Jones & Bartlett Learning, May 2013.

**DR. ANGELA SCHMIDT** and **DR. DARLENE BAKER** made two podium presentations, "Promoting

*Academic Civility in the Online Classroom*" and "Engaging Multigenerational Students in an Online Graduate Course" at The International Conference on College Teaching and Learning: Center for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL in April 2013.

**DR. PHYLLIS SKORGA** and **DR. CHARLOTTE YOUNG** presented "Quality of Life in Community Dwelling Elderly with Alzheimer's Dementia and their Caregivers" at the 27th Annual Southern Nursing Research Society Conference on February 27-March 2, 2013, in Little Rock, AR.

**DR. SUSIE SNELGROVE** had a manuscript titled, "Resident-to-Resident Violence Triggers in Nursing Homes" published in the international journal Clinical Nursing Research.

**DR. CATHY YOUNG** was selected for induction to the Fellows of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners. The organization recognizes nurse practitioner leaders who have made outstanding contributions to health care through NP clinical practice, research, education or policy.

**JULIE ISAACSON** is the Faculty Senate President for 2013-2014.

The **NURSE ANESTHESIA** accreditation site visit will occur on October 10-11, 2013.

### PHYSICAL THERAPY

**DR. SHAWN DRAKE** was accepted into the class of 2013 of the American Physical Therapy Association's Education Leadership Institute Fellowship. She also co-authored an article with B.J. Krabak and K.J. Hancock titled, "Comparison of Dryland Training Program Between Age Groups of Swimmers" published in Physician Medicine and Rehabilitation, 2013;5:303-309 and authored "Case study of Exercise Prescription for Health Fitness Specialist" in ACSM Certification Review, fourth edition. Wolters Kluwer, Lippincott Williams & Wilkins; 2013. p.79-80.

**DR. STEPHEN GUFFEY, PENNY HEAD**, A. Bowman and A. Kaloghirou had an article titled, "Effects of Light on Pain and Function in Patients with Plantar Fasciitis: A Pilot Study" published in the Journal of Athletic Medicine, 1(1):37-44.

**DR. STEPHEN GUFFEY** (PT), **BILL PAYNE** (CLS), L. James and Z. Qian had an article titled, "Inactivation of Mycobacterium Smegmatis Following Exposure to 405-Nanometer Light from a Supraluminous Diode Array" published in Wounds Journal, 25(5): 131-135.

**DR. STEPHEN GUFFEY** (PT), **BILL PAYNE** (CLS), T. Jones

and K. Martin had an article titled, "Rate of Inactivation of Staphylococcus Aureus in an In-Vitro, Multiple Stage Application of 405-Nanometer Light from a Supraluminous Diode Array" published in Photomedicine and Laser Surgery, 31(4): 179-182.

**BECKY KEITH, STACEY SLOAS**, and Todd Whitehead had a manuscript published in the Summer 2013 edition of the Journal of Allied Health titled "Use of a Pretest Strategy for Physical Therapist Assistant Programs to Predict Success Rate on the National Physical Therapy Exam."

### RADIOLOGIC SCIENCE

**CHERYL DuBOSE** was elected Magnetic Resonance Delegate for the American Society of Radiologic Technologists.

**AMBER WOOTEN** successfully completed a Master of Science in Health Sciences degree from Arkansas State University.

The **DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY** accreditation site visit will occur on September 12-13, 2013.

### SOCIAL WORK

**DR. KAREN ALLEN** presented, "Effective Teaching and Learning in the Affective Domain" at the 2013 Arkansas State University Global

Teaching Conference on March 27, 2013.

