I am energized to for the start of another fall semester. My executive team looks a little different this year so I want to introduce them to you.

- Dr. Brinda McKinney, chair, BSN Programs
- Renee Miller, chair, AASN programs
- Dr. Shawn Drake, chair, Physical Therapy
- Dr. Amy Shollenbarger, interim chair, Communication Disorders
- Dr. Christine Wright, our new chair in Occupational Therapy, and new to Jonesboro
- Dr. Robert Bradley, director of our new Athletic Training Program, and also new to Jonesboro
- Dr. Cheryl DuBose, chair, Medical Imaging and Radiation Sciences replacing Ray Winters who is now on faculty full-time.
- Dr. Debbie Persell has stepped back up as program director, Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management.
- Pam Towery, director, Nutritional Science
- Dr. Stacy Walz, chair, Clinical Laboratory Science and also part time assistant dean of Special Projects in the college
- Dr. Pat Walls, co-chair, Social Work and director of the BSW program
- Dr. Larry Morton, co-chair, Social Work and director of the MSW program

We are still searching for a chair to oversee our graduate nursing programs.

Special thanks to Ray Winters who stepped down from a departmental leadership position but is still working hard as faculty. A personal welcome to Christine Wright who has hit the ground running in OT and is prepping for an Oct. 2-4 accreditation site visit among many other organizational items. Robert Bradley will lead our new master’s in Athletic Training program. He has a lot of work to do and people to meet before his first class arrives in summer, 2018. I feel so fortunate to have such a solid team leading our programs in the college.

We had a great fiscal year—our student semester credit hours increased by 5,087 over last year to 54,511 and the number of graduates is at an all-time high—688. Thanks to everyone who contributed to that process.

The college will host its Distinguished Alumni Awards ceremony at 2:00 p.m. Oct. 14 in the Reynolds Center for Health Sciences Room 222. Everyone is welcome.

Special thanks to our students and faculty who responded to Hurricane Harvey. We know that you made a difference during this time of tragedy.

Please enjoy reading the news of the college. A special welcome to our new chancellor, Dr. Kelly Damphousse. He would love to meet you.
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College News

Congratulations to the following:

**DEANNA BARYMONT (MIRS), DR. CHERYL DUBOSE (MIRS), DR. LARRY MORTON (SW), DR. SUSAN MOTTS (PT), and DR. STACY WALZ (CLS)** on attaining tenure and promotion to associate professor.

**DR. STEPHEN GUFFEY (PT), WILLIAM PAYNE (CLS), and DPT students LOGAN MEURER and PATRICIA HENSELY** published an article titled “Susceptibility of Trichopyton Mentagrophytes to Visible Light Wavelengths” in Advanced Skin Wound Care (May, 2017).

**DR. STEPHEN GUFFEY (PT), WILLIAM PAYNE (CLS), and CLS students LOGAN MEURER and PATRICIA HENSELY** published a manuscript titled “In vitro Fungicidal Effects of Methylene Blue at 625-nm” accepted for publication in the Mycoses Journal.

**DEAN SUSAN HANRAHAN** will become the president of the Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions (ASAHP) in October, holding a 2 year term. ASAHP is headquartered in Washington, D.C.

**DEAN SUSAN HANRAHAN** was named by the *Jonesboro Sun* as one of “12 Who Make It Happen.” The honorees were selected from across the region.

**DR. STEPHEN GUFFEY (PT) DEANNA BARYMON (MIRS), and DPT students CODY DOERLEIN, CARDIN VO, and DARREN BOWEN** had a manuscript titled, “Degenerative Changes in Asymptomatic Subjects: A Descriptive Study Examining the Supraspinatus Using Musculoskeletal Sonography in a Young Population” accepted for publication in the Journal of Allied Health.

