

STATEside News



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Beck PRIDE Update

By Lynda Nash, Director, Beck PRIDE Center

Community partnerships continue to be the focus of services for veterans. A Memo of Understanding to recognize and accept the roles and responsibilities assigned to each party to ensure that the upcoming Veterans Village complies with all federal requirements was signed by Mayor Harold Perrin, Dr. Susan Hanrahan, Chancellor Kelly Damphouse and Lynda Nash on July 2. Ground breaking ceremonies will be this fall for the start of construction. Plans are moving forward to address veteran's homeless issues in Jonesboro.

The Beck PRIDE Center partnered with the Birdwell Foundation to present a private screening of the 2018 SAMHSA Voice Award Best Documentary winner, "Battlefield Home – Breaking the Silence" on June 25. The purpose was to increase understanding of how PTSD impacts extended family members and their community. The director/writer Anita Sugimura Holsapple was available for questions afterwards.

The first legal clinic for veterans was Aug. 8. A partnership with the Memphis VA Medical Center's Justice Outreach program, the City of Jonesboro, Legal Aid of Arkansas, A-State Beck PRIDE Center, and Arkansas Department of Veteran Affairs made this event possible. Advice on civil, legal issues related to consumer law, family law, wills and conservatorship, and landlord-tenant issues was available.

A therapeutic combat support group is offered weekly at the BPC. Additional workshops for veterans and family members will be offered this fall on understanding anger, PTSD, caregiving and coping skills. The seventh class of service dog training is underway.

Dogs are being trained to provide physical

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ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

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Dean's Corner

Fall is here and we are off to another great start for the new academic year. We are starting it however without our favorite hippotherapist/Elvis/golf enthusiast and PT colleague, Dr. Roy Aldridge. Roy passed away this spring with Stage 4 cancer. We have included some remarks in our newsletter that I made at his "celebration of life service". Memories of Roy will stay with us for a very long time.

As you will note, we have many new faculty and staff this year. We had quite a few retirements which have taken up lots of space in our newsletter! It is great to bring new energy to our college; however, we will miss our esteemed colleagues.

A few items to note that we were not able to elaborate on in this edition---

--The profession of PTA is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2019. Even though our program has only been around a small portion of that time, we are going to celebrate also. I hope alums and clinicians will join us on Oct. 11. CEU offerings will be provided by Steven Forbush, PT, Ph.D, OCS and Barbara King, ATP. For more information please contact Stacey Sloas, ssloas@AState.edu.

--We will once again host our CNHP Distinguished Alumni Awards at Homecoming, Oct 26. The event will be held in the Reynolds Center for Health Sciences at 3 p.m. Please feel free to join us and recognize our distinguished friends.

--The update of the work on our Title IV-E program is noted in the newsletter with a link.

--Dr. Alan Utter has joined the

university as our new provost, replacing Dr. Lynita Cooksey who retired in June. Welcome to Dr. Utter!

--Our special thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Bob Shell from Little Rock. Baldwin and Shell was a Little Rock Building Contractor that did work on the A-State campus. I had the privilege of serving with Bob on a health policy board in Little Rock and do not have enough space to describe what a great man he was. Then I met Ginny, his wife, and fell in love with the entire family. We lost a quiet giant!

Lastly, the college continues to seek funding for things like a student emergency fund. A small amount of "help" often will allow a student to stay in school. We also continually need funds for equipment upgrades, acquisitions and replacements. It is difficult to remain "state of the art" in this ever-changing environment. One more important thing is that we have more students who are in national and state competitions and those presenting their research. Funding to provide this type of support is needed. If you have interest in any of these areas, send me a note.

The semester has begun! Let me know if I or the college can be of any assistance. Please contact me at hanrahan@AState.edu

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MEDICAL IMAGING & RADIOLOGIC SCIENCE

TYLER CARTER, assistant professor of Medical Imaging and Radiation Sciences, is serving this year as president of the Arkansas Society of Radiologic Technologists. He will be succeeded by **EDWIN WALLACE**, clinical coordinator in radiation therapy and academic advisor, who was elevated to serve as president for 2020. **AMBER WOOTEN**, assistant professor of diagnostic medical sonography and program director, was elected vice president. As president,

Wallace will host the 2020 state conference in the new Red Wolf Convention Center at A-State.

