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MARIE DEACON LANDON SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT

The Marie Deacon Landon Scholarship has been endowed by Dorine Deacon, Jonesboro, in honor of her daughter. The first recipient is Tim Clough, a DPT student. The scholarship is to be awarded annually to a student in one of the rehabilitation professions—PT, OT or Speech. As Dorine noted, “Marie benefited immensely from the work of her rehab team. I want to support a student who possesses great talent and demonstrates those gentle and kind skills.” We are very grateful for this gift.

DIXIE L. OWENS ENDOWMENT

The Dixie L. Owens Travel Fund has been endowed by Ben Owens in honor of his wife. This travel fund allows CNHP students who seek an international educational opportunity to be considered for a financial stipend in support of their travels. Mr. Owens serves on the CNHP College Advocacy Board. Mrs. Owens is a 1975 graduate with an Associate in Science Degree in Nursing.

“AN EVENING WITH BOB HOPE” BECK PRIDE FUND RAISER

Arkansas State University’s College of Nursing and Health Professions, in conjunction with Fowler Foods, is presenting a special show, “An Evening with Bob Hope,” to benefit the Beck PRIDE Center for America’s Wounded Veterans. Bill Johnson, a Bob Hope impersonator, will entertain the audience as ‘Bob’, bringing to life the comedy of the real legend. Also performing is “Two on Tap,” a creative collaboration

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ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY
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Dean’s Corner

Happy fall semester! We have lots of good things on tap to talk about and certainly some good work to share between these pages. Our Occupational Therapy (OT) Doctorate and Occupation Therapy Assistant programs were approved by the Higher Education Coordinating Board in late July. Our candidacy applications to ACOTE (Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education) are due September 25, 2014, and will be reviewed by them in December. If action is positive, we will be able to take students beginning June 2015. Dr. Lisa Tekell has been hired to prepare the documents. We are currently searching for the initial cadre of faculty necessary to open the programs. In addition, we will be working on office space and specialized labs for these programs. OT is a high-demand profession in our marketplace. We are pleased the college will now be able to provide the often requested “bulk” of the rehab team (physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech).

We have also hired a director for our new non-licensure program, BS in Health Studies. Hadyn Huckabee will lead this effort. As you might recall, this degree was designed to serve a three-fold purpose for students: 1) planning to seek employment in a health or health related area upon graduation; 2) desiring a bachelor’s degree following completion of an associate’s degree in a health discipline; or 3) planning a health career that requires a post-baccalaureate plan of study, such as physical therapy, occupational therapy, etc. As our website materials note, 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. Online certification is available in some areas such as compliance officer,

health advocate and coding specialist. The value of earning this degree is it provides a baseline of skills and education in areas that are of tremendous importance to the health of Arkansans. So if you know anyone who would like to take classes in chronic illness, prevention, wellness, healthcare advocacy, patient safety, aging, mental health and more, have them contact Mr. Huckabee at hlhuckabee@astate.edu or check our website at www.astate.edu/college/conhp/departments/health-studies/ for additional information.

Lastly, we are hosting a fund raiser for our Beck PRIDE Program for America’s Wounded Veterans on September 16. It is called “An Evening with Bob Hope.” Not only will we have Bill Johnson, a Hope impersonator, in Jonesboro, but other performers include the acclaimed Two on Tap and our own A-State Jazz Band. There is a flyer on our website with more information. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at our ASU Box Office.

The college administrative team met in July to discuss our work for this fiscal year. I think everyone is ready to have another successful and productive year. We certainly could not make that happen without our strong faculty and staff and our supportive community partners and friends. Thanks to all!

One side note, I have accepted the interim dean position for the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences for one year. So, if my communications to you are a little delayed, please understand.

Susan Hanrahan,
Dean

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COLLEGE NEWS

Congratulations to these faculty members who received Faculty Achievement Awards:

DR. STEPHEN GUFFEY - Scholarship
BECKY KEITH - Teaching
DR. CHERYL DUBOSE - Service
DR. PAIGE WIMBERLEY - Advising

DR. STEPHEN GUFFEY, PT, **BILL PAYNE**, CLS, and **ANNETTE BEDNAR**, CLS, had an article titled, "The Interaction of Dose and Rate of Delivery Using Visible and Infrared Light to Inhibit *Pseudomonas Aeruginosa* in Vitro," accepted for publication in the Journal of Laser, Optic & Phototonics.

The **DIABETES SELF-MANAGEMENT CLINIC** in the College of Nursing and Health Professions was recently audited and received continued recognition from the American Diabetes Association. This national recognition demonstrates the highest quality care in diabetes management. Dr. Elizabeth Nix serves as the coordinator for the program, which is free to faculty, staff and students.

DR. STEPHEN GUFFEY, PT, **SUSAN MOTTS**, PT, and **BILL PAYNE**, CLS, had an article titled, "Using Visible and Near-IR Light to Facilitate Photomodulation; A Review of Current Research," published in European Journal of Academic Essays, Vol 1, Issue 3 pp 113-116, 2014.

DR. STEPHEN GUFFEY, **BILL PAYNE**, and PT students **KYLE MARTIN** AND **CARLY DODSON** co-authored the article "Delaying the Onset of Resistance Formation: Effect of Manipulating Dose, Wavelength, and Rate of Energy Delivery of 405-, 464-, and 850-Nanometer Light for *Staphylococcus Aureus*" that was published in Wounds, Vol 26, No. 4, April, 2014.