**DR. GAURI BHATTACHARYA** was appointed as a member of the Commission on Research by

the Council on Social Work Education. She also had an article titled, "Contextualizing Disparity Reduction in Rural Health Care: A Call to Action"



published in the Journal of Family Social Work, Volume 16, Issue 1, January 2013, pages 86-100. She presented a paper titled, *Sustainability of Healthy Lifestyle Changes in Type 2 Diabetes Self-Management: Developing Initiatives Across the Lifespan* in October, 2012 at the 140th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association in San Francisco, CA, and served as a grant proposal reviewer for the National Institutes of Health. Dr. Bhattacharya authored a chapter titled, *Hope and Resiliency: Reframing Living Well with Chronic Illness* in the book *Hope Matters: The Power of Social Work* edited by Elizabeth J. Clark and Elizabeth Hoffer and published by NASW Press Publishers, Washington, DC. She also will present a paper titled, *Using Resiliency in Chronic Illness Self-Management Context:*

*Impact on Student Learning Process* at the Council on Social Work Education 59th Annual Meeting in October 2013 in Dallas, TX, and a paper titled, *Community Collaboration, Commitment, and Challenges: Developing Living Well with Chronic Illness Health Interventions in Rural Arkansas* at the 38th Annual National Institute on Social Work and Human Services in Rural Areas Conference in July, 2013 at Millersville University in Millersville, PA.

**DR. LORETTA BREWER** had an article titled, *Ancestors, Elders, and the Role of Spirituality in Late Life* published in *The International Journal of Religion & Spirituality in Society* Vol 1, No 1. Dr. Brewer presented *Gerotranscendence and the Role of Spirituality in Late Life* at the World

Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics in Seoul, South Korea on June 23-27, 2013. She was also named Social Worker of the Year by the Northeast Arkansas branch of the National Association of Social Workers' Arkansas Chapter.

**DR. LARRY MORTON** conducted a workshop titled, *Racial Disparities in HIV/AIDS Among Sex Workers* at the National Conference on Social Work and HIV/AIDS on May 24, 2013 in Chicago, IL.

**CONNIE RYAN** was recognized by Student Support Services with the "Friend of Student Support Services Award" during the Convocation of Scholars Luncheon on April 18, 2013. She was recognized for her commitment to student success and her authentic belief and understanding of collaboration.

### GRANTS/CONTRACTS

**THE BECK PRIDE CENTER FOR AMERICA'S WOUNDED VETERANS** will be in year three of their Department of Defense grant. Year to date expenditures have exceeded \$650,000 with over \$400,000 appropriated for FY 14. The study is evaluating the effectiveness of the Beck PRIDE Center, researching hippotherapy as a therapeutic service option for disabled veterans and the development of a program implementation manual which will be nationally disseminated. Dr. Susan Hanrahan is the grant Principal Investigator. Researchers in the college include Sandra Worlow and Kelly McCoy, Beck PRIDE and Dr. Roy Aldridge (Physical Therapy).

**DR. SHAWN DRAKE** (Physical Therapy) submitted a \$38,885 grant proposal titled, *Get Fit with CrossFit* to the Blue & You Foundation.

**DR. SHAWN DRAKE** (Physical Therapy) and **DR. REBECCA MATTHEWS** (Nursing) submitted a \$14,955 grant proposal titled, *We Need an App for That: Interprofessional Communication*, to the Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions.

**DR. SUSAN HANRAHAN** has received a sub-award from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences for the Arkansas Geriatric Education Center. Program director for the project is **DR. ANGIE SCHMIDT**, Nursing. The grant supports geriatric education for students and faculty

including our work with the interprofessional Healthy Ager Program.

**DR. LARRY MORTON** (Social Work) received a \$2,000 ASU Faculty Research Award for his project titled, *Trauma and PTSD in Homeless Persons with Intellectual Disabilities*.

**DR. SUSAN MOTTS** (Physical Therapy) received a \$4,666 ASU Faculty Research Award for her project titled, *Cholinergic Circuitry in the Rat Auditory Brainstem*.

