



# STATEside News

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## Dean's Corner

As much as we were anxious about moving into our new space in Chickasaw (now Smith Hall), you can about quadruple that with the excitement we have in bringing the Donald W. Reynolds Center for Health Sciences on line. The building is complete, furniture has arrived, equipment has been assembled, selected faculty have moved, signage is up, the technology is almost all operational—what a site to behold. Everything is shiny, the building seems spacious, the colors are vivid and it certainly has an “ultramodern” look and feel to it. I can't wait for everyone to see it.

As a reminder, nursing occupies the entire third floor with a 45-seat classroom, two 4-station health assessment labs, a skills center with 16 beds which includes a specialty OB and ICU suite, two special project rooms, a nurse anesthesia classroom and lab, lots of storage and offices for 3 faculty and 1 staffer. The second floor houses the Communication Disorders faculty, 5 small group study rooms, a connector to Smith Hall, a conference room, indoor and outdoor student lounge with lockers, 90-seat auditorium, 45-seat classroom and 45-station computer lab. The first floor houses the Beck PRIDE Center for America's Wounded Veterans, three office spaces, two research labs and the Speech and Hearing Center. The Center has a pediatric and geriatric language lab, audiology suite, 12 therapy rooms with individual observation spaces, conference room, records room, work rooms, reception area and client waiting. In addition there is a small community education center and two spaces for interdisciplinary labs including functional rehab and therapeutic exercise/motor skills. We even have a parking lot and beautiful landscaping. Can you even believe that it is finished? It seems like yesterday when we announced the \$14.5 M gift.

The grand opening for the space will be September 25<sup>th</sup> but a better time for the alums of the college to join us would be at HOMECOMING--Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>. We will provide tours of the building and the atmosphere of the day will be a little more “relaxed”. So mark that date on your calendar from 2-4 pm. There will be lots of tailgates later that afternoon prior to the football game against Florida International. Hope you will be able to join us!

Our capital campaign is still ongoing. We were slowed by the economic circumstances that have affected us all but as you will see in the newsletter, we are making some progress. Endowments and annual donations are still critical for our growth and we continue to need them for every program in the college and every facet of their operations. Please include us in your annual giving and if it appears you can work toward a named endowment (\$10,000) over the next few years, let me know. Thanks to all of you who are active givers!!!

It will be quite a year of adjustment with all that is new but we are certainly ready for it. Make it your year to visit ASU especially, if you haven't been here for awhile. I think you will be very surprised at all of the changes that have taken place. Look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,  
Susan Hanrahan, Dean  
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Health Professions  
hanrahan@astate.edu



## Beck PRIDE Center News By: Susan Tonymon, Director

The Beck PRIDE Center for Wounded America's Wounded Veterans will celebrate its second anniversary this October. The program has served more than 135 service members and their families from all branches of U.S. military service. Sixty-two participants are currently enrolled. The return of the Arkansas National Guard's 39<sup>th</sup> Combat Infantry Brigade last winter brought injured veterans into the program, as well as veterans from other service branches. These individuals are now receiving physical therapy and mental health assistance; access to education resources, connection with other veterans, introduction into campus life; plus, referrals to military benefits and VA services. The Center celebrated the graduation of its first three ASU student-veteran graduates this spring. During ASU's spring commencement ceremonies, Mrs. Charlotte Beck, co-founder of the Beck PRIDE Center, received an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters.

The Beck PRIDE Center recently relocated to its permanent home on the first floor of the new Donald W. Reynolds Center for Health Sciences. This allows the Center to expand its facilities and services to combat injured veterans and families beginning this fall. The Center continues its relationship with the Memphis VA Vet-Center to provide weekly support group meetings and individual counseling services on campus. In addition, mental health services will be offered for veteran spouses. The new “Day Room” serves as a multipurpose space and is available to Beck PRIDE participants to gather between classes or for special activities (see Beck PRIDE Center – pg. 3)

## College News

**Sherry Griffin** (Staff) was awarded the Outstanding Mid-Level Education Student at the education honors society, Kappa Delta Pi initiation. She also received an Associate in Science degree, May 2009.

## Physical Therapy

**Dr. Roy Aldridge and Michelle Young's** (PT alum) article, *Lymphedema 101: An Educational Journey*, was published in the Oncology Section of the Journal of American Physical Therapy Association, December 2008 Volume 26 No. 3.

**Ashley Mott** completed a Specialist's degree in Education, March, 2009.

**Dr. Susan Roehrig** was nominated for the *08-09 Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award* given by Academic Affairs, the Wilson Advising Center, & the Academic Advising Council on Excellence.

## Nursing

**Paige Wimberley's** *Assisting Students to Prepare Appropriate Patient Education Materials* was presented at Mosby's Faculty Development Conference in Orlando, FL, January 2009.

**Dr. Deborah Gilbert-Palmer** presented *Teaching Old Theories New Tricks* at the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties in Portland, Oregon, April 2009.