DR. STEPHEN GUFFEY, PT, **BILL PAYNE**, CLS, and PT students **KYLE MARTIN**, **LESLIE JAMES** AND **ZHUOYUAN QIAN** had an article titled, "Inhibition of *Mycobacterium Smegmatis* Using Near-IR and Blue Light," published in the International Journal of Research in Medical Sciences Feb.

2014, Vol 2, Issue 1, pp.42-46. They also had an article titled, "Inactivation of *Candida Albicans* Following Exposure to 624-Nanometer Light from a Supraluminous Diode Array," accepted for publication in Advances in Skin and Wound Care, June 2014.

DR. STEPHEN GUFFEY, **BILL PAYNE**, Jessica Greenway, Ben Buchanan, and J. Collum co-authored an article titled, "Inhibition of *Acinetobacter Baumannii* In-Vitro by Low Level Light Therapy at 625-Nanometers," that was published in the International Journal of Advanced Technology and Science. Volume 1(2): 51 – 59. May 2014.

DR. STEPHEN GUFFEY, **BILL PAYNE**, and students **JESSICA GREENWAY**, **BEN BUCHANAN**, **CARLY DODSON** and **KRISTOFFER LANCASTER** had an article titled, "Inhibition of *Klebsiella Pneumoniae* by Visible and Near-IR Radiation" published in the European Journal of Academic Essays Vol 1, Issue 2, pp. 33-37, 2014.

CLINICAL LAB SCIENCE

DR. STACY WALZ presented "Monos and Eos and Basos, Oh My!" at the Wisconsin state

chapter convention of the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science

on April 2-3, 2014, in Milwaukee, WI.

COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

DR. JOY GOOD gave a poster presentation titled, "Using Morphological Awareness

Intervention to Promote success in Literacy," at the 2014 ASHA Schools Conference, July

25-27, 2014 in Pittsburg, PA.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

DR. BRAD HOLLOWAY has been named the NEA Social Worker of the Year by the NEA chapter of National Association of Social Workers and 2014 Social Worker of the Year by the Arkansas Chapter of National Association of Social Workers.

The second **DISASTER CAMP**, sponsored by the Regional Center for Disaster Preparedness Education and the Arkansas Fire Prevention Commission, was held July 14-18, 2014. Twenty-one seventh and eighth graders

participated in activities that incorporated computer technology, science, and all types of disasters, as well as individual disaster planning, first aid, CPR and coping strategies.

PHYSICAL THERAPY

DR. ROY ALDRIDGE, **DR. CRISTY PHILLIPS**, **KRISTIE VINSON** and J. Dubrava presented a poster titled, "The Effect of Vestibular Input on Academic Performance in Middle Grade Children," at the Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions Annual Conference, October 23-25, 2013 in Orlando, FL.

DR. SHAWN DRAKE presented an abstract titled, "Current Knowledge of Scoliosis in Physical Therapy Students Trained in the United States," at the 11th International Conference on Conservative Management of Spinal Deformities, 9th Society on Scoliosis Orthopedic and Rehabilitative Treatment Annual Meeting, May 8-10, in Weisbaden, Germany.

DR. STEPHEN GUFFEY, **DR. SUSAN MOTTS** and students **EMILY PAYNE** AND **TIMOTHY CLOUGH** co-authored an abstract titled, "Infrared Light as Intervention to Improve Peripheral Sensation in

an Individual Suffering from Peripheral Neuropathy: A Case Report," that was published in the European Journal of Academic Essays 1(3): 28-32, 2014 and abstract titled, "Near-Infrared Low Level Light Therapy as a Treatment for Peripheral Nueropathy," accepted as a poster presentation at Neuroscience 2014, in November, in Washington, D.C.

DR. SUSAN MOTTS, Brett R Schofield, Jeffrey G. Mellot, Nichole L. Foster and Kyle T. Nakamoto had a manuscript accepted titled, "Distribution of GABAergic Cells in the Inferior colliculus that Project to the Thalamus," in Frontiers in Neuroanatomy.

DR. SUSAN MOTTS, Brett R Schofield, Jeffrey G. Mellot and Nichole L. Foster had an article titled, "Subcollicular Projections to the Auditory Thalamus and Collateral Projections to the Inferior Colliculus," and an article titled, "Projections from the Dorsal

and Ventral Cochlear Nuclei to the Medial Geniculate Body," accepted for publication in Frontiers in Neuroanatomy.

DR. CRISTY PHILLIPS co-authored a manuscript titled, "Neurotransmitter-based Strategies for the Treatment of Dysfunction in Down Syndrome," that was published in Progress in Neuro-Psychopharmacology & Biological Psychiatry that is published on ScienceDirect, and a manuscript titled, "Neuro-protective Effects of Physical Activity on the Brain a Closer Look at Trophic Factor Signaling," published in Frontiers in Cellular Neuroscience, June 02, 2014.

KRISTIE VINSON co-presented a poster titled, "Inter-rater Reliability Between Cls and DPT Students on Initial, intermediate and Final Clinical Rotations," at the APTA Combined Sections Meeting, in Las Vegas, NV, February 3-6, 2014.

NURSING

The **COUNCIL ON ACCREDITATION OF NURSE ANESTHESIA EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS (COA)** has granted continued accreditation to the Nurse Anesthesia program through Spring 2024.