TRACY WHITE was invited to attend the 2019 VERT (Virtual Education Leadership Group), during the summer in Seattle.

TRACY WHITE presented "Proton vs. Photon Radiation Therapy" and "Arsenic, Mustard Gas and Tanning Beds - What do these have in common?" at the ArSRT Sail the Seas Seminar.

Nov 4-8, at the National Radiologic Technologist Week, **EDWIN WALLACE** will receive Governor Hutchinson's proclamation in Little Rock.

DONNA CALDWELL was elected president-elected of the Faculty Senate.

DONNA CALDWELL was selected as the Red Dress Gala ambassador by the Community Health Education Foundation.

PHYSICAL THERAPY

DR. LATOYA GREEN presented her poster, titled *The Prediction of National Physical Therapy Examination First Time Pass Rates Using Reading Comprehension and Critical Thinking Skills Test*, at Learn@State. This quantitative research design, approved by the university's Institutional Review Board for Human

Subjects, used a convenience sample of DPT and PTA students. The study considered whether the Nelson Denny Reading Test (NDRT), Health Sciences Reasoning Test (HSRT), and cumulative GPA were predictors of scores on National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE).

DR. STACEY SLOAS' poster, titled "Extending Health Care Education Through Peer-Led Diabetes Education", was accepted for presentation at the Community Health Centers of Arkansas Conference, in Hot Springs, Sept. 25-27.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

AMY HYMAN presented her poster *C-MIST Tools for Public Health Preparedness and Emergency Response* at the 2019 Preparedness Summit in St. Louis.

DR. SHAWN BAYOUTH, DR. JOSEPH RICHMOND, AND AMY HYMAN presented a panel discussion entitled "Teaching, Tenure and Dissertations, How Can I Possibly Accomplish Everything?" June 5 - 21 at the Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium in Emmitsburg, Md.

DR. SHAWN BAYOUTH presented "Fireground Cues to Enhance Situational Awareness" July 13 at the 2019 Research Symposium of the International Fire Service Journal of Leadership and Management in Tulsa.

June 29th **DR. JOSEPH RICHMOND** successfully defended his dissertation, entitled "The Relationship Between Policy and Disaster Economic Recovery: A Case Study of the 2011 Joplin, Missouri Tornado", to receive his doctorate in law

and policy from Northeastern University in Boston.

DR. SHAWN BAYOUTH will deliver the keynote address entitled "Advancing the Fire Service Through Research Initiatives" August 6 at the Second Annual Research Symposium of the International Association of Fire Chiefs in Atlanta.

NURSING

KATHRYN FLANNIGAN presented *Student Perspectives of Simulation into Maternal-Newborn Clinical Experience* at Nuts & Bolts for Nurse Educators NEXT GEN LEARNING: From Critical Thinking to Clinical Judgement to NCLEX and Beyond, August 9-11, in Minneapolis.

MOLLIE MANNING presented *Undergraduate Student's Perception of Orientation to Nursing School*, at the 18th annual Nurse Educator Convention, June 24-25 in Branson.

JOY JENNINGS, assistant professor of nursing, Beebe campus, co-authored a chapter in Disaster Nursing and Emergency Preparedness, fourth edition, which earned

second place in the 2018 American Journal of Nursing book of the year award in critical care-emergency nursing.

CATHY HALL and team presented scholarly work entitled "Using Therapy Dogs in the Courtroom to Decrease Witness Anxiety" at the American Psychological Association's annual convention in Chicago, Aug. 8.

SOCIAL WORK

DR. JODY LONG and MSW student Christopher Russell presented *Sylvia & Marsha: S.T.A.R House and the Fostering of Resource-Rich TGNC Communities* at the NASW-AR conference on March 29.

DR. PATRICIA GUY WALLS and **DR. REJOICE ADDAE'S** undergraduate senior level social work practice III students, participated in the NASW Lobby Day at the Capitol building in

Little Rock on February 28. The highlight of the event was that they won first place in the poster presentation, with a poster titled: *Reformation Not Incarceration: Arkansas Act 423*.

DR. EVI TAYLOR, DR. PATRICIA GUY-WALLS, DR. PATRICIA WILKERSON AND DR. REJOICE ADDAE, article title *The Historical Perspectives of Stereotypes on African-American Males*, was published in the

Journal of Human Rights and Social Work, May 2019.