**Dr. Phyllis Skorga's** *Evaluating Student Nurses on CMS Quality Indicators: A University-Hospital Partnership* was presented at the National League for Nursing Faculty Research Conference in New Orleans, LA, January 2009.

**Susi Sifford's** *Ethical Perspectives in Emerging Assistive Technologies: Insights from Focus Groups with Stakeholders in Long-Term Care Facilities* was published in the Journal of Empirical Research on Human Ethics, Mar 2009, Vol. 4, No. 1: 25-36.

• Another article, *The Benefits and Challenges of Electronic Surveillance in Nursing Home Research*, was published in the Journal of Research in Gerontological Nursing.

• Ms. Sifford passed her Doctoral Candidacy Exam from UAMS. Congratulations Susi!

• She also presented *The State of Geropsychiatric Nursing Education in the US* at the Sigma Theta Tau International:

20<sup>th</sup> International Nursing Research Congress in Vancouver, BC, Canada, July 2009.

• Lastly, she will be presenting, *Resident-to-Resident Violence in Nursing Homes* at AMDA's Call for Presentations for Long Term Care Medicine 2010 in Long Beach, CA, March 2010.

**Linda Crumpton's** *12 Hour Clinical Rotations for Accelerated BSN Students: The Positive and Negative* was presented at the Sigma Theta Tau International: 20<sup>th</sup> International Nursing Research Congress in Vancouver, BC, Canada, July 2009.

**Libby Nix's** *A Qualitative Study in Certification: An ET Can Make a Difference* was presented at the Sigma Theta Tau International: 20<sup>th</sup> International Nursing Research Congress in Vancouver, BC, Canada, July 2009.

**Stacy Troxel's** *Use of Learning Style Models in Didactic Instruction* was presented at the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties in Portland, OR, April 2009.

Congrats to **Dr. Sue McLarry**, who successfully completed her Certified Nurse Educators (CNE) examination. She joins Dr. Elizabeth Stokes and Paige Wimberley as CNE's.

• **Dr. McLarry** presented with Beverly Parker, COANE and Staffan Elgelid, *The Healthy Ager Project: It's a Trifecta: Teaching Healthy Aging, Interdisciplinary Skills and Community Involvement* at the American Physical Therapy Association Combined Sections Meeting in February 2009 in Las Vegas, NV.

Congratulations to **Tawnya Boughner** (Sec., ASU-Beebe) for 10 years of service.

**Dr. Rebecca Matthews' Community Education to Prevent SIDS in Childcare Settings** will be presented at the Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions (ASAHP) 2009 Annual Conference in San Antonio, TX in October.

**Lori Clay** is now certified in pediatric nursing (CPN). Congratulations!

**Dr. Angela Schmidt's Outcome Trends in Interdisciplinary Rehabilitation** will be presented at the ASAHP 2009 Conference in San Antonio, TX in October.

• Angie presented *Identifying Obstacles of Advanced Practice Nursing Graduate: Finding Equitable Employment in the Current Job Market* at the Community Health Centers of AR (CHCA) Annual Conference in Little Rock, AR, August 2009.

• She also participated in a Panel Discussion, *How to Get Your Groove on: Working for a CHC* at that same conference.

• **Dr. Schmidt** attended the Stanford University Chronic Disease Self Management Program, May 18-22, 2009, to become certified as a Master Trainer. This training enabled 26 Master Trainers to educate other Program Leaders to provide education in self care management of chronic diseases. The Master Training Program was offered by a grant through the Arkansas Aging Initiative and the Arkansas Department of Health.

**Dr. Darlene Baker and Dr. Angela Schmidt** will present *Strategies to Improve Culturally Diverse Communities in Online Higher Education and Challenges of Online Nursing Education in the Lower Mississippi Delta* at the World Conference on E-Learning in Corporate, Government, Healthcare, and Higher Education in Vancouver, BC Canada, October 2009.

## Communication Disorders

**Dr. Sherri Lovelace**, Associate Professor of Communication Disorders, published an article in the May, 2009 issue of the American Journal of Speech-Language Pathology. The article was entitled *Effects of Robust Vocabulary Instruction and Multicultural Text on the Development of Word Knowledge among African American Children*. The article was coauthored by Dr. Sharon Stewart of the University of Kentucky.

## Radiologic Sciences

**Donna Caldwell's** *The Art of AEC – Automatic Response Control* was presented at the Association of Collegiate Educators in Radiologic Technology (ACERT) 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Educators Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, February 2009.

## Clinical Lab Sciences

Retiree **Whitney Williams'** online Osmotic Fragility Test will be utilized on HarperCollins Publishers' website as practice coursework for students using their textbooks.

## Social Work

**Lynda Nash** completed the requirements from the Arkansas Substance Abuse Certification Board for the credential of

Certified Co-Occurring Disorders Professional (CCDP).

