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Dean's Corner

What a difference a year makes!!! Most of you might think I am talking about the economy but instead I am focused on the "good news" in the College of Nursing and Health Professions.

In this newsletter you will see the:

- . \$1 M gift from the Judd Hill Foundation (Mike Gibson, Executor) toward the \$3M match for our Donald W. Reynolds Center for Health Sciences
- . \$100,000 unsolicited gift from the Wal-Mart Foundation for the Beck PRIDE Center for America's Wounded Veterans
- . \$12,000 gift from Ritterwood Farms for development of clinical nutrition education at ASU
- . December 1st World AIDS Day sponsored by the Department of Social Work
- . Announcement of a new Chair of Physical Therapy, Dr. Trish King
- . Success of the local mass dispensing plan for flu vaccine

That, and so much more, tops a list of very positive achievements in the fall of 2009.

Congrats to:

Roy Aldridge (PT) and Angie Schmidt (Nurs) on the completion of their doctoral degrees

Julie Isaacson (Nurs) on being selected as 1 of 25 2008 Women in Business by the NE AR Business Journal

Our distinguished alums (see enclosed article)

The first class of MSW students (see enclosed article)

The first class of MRI graduates

You are Making a Difference Award Winners in the College

July—Angie Schmidt (Nurs)

August—Julie Isaacson (Nurs) and Mike McDaniel (CD)

September —Debra Walden (Nurs)

October—Roy Aldridge (PT)

November – Debbie Shelton (Nurs)

December—Kathleen Lorange (CLS/MIRS)

SW Dept for a very successful CSWE Commissioner's visit in November (article enclosed)

4th class of CRNA students—100% pass rate on licensing exam

Student Ryan Boozer (MIRS) as recipient of a national scholarship (see enclosed article)

Beck PRIDE Participant Austin Reed for receiving a Purple Heart

Lyn Hubbard (MIRS) who successfully made it to "60"

Dept. of PT for unofficial approval of their DPT by the Higher Learning Commission of North Central

Beck PRIDE Center for celebrating their 1-year anniversary

We will continue to work in 2009.

Sincerely,
Susan Hanrahan, Dean
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Health Professions
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Beck PRIDE Center

By: Susan Tonymon, Director

ASU's Beck PRIDE Center (BPC) for America's Wounded Veterans is entering its second year with more than 50 participants enrolled, including military service members from all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces. Well over 100 people have contacted the office, covering a wide range of needs. Some may just seek education information or a point of contact for veteran's benefits. Other times, the need is crisis assistance for themselves or an injured veteran family member. The staff works diligently to help provide resources and referrals to assist the combat injured to recover physically and emotionally and make progress in their individual educational and post-service goals.

This spring, BPC is gearing up and preparing for an expected influx of new requests for assistance from injured combat veterans who have recently returned from Iraq with the 39th Infantry Brigade Combat Team of the Arkansas National Guard. In all, there were more than 3,000 members in that brigade. Many Arkansans are not aware that the Central Arkansas Veterans Administration Hospital is the second largest provider of health care services in the entire country to injured combat veterans deployed in this conflict. Arkansas State University Jonesboro Chancellor Dr. Robert Potts and Beck PRIDE Center director Susan Tonymon serve as members of Arkansas Governor Mike Beebe's Yellow Ribbon Task Force, a commission created to address the needs of and finding solutions for Arkansas' veterans returning home from overseas deployment and also senior veterans who have increasing health needs. The Beck PRIDE Center's services dovetail (page 2)

College News

Dr. Sue McLarry (Nrs), Dr. Staffan Elgelid, and **Dr. Beverly Edwards'** (SW), *Healthy Ager: Teaching Healthy Aging, Interdisciplinary Skills and Community Involvement*, has been accepted for presentation at the 2009 APTA Combined Sections Meeting in February in Las Vegas, NV.

Physical Therapy

Dr. Susan Roehrig and **Gayla Like's** (PT alum) article, *Factors Affecting Shoulder Pain in Adolescents and Young Adults with Spina Bifida*, was published in Pediatric Physical Therapy, Fall 2008, volume 20, issue 3, pages 224-232. Also, Dr. Roehrig participated in the Arkansas Geriatric Education Center Mentors and Scholars Summer Institute for five days in Little Rock with lectures and observational experiences in Little Rock and Jonesboro. **Stacey Sloas** completed a Master's degree in Educational Leadership, May 2008.