**DR. ANGIE SCHMIDT** (Nursing) received a grant for \$42,488 from HRSA for *ASU Nurse Anesthetist Traineeship Program*.

### GOOD-BYE TO:

**LEVI MCCOLLUM:** Administrative Specialist, Social Work

**DR. SUE MCLARRY:** Chair, School of Nursing

**DAWN MCPIKE:** Nursing Faculty

**SONYA PERKINS:** Administrative Specialist at Midsouth Community College

**ROBIN TARPLEY:** Nursing Faculty, ASU Beebe

### WELCOME TO:

**DR. MOHAMMAD AHKTER:** Temporary Assistant Professor, Nurse Anesthesia/PT/Graduate Nursing

**MARILYN DURAN:** Chair, School of Nursing

**KATHRYN FLANNIGAN:** School of Nursing, Assistant Professor

**CHEVON ROBINSON:** Administrative Specialist II, Nursing, West Memphis

**MIKE SMITH:** Assistant Professor of Nursing, ASU Beebe

**GERALDINE STAPLES:** Administrative Specialist II, Social Work

**ERIN STEGALL:** School of Nursing, Assistant Professor

**KAYLEIGH WILSON:** DPEM, Temporary Assistant Professor

**CHRISTIE ZITZELBERGER BLACK:** Nurse Anesthesia, Assistant Professor

### IN SYMPATHY:

**LYN HUBBARD:** on the loss of her father, Dr. Samuel Olliphant Moseley, Jr.

**LIBBY NIX:** on the loss of her father, Frank Walter Seaton, Sr.

**DR. PHYLLIS SKORGA:** on the loss of her father Henry John Skorga.

**DR. PATRICIA WALLS:** on the loss of her father, Sid Lovelle Dean.

**AMANDA WATERS:** on the loss of her grandfather,

James Carl (J.C.) West.

**THE FAMILY OF LYNDSY R. GAZAWAY:** She was a Communication Disorders student expected to graduate in May 2014.

**THE FAMILY OF LYNDSY RUSSELL:** She was a CRNA for Baptist Memphis and a graduate of our CRNA program.

**THE FAMILY OF SUE PITMAN:** She was a graduate of the School of Nursing and a donor to our college.

**THE FAMILY OF ANDREW RAISER:** He was a 1995 BSN graduate.

**THE FAMILY OF JIM SMITH JR:** He was one of our current MRI students and scheduled to graduate in August 2013.

**THE FAMILY OF JIM VAUGHN:** He was a financial supporter of our college scholarship program.

**RENEA FREY** (CD Alum): on the tragic loss of her father, Jim, and brother, Jesse McKinney.

## STUDENT NEWS

### College of Nursing and Health Professions Scholarships Awarded

The following students have been awarded scholarships for 2013-2014.

**KALLIE BRICE**, Social Work - NEA Baptist Memorial Hospital Scholarship Endowment

**SAMANTHA BANKS**, Radiologic Sciences - Jon A. Linder/Douglas Jon Seitz Scholarship

**ASHLEY WALLS**, Radiologic Sciences - Elizabeth A. Thomas Health Sciences

**ETHAN REDMON**, Radiologic Sciences - Drs. Ball, Woloszyn, & Moseley Scholarship

**VANNA HARPER**, LPN - RN, Carla Brooks Spears Memorial Scholarship

**MEGAN SMITH**, BSN - Susan Tolliver Memorial Scholarship

**KAYLA UTLEY**, BSN - Ray H. Hall & Kathleen Scott Hall Nursing Scholarship

**JESSIE BLACKER**, BSN - Sister Patricia Lee Findley Memorial Scholarship

**CHELSEA CARTER**, BSN - Linnie Wisdom-Maude Wilson Honors Scholarship

**SARAH WEICK**, BSN - Clopton Clinic Nursing Scholarship

**AUDRA GAMBILL**, BSN, William and Harriet Mildred Smith Memorial Scholarship

**SARAH THIEL**, BSN - Lillian G. & Homer G. Proctor Nursing Scholarship

**DARICE BARBER**, RN - BSN - Bartels Family Endowed Nursing Scholarship

**RANDI MCGEE**, BSN - Leet Family Scholarship

**BETHANY KREMER**, BSN - Emily Sloan Abernathy Kluge Scholarship

**KATLIN MINK**, Radiologic Sciences - Kris Taylor Memorial Scholarship

**CHARMINE COOK**, Social Work - Martha Ivener Memorial Scholarship

**DUSTON JONES**, Physical Therapy - Bob and Frances Puryear Physical Therapy Scholarship

**EMILY BURLEY** has been selected to receive the College of Nursing and Health Professions Academic Performance Scholarship.