**Dr. Guitele Rahill's** *The Development and Persistence of Health Beliefs Surrounding Picuriste/Injection Practice among Haitian Immigrants in Miami-Dade County, Florida* was presented at the 3<sup>rd</sup> International In Sickness & In Health Conference in Victoria, BC, Canada, April 2009.

**Dr. Patricia Guy-Walls and Dr. Beverly Edwards** presented *A Qualitative Analysis of Homeless Street Youth (Females) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia* at the Fourth International Conference on Interdisciplinary Social Sciences in Athens, Greece, July 2009.

**Dr. Beverly Edwards and Dr. Patricia Guy-Walls** presented *HIV/AIDS in Rural Areas: Addressing Health Care Disparities in the United States, Haiti, and South Africa* at the 2009 In Sickness & In Health Conference in Victoria, BC, Canada, April 2009.

**Dr. Patricia Guy-Walls'** article, *Multicultural Competence: Are BSW Students Adequately Prepared?*, was published in The Journal of Baccalaureate Social Work.

**Dr. Richard Freer** was the recipient of the 08-09 Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award given by Academic Affairs, the Wilson Advising Center, & the Academic Advising Council on Excellence. Congratulations!

**Dr. George Jacinto** has been elected as the Vice President to the AR Chapter NASW Board of Directors.

**Dr. Gauri Bhattacharya's** *Experiences of Aging Among Immigrants From India to the United States: Social Work Practice in a Global Context* was published in the Journal of Gerontological Social Work, Volume 52, Issue 5, 2009, Pages 445-462.

#### **(Beck PRIDE Center continued from front page)**

such as group meetings, presentations and other veteran support services. For more information about Beck PRIDE Center events or to make a referral, call Susan Tonymon at 870-972-2624 or Kelly McCoy at 870-680-4110. Visit the Beck PRIDE Center for America's Wounded Veterans online at: <http://cp.astate.edu/pride/>.

#### **GRANTS/CONTRACTS:**

**Debbie Persell (Nrs)** submitted to Embassy of Canada, "North American Collaboration for Improving Research on Public Safety in the Context of Disasters," \$40,000. (denied)

**Dr. Guitele Rahill (SW)** submitted to the AR Minority Health Commission, "Relationship among HIV Knowledge,

Stigma, Religion, Substance Use and Sexual Risk," \$5,000. (accepted)

•Dr. Rahill also submitted a grant to the National Institute of Health National Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities called *HIV Knowledge and Continuum of Care for Delta Residents of Arkansas*, \$600,000/year for two years. (denied)

**Dr. Angie Schmidt (Nrs)** submitted to DHHS/HRSA for Nurse Anesthetist Traineeships, \$26,411. (pending)

**Dr. Gauri Bhattacharya (SW)** awarded from The National Historically Black College and University Research Network for Health Services and Health Disparities, "Reducing Health Disparities: Towards Advancing Effective Interventions for Type II Diabetes among African Americans in Jonesboro, Arkansas." \$1,200.

#### **Welcome to:**

**Dr. Gauri Bhattacharya**, Assistant Professor of Social Work. Dr. Bhattacharya obtained her PhD from Adelphi University in Garden City, NY.

**Dr. Young Hong**, Assistant Professor of Social Work. He obtained his PhD in SW from the University of Kansas.

**Dr. Malcolm Whitehead**, Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy. Dr. Whitehead received his PhD from University of Mississippi.

**Mickie Wilson**, Research Assistant for Social Work. He obtained his MSW at UALR.

**Dr. William Hinkle**, Assistant Professor of Communication Disorders. He obtained his PhD from Purdue University.

**Lance Wilcox**, Assistant Professor of Nursing. He received his MSN from ASU.

#### **Student News**

Congratulations to:

**Johnathan Simpson**, a social work student, for being awarded *Student Leader of the Month*, February 2009, by the Student Activities Board.

**Mary Finley**, who was awarded the College of Nursing and Health Professions Academic Performance Scholarship for 09-10. She is a freshman from Jonesboro with a major in physical therapy. The scholarship provides a \$6400 award for the freshman year of study.

**Norma Lillo (Nrs)** who assisted with the first ever "mass nasal flu vaccine" in Baxter County, AR, March 2009.

**Brandi M. Johnson** of Enola who received a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing. Second Lieutenant Johnson was commissioned into the active Army as a nurse in the Medical Corps. Brandi was #82 of 4417 cadets nationwide and #4 of all nurses accessed this past year. She is the daughter of Mickey R. and Peggy S. Johnson

of Enola.