TERESA FISHER presented a poster titled, "Effects of Dementia Simulation in Nursing Education," at the Boot Camp for Nurse Educators on July 17-21, 2014, in Scottsdale, AZ.

LORI HAILEY presented, "The Use of Diffusion of Innovations Theory to Integrate Clinical Simulation Throughout a Curriculum in a School of Nursing," at Southern Nurse Research Society in San Antonio, TX in February 2014.

BLINDA NORMAN and **DR. ELIZABETH NIX** presented a poster titled "Using Technology for Classroom Presentations Means: Endless Possibilities," and **DR. NIX** presented a poster titled "Engaging

Community Clinical Nursing Students in an Environment of Patient safety in the Home Health Environment," at DUNEI conference in Myrtle Beach, SC June 16-21, 2014.

DR. ELIZABETH NIX presented a poster titled "Nursing's impact on African American's with End Stage Renal Disease: A Most Trusted Profession" at the Boot Camp for Nurse Educators Conference in Phoenix, AZ July 16-July 21.

DR. ANGELA SCHMIDT authored Chapter 3-Ethical, Moral, and Legal Considerations of Rehabilitation Nursing, in the 7th edition of The Specialty Practice of Rehabilitation Nursing: A Core Curriculum, to be published Fall 2014. **DR. SCHMIDT** also authored, "Communicating Health literacy in Rehabilitation," published in ARN Network, June/July 2014.

DR. PHYLLIS SKORGA and **DR. CHARLOTTE YOUNG**

co-authored an article titled, "Happy Anniversary Cochrane Collaboration: Editorial," that was published in the Journal of Advanced Nursing, 70 (7), 1449-1450.

DR. NONIE WIGGINS presented a poster titled, "Cohort or Not? The Effects of Clinical Grouping on Student Learning Outcomes," at Drexel University Nursing Education Institute 2014 in Myrtle Beach, SC, June 16 – 19, 2014.

DR. ANGELA SCHMIDT, RENEE MILLER, AND ANNETTE STACY presented "Designing a Nursing Educational System to Facilitate Academic Progression" at the National League for Nursing Education Summit 2014 on September 14-20, in Phoenix, AZ.

DR. PAIGE WIMBERLEY had a chapter on "Patient Education" published in the 8th Edition of Potter & Perry Essentials of Nursing Practice.

RADIOLOGIC SCIENCE

Presentations were given by **DEANNA BARYMON**, "Humans and Our Canine Companions: A Comparison of Anatomy, Pathology, and Imaging," **VALERIE LONG**, "Hirely Desirable: Setting Yourself Apart," **CHERYL DUBOSE**, "The Art of Authentic

Conversation," and **TRACY WHITE**, "Radiation as a Cause of Malignant Neoplasm" at the Association of Collegiate Educators in Radiologic Technology on February 6-7, 2014, in Las Vegas, NV.

The **DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY** program has received continuing accreditation through 2019 by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs.

NUTRITIONAL SCIENCE

The very first group of students completing the Nutritional Science Program graduated on

August 8, 2014, with a Bachelor of Science in Dietetics. They are now eligible to take the

national credentialing examination and become Registered Dietitians.

SOCIAL WORK

DR. REJOICE ADDAE, DR. LARRY MORTON and Dr. Samuel Terrazas presented an abstract titled, "Ethics and Rural Health Care: Implications for Social Work Practice," at the 39th Annual Institute for Social Work and Human Services in Rural Areas, in Silver City, NM, July 16-18, 2014.

CONNIE RYAN has been appointed by Governor Beebe to the Arkansas State Board of Examiners of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors.

KENYA DUNCAN and **KAREN FULLEN** presented "Navigating the SEAs of Supervision, a Model for On the Job Training for Newly Promoted, Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Supervisors,"

at the 2014 National Title IV-E Conference on May 22nd in Galveston, TX.

KAREN FULLEN presented "Infusing Child Welfare into University Curriculum," at the Southern Social Sciences Association Conference on April 17, 2014, in San Antonio, TX.

The **BSW STUDENT SOCIAL WORK ORGANIZATION** sponsored the 7th Annual Saving Christmas for Foster Children Benefit. This year the organization not only raised direct funds to hold a huge shopping spree, but they also facilitated finding individuals and groups wishing to adopt a child for Christmas. This raised the number of foster children to over 130 and generated

more than \$13,000. The faculty sponsor for the student group is **DONNA PARKER**.

The following workshops were presented to a variety of DCFS audiences in Jonesboro: **KENYA DUNCAN** presented "Engagement, Interviewing and Assessment" on Jan. 23, 2014, "Child Welfare Ethics," on June 19, 2014, "Family Strengths, Needs and Risk Assessments," on Feb. 20 and "Managing Difficult Encounters with Clients and Families," (MDE) on Apr. 3. **NATALIE GATLIN** presented "Effective Case Planning-Integrating Mental Health Recommendations," on Mar. 27, and "MDE" on Feb. 27 **TRISH HOLT** presented workshops on "MDE," on March 30, and June 29.

GRANTS/CONTRACTS

DR. KAT CARRICK was awarded \$2,000 for a project titled, "Healthy Mommas & Healthy Babies," by the March of Dimes.

The **TITLE IV-E ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIP IN PUBLIC CHILD WELFARE** has been awarded \$482,082 for the coming 2014-2015 fiscal year from the Division of Children and Family Services and Administration of Children and Families.