**MS. AUDREY FOLSOM** (formerly Skaggs) and **MRS. ANNETTE BEDNA** attended the legislative symposium in Washington, D.C. in March, where they first learned about legislative issues facing clinical laboratories, and then met with Arkansas legislators to discuss these issues. They co-presented their experience at the state CLS conference in April in Little Rock.

**DR. STACY WALZ** presented two scientific sessions at the national CLS professional meeting held in San Diego in July, “Introducing the Quality Aims to Practitioners - A Case-Based Approach” and “Cultural Respect in the Laboratory.”

**COMMUNICATION DISORDERS**

**DR. AMY SHOLLENBARGER** had a manuscript titled “An Investigation of College Students’ Knowledge of Stuttering” accepted for publication in the ASHA journal called “Perspectives”.

Two Communication Disorders graduates **OLIVIA GOODSON, AVERY DAY,** and **DR. AMY SHOLLENBARGER (faculty)** will present two posters titled “Should It Stay or Should It Go? Cases of Silent ‘E’ in Derived Word Spelling” and “A Concurrent Validity Study of Listening Comprehension Measures in English Language Learners (ELLs)” at the ASHA Annual Convention November 9-11, 2017 in Los Angeles.

**DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

The Board of the Council on Accreditation for Emergency Management Education has voted to extend accreditation to all three degrees in DPEM for the next five years.

**SARA WALKER** presented a poster titled “Initial Presenting Cardiac Arrest Rhythms and Paramedic Preceptor Decisions to Intubate” at the National Association of EMS Educators (NAEMSE) 22nd Annual Educator Symposium, August 9-11, 2017 in Washington, D.C.

Progress is still being made on the disaster training sites in Imboden and Walnut Ridge. More to come in the Spring newsletter.

**NURSING**

**DR. KAREN AUL** will present a poster titled “Who values Who? Identifying Health Profession Students’ Perceived Values of Other Interprofessional Students” at the 2017 NLN Education Summit September 14-16 in San Diego, CA. DR. AUL also had an an article, “Who’s Uncivil to Who? Perceptions of Incivility in Pre-Licensure Nursing Programs” published by Elsevier.

**DR. MARK FOSTER** presented a poster titled “Evaluating FNP students Suicide Prevention Curricular and Preparedness” at the 17th Annual Nurse Educator Institute April 5-7, 2017 in Branson, MO. At the same conference, **DR. FOSTER** also co-presented a poster with **DR. ANGIE SMITH** titled “Perception of Patient Simulation Software in Advanced Health Assessment: Pre/Post Clinical Placement.”

Congratulations to **DR. SUSI SNELLGROVE** on her promotion to rank of professor.

**DR. LIBBY NIX** had an article titled “African American Hemodialysis Patients’ Perceptions of Faith and Nursing” in the Journal of Community Nursing Online.

**NUTRITIONAL SCIENCE**

**AMANDA HERINGER** (adjunct) is one of four in the state of Arkansas who is a certified specialist in sports nutrition.

**PAM TOWERY** will present a poster titled “Nutrition and Musculoskeletal Pain: The Relationship between Consumption of a Plant-based Diet and Functional Status” at the 2017 ASAHP Annual Conference in October in San Antonio, TX.

**TAYLOR MAGGIO**, a dietetic student, who had the highest GPA and most student credit hours of all students graduating, was the student Commencement speaker at May graduation.
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**Physical Therapy**

**Dr. Stephen Guffey** was the March University Research Professor of the Month.

**Dr. Shawn Drake** will present a platform titled “Implementing Exercise is Medicine into Physical Therapy Curricula” at the APTA Educational Leadership Conference in Columbus, OH Oct. 13, 2017. She is certified as an ACSM Exercise is Medicine-Level 3 provider.

She is presenting with Dr. Marilyn Moffat, a Professor of Physical Therapy at New York University. Dr. Moffat served as President of the American Physical Therapy Association from 1991-1997.