#### **Auxiliary to St. Bernards Medical Center Scholarship Recipients:**

Rebecca Cowie (MSN)

Jamie Kain (BSN)

Justin Cook (RS)

Kyle Medlin (BSN)

Aimee Shrable (BSN)

Samantha Davis (BSN)

John Bean (BSN)

Roselyn Chambers (BSN)

Lark Little (BSN)

Latoya Webb (MSN)

#### **Inductees to Phi Kappa Phi**

##### **Graduates:**

Nancy Baltz- MSN

Deanna Barymon- Health Sciences

Jessica Camp-MSN

Jason Edwards-MPT

Jason Empie-NA

Sue Kibiloski-MSN

Keisha Pattillo-MSN

Janet Pierson- NA

Charrae Potter-MSN

Brooke Pruitt-MSN

Angela Scott-MSN

Kristan Webb-NA

##### **Seniors:**

Lindsay Blanchard-CD

Debbi Hall-BSN

Rhonda Hill-BSN

Laura Irby-BSN

Emily Jamerson-BSN

Sheila Prince-BSN

Jennifer Pruitt-BSN

##### **Juniors:**

Ashlie Anderson-BSN

Allyn Cohen-CLS

Stephanie Dorris-BSN

Megan Hale-BSN

Candace Moore-BSN

Jessica Stevens-BSN

Karen Watson-BSN

#### **Research and case reports—Dr. Susan**

##### **Roehrig advisor:**

**Cluever, Ilse**--The Effect of Foot

Dominance on Foot Volume

**Bailey, William**--Factors Affecting

Adherence to Home Exercise Programs

after Inpatient Rehabilitation

**Brawner, Robert**--Use of Balance and

Coordination Exercises in an 8 Year old

Boy with Developmental Coordination

Disorder: A case report

**Mitchell, Laura**--Effects of Physical

Therapy on Gait In a Subject with

Hemiplegia: A case report

Thirty-two **Nursing graduate students**

will receive money in the Fall & Spring

from the Arkansas Graduate Nurse

Education Loan/Scholarship program

funded by the state legislature. The dollar

amounts are Fall \$96,500 and Spring

\$99,500 for a total of \$196,000. Awards are based on financial need and practice areas (FNP, CNS & NA). Students must be full-time.

### CNHP 2009-2010 Scholarships

#### **NEA Baptist Memorial Hospital**

**Scholarship Endowment** – Dominique N. Mitchell (MIRS)

#### **Jon A. Linder/Douglas Jon Seitz**

**Scholarship** – Vandra Haynes (BSN)

**Elizabeth A. Thomas Health Science** – Devon R. Shouse (BSN)

#### **Drs. Ball, Woloszyn, and Moseley**

**Scholarship** – Erin K. McKenna (BSN)

**Susan Tolliver Memorial Scholarship** – Kayla R. Hendrix (BSN)

#### **Ray & Kathleen Scott Hall Memorial**

**Scholarship in Nursing** – Timothy G. Rigsbee (BSN)

**Sister Patricia Lee Findley Memorial Scholarship** – Karen R. Watson (BSN)

**Linnie Wisdom-Maude Wilson Honors Scholarship** – Jessica E. Lei (BSN)

**Clopton Clinic Nursing Scholarship** – Tara Militoni (BSN)

**Leet Family Scholarship** – Vickie Avery (BSN); Crystal Gayle Kent (BSN)

#### **Harriet Mildred Smith Memorial**

**Scholarship** – Vickie Darlene Ward Avery (BSN)

**Bill Penix, Jr. Memorial Scholarship** – Abby L. Curtis (MSN)

**Lillian G. & Homer G. Proctor Nursing Scholarship** – Jennifer L. Niggemann (BSN)

**Kris Taylor Memorial Scholarship** – Whitney A. Davis (MIRS)

**Martha Ivener Memorial Scholarship** – Marshia J. Bobo (SW)

### Alumni News

**Tina McDowell**, who has served as the manager of diagnostic radiology at Methodist University Hospital in Memphis for the past six years, was promoted to director of radiology. In her new position, she will be responsible for Diagnostic Radiology PACS and the School of Radiology. She holds a bachelor's degree in radiologic science with a concentration in management from Arkansas State University and a master's degree in health care administration from Seton Hall University.

**Susan Roltsch**, director of dialysis at St. Bernards, has been appointed to the Quality Improvement Committee and the Medical Review Board for Network 13. She holds a bachelor's degree in nursing from ASU as a nurse practitioner.

**Tosin Kayode**, who received a BS in radiation therapy from ASU, was featured

in the June/July 2009 issue of the national magazine, ASRT Scanner. He is a Nigerian native who now provides diagnostic radiography and radiation therapy services at Baptist Memorial Hospital Desoto.

**Lynn Suitt**, who received a BS in SW from ASU, was featured in a story in Jonesboro Occasions magazine, July 2009 issue. The article focused on her passion for CityYouth Ministries.

#### *In Sympathy*

To **Kim Collins** (PT/MSHS) on the loss of her mother in late December.

To **Rick Neeley** (CD) on the loss of his father in late January. Memorials may be sent to the Craighead Co. Community Foundation for the Jane LeBlanc CD Scholarship Fund at Craighead County Community Foundation, 407 Union Street, P. O. Box 4033, Jonesboro, AR 72403.

To **Jeannean Rollins** (MIRS) on the loss of her father in March.

To **Susan Roehrig** (PT) on the loss of her mother in late March.

To **Susan Murphy** (Dean's office) on the loss of her brother, James Banks, in May.