Title IV-E Academic Partnership report is posted on the Social Work website at <https://www.astate.edu/college/conhp/departments/social-work/files/Newsletter%20entry%20for%20January%201%20to%20June%2030%202019.pdf>

NUTRITIONAL SCIENCE

JoANNA CUPP was one of 100 individuals that was selected for the Mary Frances Picciano Dietary Supplement Research Practicum at the National Institute of Health campus in Bethesda, Md., May 29-31.

JoANNA CUPP presented her poster at Learn@State, titled *Preceptor Training and Assessment*.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

DR. PAM LEWIS-KIPKULEI's publication, *Metacognition of First Year Occupational Therapy Students: A Comparison of Entry-Level Degrees*, was accepted by the Journal of Occupational Therapy Education.

DR. CHRISTINE WRIGHT presented her title

COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

DR. AMY SHOLLENBARGER's article titled *"The Importance of Soft Skills for Professional Success"* was published on the ASHA Leader Live website in May 2019.

DR. JOY GOOD's paper was accepted July 11

GRANTS / RESEARCH

BRENDA ANDERSON received a grant in the amount of \$2,142 from the Kays Foundation, for new CPR teaching manikins.

DR. MARK FOSTER requested a mini-grant in the amount of \$2,500 from Delta Dental

STUDENT NEWS

Brooks Probst with nursing, successfully presented his research project titled, *Emergency Room Nurse and Sexual Assault* in Shreveport, La., March 15. Brooks also shared his research project as a podcast with KASU, as well as presented it at the Arkansas State Capitol.

Pictured below, Brooks Probst presenting in Shreveport, LA



The Coordinated Program in Dietetics at Arkansas State University is in the early stages of developing a master's degree to meet the new graduate degree requirement of the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR) for students to be eligible to sit for the dietitian registration exam. The graduate degree registration eligibility requirement

"Adaptive Repertoire: Development of a Signature Pedagogy" at the Innovation in Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy Education Summit, June 27 - 28 at Creighton University, in Omaha.

ANDREA BROWN AND DR. AMANDA MOHLER received acceptance for presentation at

on the ASHA Perspective Journal for School Issues, titled *"School-Based Speech-Language Pathologists' Knowledge/Use of Morphological Awareness Instruction: Results of a Survey"*.

DR. AMY SHOLLENBARGER's article titled "A

of Arkansas for *A-State FNP Pediatrics and Women's Oral Health Series*.

DR. SHAWN BAYOUTH received a grant in the amount of \$10,000 from The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, for the Southwest Center for Occupational and

Kelsi Cheyenne Wood of Dexter, Mo., was commissioned into the Arkansas National Guard, branched Engineer Corps. She earned a bachelor's degree in health studies. Wood also was designated a Distinguished Military Graduate, based on qualities of leadership, moral character, aptitude for military service, and academic achievement.

Alannah Davis and Caragan Woods, presented their resolution titled *In Support of Increased Awareness of Diabetes Education in Rural Communities* which was passed unanimously by the House of Delegates Facebook page, at the 67th annual National Student Nurses' Association Convention, in Salt Lake City. **Sam Dean** was presented with the Outstanding Social Media Award for the A-State SNA's Facebook page.

will be effective January 1, 2024.

JoANNA CUPP presented *"Engaged Students and Ensure Learning in the Classroom"* at NISOD's 2019 International Conference of Teaching and Leadership Excellence, May 27, in Austin, Texas.

the 2019 Nexus Summit in Minneapolis, where they will present *"Creating Change Through Service and Experiential Faculty-Led Learning"* and discuss interprofessional learning to allied health professionals.

Comparison of Grade, Roughness, Breathiness, Asthenia, and Strain Ratings of Vocal Music Students and Communication Disorders Students" was published in August, on the ASHA website.

Environmental Health (SWCOEH) 2018/2019 Pilot/Small Projects Research Training (PPRT) Program, titled *"Reducing Violence to Paramedics: Evaluating EMS Situational Awareness with Virtual Reality"*.

BECK PRIDE UPDATE (CONTINUED)

support to prevent falls, diabetic alerts, mitigate PTSD symptoms and one for narcolepsy symptoms. Family members are encouraged to participate with the veteran and service dog.