**Radiologic Science**

**Dr. Cheryl Dubose** was on the cover of “ASRT Scanner” magazine issued June/July 2017, Vol. 49 No 5.

**Dr. Cheryl Dubose** had a manuscript titled “Analysis of an iPad Initiative: Are Students Using the Technology?” accepted for publication in the JISE.

On January 27, **Tracy White** was elected as vice president and **Dr. Cheryl Dubose** was installed as chairman of ACERT.

Dr. Dubose will present a platform titled “A Tale of Two Stones” and **Veronica Manning** also presented on the “Five E-s of Effective Mentoring” at ACERT Annual Conference in Las Vegas.

**Dr. Cheryl Dubose, Ray Winters, Jeannean Rollins, Deanna Barymon, and Edwin Wallace** were each selected to present at the ACERT Annual Conference on January 31-Feb. 2, 2018 in Las Vegas.

**Dr. Cheryl Dubose** presented a poster titled “Analysis of an iPad Initiative” July 13, 2017 at AEIRS in St. Louis.

**J. Tyler Carter** was selected an an Item Writer for the ARRT Radiography certification exam.

**Deanna Barymon** published an article titled “A Sonographer’s Role in HCAHPS and Vale-Based Purchasing” in the Journal of Diagnostic Medical Sonography.

The Radiation Therapy program has purchased a new VERT system for virtual reality radiation therapy treatment. This is the only virtual reality system available for rad therapy students. ASTate is one of 14 programs in the nation to incorporate it into the curriculum.

The new Radiography curriculum begins its second phase this fall semester. All current radiography students have successfully transitioned into a chosen medical imaging or therapy specialty area, with the first class scheduled to graduate August 2018.

**Social Work**

**Dr. Rejoice Addae** presented a poster titled “Restoring the Village: Addressing the Impact of Incarceration on the Black Family” at the National Association of Black Social Workers Annual Conference April 11-13, 2017 in Washington, DC.

**Dr. Tamara Pace** defended her dissertation March 3, 2017 titled The Experiences of African American Single Mothers Who Have Reared Academically Accomplished Children.

**Dr. Rejoice Addae, Dr. Patricia Wilkinson, Dr. Patricia Walls** and **Dr. Evri Taylor** presented posters titled “Poverty: How Global Inequality Contributes to Social Injustices” and “Global Inequality: The Traumatic Effects of Racism” at the 26th Annual Global Awareness Society International Conference May 24-29, 2017 in Costa Rica.

**Dr. Evri Taylor** represented the faculty with an address to the graduating class at the morning session of Spring Commencement as well as the Summer Commencement.

**Grants/Contracts**

**Kristie Vinson** received a $5,000 grant from the Board of Directors of the Kays Foundation to purchase equipment for the Department of Physical Therapy.

**Dr. Debbie Persell** submitted a grant proposal titled: “DRA SEDAP: Imboden AR Disaster Training Facility” to the Delta Regional Authority Agency.

**Dr. Jody Long** and **Dr. Evri Taylor** presented a poster titled “Patient Resistance or Clinical Bias” at the Memphis Social Work Research Symposium April 21.

**Grant/Contract**

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**Dr. Jody Long** was part of a grant submission to the USDA Agency entitled “Delta Care-a- van”.

**KareN FulleN** received a $5,000 grant from the Title IV-E Academic Partnership in Public Child Welfare received a renewed contract (17-18) with the University of Arkansas and Arkansas Division of Children and Family Services in the amount of $425,760.
Dr. Charlotte Young left the university in August 2016 as a Full Professor of Nursing after coming to A-State in August 1994. She holds academic degrees from Syracuse University (PhD), Catholic University (MS-Psych Mental Health Nursing) and the University of South Carolina (BSN). She is certified in Meta Synthesis as well as Systematic Review by the Joanna Briggs Institute, Australia and in Smoking Cessation Counseling. She completed a course in International Research Editing for Journals sponsored by the Cochrane Collaboration and NIH. She won many awards including two Army commendations (Development of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program; Development of Educational Skill Development Program) and was also recognized by such groups as Sigma Theta Tau (Excellence in Teaching and Excellence in Scholarship/Research), Arkansas State Nurses Association (Nurse Innovator) and received the College of Nursing and Health Professions Scholarship Award (2005).