To **Susan Tonymon** (Beck PRIDE) on the loss of her father, Oley Rooker, in May.

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### **Convocation of Scholars Honorees**

#### University Awards:

Chancellor's Scholar—**Amy McKinney** (CD). Faculty advisor—Dr. Richard Neeley.

Other graduating seniors with a 4.0 GPA;

**Elizabeth Asbury**, CD, Advisor – Dr. Mike McDaniel, and **Barbara Cole**, Nrs, Advisor – Nonie Wiggins.

Graduating In Honors - **Debra Hall**, BSN and **Jessica McClendon**, SW.

Graduating with University Honors: **Sheila Prince**, BSN and **Danica Widdicombe**, SW.

### **Program Award Recipients**

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENCES

*Program Academic Scholar* - Jessica Poindexter; *Outstanding Clinical Student* - Jennifer Burcham

ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE IN CLINICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY

*Program Academic Scholar* - Franklin Goodale; *Outstanding Clinical Student* - Robin Alexander

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

*Outstanding Undergraduate Student* - Brandi Messer

MASTER OF COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

*Outstanding Graduate Student* - AmandaRhea Guth; *Outstanding Graduate Student* - Mindy Krebs  
ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE IN PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT

*Program Academic Scholar* - Sarah Gillmore; *Outstanding Student* - Marcus Ballard

MASTER OF PHYSICAL THERAPY  
*Program Academic Scholar* - Jason D. Edwards; *Outstanding Student* - Robert D. Brawner

ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE IN RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY  
*Program Academic Scholar* - Lori Sims; *Outstanding Clinical Student* - Zane Mealer

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN IMAGING SPECIALIST

*Program Academic Scholar* - Richard Begges; *Outstanding Clinical Student* - Cassie Fletcher

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN RADIATION THERAPY

*Program Academic Scholar* - Steven Morris; *Outstanding Clinical Student* - Amanda Morris

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY

*Program Academic Scholar* - Sarah Orosz; *Program Academic Scholar* - Brin Seagraves; *Outstanding Clinical Student* - Kayla Whittingham

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SOCIAL WORK

*Outstanding Student* - Danica Widdicombe; *Outstanding Field Student* - Valerie Stewart

ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE IN NURSING

*Program Academic Scholar* - Shawnda Swearingin

*Outstanding Clinical Students:* Jonesboro - Launa Smith

Beebe (Traditional) - Shawnda Swearingin

Beebe (LPN to RN) - Arnetta Williams  
Mountain Home (Traditional) - Michelle Johnston

Mountain Home (LPN to RN)-Melissa Rush

West Memphis - Josephine Walls

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

*Program Academic Scholar* - Crystal Coble

*Outstanding Student* - Elizabeth Johnson  
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING  
*Program Academic Scholars:*

Adult Health Nursing - Jessica Baltz  
 Family Nurse Practitioner - Victoria McCoy  
 Nurse Anesthesia - Edward Sanders  
*Outstanding Clinical Students:*  
 Adult Health Nursing - Samantha Anderson  
 Family Nurse Practitioner - Brandi Anderson  
 Nurse Anesthesia - Shane Trosclair

SPECIAL AWARDS

**Grace Whitis Service Award** - Tammy Hawkins  
**Don Vollman, M.D. Award** - Lana Richey  
**Whitney Williams Service Award** - Sara Clark  
**Beverly Bartels Undergraduate Nursing Service Award** - Mallory Flemon

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

Marsha Bobo	Merideth Johnson
Melanie Brown	Tara Newman
Mary Ashley Dabbs	Secily Nicholson
Stacy Lynn Faulkner	Tambre Roush
Martha Flores	Staci Runyon
Ashley Gatlin	Johnathan Simpson
Judith Hicks	Misty Waugh
Kim Hobbs	

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

Vicky Carter	Mary Murphy
Chelsea Davis	Jamie Radar
Minnie Davis	Sam Rose
Christina Haigwood	Brianna Segraves
Amanda Kelley	Lori Sims
Shannon Leonard	Cynthia Summers
Monica Meaders	Jamie Vavak
Zane Mealer	Courtney Waymon
Jessica Moore	Stephanie Worrell

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

BSN

Tiffany Anderson	Ashley Jagers
April Barber	Emily Jamerson
Jennifer Blaney	Rachel Janes
Crystal Coble	Brandi Johnson
Melanie Coble	Elizabeth Johnson
Lindsey Devine	Lauren Keith
Mallory Flemon	Rachael Miller
Natalie Fortune	James Neal, Jr.
Samantha Garland	Lindsay Nelson
Kelsey Gramling	Sheila Prince
Debbi Hall	Jennifer Pruitt
Amanda Haynes	Brandy Traylor
Rhonda Lee Hill	Amanda Walker
Laura Irby	