Lynda Nash, director, was a presenter at the Suicide Awareness program on July 17 in Poplar Bluff, Mo. that was sponsored by the John J. Pershing VA Medical Center.

A workshop on home modifications was presented by Autumn Nelson, occupational therapy intern on June 17. The first international student intern, Hiroki Matsuo, was with the BPC the spring semester and will return this fall. He is working on his educational specialist in clinical mental health counseling. The veterans have enjoyed working with both interns. Other interns will assist at the center this fall from Social Work. Interns and VA work study students are certainly an asset for our veterans.

Green Zone training is scheduled this fall for A-State faculty and staff to increase awareness of veteran's issues on campus.

In SYMPATHY:

LARRY MORTON, on the passing on his father.

WELCOME TO:

RASHELE WADE, Social Work
AMANDA CARPENTER, Occupational Therapy
JAYNE SCHACK, Physical Therapy
LARK MONTGOMERY, Nursing
CLAUDE RECTOR, Clinical Lab Science
TANNER PATROM, Computer Support Analyst
ERIC WEST, Nutrition
TYLER LONG, Nursing Advisor
CARLITTA MOORE, Athletic Training
ALEXIS KENDRICK, Physical Therapy

NATHANIEL FRANK, Nursing Admin Specialist
LAUREN HANCOCK, Nursing
JOHNNA LONG, Nursing
TRINITY PULLAM, Nursing
KENYA DUNCAN, Social Work
PAM McALLISTER, IV-E Grant
CASSANDRA MASSEY, Nurse Anesthesia

GOODBYE TO:

LISA SCHAFER, Nursing
RANDALL MURRAY, Social Work
EVI TAYLOR, Social Work
LISA WAGGONER, Nursing
ROBIN THOMPSON, Nursing Admin Assistant
KELLY BOWLING, Nursing

SANDY TATE, IV-E Grant
JENAFER WRAY, Nursing Advisor
PAULA GUNTER, Nursing (Beebe)
JOY JENNINGS, Nursing (Beebe)
JOCELYN MARTIN, Social Work
PAIGE WIMBERLEY, Nursing
RHONDA BOECKMAN, Physical Therapy (Mtn. Home)
JODY LONG, Social Work
SHELLY CRISTEE, Nurse Anesthesia

WINNERS AT CREATE @ STATE

Brooks Propst, Oral Undergrad Award, *Sexual Assault and Emergency Department Nurses*, Dr. Susi Snellgrove, faculty mentor.

Nancy Baltz, Oral Graduate Award, *Developing an Instrument to Assess Diabetes Related Knowledge, Attitudes & Practices of Primary Providers Regarding Foot Pain*, Dr. Lisa Waggoner, faculty mentor.

Braelen Hunt, Undergrad Poster Award, *Nutritional Yeast as a Palatable Source of Vitamin B12 for Adolescents*, Dr. Susan Motts, faculty mentor.

Skyler Mankin, Graduate Poster Award, *Onset of Menses in Desha County Arkansas Versus the National Average of 12.8 Years*, Dr. Christopher Jordan, faculty mentor.

Samantha Cawyer, Madison James and Thomas Sustich, Graduate Poster Award, *The Relationship Between Chronic Low Back Pain and Inspiratory Abilities*, Dr. Susan Motts, faculty mentor.

TRAVEL ABROAD STUDY TO IRELAND

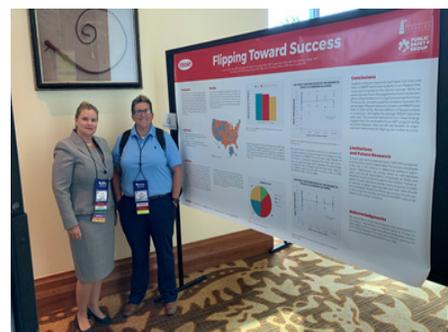
On May 13, a group of CNHP students led by Dr. Brinda McKinney and Lori Hailey traveled to Dublin Ireland with an itinerary to explore the island's culture and learn about their healthcare. While in Dublin the group explored the unique city and visited numerous attractions and establishments including the Book of Kells, National Museum of