Charlotte was a researcher plus. Her students loved her. She had over 21 publications and 25 presentations just since 2000. She was also an author of the chapter entitled “Confusion” in the Fundamentals of Nursing text which is a mainstay in nursing education. She came to us in 1994 with pages of publications and presentations including stints as a keynote speaker. I had the opportunity to write a letter of recommendation for her in 2005 related to her research and I want to quote some segments of that letter. “Dr. Young is probably the most creative and innovation member we have on our faculty. Charlotte never stops “high level” thinking—she is constantly integrating and synthesizing her thoughts into “high energy” actions. The progression of her scholarship has been superb and the dissemination of the results have occurred in most scholarly mediums targeting local through international audiences. If you ever attend a research presentation by Dr. Young, you will not fall asleep. Her skills in developing and designing computer presentations are fascinating—she will touch all of your senses whether you realize it or not. She was one of the first nurses in the nation to do a poster display using power point technology—very creative. She is masterful in this area. As I’ve watched Charlotte in action, her work starts very small, becomes her mission and builds over time. The final product/results are often unintended—not what she imagined from the start. The bottom line is research that impacts the health and safety of our citizens—a very commendable research framework.”

There are two files of her work in the personnel file so it is impossible to capture all there is to know about Charlotte. A professor emeritus from Syracuse University who was a reference for Charlotte in 1994 wrote this about her, “She is a remarkable communicator, practitioner, teacher, administrator and professional. She is one of the most creative teachers that I have ever known. Dr. Young is a leader in a culturally diverse climate. In mental health, psychiatric nursing and psychotherapy, Charlotte is an expert practitioner and mentor. Perhaps one of Dr. Young’s greatest assets is the ability to coordinate and administrate integral parts of a program.” What high praise and all of it came true in the time she was with us at A-State. The good news is that even though she is retired, her work is not done. She is off on another project that involves technology—be on the lookout for Dr. Charlotte Young. We were privileged and blessed to have her here in this college. Thanks so much Charlotte!!

**DID YOU KNOW:**
The average American drinks nearly 42 gallons of sweetened beverages PER YEAR = 39 pounds of extra sugar.
2017 GLOBAL PLATFORM FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

The Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction hosted by the United Nations Office of Disaster Risk was held in Cancun, Mexico during the week of May 22, 2017. Over 5000 stakeholders from across the world participated in the bi-annual event. The goal is to continue the development and implementation of the Sendai Framework to be implemented by 2030. The main theme was early warning systems and the need for redundancy as warning systems do fail because of the nature of the disaster itself. Workshops such as this provide participants with updates, include current urgent topics and highlight the greatest concerns of disaster preparedness, response and recovery worldwide.

On this trip DPEM participated in an event by the Mexico National Security Defense that showcased Mexico’s civil defense units and search dog teams. During this time, important connections were made with disaster risk reduction experts around the world and may provide a framework for future collaborations.

7TH ANNUAL PTA ALUMNI DAY

In conjunction with the 7th Annual PTA Alumni Day, the Physical Therapist Assistant Program at A-State will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first PTA program in the nation. In 1967, the first physical therapist assistant programs began at Miami Dade College in Florida and St. Mary’s Campus of the College of St. Catherine in Minnesota. To celebrate this significant achievement, the PTA program will host a two-day event for local clinicians to be held Sept. 15 & 16, 2017. Activities will include free CEUs on Friday, September 15 beginning at 1:00 p.m. followed by a celebration reception that evening at the Cooper Alumni Center with games and activities for all PTA alumni and their families. For more information, please contact Becky Keith at beckeith@AState.edu.