Nursing

Dr. Angie Schmidt:

- Reviewer for the *Ethical Dilemmas and Nursing Practice*, 5th Edition by Ann Davis and Marsha Fowler; Chapter 2: Nursing Ethics and Chapter 6: Informed Consent in October 2008.
- Invited to The Oxford Round Table for the presentation, *Ethics: The Convolution of Contemporary Values* at the Lincoln College, University of Oxford, Oxford, England, 2009.
- Presented, *Accessibility of Rehabilitation for Persons with Disability*, at the Nursing Ethics and Health Care Policy international conference at Yale University in July.
- Presented, *Influencing the Trajectory of Stroke Recovery*, at the Annual Northeast Arkansas Nursing Conference in November 2008, which was co-sponsored by the School of Nursing.

Dr. Angie Schmidt and **Dr. Darlene Baker** have earned their Certification for Teaching and Learning in Web Based Education by completing 56 contact hours in web based education from the National League for Nursing and the University of Indiana School of Nursing, August 2008. **Annette Stacy** and **Julie Isaacson** presented, *Reality Based Clinical: Student and Faculty Perceptions and Rubrics for Clinical Evaluation: Objectifying the Subjective Experience*, respectively at the 2nd International Nurse Education Conference in Dublin, Ireland in June 2008.

Patricia Abraham, along with colleagues, Richie, John P., Kleinman, Wayne, Marina, Patricia, Wynder†, Ernst L. and Muscat, Joshua E, published (2008) 'Blood Iron, Glutathione, and Micronutrient Levels and the Risk of Oral Cancer', in Nutrition and Cancer, 60:4,474 - 482.

Renee Miller's, *Owning Remediation: The Critical Behavior Tool* was presented at the National Organization for Associate Degree Nursing's National Conference in Myrtle Beach, SC in November 2008.

Dr. Deborah Gilbert-Palmer's, *Crossing the Bridge to Avoid Walking on ICE: Prescribing Errors in the Extended Living Facility* was published at the American College of Nurse Practitioners Clinical Conference in Nashville, TN October 30-November 1, 2008.

Linda Crumpton and Lori Clay's, *Successful Simulation Design: Einstein Not Required* was presented at the American Association of Colleges of Nursing's Baccalaureate Education Conference in San Antonio, TX in December 2008.

Dr. Sue McLarry's, *Healthy Ager Project: Interprofessional Clinical Learning Experience*, was presented the International Nurse Educator Conference in Sydney, Australia in September 2008.

Dr. Charlotte Young's, *Bridging Learning Barriers: Student Nurses' Perception of Psychological Aspects of Care*, was presented at the 11th Annual Force Health Protection Conference in August 2008 in Albuquerque, NM.

Communication Disorders

Gail Rasberry was featured in the Southlawn Nursery/Sartin Services Quarterly Newsletter, Aug. '08 for her work with daylilies. Gail is the founding member of the Northeast Arkansas Daylily Society and a member of the American Hemerocallis Society.

Radiologic Sciences

Ray Winters' home was featured in the Holiday Tour of Homes, sponsored by the Circle of Friends, in December. Proceeds go to Arkansas Children's Hospital, Little Rock.

Clinical Lab Sciences

Mitch Watrous', *Creating Test Banks in Blackboard with Diploma Software*, was presented in January at the Curricula for the 21st Century meeting in St. Petersburg, FL.

• Selected as a local representative for the American Society for Clinical Pathology and elected as a board member to the Arkansas Chapter of the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Scientists.

Social Work

Congratulations to **Dr. Barbara Turnage** on being nominated for the "You Made A Difference" Academic Advisor Award.

Dr. Loretta Brewer's, *Elder Care Practices in Okinawa* was presented at the International Conference on Interdisciplinary Social Sciences in Florence, Italy in July 2008.

(Beck PRIDE Center cont'd from front page)

with the Governor's mission. Our focus is on providing assistance to those veterans who experience a need due to a gap in their veterans' benefits or supplemental resources for personal rehabilitation and education assistance.