**BRANDI KOSCHMANN, TAYLOR GREGORY, TRACEY MALLARD AND MELODY MCCAIG**, Social Work, were selected Best Overall Graduate Poster Presentation at the Create@AState Symposium held on April 11, 2013 sponsored by the Office of Research & Technology Transfer. Their poster was titled, "Extending Medicaid Coverage."

The following students received St. Bernard's Auxiliary Awards health scholarships for the 2013-2014 school year: Brandon Doty, MSN, Audra Gambill, AASN, Kourtney Hatcher, BSRS, Kelsie Hodges, DPT, Rebecca Collins, BSN, Judy Harsson, MSN, Amber Jones, MSN in Nurse Anesthesia, Brooke McGee, BSN and Amada McMillon, MSN

## OTHER NEWS

### Sue McLarry Retirement

Carolyn Sue McLarry's initial appointment was August 15, 1993, as Assistant Professor of Nursing at the ASU/Mountain Home Technical College as the lead instructor for the Mountain Home-based ASN program. A lot has changed since 1993—Sue moved to Jonesboro, she chaired the School of Nursing, became an Associate Professor, earned a Ph.D., Mountain Home is not a Technical College any longer and the ASN is now an AASN.

Sue received nursing degrees at every educational level—diploma in practical

nursing from the Carlisle Hospital School of Practical Nursing, her AA in Nursing from Ventura College in CA, a BSN from California State University in Los Angeles, her MSN from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center and her PhD from UAMS in 2004 with an emphasis in geriatrics. She holds a specialty certification as a Certified Nurse Educator. Prior to coming to ASU, she was an ADN instructor at North Arkansas College and a clinical instructor for the ADN program at Northern Oklahoma College. At Mountain Home, she was the site coordinator for our Mountain Home program as well as our Ozarka program for 12 yrs. She was also the Education Coord-

inator for the Schmieding Center for Senior Health and Education in Mountain Home.

Sue spent 14 years in a tenure-track-eligible position but finally worked to earn tenure and associate professor rank in 2007. She held the position of interim chair for one year, but has held the position of Chair, Department (followed by School) of Nursing since April 2006. It is impossible to count the number of students who were instructed by Dr McLarry or the number of faculty she has impacted. Twenty years with us is a long time.

She has received the Excellence in Education Award, Eta Theta Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau



At the recent elections for the Association of College Educators in Radiologic Technology Ray Winters(second from left) was elected President and Cheryl Dubose (far left) was elected Secretary/Treasurer .



Dr. Sue McLarry, Retiring Chair of the School of Nursing

International; Cornelia Beck Gerontology Research Award and is a rater for McMaster Online Rating of Evidence where peer reviewed articles are rated for their clinical relevance.

Her scholarship has revolved around older adults, particularly with her work in the college Healthy Ager program—one of our first interdisciplinary practice experiences for students. Some of her other work has focused on health literacy and chronic disease. She was also the college lead on the development of ASU Memorial Hospital—our virtual hospital that was created in Second Life. Most of her grant funding has come from HRSA in the form of traineeship grants for graduate students or through foundation support. She was a book reviewer, course developer, degree developer and implementer. She was instrumental in the creation of the 2nd Degree Accelerated BSN Program and the Coordinated Program in Dietetics. The AASN programs at West Memphis and Searcy, RN-BSN large scale distance, and the DNP materialized while she was chair and the design and development of the nursing labs in the Reynolds Center were a product of her direct involvement. She worked to improve the quality of the new and existing nursing programs. Sue has supported many faculty in their quest for a doctoral degree and has worked with a school in China in bringing students to the US. She provided oversight to the last NLNAC visit, which earned the School continuing accreditation through 2020 for the AASN, BSN and MSN programs.