LYNDA NASH submitted a grant application for \$52,660 to the Horses and Human Research Foun-

dation for a project titled, "What are the effects of Equine Assisted Activities and Hippotherapy in Veterans with Symptoms of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and Traumatic Brain Injury as Measured by Cortisol Testing and the PTSD Checklist?"

DR. LIBBY NIX submitted a \$150,000 grant proposal to the Blue & You Foundation for a project titled, "Mass Immunization for Arkansas State University Students Against Meningococcal and Flue Viruses and Health Education."

DR. DEBORAH PERSELL submitted a \$252,562 grant proposal to the Arkansas Department of Education for a project titled, "Grants to States for School Emergency Management Program."

DR. ANGIE SCHMIDT was awarded a \$45,570 grant by the Health Resources Administration for her project titled, "Nurse Anesthetist Traineeship Program Phase I."

DR. STACY WALZ received a \$3,050 Faculty Research Fund Award for research activities.

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LINDA TATE was awarded a \$500 research grant for her proposal titled, "Temporal Discounting and its Effects on Exercise Behaviors in Elders," by the

Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, Gamma Xi chapter.

DR. PAIGE WIMBERLEY submitted a grant proposal

for \$64,753 titled, "Identifying Service Gaps for Breast Cancer in the Arkansas Delta," to the Arkansas Breast Cancer Research Program.

GOOD-BYE TO:

MERRILL CATT, Communication Disorders
DR. BEVERLY EDWARDS, Social Work department
DR. RICHARD FREER, retiring from the Social Work department.

SARAH DAVIDSON, Nursing, West Memphis
MYRA MEEKINS, Physical Therapy department
DEBRA WALDEN, retiring from the School of Nursing.

BARBARA WIKE, retiring from the nursing program at ASU-Mountain Home.

DR. CATHY YOUNG, School of Nursing

WELCOME TO:

CHRISTINA AKBARI, Communication Disorders
CAMILLE ALLENSWORTH, Administrative Specialist II, Social Work
KACIE ALTOM, Instructor, Nursing

HADYN HUCKABEE, Program Director, Health Studies
KARNILLA SCHINGOETHE-LEE, Social Work
DR. LISA TEKELL, Assistant Professor, Occupational Therapy

DR. PATRICIA WILKERSON, Associate Professor, Social Work

DR. JUNLIN ZHANG, Assistant Professor, Physical Therapy

IN SYMPATHY:

REBECCA BRIDGES on the loss of her father-in-law, Sam Bridges.

ERIN STEGALL on the loss of her brother-in-law, Kevin Stegall, also brother of Nursing student **SHERIKA STEGALL-PUGH**.

BRINDA MCKINNEY on the loss of her brother-in-law, Lonnie McKinney.

DR. RICHARD NEELEY on the loss of his mother, Virginia Jane "Pete" Neeley.

SKYLA TALLEY on the loss of her great-grandfather, Ortha Ray "O.R." Trotter.

THE FAMILY OF TRINA JO DUDLEY, a 2005 graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and, in 2008, a Masters Degree in Physical Therapy.

THE FAMILY OF DONNA JO SMITH GOOKIN, a 1981 graduate who earned a Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology.

THE FAMILY OF CARMEN STAYTON, a 1993 Graduate of the AASN program.

KELLY TIDWELL on the loss of her father, Michael Shaw.

STUDENT NEWS

DUSTON JONES, a May 2014 graduate from the Doctor of Physical Therapy program, received a perfect score of 800 on the National Physical Therapy Exam, administered by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy.

DIANA WISDOM, CLS, won a \$1000 scholarship from the Tennessee Association of Blood Bankers.

JANA JOHNSON, CLS, was one of only three students in the state who won a \$1000 ASCP/Siemens Scholarship.

JON COLLUM, CLS, and **EDEN WALKER**, CLS, each received the ASCP National Student Honor Award for academic excellence and a commitment to community service and leadership activities.

2014-2015 CNHP Scholarship Award Winners

Congratulations to the 2014-2015 scholarship award winners:

SAVANNAH HARRINGTON - NEA Baptist Memorial Hospital Scholarship Endowment

JENNIFER JACKSON - Jon A. Linder/Douglas Jon Seitz Scholarship and Carla Brooks Spears Endowment in Nursing Scholarship

LAUREN ROWE - Elizabeth A. Thomas Health Sciences

MEGHON ALFORD - Drs. Ball, Woloszyn & Moseley Scholarship

CHELSEA ROGERS - Kris Taylor Memorial Scholarship

TIM CLOUGH - Marie Deacon Landon Scholarship

SIERRA DAVIS - Sister Patricia Lee Findley Memorial Scholarship

NATHAN KERLEY - Leet Family Scholarship

REBECCA COLLINS - Ray H. Hall & Kathleen Scott Hall Nursing Scholarship

VICTORIA HENSON - Susan Tolliver Memorial Scholarship

ALICEN BOONE - Lillian G. & Homer G. Proctor Nursing Scholarship and Linnie Wisdom-Maude Wilson Honors Scholarship

MACKENZI CHAMBERS - Clopton Clinic Nursing Scholarship and William & Harriet Mildred Smith Memorial Scholarship

ASHLEY SPARKMAN - Emily Sloan Abernathy Kluge Scholarship

TERRIN HUGGINS - Martha Ivener Memorial Scholarship

ASHLEY MORGAN - Bob and Frances Puryear Physical Therapy Scholarship

CNHP STUDENTS EARN AWARDS AT CREATE@STATE

Numerous CNHP students, with the guidance of their faculty mentors, earned awards at The 4th annual Create@StAte: A Symposium of Research, Scholarship and Creativity. Congratulations to the following students and their faculty mentors:

1st Place, Social Behavioral Sciences Graduate - Amy Higgins, Social Work and faculty mentor, Dr. Kathleen Carrick, Social Work.