Beck PRIDE Center participants who are student-veterans are taking the lead to establish the university's first student-veteran fraternity on campus. The organization is supported by BPC staff, Sigma Pi Fraternity representatives and the BPC veteran volunteer group. Student-veteran Kevin Neisler will serve as the organization's first president and Kelly McCoy, BPC Services Specialist, will be the advisor. The organization is a non-political social group that aims to provide peer-to-peer networks for veterans and dependents of veterans who are attending school. The organization plans to affiliate with the Student Veterans of America (SVA), a coalition of student veterans groups from college campuses across the United States.

The Beck PRIDE Center will hold the first meeting of the Beck PRIDE Center National Advisory Council in March, in Washington, D.C. We are honored that Army Major General Granger Elder has agreed to serve as the Council's first chair. MG Elder is the Deputy Director of TRICARE Management Activity, the military health care plan for the 9.2 million eligible beneficiaries worldwide, and is an alumnus of Arkansas State University and the ROTC program. The Beck PRIDE Center is grateful and appreciative to have received three national level grants. Dr. Susan Hanrahan and Dr. Robert Potts accepted a \$100,000 check on Veterans' Day from the Wal-Mart Foundation to support the services at the center. Grants obtained from the Disabled American Veterans Charitable Trust and the American Red Cross will help provide additional support for counseling, medical supplies

and physical rehabilitation services. Contributions to the Beck PRIDE Center are tax deductible. For more information contact stonymon@astate.edu.

GRANTS/CONTRACTS:

- **Matthews, Dr. Rebecca (Nrs)**, from Horizon Institute for “Mentoring with Technology: Interactive Cyber-Science Instruction in the Arkansas Delta Region”, \$10,000, awarded.
- **Persell, Dr. Debbie (Nrs)**, from National Science Foundation for “The Strategic Impact of Faith-Based Organizations on the National Response Framework during Disasters”, \$489,798, pending.
- **McLarry, Dr. Sue (Nrs)**, from Health Resources and Services Administration for “Second Degree Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing”, \$388,979, pending.
- **Schmidt, Dr. Angie (Nrs)**, from HRSA for “Nurse Anesthesia Traineeships,” \$720,000, pending.

Good bye to:

Connie Ryan (SW) – Title IVE Program.
Dr. Whitney Williams (CLS) – retired at the end of December after 22 years at ASU.
Dr. Jim Farris (PT) – relocating to Arizona.

Welcome to:

Sandy Tate, Title IVE Sec (SW).
Penny Head, who has taken an assistant professor position in the physical therapy department. Penny obtained her Masters of Science in Exercise Science from California University of Pennsylvania.
Dr. Trish King, (PT)-Chair. She completed her PhD in Anthropology/Women Studies from University of Florida. Trish is relocating from Nashville.
Blair Young, Secretary, Dean’s Office, who moved here from Georgia.

Student News

Congratulations to the following students for their induction into Delta Epsilon Iota, National Academic Honor Society:

Communication Disorders:

Lindsey Blanchard
Ashley Pieroni
Kathryn Ann Smith

Nursing:

Chelsea Coleman
Lindsey Devine
Amy Gipson
Kelsie Danielle Jones
Kerie Michelle Martin
Kyle Medlin
Lindsay Nelson
Launa Marie Smith
Amy Stacey
Priscilla Talley
Brandy Traylor
Brittany Williams

Physical Therapy:

Cecia Gonzalez
Kailey Jean Pinson

Social Work:

Trisha Dyanne Oneal

The Arkansas Association of Nurse Anesthetists president elect, **Brian Bell** is the first graduate from ASU to have taken a board position and gone on to become President of the Association.

Congratulations to **Shea Nunley** on being selected as the recipient of the 2008-2009 **Linder/Seitz scholarship**. Our apology for omitting this in the last newsletter.

Congratulations to:

Abby Smith on being selected as recipient of the Harold and Nettie Housley Memorial Scholarship.

Meg Williamson, nursing major for being awarded a grant from the program for continuing education run by Chapter BN of P.E.O.

Angela Tims was awarded a First Christian Church scholarship.

Kristan Casey, nursing major from Shelby Township, MI on being selected as commencement speaker at the August graduation exercises.