Ireland, Museum of Modern Art housed in the Royal Hospital Kilmainham, Hugh Lane Gallery, Francis Bacon House, Chester Beatty Library, Dublin Writers Museum, and the home of Oscar Wilde, as well as the Dublin Castle. The group took a guided tour of Trinity College and the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) School of Nursing and Midwifery where they enjoyed talking with Irish students and faculty about nursing and healthcare education in Ireland. While in Dublin, they participated in a walking tour of the indigent and homeless populations while learning the history of Ireland's hostels and breweries. Before leaving Dublin, the group visited both private and public hospitals including long-term care, hospice and pediatric facilities. They concluded their time in Dublin with a visit to the Irish Department of Health Services and a meeting with the officials at the Nursing and Midwifery Board in Dublin. After their time in Dublin, the group departed via motorcoach to cross over the island to Galway. On the way, they visited the Cliffs of Moher which tower over the Atlantic Ocean. Once at Galway, they took a guided tour of the 21 square mile city which is centered on the city hub --18th-century Eyre Square. Participants enjoyed taking in the many sights, local culture, and delicious cuisine. While there, the group visited the magnificent Galway Cathedral, took a riverboat ride on the River Corrib, and toured a local Hospital.

Students interested in traveling abroad with A-State may contact Dr. Sarah Davidson at sarahdavidson@AState.edu - The approximate dates for the 2020 travel abroad trip have not yet been established.

CNHP HONORS COMMITTEE

The CNHP Honors Committee is proud to announce the May 2019 graduation of CNHP Honors students in the following categories. Honors Certificate 3; Graduated In Honors 21; and Graduated in University Honors 3. Congratulations to all!



Sara Walker, Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management, won Best EMS Research for 2019, at the NAEMSE Educator Symposium from the UCLA Prehospital Care Research Forum.

IN MEMORY OF DR. ROY ALDRIDGE, JR.

THESE ARE WORDS PRESENTED BY DEAN SUSAN HANRAHAN AT THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR DR. ALDRIDGE ON MARCH 23, 2019

Roy has speakers today which represent various stages of his 50 years of life. I happen to be 'the last stage'—the last almost 20 years in academia which will be the focus of my thoughts. I was the voice, per Roy's request, of his very public disease chronology over the last couple of years. We knew Roy pre-disease, we stayed connected with Roy during this disease and were with him until almost the last day of his life. Much of the language we use at the university today involves best practices, program outcomes and lessons learned. It involves evaluation, assessment and reflection. Today is a great time to "reflect" on Roy and try to distill down the "Roy impact". I am going to try by offering this epilogue of three possible "life" best practices that he was seemingly teaching us right before our very eyes:

1) Always live your life to the fullest—I have heard so many people say, "No one has lived their life fuller than Roy Aldridge." And how do we know that? Yes, he was a happy guy—always smiling, upbeat, positive, open, honest and very transparent—what was on Roy's mind would soon be on your mind. We know he loved life, loved people and absolutely loved his family. We also know there was never a dull moment in his life—Attention Deficit Disorder contributed to that --- but always constant motion and activity. But I think the most impactful outcome for me was his ability to "make his life different and full" after his Stage 4 cancer diagnosis and to again change "living" when he was told no other treatment options were available. Wow—you start down one life path giving it your max, two years ago change direction abruptly and ramp up again then diverge to another path three weeks before you die and do the ultimate regroup. Very amazing actually! We know that every path he took in his 50 years of life, he committed to 100%. That is how we know---That is LIVING

your entire life to the fullest.

2) Capitalize on all of your talents and abilities and identify new ones. Roy had some unique skills---certainly an amazing memory, especially remembering each PT and PTA student he taught since the year 2000. He was a great PT clinician when he came to AState but he found another skill in teaching as an effective educator—which is much more difficult than many might think. Then he had to develop a research agenda so that he could earn promotion and tenure. Well, for a self proclaimed non cowboy (knowing absolutely nothing about horses), he settled in on hippotherapy and became a well-credentialed hippotherapist. This area of study positively impacted not only our students and their education but also the children, adults and veterans that he worked with using the horse as a clinical tool. The research itself contributed to a void in the literature on equine assisted therapy. But I think the latest skill that might go unnoticed was two-fold---1) his ability to give us strength and hope at the same time we were trying to do the same for him. Throughout his illness he was at work with the same smile, upbeat and positive attitude—determination and spirit drove him and 2) He always had compassion for the less fortunate or for those in less desirous circumstances—that was just part of being a PT but when you have Stage 4 cancer and you become the "rallier", the counselor, the helper, the one who gives pep talks for others with devastating illnesses, that is a very unique skill and ability. He helped us but he also helped many others especially at Hope Lodge—more than we will ever know. Bottom line—he had a deep sense of caring, giving and spirit—others above himself. Extraordinary skill set for someone from Tennessee!