A-STATE’S DELTA SYMPOSIUM XXIII: CARING FOR COMMUNITY

Faculty participated in this conference hosted by the College of Liberal Arts & Communications:

Dr. Amy Shollenbarger, Dr. Shawna Drake, and Dr. Mary Morrison presented a panel session titled “Intergenerational Health and Wellness Programs for People of Advanced Age Living in the Delta”.

Dr. Susan Snellgrove presented a paper titled “We’re Not the Help: Cultural Care for the Community of Caregivers in Nursing Homes”.

SCOUT

News from DPEM

The Disaster Preparedness & Emergency Management Department recently received a special and unique donation. Scout, born on March 12, 2017, came to DPEM at 8 weeks old. Mr. David Richey, the owner of Crowley’s Ridge German Shepherd’s, is an advocate of giving back to his community and as a first responder, recognizes the need for, and advantage of K9 assets in Northeast Arkansas as well as the state. Scout will be trained for live victim disaster search. This is a long and tedious process that has already begun and is well on its way. Although Arron Paduaevans is the primary handler and caregiver for Scout, all faculty and staff are committed and involved in training and working with her. Once trained and certified, Scout will become an asset during times of disaster including tornados, earthquakes, or any missing person event.

Upon the arrival of Scout, numerous community members have stepped up to assist in sponsoring and ensuring Scout succeeds and is well cared for. Orschilen Farm & Home of Paragould, AR has committed to providing Scout with a bag of food per month and Dr. Ryan of Southwest Animal Clinic has donated his services as Scout’s Veterinarian. Ridgemark Retrievers of Brookland, AR will be assisting with the initial obedience training beginning August 1. Once basic obedience has been established, Scout and the DPEM faculty will begin working with the Indiana Department of Homeland Security Search and Rescue Training program to complete the training and certification Scout has quickly become a friendly and exciting face in the College of Nursing and Health Professions. She enjoys coming to work each day and visiting with students, faculty, and staff.

MASTER’S OF ATHLETIC TRAINING

by Dr. Robert Bradley, AT

Starting this fall, A-State will begin the process of finalizing the pieces to operationalize a graduate degree in the College of Nursing and Health Professions for the master’s of Athletic Training (MAT).

Working with our internal and regional partners in athletic training and the medical community, we hope to gather the best assets available to us and build a program that doesn’t just meet the expectations of our accreditation body, but exceeds them. At some point in the future, we plan to work with the PT program to create a curriculum and process whereas students can obtain a MAT and DPT concurrently. We hope to expand our enrollment to students who may not have considered A-State in the past to include students with athletic and healthcare focused backgrounds and those already holding teaching certificates. Our first cohort of students will be arriving Summer 2018.

If you know of any students with interest in this degree program, please have them contact Dr. Robert Bradley, at rbradley@astate.edu. You can find info about our program at https://www.astate.edu/college/conhp/.
LEARN @ A-STATE
A celebration of Investigations into Student- Learning Assessments

FACULTY PRESENTATIONS:
DR. KAREN AUL and LAUREN JOHNSTON “Scan It to Learn It!”

LATOYA GREEN “Will scores on the Nelson Denny Reading Test and Health Sciences Reasoning Test predict first-time pass rates on physical therapist assistant board exam?”

BECKY KEITH “The Impact of Reading Comprehension on Physical Therapist Assistant Education”

You may read more about these presentations here: https://www.AState.edu/a/assessment/files/Final2017Learn%40State+Program.

UNIVERSITY AWARD WINNERS

DR. EVELYN TAYLOR (SW) and DR. STACY WALZ (CLS) were both recipients of University awards last spring. Taylor received the University Teaching Award for her work in motivating and empowering students. Walz received the Professional Service Award because of her extensive involvement in professional, community and university service work. Congrats to both of our faculty!!!