Martello Cox PT major on being selected to receive the Isokinetics Scholarship.

Ashley Taylor, nursing major from Poplar Bluff, MO on being selected as a recipient of the Mable Symons Woodside Memorial Scholarship.

Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges was held in November 2008 in the Student Union. Congratulations to the following students for receiving this award:

Elizabeth Asbury – Communication Disorders

Lauren Ford – Nursing

Johnathan Simpson – Social Work

The Communication Disorders students listed below have been selected to receive scholarships for the spring 2009 semester:

Natasha Davis – Crane Fund

Megan Bailey - L.H. Sternheimer Family Scholarship in CD

AmandaRhea Guth - George Herndon Graduate Scholarship in CD

Alumni News

Jeremy Stogner, a nursing graduate of 2001, has been selected as 2008 Regional Nurse of the Year by Air Evac Lifeteam.

Donna Bowren, Jonesboro, a nursing graduate of 1990, received her PhD in nursing.

Distinguished Alumni Awards

Twenty-one distinguished alumni—

including 18 faculty members--from Arkansas State University’s College of Nursing and Health Professions (CNHP) were honored Saturday, Sept. 20 as part of ASU’s 2008 Homecoming celebration. Shanon Brantley represents the Department of Communication Disorders, Ashley Johnson is from the Department of Social Work, and Micheal Martin is the distinguished alumnus from the Department of Physical Therapy. The faculty members, all from the School of Nursing, include Brenda Anderson, Diana Fuller, Libby Nix, Darlene Baker, Cathy Hall, Linda Latting, Angela Schmidt, Nonie Wiggins, Lori Clay, Linda Crumpton, Renee Miller, Debbie Shelton, Susi Sifford, Paige Wimberley, Karen Blue, Lisa Drake, Judy Pfriemer and Stacy Troxel.

Drake, Fuller and Latting teach at ASU-Mountain Home. The remaining distinguished alumni teach at the main ASU campus in Jonesboro.

Brantley earned her master’s degree in communication disorders (MCD) from ASU in 1999. She began her career as a public school speech-language pathologist for the Nettleton School District for three years. She has been employed by RehabCare and has provided professional services to Arkansas Methodist Medical Center in Paragould for the last six years.

Brantley offers a variety of diagnostic and therapeutic services, including voice therapy, deep pharyngeal neuromuscular stimulation, VitalStim therapy, and swallow studies using fiberoptic evaluation of swallowing (FEES) and videofluoroscopy, provided by Dr.

William Bulkley, a local otolaryngologist. Brantley’s work with patients receiving VitalStim therapy was recently highlighted in the fall 2008 issue of *The Beacon*, a publication of the Arkansas Methodist Medical Center. She holds the certificate of clinical competency in speech-language pathology (CCC-SLP). Brantley, an avid sports fan, is married to Larry Brantley. They have two children, Jaqulyn and Jarron, and the family resides in Jonesboro.

Johnson received a bachelor of social work degree in 2003. As a stipend student, she was placed in the Division of Children and Family Services in Sharp County. While employed as a family service worker, Johnson worked with children who were in foster care. In July 2003, Johnson began working as a family service worker trainee in Sharp County

before being promoted to supervisor in Fulton County.

A true advocate for families in crisis, Johnson has also served as a field instructor for the Department of Social Work and is a strong role model to new social workers as well as to other workers in her county. A student of her professional code of ethics, she frequently discusses ethical dilemmas and values with her students and staff. Martin graduated from ASU in 2002. At that time, he was chosen by the faculty as the outstanding student in his graduating class and as the most professional by his classmates. He has remained involved in his community and in the growth of physical therapy.

Martin has served as a physical therapist, an athletic trainer, a director of physical therapy, and a director of rehabilitation. In 2006, he volunteered for the United States Olympic weightlifting team, providing evaluation and care for the men's and women's teams.

Martin has been a presenter at the Arkansas Athletic Trainers Association annual meeting and the National Athletic Trainers Association annual symposium. His professional involvement includes Southwest Athletic Trainers Association, Arkansas Athletic Trainers Association, Arkansas Physical Therapy Association, American Physical Therapy Association-Orthopedic/Sports PT Sections, National Strength and Conditioning Association, National Academy of Sports Medicine, and the U.S. Olympic Committee Sports Medicine Society.