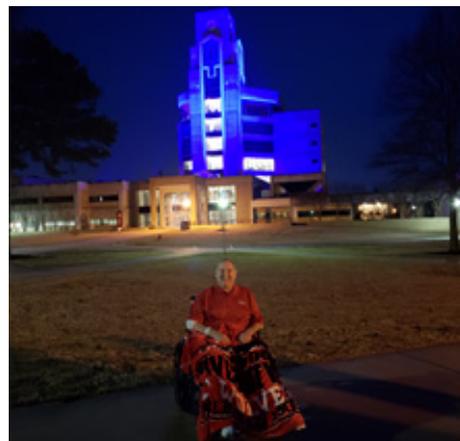
And lastly

3) Be passionate about the things you care about. Most everyone who knew

Roy knew his passions—teaching students, the profession of Physical Therapy, coming to school dressed as Elvis and possibly belting out a song, tailgating at the home football games, golf and most importantly bragging on his wife and daughters. His passions allowed him to live a full life and to use his talents and abilities in ways that made deep connections—nothing superficial. Passion guided him.

So, Roy had a very poor prognosis on top of a very aggressive cancer. Each of you here today gave him strength. He already had the will to live but as he told us, you were the ones that kept him going and gave him a purpose. He has made a lasting impression and impact—people traveled far and wide to be here today, to see him during his illness or to touch base and share thoughts and tell stories. Shannon Alder (not Aldridge) once said, "Carve your name on hearts, not tombstones. A legacy is etched into the minds of others and the stories they share about you." Roy has built a legacy.

So we are left today with very good memories and some "distilled down" reflections that are my "lessons learned". For me, I won't start drinking Diet Coke or sodie pop, for sure, but I will try to live a fuller life, work to establish new abilities and focus on my passions. That is the Roy impact!



RETIREMENTS:



LISA SCHAFER was hired in 2005 as an assistant professor and site coordinator for our program at Mid-South Community College in a non-tenure track full time position. She remained in that position until this year when she became part of the FNP faculty in Jonesboro. She is a lifelong learner---began her education with an associate degree in nursing from Phillips Co. Community College, a BSN from Memphis State (now University of Memphis), her MSN from UT Memphis and graduated with her DNP from A-State in May. Lisa is an excellent instructor, was a reliable administrator and completed lots of continuing education courses in her time at A-State. She is involved in the West Memphis community and works to maintain her practice skills through active practice. Lisa is quiet, very professional, quite patient, her demeanor and voice are kind and nurturing. She loves the outdoors and is an exercise enthusiast! Thank you Lisa! We will miss all of your talents and skills.



PAM TOWERY started her work at A-State as an adjunct faculty member in spring 1997 teaching advanced nutritional concepts to the nursing students including those at the distant learning sites. With the need to have more registered dietitians in our region, we contracted her in Fall of 2009 to write our curriculum per the accreditation standards. That degree was approved by the Coordinating Board in February of 2011. We hired her full-time that spring to send in our accreditation application, write the self-study

and prepare for a site visit, all by September 2011. Because of her meticulous attention to detail, all of that was very successful and she accepted her first class of students in Fall 2012. From scratch, she not only developed her curriculum but found faculty and adjuncts, clinical sites, designed a lab and established an advisory board. Pam graduated from the Mississippi University for Women with a B.S. and M.S. degree in home economics and has her Ed.S. in secondary education. For most of her life, she was a registered dietitian in clinical practice.

New to academia, not only did she teach and do service, she had to develop a research agenda. Working with her interprofessional team, she did "food" work with blue light to inhibit listeria, treatment of salmonella on tainted foods, plant-based diets among other projects. She earned tenure in 2018. Retiring has been a difficult decision for her. When you have "birthed" a program, it is hard to step away. She has had a remarkable clinical practice and academic life. However, we will be contracting her to develop another curriculum for us since the entry level for dietetics will soon be at the master's degree.