2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Accelerated BSN

Tashina Brown	Alyson Vickery
Mollie Flint	Meg Williamson
Heather Heath	
<u>MSN</u>	
Jennifer Hubbard	Felesha Perry
Jessica Camp	Casey Guest
Brandy Crump	
<u>LEADER</u>	
Julie George	

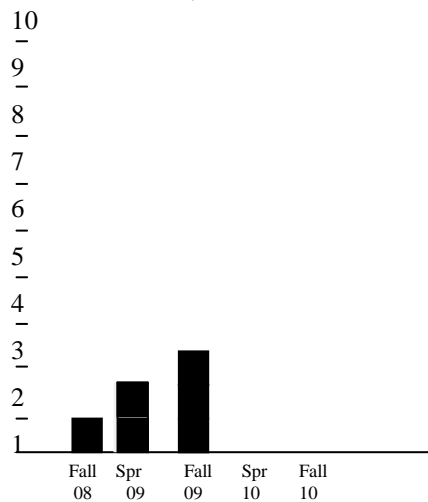
**Inductees to Alpha Eta (National Honor Society in Allied Health)**

<u>AASN</u>	
Amber Abbot	Lisa Harris
Tracy Carroll	Michelle Johnston
Carla Clairday	Crystal King
Leah Fountain	Katharine Meitzen
Brittany Gent	Launa Smith
John Green	Shawnda Swearengin
Erika Hall	Josephine Walls
Janice Hanks	
<u>PTA</u>	
Marcus Ballard	Samantha Hogard
Tiffany Foster	Katie Hornbeak
Sarah Gillmore	Ronda Robers
Sarah Graddy	Shelley Stacy
Jessica Griffin	
<u>PT</u>	
William Bailey	Laura Mitchell
Robert Brawner	Victoria Prince
Jason Edwards	Ross Westbrook
Nicole Enger-Luster	

College Faculty Achievement Awards

Dr. Loretta Brewer (SW) – teaching  
 Dr. Angela Schmidt (Nrs) – scholarship  
 Dr. Mike McDaniel (CD) – service

**CNHP CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**  
 2008-2010 Fundraising Period  
 \$10 M Goal



**Service Learning Projects**

On November 12 and 19, 2008, thirteen graduate students from the

Communications Disorders Department participated in a service learning project at Nettleton Central Elementary. The two-day project allowed CD students to provide a literature-based, language intervention unit to a small group of third grade students. The elementary students were immersed in sundry hands-on activities that highlighted the fall season as the unifying theme. While learning to square dance, preparing pumpkin waffles, and a host of other cooperative learning opportunities, both university and elementary students were introduced to a “fun”tastic approach to language intervention.

Stacey Sloas and the PTA students assisted Sensational Kids for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in kickball for special needs children. Brooke Craine, graduate of the ASU PT program, provided support for this project.

**ARDMS Sonography Registry Assistance**

The American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers is the national credentialing body for the field of ultrasound. A sonographer has to pass a physics and specialty exam in order to earn the title of Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer (RDMS), Registered Vascular Technologist (RVT), or Registered Diagnostic Cardiac Sonographer (RDCS).

The Joint Review Committee for Diagnostic Medical Sonography requires Diagnostic Medical Sonography programs to provide clinical education through sonographers holding one of the above credentials. However, currently it is not a law that sonographers must become registered.

In May of 2007 ASU began providing registry assistance to area sonographers. Thus far, 28 sonographers from Northeast Arkansas and Southeast Missouri have taken advantage of this assistance. Christi Murray (RVT), James Cody (RDMS), Deanna Barymon (RDCS) and Melody Cook (RDMS) are just a few of the sonographers from this area who have earned credentials. This assistance has allowed the DMS program to extend available clinical sites providing students with a variety of clinical experiences.

**Veterans Fund gala funds Beck PRIDE Center scholarships**

(Excerpt from 2-20-09 Inside ASU)

Injured combat veterans attending ASU reaped the benefits when Grammy-winning country and western recording artist Tracy Lawrence and TRICARE deputy director Major General Elder Granger, M.D., were honored at the Arkansas Governor's Mansion in Little Rock on February 20<sup>th</sup>. Both Lawrence and Major General Granger were recognized at the second annual Sigma Pi Walter M. Schirra Gala Benefit. A significant portion of the evening's proceeds support the Mike Beebe Veterans Fund, an educational endowment for the injured combat veterans at ASU's Beck PRIDE Center for America's Wounded Veterans. The Mike Beebe Veterans Fund was established in honor of Arkansas Governor Mike Beebe by members of the Alpha Pi chapter of Sigma Pi at ASU.