He has continued his education and dedication to the profession by becoming strength and conditioning specialist through the National Strength and Conditioning Association. Martin is also a certified kinesio taping practitioner and a performance enhancement specialist through the National Academy of Sports Medicine.

He is currently completing requirements to become a specialist in sports physical therapy as recognized by the American Physical Therapy Association. He serves as a clinical instructor for physical therapy students as well as participating in job shadowing for pre-PT and pre-Athletic Training students. Martin demonstrates dedication to the profession of physical therapy and continues to work toward the vision of the future of physical therapy. He oversees the rehabilitation for football at Baylor University and currently resides in McGregor, Texas, with his family. With the shortage of nursing faculty nationwide, ASU's Department of Nursing

depends on its alumni who have chosen to practice nursing as faculty members. Anderson, Fuller and Nix earned associate, bachelors and master's degrees in nursing at Arkansas State. Baker also received an associate of science in nursing. Hall, Latting, Schmidt and Wiggins earned bachelor of science in nursing degrees while attending ASU. Bachelor of science in nursing and master of science in nursing degrees were earned by Clay, Crumpton, Latting, Miller, Shelton, Sifford and Wimberley. The four faculty members who earned the master's degree in nursing from the Department of Nursing are Blue, Drake, Pfriemer and Troxel.

Clarification:

In the Fall 2008 edition of STATESide News (Dean's Corner and Gifts/Pledges of more than \$1,000) there was a posting error. The \$3000 gift for the Ray & Kathleen Scott Hall, Sr. Nursing Scholarship was received from Drs. Ray, John and George Hall and their families. We apologize for this oversight.

In Sympathy

To the family of Richard Lemmons (Nrs student, Senior).

To Connie Ryan (SW) on the loss of her husband.

Jennifer King (RS) on the loss of her father.

To the family of Stefany Tillman, an alumnus with a BCD, who was killed in an auto accident.

ASU Department of Social Work Admits First MSW Students

by Dr. George Jacinto

Thirteen Regular Standing part-time students were admitted to the new MSW Program at Arkansas State University Department of Social Work. This first class of Regular Standing Students began attending classes on August 26, 2008. This first class consists of students who do not have a BSW degree or whose BSW degree was awarded more than six years ago.

Dr. George A. Jacinto, Director of the MSW Program, stated that "the first class represents a diversity of professionals who have worked in human services and social work related positions. Many are mid-career professionals seeking to increase their education." Dr. Barbara F. Turnage, Chair of the Department of Social Work, pointed out that "there is a shortage of trained Master's level Social Workers in Northeast Arkansas." The new MSW Program will graduate students who will be able to fill needed positions in a range of agencies throughout Northeast Arkansas and the

lower Mississippi Delta Region.

Jacinto stated that next summer the Department of Social Work will admit its first Advanced Standing students into the program. Advanced Standing Students hold a BSW degree that was awarded in the past six years.

In the 2009 to 2010 academic year the MSW Program will admit both part-time and full-time classes of Regular Standing and Advanced Standing students.

Nurse Anesthesia

The Nurse Anesthesia program had an update in the Arkansas Association of Nurse Anesthetists summer publication Vol 2 No 4.

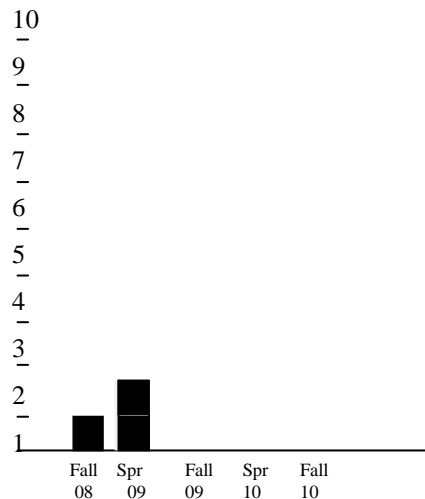
The program graduated its fourth class of students in May 2008. Many of the 41 graduates have already accepted positions in Arkansas, Tennessee, Mississippi, Idaho, Georgia, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Wisconsin, and Missouri. The pass rate by these 41 graduates was 100%! Congratulations to the program and its graduates!!