1st Place, Nursing and Health Professions Undergraduate - Reid Martin and Kent Toledo, Biological Sciences, and faculty mentor, Dr. Susan Motts, Physical Therapy.

1st Place Nursing and Health Professions Graduate - Terri Horne, Family Nurse Practitioner and faculty mentor, Dr. Cathy Young, Nursing.

2nd Place Nursing and Health Professions Graduate - Sarah Crook, Family Nurse Practitioner and Mentor, Dr. Cathy Young, Nursing.

1st Place Humanities & Social, Behavioral Sciences & Health Sciences Undergraduate - Kayla Spray, Nursing, and faculty mentor, Dr. Susie Snellgrove, Nursing.

2nd Place Humanities & Social, Behavioral Sciences & Health Sciences Undergraduate - Morgan Caples, Communication Disorders, and faculty mentor, Dr. Mike McDaniel, Communication Disorders.

1st Place Creative/Artistic Presentation Winners - Liam Costello, Social Work, and faculty mentor, Dr. Kathleen Carrick, Social Work.

2nd Place Creative/Artistic Presentation Winners - Braden Herring, English, and faculty mentor, Dr. Kathleen Carrick, Social Work.

Best Overall Graduate Poster Presentation - Keitha Keech, Family Nurse Practitioner, and faculty mentor, Dr. Lisa Waggoner, Nursing.

Best Overall Creative/Artistic Presentation - Cassie Phillips, Biological Sciences, and faculty mentor, Dr. Kathleen Carrick, Social Work.

Students Earn Awards at SNA National Convention

by Lance Wilcox

ASU nursing students won three of the 11 awards that are available to individual schools at the SNA National Convention.

- Image of Nursing Award – Based on the 'Trot 4 Tots 5K Run/Walk.'
- Website Award – Website created by Britt Williams and Jacque Shannon last winter.
- Robert V. Piemonte Financial Excellence Award – Based on the Trot 4 Tots 5K Run/Walk and implementation of financial policies, short and long-term financial goals, and annual operating budget. Their theme was, "Community Health & Disaster Preparedness: Creating a Positive Impact."

In addition, two seniors, Clara Deere and Jessica Blackman, currently serve on the Arkansas Nursing Students Association Board. They authored three applications submitted by the State Association and received awards for each of them.

Another first for this year included the submission of a resolution to the NSNA for debate in the House of Delegates. The students' resolution title was "In Support of Pulse Oximetry Screening for Congenital Heart Defects in Newborns." The resolution was adopted in the House of Delegates (approximately 540 members) with 96% of the delegates in support of this issue.

Fundraising is an integral part of the work required for the SNA as they do not have any income from membership dues. During the national convention, SNA chapters are allowed to have a table for fundraising. This year A-State was able to raise over \$3,500 during the convention.

Each year during the last day of convention, the House of Delegates have a "Challenge" between State Associations and School Chapters to raise money for the Foundation for the National

Student Nurses Association scholarship fund. This year, our students donated \$500, an amount unmatched by other schools. This is an excellent level of commitment from our students and their ability to see the big picture in nursing.

CNHP STUDENTS RECOGNIZED AT HONORS COLLEGE CEREMONY

The following CNHP students were recognized by the Honors College at a ceremony on May 16, at the Cooper Alumni Center:

GRADUATING IN UNIVERSITY HONORS

MORGAN CAPLES - 4.0 Scholar, Bachelor of Science in Communication Disorders (Summa Cum Laude)

KAYLA SPRAY - Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Magna Cum Laude)

RANDI WRIGHT - Distinguished Service Award - Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Magna Cum Laude)

GRADUATING IN HONORS

MANDI FUNDERBURG - Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Cum Laude)

BRITTANY JETTON - Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Magna Cum Laude)

BETHANY KREMER - Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Magna Cum Laude)

SARAH ROBERTS - Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Cum Laude)

KEELY RUBLE - Bachelor of Science in Communication Disorders (Cum Laude)

RACHEL SOUTH - Bachelor of Science in Nursing

KAYLA STANAGE - Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Cum Laude)

HONORS CERTIFICATE

HUNTER BOWEN - Bachelor of Science in Clinical Laboratory Sciences (Cum Laude)

CARLY DODSON - Bachelor of Science in Clinical Laboratory Sciences

REID SHELTON - Bachelor of Radiological Sciences/ Imaging & Radiation Sciences

MALLORYE WESLEY - Bachelor of Science in Nursing

FALL PHONE -A-THON

The fall A-State Phonathon will take place September 6 through October 2, seven days a week. Thanks so much for taking our student calls during that time and giving to the department, school, program or scholarship fund of your choice. Every gift matters, and we appreciate you.