At the University, Sue worked on the Gen Ed committee where she served as chair. She has also served on the Financial Aid and Scholarship Committee, and the Education and Technology Committee. She is a member of the American Nurses Association, Arkansas Nurses Association, National Leagues for Nursing, Alpha Eta and Sigma Theta Tau. She was president of Arkansas Nurses Association from 05-07 and currently chairs the Arkansas Nurses Foundation BOD and is the chair of the BSN Council, Nurse Admins of Nurse Ed Programs through the AR Board of Nursing. She is a member of many other State Board of Nursing or advisory committees. Locally she is on the board of the Church Health Center.

When we were doing a national search for our nursing chair in 2006 we had to look no farther than Mountain Home, AR. Sue knew our programs, knew our faculty, knew the political climate of the state and knew about the need for qualified nursing graduates. Seven years of leading a School that is significantly larger than a few of the colleges on this campus is enough to make anyone retire, but as you read, she took on other leadership responsibilities concurrent with

her work in the college—leadership across the state and within the university. She has been a great mentor for our chairs and faculty and so many other things. Dr McLarry has acquired a few grandchildren during this time-frame and maintains a home in Mountain Home where she will “retire”—however no one really retires now in this electronic world—even though she probably won’t be linked-in 24-7. We certainly thank her for her many, many contributions and wish her the best!!

Susan Hanrahan, Dean

### Healthy Ager Program

During the Spring 2013 semester, 34 older adults were paired with CNHP student teams for 10 weeks. After a thorough fitness and wellness assessment, participants worked weekly with PT and accelerated BSN students to accomplish goals set by the Healthy Ager and their student team. Throughout the program, participants met with social work, nutrition science, communication disorders and clinical lab science students for discipline-specific assessments. At the end of the semester-long program, participants and students celebrated their accomplishments. Many participants lost pounds and inches, and saw significant drops in blood pressure, lipids, and blood glucose levels. Most gained strength, endurance and flexibility. Students say this experience is one of the most valuable, real-life clinical experiences of their health professions education.

Older adults interested in enrolling in the Spring 2014 program, may contact our community partner, Center on Aging-NE, at (870) 930-9900.

### Faculty Development

**DR. MARK TAYLOR**, a nationally recognized speaker on transformations in education practice and workplace management, was the featured speaker for the college Fall Faculty Development Conference. He spent the majority of the day talking about “Teaching Generation NeXt: Innovating Instructions for Today’s Learners in Nursing and Health Professions Education.” The workshop aided faculty in transitioning to a fuller model of learning based on increasing both student activity and leveraging available technologies to improve instructional efficiency and effectiveness. Mark has some familiarity with our college. He used to work at ASU-Beebe but has been on the national speaker circuit for almost 10 years.

### Grief Seminar

The college hosted the eighth annual Billy Joe Emerson Grief Seminar on May 21, 2013. **DR.**

**JOHN JORDAN**, Pawtucket, RI, spoke on Traumatic Loss: New Understandings, New Directions.” The workshop provided an overview and update on the effects of individuals and families of traumatic deaths such as suicides, homicides and accidental death. Dr. Jordan also spoke at a community event on May 20th on “Grief after Traumatic Loss: Finding Hope and Healing.” Almost 150 participants attended the sessions.

### Title IV-E Academic Partnership in Public Child Welfare

by Karen Fullen, Program Director

The Title IV-E Program at ASU begins its 20th year in August. The Arkansas Partnership is made up of eight universities and the Arkansas Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS). The Arkansas Partnership is one of the oldest academic partnerships in the country, and the unit at ASU was among the first to join.