CI Seminar

by Lyn Hubbard

The CI/Field Instructor Seminar will be held at the Fowler Center on Friday March 6, 2009. The main speaker in the morning will be Keith Warzecha, who will talk on prescription drug use (overuse) and also on the latest drug "craze" - salvia plants. Brochures will be sent out in early Feb. so people can begin to register. For more info contact Kathleen Lorance klorance@astate.edu.

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CNHP donors since July 2008

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Judd Hill Foundation commits \$1 million to Reynolds Center for Health Sciences

(partial excerpt from Inside ASU)

A \$1 million commitment has been made to Arkansas State University by the Judd Hill Foundation for the Donald W. Reynolds Center for Health Sciences. The gift provides a restricted source of funds for repair and maintenance of the Center, which is under construction north of the Chickasaw Building on the ASU campus.

In May 2007, a \$14.5 million gift from the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation was given to the university for the purpose of constructing a three-story building to support the College of Nursing and Health Professions. Part of that gift agreement required Arkansas State University to commit to raise, within a restricted endowment, 20 percent of the Foundation grant amounting to \$2,901,668. The Judd Hill Foundation gift is in partial support of meeting that match requirement.

The restricted fund is to be used exclusively for building maintenance and repair including the repair or replacement of specialized equipment within the building.

“Esther Chapin, having lived in a rural area, was keenly aware of the great need for rural health care,” said Mike Gibson, chair of the ASU Board of Trustees and Judd Hill executor. “Upon her death in 1991, Ms. Chapin gave her entire estate to the Judd Hill Foundation Trust whose purpose, among other things, was to promote health and to enhance the delivery of health care services to the residents of Arkansas. The gift today is a part of the growing legacy of Esther Chapin for the improvement of health care services in Arkansas.”

“Mike Gibson and the Judd Hill Foundation have supported the college of Nursing and Health Professions for over 10 years,” said Dr. Susan Hanrahan, dean of the college. “We have received three previous gifts from the Judd Hill Foundation to support our efforts in distance education which was fabulous. This gift, however, is beyond imagination. His confidence in our ability to further impact this region makes me very proud. I truly appreciate his investment in our future.”

Thank you Mr. Gibson!



Beck PRIDE Center receives grant from Wal-Mart Foundation

(partial excerpt from Inside ASU)

Arkansas State University's Beck PRIDE Center for America's wounded veterans received a \$100,000 grant from the Wal-Mart Foundation in November to aid in building programs and developing resources to support veterans with access to higher education and help in completing their degrees. The grant was presented to ASU officials in Bentonville.

The grant is part of a total \$3.6 million package awarded by the Wal-Mart Foundation to 10 colleges and universities with \$100,000 grants to each.

“Arkansas State University-Jonesboro is thrilled to have been awarded a \$100,000 grant for its Beck PRIDE Center for injured veterans as one of 10 grants to higher education institutions in the United States that currently have successful veteran educational assistance programs,” said Dr. Robert Potts, chancellor at Arkansas State.

ASU is one of 10 higher education institutions that currently have successful veteran educational assistance programs. The grants will support the development of new and existing programs and provide resources to assist veterans with access to education, adjustment to civilian life and success in completing their degrees. Following are the institutions that received a grant:

Arkansas State University, Cleveland State University, San Diego State University, University of Minnesota, Mississippi State, University of Incarnate Word (Texas), Montgomery College (Md.), Citrus College (Calif.), Florida Community College, and San Diego Community College.

“The generosity of the Wal-Mart Foundation to enable and enhance veterans support programs nationwide comes at an opportune time in the lives of our soldiers,” said Dr. Susan Hanrahan, dean of the ASU College of Nursing and Health Professions. “We are extremely pleased the Beck PRIDE Center was selected for this gift and are grateful to the Foundation for this investment. What a tribute to our soldiers on this Veterans Day!”

It is estimated that the number of veterans in the United States will rise to more than 375,000 in 2009.