NEW PTA PROGRAM IN MOUNTAIN HOME

The Physical Therapist Assistant Program received approval in April 2017 from the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education to offer an expansion PTA program on the ASU-Mountain Home campus. This program began a cohort of 12 students on May 30 and will run simultaneously with the Jonesboro program with the graduation of the inaugural class in May 2018.

HEALTH DISPARITIES CONFERENCE

The 5th Annual Delta Health Disparities Conference will be held November 17 at the A-State Reng Student Union. The conference theme is “Increasing Awareness of Health Disparities in the Delta Region.” The keynote speaker will be Dr. Robert Fuilliove, Professor of Socio-Medical Sciences at Columbia University Medical Center. For more information please contact DR. PAT WALLS (pwalls@AState.edu).

PHASE OUT OF GRADUATE OFFERINGS

by Dr. Stacy Walz, assistant dean, Special Projects

The College of Nursing & Health Professions is constantly monitoring the market and seeking input from stakeholders regarding what degrees are most needed in this region. Based on these analyses, we have added new programs like Occupational Therapy and Athletic Training, and have also recently started phasing out other programs like the Master of Science in Health Sciences (MSHS) and the graduate certificates in Aging, Healthcare Management and Health Sciences Education.

The MSHS and its graduate certificates underwent a voluntary self-study and site visit in early 2017. The paper and site reviewers noted many strengths of the program, but also areas on which to improve. With expanded options for graduate degrees in most healthcare disciplines, and other graduate degree options available at A-State in business, management and education, it was decided that the MSHS and its graduate certificates should be phased out. A teach-out plan for the currently enrolled students was developed shortly after the decision was made and announced, and the last MSHS student will graduate in May 2019.

The college is exploring the development of another “generic” graduate degree that would meet the needs of our current and future healthcare workforce. Stay tuned for that!

GRIEF SEMINAR

Dr. Ken Doka presented at the May 23 Billy Joe and Betty Ann Emerson Grief Seminar. His topic was “Disenfranchised Grief in the 21st Century: New Problems, New Strategies.” Over 250 health care professionals and others were in attendance. He covered causes, circumstances, cultural context, complicating factors, intervention strategies and cases of disenfranchised grief in his daylong seminar. Dr. Doka is a professor of gerontology at the graduate School of the College of New Rochelle and senior consultant to the Hospice Foundation of America. He has written more than 34 books and over 100 articles and book chapters.

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

This fall faculty in the college heard Dr. Lynn Beck Brallier from the Academy on Academic Leadership speak on “Seizing Opportunities and Overcoming Challenges in Health Care Education.” Specifically she addressed working with challenged and challenging students, developing critical thinking and cultivating academic integrity. This spring we will host Dr. David Swanson who has expertise in competency based evaluation, encompassing knowledge, attitudes, judgement and clinical skills. He currently serves as the vice president for Programs and Services at the American Board of Medical Specialties.

DISASTER/CERT CAMP

News from DPEM

Disaster Preparedness & Emergency Management, in partnership with the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management (ADEM), hosted Disaster Preparedness/CERT Camp July 18-20. During the 3 day camp, participants learned valuable disaster preparedness skills, including how to develop a GO Bag, how to properly use a fire extinguisher and how to conduct structural disaster assessments. Each student also completed CPR, First Aid and AED certification and earned certification as a Community Emergency Response Team Member. A huge thank you goes out to ADEM, St. Bernards, A-State’s Dietetic Program and Jonesboro Fire Department for their assistance and contributions in making the camp possible.

PATH TO HEALTH

The college is focusing on initiatives that stem from Healthy Active Arkansas, a plan endorsed by Governor Hutchinson. These include health messaging, vending options and food catering choices. The Spring Brown Bag series will touch on nutritionally healthy eating, occupational profile and fitness.
Phi Kappa Phi Initiates
The following students were inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society.