GRIEF SEMINAR

The annual Billy Joe Emerson Grief Seminar was held May 21 at the Fowler Center. Dr. Ben Wolfe, a nationally noted grief, loss and trauma trainer and consultant, was the workshop speaker. The professional program attracted almost 150 participants. The day-long program was titled, "Stories, Icebergs and Family Mobiles: Helping Others as We Help Ourselves". He also presented an evening program for the community, "Holding On or Letting Go? Wisdom from the Dark Emotions". Thanks to our sponsors—Emerson Funeral Home, NEA Baptist Clinic, NEABCF Hope Circle, NEA Baptist Memorial Hospital, Families, Inc Counseling Center and Arkansas Geriatric Education Center. Stay tuned for an announcement of our 2015 program.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

On August 11, Steve Milam, JD, attorney and consultant, was our faculty speaker for the day. His topic was "Legal Issues Involved in Tough Academic Issues About Students and the ADA." He is currently an affiliate assistant professor in the Dept. of Bioethics and Humanities in the School of Medicine at the University of Washington.



Students from the Medical Imaging and Radiation Sciences department and the School of Nursing participated in a three-week, study-abroad course in June 2014 in London, England. See article on our web site.



Deanna Barymon presents at the Association of Collegiate Educators in Radiologic Technology 39th Annual conference on February 6, 2014.

ASU C.A.R.E TO RELOCATE

After several years of operation at the corner of Marshall and Belt, ASU C.A.R.E has outgrown the facility and will be moving into a new home at the Community Services Center on Magnolia Road. ASU C.A.R.E has maintained an ongoing partnership with the Services Center and was recently offered a space that will include offices and a large conference room that will provide space to host meetings, tutoring, parenting classes, budgeting and resume classes, and many other activities.

The center provides daycare, has a food pantry, clothes closet and assists clients with other needs. The staff and students at ASU C.A.R.E will be completing needs assessments for all clients who come through the center and provide appropriate referrals and services as available. The center provides a large space for community activities and events and is open Monday through Friday from 9 am - 4 pm. The physical address is 911 Magnolia Road and the phone number is 870-932-0080.

ASU C.A.R.E continues to encourage interprofessional collaboration within the college. For use of the facility or to schedule activities at the site, please complete the Interprofessional Education Event Request Form or contact Dr. Brad Holloway, Director, at 972-3672.

BARBRA WIKE RETIRES

Barbra Wike received her ADN degree from Southern State College in Magnolia in 1970, a BSN from UA Monticello in 1986, and her MSN from UCA in 1996. She became employed full-time at ASU-Mountain Home in 1998. She spent three years prior to that doing part-time work. She also worked for SW Missouri University—West Plains in their ADN degree; Baptist School of Nursing, Little Rock on their diploma program and for Southern Arkansas University, Magnolia in their ADN degree. She has been the administrative site coordinator at A-State-Mountain Home since 2005 when Dr. McLarry relocated to Jonesboro. She has also completed clinical practice since 1970 in states like Louisiana, Tennessee and various places in Arkansas which included work in general hospitals, oncology clinics, nursing centers, the VA and mobile diagnostics. She was an assistant professor non-tenure track faculty member at A-State which meant she had no scholarly obligations but did publish in Home Health Care Nurse and presented at ADN sharing day. She completed lots of teaching at A-State, including on-line instruction.

Barbra has membership in the National League



for Nursing, Arkansas and American Nurses Association, Sigma Theta Tau and is BDLS certified. In the community she did a variety of service work including work with the American Cancer Society as Board Member, Mountain Home Christian Clinic and was a member of various committees associated with the East Side Baptist Church. She was also involved in the Health Science Center development at MH, the start-up of the AASN program on the West Memphis campus, self-study work and recruitment and advising.

On a personal note, we know she is very involved in her church, loves to sing and spend time with her family especially her grandchildren. Always a smile on her face, we will miss her very much. Thank you Barbra!

DR. RICHARD FREER RETIRES

Dick is retiring after 20 years on the Social Work faculty with time spent in both the former College of Arts and Sciences and now the College of Nursing and Health Professions.

Dick got his BA from Anderson University, MSW from Michigan State and Ph.D. in Social Welfare from Case Western University (dissertation title was Interprofessional Case Coordination in Family Preservation Services). He started his academic career at Lyon College as interim program director in 1988 and came to A-State in 1994. He filled a position vacated by Al Presley, which was temporarily held by Donna Parker, who is still on faculty today. He earned tenure in 1999 and became associate professor the following year. Of course, he is a licensed social worker but is also a certified family mediator.

He has done an array of presentations and publications with some contract work. Here is a sampling—to conduct site visits and establish findings for the Transitional Employment Assistance Program (TEA coalition); a study in Craighead County on the coordination of services to children at risk because of abuse and neglect; in 2004; also worked on topical areas such as interdisciplinary approaches to infant and early childhood mental health; children of incarcerated parents—implications for DCFS workers; helping children in foster care; youth suicide prevention. He has collected data on the homeless population in Jonesboro and has completed special work for very select and special populations.

While at A-State he has done too many things to mention but here are a few:

- Very instrumental in the getting the BSW program moved to our college and the subsequent development of the MSW program—served as the director for a period of time;
- Has been the principal investigator for the Title



IVE—child welfare grant since 2009—the grant averages about \$.5M per year;

- Was named outstanding ASU faculty academic advisor in 2009;
- Received a Lifetime Achievement award presented by the Arkansas Chapter of the National Association of SW in 2008;
- Social Worker of the Year by the same group in 2001;
- Received the ASU Board of Trustees Faculty Award for Professional Service in 2007, as well as the college award.