It has been an absolute pleasure to have Pam with us. Great colleague and collaborator! She makes good food too!



BILL PAYNE is a California transplant who was looking for cleaner air and arrived at A-State in 1988. He has a B.S. degree in Zoology from Ohio University and a B.S. and M.S. in medical technology and microbiology from Loma Linda University. He taught and practiced clinically at Loma Linda before he came to Jonesboro. In his phone interview back then, they asked him "how do you perceive yourself with regard to work habits". He replied, I love to teach, easy to get along with, like students, fair and strive to ensure that learning occurs with each student. Wow---very prophetic---he did not lie. All of this is exactly correct about Bill Payne. Bill earned tenure in 1993 but waited until 2015

to become an associate professor. He won the College Teaching Award in 2006 and 2012, was a faculty advisor for many Create@State posters and undergrad honors thesis. He has numerous grants, publications, presentations---is an editorial reviewer. One of the largest projects he did was co-author a text for the lab profession where he wrote five chapters, coauthored four and edited 33. He also was the sole author of 42 PowerPoint presentations that accompanied the text.

He was a faculty senator, commencement marshal, Northeast Arkansas Regional Science Fair judge in Microbiology, 2008 Clinical Laboratory Science Distinguished Alum at Loma Linda and the list goes on. He might say that one of the most interesting things he did was be a faculty adviser to a team of students we sent to Peru to assist with the mummy excavation project in Lima. Not only was it interesting and fun but there was an earthquake a distance from them during that time that created tsunami concerns. The group evacuated to higher ground. Fortunately, no tsunami.

We are excited for Bill to experience and enjoy retirement. It will be very different in the college without him and especially for some of his research collaborators in PT, Imaging and Dietetics. Bill, I don't know if our air is still cleaner than California's but we are so happy you moved and stayed with us for 31 years. Happy retirement!



PAIGE WIMBERLEY started her work at A-State as an assistant professor of nursing in 1995. Dr. Wimberley graduated with her BSN degree in 1982 and was a member of the inaugural MSN class at A-State, graduating in 1992. She earned tenure at A-State in 2003 and was promoted to associate professor in 2013. She earned her Ph.D. in 2012. Since 1995, she has served on various department,

RETIREMENTS CONTINUED:

college, and university committees including the General Education Committee where she served as chair. She has been the recipient of the College Teaching and Advisor awards. Paige served as coordinator for the RN to BSN program from 2003 until 2013 and was instrumental in the development of that program's initial online courses in the late 1990s. She is published, has presented nationally and participated in BDLS, ADLS, and Poverty Simulations. Paige was one of the first 250 nationally certified nurse educators. She is certified as a clinical nurse specialist in adult health. Dr. Wimberley taught in various clinical areas before and during her time at A-State including ICU, community, and general medical surgical. During her time at A-State, her dedication and contributions positively impacted the School of Nursing and she will be missed greatly.

FACULTY RESEARCH FUNDING

Congratulations to the following faculty members and their research teams on receiving funding awards through the University Faculty Research Awards Committee: **Dr. Shawn Bayouth** (Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management) \$7,655 titled *"Volunteer Firefighter Decision Making: Using Virtual Reality to Analyze the Process"*.

ANDREA BROWN, DR. SHAWN DRAKE, JOANNA CUPP, and **DR. SUSAN MOTTS** was approved funding in the amount of \$4,170 for their research project, titled *An Investigation of Amino Acids in Relation to Behavioral Characteristics in Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder*.

DR. CHERYL DUBOSE, DR. SHAWN DRAKE and DR. MARK FOSTER, were approved for funding in the amount of \$8,057 for their research project, titled *A Pilot Study Evaluating Bone Density in Young Adults with Idiopathic Scoliosis*.

SPEECH AND HEARING CENTER

The Arkansas State University Speech and Hearing Center is always looking for clients for our Head and Neck Cancer Center as well as our Literacy Intervention Program. Those with new or old cancer diagnoses who are interested in education and treatment should call for an evaluation. Students and adults with literacy issues are always welcome to participate in our multisensory literacy program. The clinic number is 870-972-3301. All services are free of charge.