BSN
- EMILY A. DIXON

MSN
- BARBARA SHACKELFORD
- BOBBI A. SUTTERFIELD
- HEIDI F. CHARTON
- JENNIFER L. CRISP
- JESSICA B. NUTT
- JULIE KEEFER
- JUSTIN COATS
- TAMMIRA C. JONES

MSN
- ANGELA CULLIPHER
- IRMA M. RIVERA

Academic Performance Scholarships
The following scholarships were awarded to entering freshman who declared majors in the College of Nursing and Health Professions. Each scholarship provided $2,100 in funding. The recipients were:

- BAILEY MCALEXANDER, Jonesboro, Ark.
- CHASE MCCARTHUR, Jonesboro, Ark.
- MORGAN MCALEXANDER, Jonesboro, Ark.
- SYDNEY WAKEFIELD, Blytheville, Ark.

Congratulations to each student.

Student Research Showcased at Create @ State Symposium
CNHP Winners at Create @ State, along with their project titles and faculty mentors are:

Poster Undergraduate Categories
1st Place: Primary presenter LOGAN MEurer and William PAYNE, Dr. STEVE GUFFEY, Dr. SUSAN Motts (faculty)- “Inactivation of Campylobacter jejuni Following Exposure to 405 nm Blue Light”

Poster Graduate Categories
1st Place: Primary presenter KAYLY KING and Dr. DEBBIE SHELTON (faculty)- “A Rural Health Care Clinic’s Zostavax Vaccine Uptake Rate Compared to the National Average of 28%”

Oral Presentations, Undergraduate Categories
1st Place: Primary presenter OLIVIA PEEK and Dr. AMY SHOLLENBARGER (faculty)- “Should it stay or should it go? The case of silent ‘e’ in derived word spelling”

Honors Recognition
Graduating in University Honors
- JORDAN Eanes
  Bachelor of Social Work (Magna Cum Laude)
- LOGAN MEurer
  Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Cum Laude)
- BRANDI BOWLER
  Bachelor of Science in Clinical Laboratory Sciences (Cum Laude)
- MALLORY OUSLEY
  Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- SHELBY RICHARDS
  Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Magna Cum Laude)
- ADARA WAllFORD
  Bachelor of Social Work (Summa Cum Laude)

Graduating in Honors
- JUSTIN ALEXANDER
  Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Magna Cum Laude)
- MATTHEW AUSTIN
  Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Cum Laude)
- BRANDI BOWLER
  Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Sciences/Magnetic Resonance Imaging (Cum Laude)
- JADE CALDwell
  Bachelor of Science in Dietetics (Cum Laude)
- BAILEY GARTREll
  Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Cum Laude)
- ALEXA GATES
  Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Magna Cum Laude)
- MACKENZIE LEE
  Bachelor of Social Work
- HOLLIE LOCKE
  Bachelor of Science in Communication Disorders
- JORDAN LyERL
  Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Cum Laude)
- ADRIENNE MOORE
  Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- JORDAN MOORE
  Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Magna Cum Laude)
- RACHEL PILLOW
  Bachelor of Social Work (Magna Cum Laude)
- MEREDITH SMITH
  Bachelor of Science in Communication Disorders (Magna Cum Laude)

Honors Certification
- AMANDA BUTLER
  Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- BRITTNEY IGGLEHEART
  Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- ANGEL LIVINGSTON
  Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- SARAH SHACKLEFORD
  Bachelor of Social Work
- GRACE WINKELMAN
  Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Title IV-E
by Karen Fullen


Pictured below is A-State’s First LPN-RN Online Program, Karen Blue, Program Director
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Save the date for the **Spring Grief Seminar, May 22, 2018** at the Fowler Center. By popular demand, **Dr. Ken Doka** will return to present “Growing with Grief Through the Life Cycle.”

**Did You Know:**

Sugar-sweetened beverages are the single largest source of added sugars in the American diet.