Dick would be a college role model for service—he has done service to his profession at the state and local level. He has served on just about every university committee; the same is true in the college and certainly true at the department level. Service learning is infused throughout his courses. There is one single-spaced page of community service in his vitae so here are a few—Craighead County Community Foundation Board, Emil Williams Center for Community Well Being Board, Court Appointed Special Advocates Board, Action for Kids Regional Advisory Board, work with Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families and Head Start Social Services Advisory Committee.

Most of you who have been around a while know Dick, and many, many people in the community and the state know him as well. Not replaceable for sure, but he was certainly “impactful” for ASU and our larger community. Thank you, Dick Freer!

DEBRA WALDEN RETIRES

Debra Sue Jackson Walden had her first stint at A-State as an instructor from 1979-1984 and the second phase was from 1988 to date—31 years. Before, during and in-between, she worked at St. Bernards in either CCU, ICCU, Pediatrics or OB/GYN. Debra received her BA in Biology from Southwestern in Memphis, BSN from SLU and Master of Nursing Science in Maternal and Infant Nursing from UAMS. She has or previously held certifications in inpatient OB nursing, BDLS and breastfeeding educator. She was tenured in 1993 and earned the clinical associate professor rank in 2012.

She is an award winner in all faculty roles—As educator—nominated multiple times for the “You Make a Difference” Academic Advisor Award, won the ASU Board of Trustees Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence and College of Nursing and Health Professions Distinguished Teaching Award.

In service—American Cancer Society’s Daffodil Ball honoree; Outstanding Professional Service, ArNA District #6; CNHP Distinguished Service Award, CNHP You are Making a Difference



Award, Distinguished Service Award, Sigma Theta Tau, Eta Theta Chapter, St Bernards Breast Cancer Hall of Fame and Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

In scholarship— Outstanding Achievement in Research Poster Award, Sigma Theta Tau and Nightingale Society Honors UAMS.

She was appointed by Gov. Beebe to the Breast Cancer Control Advisory Board and by Gov. Huckabee to the Arkansas Child Abuse and Prevention Board and the Arkansas Prenatal and Early Childhood Nurse Home Visitation Program. She was an elected delegate to the American Nurses Association Assembly at the Arkansas Nurses Association Annual convention. She has published in *Nurse Educator* and *Nursing Education*, had an Q&A piece for a pharmacology text, developed lots of curriculum including on-line learning CE modules; completed a number of book and chapter reviews, has presented at national and state forums through platform and poster sessions; and has a couple of pages of Continuing Education presentations. She has been on an inordinate number of university, college and department/school committees, is a commencement marshal, was instrumental in the development, implementation and coordination of our accelerated BSN program; and has been very active in the Arkansas State Nurses Association and Sigma Theta Tau, Eta Theta Chapter. There are two pages of community contributions including her performance in "The Way Home" (a play about a cancer experience); Mission Serve; St. Bernards Womens Advisory Council; Craighead County Community Foundation; Campaign for Healthier Babies; Craighead County Partnership for Children and Families and work at St Mark's Episcopal Church. She has been the speaker at a minimum of five pinning ceremonies, is a frequent speaker at the Arkansas Nursing Student Association Annual Convention, and a faculty representative speaker for some university events here and in Little Rock. She is also responsible for the nursing artifacts that are in the display case in the lobby of CNHP. I know she has been a mentor to junior faculty, she has worked to "de-stress" beginning nursing students but she has also caused them much distress; she always had LARGE class sizes, coordinated our auto-tutorial lab for years and the list goes on. It is very difficult to capture everything.

But students is what she is all about and here is a direct quote from one of them—"You're the BEST—we will miss you and thank you, thank you, thank you. Have a great retirement!"

FARMEDIC COURSE SAVES LIFE

On July 7, 2014, a grain bin rescue had a happy ending thanks to the training rescuers received

just a week before. The Farm Medic Responder course was taught by Brent Cox from the Regional Center for Disaster Preparedness Education.

The Farm Medic Responder course is recommended to all first responders. The Farm Medic Awareness classes are recommended for farm families, farm hands and farm owners.

The Regional Center for Disaster Preparedness Education has contracted with Arkansas Trauma Education and Research Foundation to provide Farmedic training across the state.

For more information on these classes, contact the Regional Center for Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management at (870) 680-8286 or visit their web site at www.astate.edu/dpem.

UPDATES FROM BECK PRIDE CENTER

by Lynda Nash, Director

The Beck PRIDE Center has sponsored workshops including Marriage Enhancement, Anger Management, Understanding Finances and a combat support group. Referrals for counseling and other services continue to be offered. A female student-veteran, Jordan McBride, was selected for a makeover for the Jonesboro Occasions magazine and was featured in their January issue. Kelly McCoy was featured in the Jonesboro Sun article "Women Who Lead" on March 2.

On March 17, the Second Shamrock Shuffle two-mile Fun Run was sponsored by the Brickhouse Grill, Gearhead Outfitters and the Downtown Jonesboro Association. The proceeds were donated to the Beck PRIDE Center. In addition, the Jonesboro Fire Department Honor Guard Pipes and Drums donated the proceeds from their St. Patrick's Day program.

The Student Veteran's Association participated in the "All That Jazz" fund raiser for the homeless shelter and alternative housing in Jonesboro. Fourteen participants of Beck PRIDE Center graduated in May. Twelve veterans and six dependents were the recipients of the Gov. Mike Beebe Scholarship for a total of \$20,000 for the spring of 2014. The Gov. Mike Beebe Veteran's Gala, which funds the scholarships, is scheduled for October 2, 2014.