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**Dr. Rahill Presents Paper on Lay Injectionists (Picuristes)**  
(excerpt from Inside ASU)

Dr. Guitele Rahill, Social Work, recently made a presentation in Little Rock to the State of Arkansas Health Department, "The Practice and Use of Picuristes/Lay Injectionists Among Haitian Immigrants in Miami-Dade County, Florida: Implications for Collection of Surveillance Data with Immigrant Populations in Northeast Arkansas." The invitation to speak resulted from information Dr. Rahill shared with Dr. Roderick, HIV prevention manager for the State of Arkansas, at ASU's first-ever World AIDS Day conference in December 2008. In addition, Dr. Rahill has also been invited by the National Institutes of Health of the National Center for Minority Health Disparities to submit an abstract to the American Journal of Public Health: Special Issue: The Science of Eliminating Health Disparities. The manuscript is entitled "Correlates of Picuriste/Injectionist Use Among Miami-Dade County, Florida, Haitian Immigrants Engaged in Health-Seeking." That manuscript has been accepted.

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**Social Work program sponsors 'Lunch and Learn'**  
(Excerpt from Inside ASU)

The ASU Social Work Department Title IV-E Academic Partnership in Public Child Welfare recently sponsored the Spring Lunch and Learn in the ASU Student Union. Community providers, faculty members, and students joined together for an informal panel luncheon entitled, "Who's Who and What Do They Do?--Providing Services to Hungry

Children." This bi-annual event is sponsored by the Title IV-E Academic Partnership for Public Child Welfare Interdisciplinary Committee. The Interdisciplinary committee is **Dr. Richard Freer**, Social Work; Dr. David Saarnio, Psychology and Counseling; Dr. Joanna Grymes, Teacher Education; Dr. Larry Salinger, Sociology, Criminology and Geography; and **Karen Fullen**, LCSW, program director for the Title IV-E Academic Partnership. The community provider panel included representatives from two Northeast Arkansas school backpack programs, the Division of Children and Family Services, and the Northeast Arkansas Food Bank. Students were informed about the scope of the hunger problem in the region, about current services that attempt to tackle the issue, and about the collaborative nature among agencies attempting to improve the well-being of children who face every day with no assurance of the next meal.

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**ASU Department of Social Work MSW Program is Placed in Candidacy by CSWE**

**By Dr. George Jacinto**

The Arkansas State University MSW Program has been placed in Candidacy by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). There are three steps in the CSWE accreditation process: precandidacy, candidacy, and initial accreditation. The initial accreditation process requires that certain documents are constructed and provided to CSWE, and two site visits are arranged for a CSWE commissioner to review the program's eligibility for accreditation.

Precandidacy is when a new program is discussed by the host institution, and initial planning, acquisition of resources, and the hiring of the required number of faculty is completed. The first step toward initial accreditation is candidacy. In order to be placed in Candidacy a program has to provide a self-study document containing standards one through six, and a CSWE site visitor meets with the university administration and social work department to review the program's standards. The site visitor spent a few days at Arkansas State University in November and recommended that the MSW Program be placed in candidacy. When the commissioners met in June they officially placed the program in candidacy status. Dr. Turnage, Chair of the Department of Social Work, stated that "we anticipate that initial accreditation will be granted to the ASU MSW Program sometime during 2010." The program plans to graduate its first students in May of 2011.

**ASU Department of Social Work Admits First Advanced Standing MSW Students**

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The Arkansas State University Department of Social Work welcomed the first 26 Advanced Standing students into the MSW Program (photo below), Summer Session I. Students admitted to the part-time Advanced Standing Program have bachelor's degrees in Social Work. Advanced Standing students are required to complete 33 credits to obtain the MSW degree. The new MSW Program offers students a concentration in rural-based clinical practice. This year the program has admitted a part-time class. In summer of 2010 both part-time and full-time Advanced Standing study options will be available to interested students. In the fall semester of 2009 the MSW Program will welcome Regular Standing students into full-time and part-time tracks. Regular Standing students must complete 63 credits to obtain the MSW degree. Regular standing students have to complete more credits than advanced standing students (those with BSW degrees) because those with advanced standing have already completed the 30 credits of foundation courses as part of their BSW training.



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**Title IV-E Academic Partnership for Public Child Welfare – Fall, 2009**

Five Title IV-E child welfare stipend students graduated in May and were hired by the Division of Children and Family Services in Craighead, Crittenden, Sharp, Greene and Pulaski Counties. Six students have applied for Title IV-E child welfare stipends this next academic year.

Title IV-E staff attended the Regional Roundtable in San Marcos TX, the National Child Abuse and Neglect Conference in Atlanta, and the National Child Protection Training Center Conference for Child Advocacy at Winona State University. Title IV-E

funds were used to sponsor the attendance of DCFS staff at the National Child Advocacy Conference in Huntsville, the National Child Protection Conference in San Diego, the Arkansas NASW Conference, and the National Child Abuse and Neglect Conference in Atlanta.

The first DCFS MSW educational leave student will be accepted this fall. The IV-E program will cover the costs of the student's fees, books, and tuition. Upon graduation, the MSW student will commit to four years of employment with DCFS.

Mickey Wilson, MSW, joined the IV-E program as the new field trainer. Mickey comes to the program with 15 years' experience in child welfare!