This past academic year has been a very busy one for IV-E. Two new field trainers were added to the team; Kenya Duncan and Natalie Gatlin, both ASU BSW and MSW graduates. Kenya and Natalie have been a wonderful addition to the staff and have been actively involved in state-wide, regional and university development of child welfare programs. Kenya and Natalie attended the Langevin Professional Training Conference in Dallas for their training certification. They attended the National Child Welfare Conference in Washington, D.C. in April which included spending a day on the Hill meeting with the Arkansas Congressional Delegation advocating for children’s issues. In June, they attended the MidSouth Summer School on Alcohol and Drug Addiction at UALR. Kenya, Natalie, Trish, Karen and Dick attended the Arkansas Child Abuse and Neglect Conference. Trish attended the American Professional Society for Abuse to Children in Las Vegas in June. Dick and Karen presented at the Arkansas NASW conference in April; “Infusing Child Welfare Issues into University Curriculum”. Kenya presented on current child welfare issues at the Headstart Eastern Arkansas Conference in September. IV-E staff has presented on various child welfare/child abuse topics in several Social Work and Physical Therapy classes during the academic year. Kenya participated on the steering committee for the annual NE Arkansas Foster Parent Conference and Natalie presented on “The Impact of Traumatic Loss on Children in Foster Care”. Sandy Tate attended workshops “Better Relationships through Effective Communication” and “Fundamentals of Project Management”.

Dick, Karen and Natalie worked with the IV-E University Interdisciplinary Committee



throughout the year to promote advancement of child welfare content in the curricula of Social Work, Education, Psychology, Sociology and Criminology. The committee sponsored a faculty/student Lunch and Learn during the spring semester, "Who's Who and What Do They Do Mentoring Youth." Natalie served as the moderator and the event was attended by more than 75 students and faculty interested in regional mentoring programs for young persons. The committee is currently researching various programs around the country that support the successful transition for foster youth into the university environment.

The IV-E staff members have all been trained as coaches for The Federal Administration of Children and Families Learning Circle Decision-Making process, which they are now promoting across nine counties in NE Arkansas. IV-E staff has provided trainings on domestic violence, substance abuse, successful visitations between parents and children, trauma informed practice, court preparation and collaboration, ethics, assessment and interviewing skills, engaging families in case planning and case work, and improving practice skills according to the Arkansas Child Welfare practice model.

IV-E staff has also provided weekly one-on-one field training for new DCFS Family Service Workers and Supervisors during the first 12 months of their employment. Trish and Natalie provided the coordination for the annual NE Arkansas DCFS Supervisor Leadership Conference. Trish presented on "Secondary Trauma" to DCFS regional supervisors. Karen and Trish are working on several state committees to develop Field Trainer Professional Development Competencies and training plans. Karen is part of the state committee that is developing new OJT manuals for newly hired DCFS supervisors.

Two stipend students were recruited and participated in senior placements at DCFS during the academic year. These students were hired at DCFS after graduation. Two students have been selected for the upcoming year. Kenya, Natalie and Trish all serve as field instructors for students placed at DCFS for internships and Trish taught a senior seminar class. IV-E staff welcomes the opportunity to consult with faculty in the CNHP college and across welfare content into courses as well as the opportunity to present in classes on child welfare topics. Contact: kfullen@astate.edu.

### Updates from Beck PRIDE Center

By Sandra Worlow

The Beck PRIDE Center for American's Wounded Veterans has had a very busy year! Currently,

there are 190 active participants and their families receiving services. In addition, there are 76 veterans enrolled in the research project entitled "Beck PRIDE Center: An Effective Solution for Combat Injured Veterans."

On Saturday, March 17th, Gearhead Outfitters and Brickhouse Grill sponsored the Shamrock Shuffle 5K Fun Run with the proceeds benefiting the Center. The event raised \$400, and the sponsors plan to make this an annual fundraising event for the Beck PRIDE Center. On Tuesday, March 19th, four BPC participants and student veterans participated in the Difficult Dialogues series sponsored by the ASU Office of Diversity. The student veterans served on a panel discussing the transition from "Boots to Books" and the difficulties they have faced during their transition. In April, the CNHP hosted three Eisenhower Series students from the Army War College, and the BPC hosted two opportunities for the Eisenhower Series students to engage in discussion with student veterans and members of Veteran Service Organizations (VSOs) in the community.