A veteran's picnic was held on July 12 with 200 participants attending. Information is being gathered regarding the number of veterans among A-State faculty and staff. Thirty-seven have been identified at this time. ASU has been designated a military veteran-friendly campus.

Future projects include an orientation workshop regarding veteran's benefits, Beck PRIDE Center resource work, orientation for veterans coming back to school and time management. "Honoring and Empowering Women Who Serve:

Transitioning from Military to Civilian" is being offered on September 6. A fun evening to support the Beck PRIDE Center is being offered on September 16t at the Fowler Center, "An Evening with Bob Hope", by Bob Johnson who has entertained audiences as Bob Hope will jokingly cover a wide range of Hope's favorite topics, including our nation's Armed Forces, Washington D.C., the game of golf and Hope's dear friend, Bing Crosby.

TITLE IV-E ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIP IN PUBLIC CHILD WELFARE

KAREN FULLEN served as Chair of the A-State 2014 Department of Social Work Spring Conference, "*Neurobiology of Trauma, Trauma Therapy and Medication Efficacy*" held at A-State for faculty, students and community providers. **KENYA DUNCAN** served as chair and **TRISH HOLT** as co-chair of the annual DCFS Supervisor Leadership Conference "*Supervision: An Opportunity to Modify Agency Culture by Using the Supervisory Practice Model*," held on May 15 - 16 in Heber Springs, to 23 Northeast Arkansas DCFS Supervisors.

IV-E sponsored conferences included: "*Illicit Drugs*" on May 22, in Jonesboro, with speaker Norman Kemplar from the Arkansas Crime Lab; "*Introduction to Substance Abuse*" on May 8, in Jonesboro, with speaker Connie Ryan; "*Using Collaboration with Mental Health Providers*" on April 14, in Jonesboro, with speakers David Saarnio, Ph.D., A-State, Karin Vanerzee, Ph.D., UAMS AR BEST and Kelly Hamman LCSW, UAMS AR BEST; ASU IV-E Interdisciplinary Lunch and Learn, "*Who's Who and What do They do Advocating for Youth*" on February 25, with Dick Freer, PhD, serving as moderator. Panelists included a youth representative from Arkansas Youth Move; Hadyn Huckabee from MidSouth Community Mental Health Wrap Around Services, Christie Nichols from the Northeast Arkansas Child Advocacy Center, Tracy Holloway and Kimberly Hobbs from DCFS, Geania Dickey from Arkansas Invest Early Coalition, and Donna Bowyer from CASA. In attendance on A-State's campus were more than 70 A-State students and faculty.

Natalie Gatlin provided leadership and supervision for the A-State/DCFS Student Stipend and Internship Program. The two 2013-2014 A-State stipend students have been hired by DCFS as Family Service Workers since graduation. There are five applicants for the 2014-2015 stipend program.

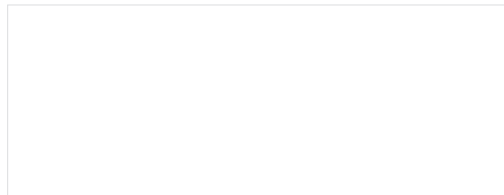
Karen Fullen serves on the state DCFS Practice Guides Development Workgroup and on the state DCFS Family Service Worker Curriculum Workgroup affecting statewide child welfare program policy development.



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Schedule of Events

August 17	First Year Convocation
August 19	Classes Begin
August 22	"How Will the Affordable Care Act Affect the Care of Older Adults?" VTC (1 CEU)
September 1	Labor Day Holiday
September 6 - October 2	Fall Phoneathon
September 16	"An Evening with Bob Hope" Beck PRIDE Benefit
September 26	Basic Disaster Life Support (BDLS)
October 4	Homecoming
October 10-11	Advanced Disaster Life Support (ADLS)
November 12	Health Disparities Conference
November 25-29	Fall Break and Thanksgiving
December 1	Last Day of Class
December 13	Commencement
January 20	Spring 2015 Classes Begin

BECK PRIDE BENEFIT

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of two musical theater performers—Melissa Giattino and Ron DeStefano. The pair of song-and-dance showstoppers represents the era of Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers or Judy Garland and Mickey Rooney in their act. It is a creative collaboration of these two performers with vocal harmony and dance numbers. There are also special performances by the A-State Jazz Band and the A-State Choir.

Other Participating sponsors are Major General (Ret) George Barker, COL (Ret.) Buddy G. Beck, The Beck Foundation, Congressman Rick Crawford, Colonel (Ret.) Tom Davis, Major (Ret.) Ron Miller, Bailey Contractors, Inc., Cardiology Associates/ St. Bernard's Heart & Vascular, College of Fine Arts, Families, Inc., Alec Farmer Farms, Fowler Center, Sherland and Barbara Hamilton, Heritage Agriculture of Arkansas, Jonesboro Prosthetic & Orthotic Laboratory, Easton Agriculture, LLP, NEA Baptist clinic, Craighead County Republican Committee and Phillips Dentistry.

The event takes place Tuesday, Sept. 16, at 7 p.m., at Riceland Hall in the Fowler Center. Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased at the A-State Box Office in the lower red entrance of the Convocation Center or online at astate.edu/tickets. Call the Box Office at 870-972-2781 or call 888-278-3267.

For more information about the event itself, contact the Arkansas State University College of Nursing and Health Professions at 870-972-3112 or visit www.astate.edu/conhp.