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### Existing College Endowments/Annual Award Accounts

For those donors who have interest in contributing to student scholarships/ designated funds and do not have interest in establishing their own, the following funds reside in the ASU Foundation. To contribute to any of these existing accounts, please make check payable to ASU Foundation (PO Box 1990, State University, AR 72467) and indicate the name of the fund in the memo section:

NEA Baptist Memorial Hospital Scholarship Endowment (general college)  
Jon A. Linder/Douglas Jon Seitz Scholarship (general college)  
Elizabeth A. Thomas Health Science (general college)  
Drs. Ball, Woloszyn and Moseley Scholarship (general college)  
Carla Brooks Spears Memorial Scholarship (AASN)  
Susan Tolliver Memorial Scholarship (AASN/BSN)  
Ray H. and Kathleen Scott Hall Nursing Scholarship  
Sister Patricia Lee Findley Memorial Scholarship (BSN)  
Linnie Wisdom-Maude Wilson Honors Scholarship (BSN)  
Clopton Clinic Nursing Scholarship (BSN)  
Harriet Mildred Smith Memorial Scholarship (BSN)  
Bill Penix, Jr. Memorial Scholarship (BSN)  
Lillian G. and Homer G. Proctor Nursing Scholarship (RN to BSN/BSN)  
Leet Family Scholarship (BSN)  
Kris Taylor Memorial Scholarship (Radiologic Sciences)  
Martha Ivener Memorial Scholarship (Social Work)  
Isokinetics Inc Physical Therapy Scholarship

Helen and Bill Roehrig Memorial Award in Physical Therapy  
Beck PRIDE Center for America's Wounded Veterans (fund for veteran support)  
Ritterwood Farms (fund to support clinical nutrition education)  
Assisi Endowed Professorship in Nursing (West Memphis program)  
Richard Lemmons Nursing Student Memorial Fund  
Aldridge Family Physical Therapy Student Support Fund  
Bob and Frances Puryear Physical Therapy Fund.

For those donors who have interest in contributing to existing endowments that benefit certain programs in the college, the following opportunities are noted outside the ASU Foundation. To contribute to any of these funds, please make check payable to Craighead County Community Foundation (address below) and indicate the name of the fund in the memo section:

Craighead Co Community Foundation  
407 Union St—PO Box 4033  
Jonesboro, AR 72403

Jane LeBlanc Graduate Clinical Scholarship Fund (CD)  
Don and Mary Vollman Family Endowment (CNHP faculty enhancement fund)  
Dr. Joe T. and Gail Wilson (CLS enhancement fund)  
Bartels Family Endowed Nursing Scholarship (RN to BSN)  
Emerson Family Endowment (sponsorship of Grief Seminar)

If you have questions about any of these funds, please contact Dean Hanrahan at [hanrahan@astate.edu](mailto:hanrahan@astate.edu).

### Three New PT Funds:

**Dr. Susan Roehrig** and her husband, Cliff Quick, have established the Helen and Bill Roehrig Memorial Award in Physical Therapy in honor of her parents both of whom died within the last two years. Beginning in December 2009, the endowed award will be presented at graduation to a student with an interest in geriatrics or neurology who exhibits exceptional professional behaviors.

Two funds that are still developing are the **Aldridge Family Physical Therapy Student Support Fund** and the **Bob and Frances Puryear Physical Therapy Fund**. Dr. Roy Aldridge is initiating the first fund in support of physical therapy student activities for which there are often no funds. Mr. Bobby Puryear and his siblings have

established the second fund in honor of their parents. Details of the fund are still in development. Friends and alumni are welcome to donate to any of these funds by specifying your donation request on the memo section of your check. Our special thanks to all of these donors for these new funding opportunities.

### RN to BSN Scholarship Endowment

It is with pleasure that we announce the **Bartels Family Endowed Scholarship in Nursing**. Beverly Bartels held a variety of administrative and teaching positions at the university from 1970 until her early retirement in 1998. She was most noted for establishing the Distance Learning Network at ASU which included the Compressed Video Network still utilized today. She also served in varied leadership positions in nursing and was named interim dean on two different occasions for the college. Beverly has continued to be active with our college by serving on its Advocacy Board. We are especially grateful that she and husband Anthony and their family have dedicated funds specifically to support our RN to BSN students in the School of Nursing. The fund was established through the Craighead County Community Foundation. Thank you Bartels family!!!

### Grief Seminar Endowment

The Emerson Family has established the **Emerson Family Gift for Grief Education** through the Craighead County Community Foundation to support annual programming the college provides in the area of grief. Billy Joe and Betty have been primary sponsors of our grief programs over the last four years and are using this endowment to ensure that such programming is supported in perpetuity. When our first grief seminar was offered four years ago and we had to turn away registrants, the Emerson's knew there was an unmet need in this community. We thank them and their family for this perfect gift and for all of the work they do in this community.

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### Fall Faculty Development

CNHP hosted Kathleen Bartholomew, RN, RC, MN for their fall faculty development conference. Kathleen focused on healing health professionals, how professionals communicate, and a passion for the art of healing.