The 1039th RCC of the 875th EN BN returned from their mission in Afghanistan on May 15th, and Beck PRIDE Center staff has worked closely with the service members since their return. BPC staff participated in the 30- and 60-day Post Deployment Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program events on June 29th and July 13th. The intent of the events was to help the service members and their families reconnect after deployment, provide information about resources that can help reduce the stressors associated with a long separation, and educate the service member and his family about the benefits they earned as a result of their deployment and how to access those benefits.

### Proposed New Degree

The college has a curriculum proposal going before the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Council for a Bachelor of Science in Health Studies Degree. This degree program would serve a three-fold purpose for students: 1) planning to seek employment in a health or health-related area upon graduation 2) with associate degrees in health disciplines who desire a bachelor's degree and 3) planning a health career that requires a post-baccalaureate plan of study.

This degree does not lead to a professional credential or state licensure. It does prepare students for roles in community health, support services, health care navigation, claims services, medical sales and patient services. On line certification is available in some areas such as compliance officer, health advocate and coding specialist.

The value of this degree is that it provides a

baseline of skills and education in areas that are of tremendous importance to the health of Arkansans. Students will study chronic illness, prevention, wellness, healthcare advocacy, patient safety, health information technology, health systems, interdisciplinary practice, aging, mental health and cultural competence. A basic foundation of knowledge will allow the graduate to bridge from health to health care which will be important in a diverse array of health settings.

The passage of the Affordable Care Act has "redesigned" workforce roles and created new ones in the process. The American Hospital Association, in its "Workforce Roles in a Redesigned Primary Care Model", discusses the emergence of new team members that connect patients with providers and community resources. These members might be called health coaches, health care navigators, population assistants or community health aides.

If the degree program is approved, it would be implemented beginning Spring 2014. Please watch our website for further details.

### Doctor of Nursing Practice

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These clinical hours will be credited and counted with the 540 clinical clock hours of the post masters DNP program to meet the 1000 clinical clock hours required of a Doctor of Nursing Practice.

Applications for admission to the new DNP program will be accepted beginning in September 2013. Admission to the DNP program is competitive and all applicants will be ranked according to admission criteria.

Due to the rapidly changing healthcare environment, an increase in the demand for the DNP degree should continue for the advanced practice nurse, recognized as the expert clinician with a practice-focused terminal degree. This demand will extend to regional and national needs in response to the Institute of Medicine report, "Health Professions Education: A Bridge to Quality" (IOM, 2003), and the Health Professions Education Committee, redefining how healthcare professionals are educated to improve quality of care and patient outcomes. The Doctor of Nursing Practice program is based on the "Essentials of Doctoral Education for Advanced Nursing Practice" (AACN, NLNAC-ACEN).

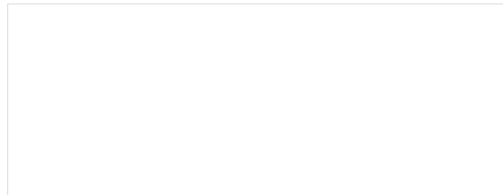
The DNP application form and admission requirements can be found on the College of Nursing and Health Professions website at <http://www.astate.edu/degrees/dnp>. Those needing additional information may contact Dr. Angela Stone Schmidt at [aschmidt@astate.edu](mailto:aschmidt@astate.edu).



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# Fall 2013

## Schedule of Events

August 19	Fall 2013 Classes Begin
September 2	Labor Day Holiday
September 25	CNHP Preview Day for High School Seniors
October 1-7	Mid-Term Exams
October 12	Homecoming and CNHP Open House
October 28-30	Higher Learning Commission Visit
November 13	Delta Health Disparities Conference
November 25-30	Fall Break and Thanksgiving Holiday
December 2	Last Day of Class
December 14	Commencement (ASU Jonesboro)

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