UPDATES ON DISASTER TRAINING FACILITIES

Progress continues on the Disaster Training Facilities (DTF). In the past few months the focus has been on the construction of the pavilion at the Imboden site. After numerous weather delays, construction is well underway and on task to be completed by the end of August. The pavilion is being constructed with grant funds received from the Delta Regional Authority. Upon completion it will accommodate 30 people. Work is underway to offer educational opportunities in the fall of 2019. Plans are being finalized to market the use of the Imboden site in three ways: 1) Educational offerings provided by A-State; 2) Educational offerings provided by other approved providers with assistance by A-State; and, 3) Contracted use of the DTF space by other approved providers.

We have also entered into a collaborative agreement with Black River Technical College to utilize their Walnut Ridge facility, which borders our DTF site there, for classrooms and BRTC use of the DTF sites.

Questions regarding use of the DTF or education to be offered should be directed to Dean Susan Hanrahan, hanrahan@AState.edu.

Ribbon cutting will be September 16 at 2 p.m. - Imboden Site.



SPRING SOCIAL WORK CONFERENCE

The Arkansas State University Department of Social Work hosted its annual social work conference Friday, April 5. The conference theme was "Understanding the Complex Brain with Special Populations". The key note speaker was Dr. Bridgette Harris, a private practitioner in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, who focuses on treating survivors of PTSD and complex trauma. Dr. Harris has over a decade of clinical experience with acute mental health and is certified in Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) therapy and Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT). She is also trained in Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT). The conference included several breakout sessions that focused on understanding the developing brain from early childhood to adolescence through late adulthood. Conference speakers presented on how various factors (trauma, nutrition, drugs, etc.) affect the brain. New innovative treatments such as Brainspotting, Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation, and the use of service dogs with people suffering from traumatic brain injuries were discussed. Six continuing education hours were provided. During lunch, the Northeast Arkansas Branch of Social Workers 2019 awards were presented. Our alumni, Jerrod Lockhart, was Social Worker of the Year, Eleanor Fondren was MSW Student of the Year, Bridgette Davis was BSW Student of the Year, and Dr. Patricia Guy-Walls was the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award. We are very proud of these students and faculty. Overall the conference was a huge success with over 200 people registered.

2018 - 2019 PHI KAPPA PHI INDUCTS NEW MEMBERS

The College of Nursing and Health Professions is proud to announce faculty and staff who were inducted into Phi Kappa Phi this Spring - Annette Bednar, assistant professor of clinical lab science, as well as our grad students - Emily Carvell (Health Sciences), Samantha Cawyer (Physical Therapy), Amber Chambers (Nurse Anesthesia), Kelly Dowden (Nurse Practitioner), Sarah Dulaney (Nursing), Marilyn Jackson (Nurse Anesthesia), Clara Jones (Nurse Practitioner), Lauren Lance (Nurse Practitioner), Katelyn Lumpkin (Nurse Practitioner), Chelsea Metheny (Occupational Therapy), Tia Mitchell (Nurse Practitioner); and our Juniors - Michael Hall (Radiologic Science), Nicholas Harris (Nursing), Taylor Hope McGraw (Communication Disorders), Meredith Pipkin (Nursing), Kaitlin Smith (Nursing). Congrats!



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Schedule of Events

August 19	Classes Begin
September 2	Labor Day Holiday
September 24	Mass Flu Clinic
October 11	Ninth Annual PTA Alumni Day
October 26	Homecoming / Distinguished Alumni Awards
November 25-29	Fall Break and Thanksgiving Holiday
December 9	Last Day of Class
December 14	Commencement (Jonesboro)

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS WILL BE HELD OCTOBER 26 IN REYNOLDS, ROOM 222, AT 3 P.M.

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SNIDER FOUNDATION GIFT

The Dorothy Snider Foundation has recently gifted \$25,000 to support scholarships for students pursuing a Master's in Nursing, Family Nurse Practitioner option in the College of Nursing and Health Professions. This is the first scholarship of its kind for student pursuing a Master's in Nursing, Family Nurse Practitioner option.

The Dorothy Snider Foundation is located in Memphis. Dorothy grew up in the 1920's and 30's in Manila. She later moved to Memphis, where she died in 1969.