“At the Beck PRIDE Center for America's Wounded Veterans, we have the privilege of seeing how the kind deeds of organizations like the Wal-Mart

Foundation can change lives for military service members with combat injuries. We pledge to do our best to use these resources towards our mission," said Susan Tonymon, program director of the Beck PRIDE Center.

"The men and women who serve our country are our nation's heroes," said Margaret McKenna, president of the Wal-Mart Foundation. "Wal-Mart is proud to support programs that help our veterans get the resources they need to succeed in their education and their transition back to civilian life."



ASU Prepares for Disaster By Debbie Persell

In a world in which the frequency and severity of disasters increase each year it is reassuring to know that the ASU Regional Training Center for Disaster Life Support is preparing current and future professionals from multiple disciplines to respond to disasters. For the past three years the Center has offered courses in Basic and Advanced Disaster Life Support (BDLS & ADLS). However, this year has seen the largest number of students in the Center's history completing the courses. Every student admitted to a nursing or health professions major has the opportunity to attend BDLS this academic year at no cost to them. This has been made possible by the commitment and generosity of Dr. Susan Hanrahan, Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions (CNHP). Approximately 800 CNHP students will complete BDLS this year alone in addition to numerous disaster response professionals across NE Arkansas. Arkansas State University is the first in the nation to require this important training for all of its health professions students.

ASU's commitment to preparing for disasters does not end with the students and community professionals. The university's disaster operations team, including the top administrators of ASU, completed BDLS in December. This symbolizes the commitment to planning for the best possible response should the ASU community be struck by disaster.

With the use of the D-I-S-A-S-T-E-R paradigm, BDLS provides training in Detecting disasters, Incident Command, Securing the scene and making it safe for responders to go in, Assessing the scene for additional hazards, garnering additional Support services, Triage and treatment, Evacuation and Recovery. ADLS offers a hands-on experience through a disaster drill, taking on and off hazardous materials suits, simulation of assessing and treating persons injured in disaster and learning to administer medications stored in the strategic national stockpile. BDLS meets the federal register requirements for HAZMAT awareness and ADLS meets the federal register requirements for HAZMAT operations.

Both BDLS and ADLS provide a four-year certification in either basic or advanced disaster life support. These classes are applicable to community leaders, law enforcement, fire fighters, paramedics, nurses, doctors, pharmacists, administrators, city planners or anyone else with a potential role in disaster response is welcome to register for one of these classes. To find out when the next classes are offered, call 870-972-3074.

Ryan Boozer Receives Lambda Nu Scholarship By Ray Winters & Cheryl DuBose

The Department of Medical Imaging & Radiation Sciences is pleased to announce that Ryan Boozer, current MRI student, was chosen to receive one of 12 Lambda Nu National Honor Society in the Medical Imaging and Radiation Sciences scholarships. At their meeting in Atlanta in October, the Lambda Nu Board of Directors reviewed over 50 applications from across the United States. Competition for the scholarship was intense and criteria included need, academic performance and long-term goals.

Boozer is a current MRI student and Athletic Training alumnus of Arkansas State University. Ryan excels academically and socially, graduating magna cum laude from the Athletic Training Program and receiving outstanding professional references prior to admittance into the MRI program. He is an active member of the Student Association of Radiologic and Imaging Sciences – MRI Specialty, as well as the Dean's Student Advisory Council.

Congratulations, Ryan, and good luck in future endeavors!

Title IV-E Academic Partnership for Public Child Welfare – Spring, 2008

ASU Title IV-E Staff: Karen Fullen, Program Coordinator; Patricia Holt, Field Trainer and Stipend Coordinator; Lynda Nash, Field Trainer and Substance Abuse Education Project

Coordinator; Dr. Richard Freer, Grant PI; Dr. Barbara Turnage-Chair, Department of Social Work

The ASU Title IVE Academic Partnership for Public Child Welfare currently has five social work students who were selected this year as Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS) stipend students. These students, and two non-stipend students, are spending their fall semester as interns in local Northeast Arkansas DCFS county offices. Each student will receive \$5000 in stipends and will intern the spring semester in a DCFS office as well.

Included in the stipend agreement is the commitment to work for DCFS for at least one year following graduation in May, 2009.

The Inter-Disciplinary Child Welfare Committee (social work, sociology, psychology, education) hosted the fall lunch and learn event, "Who's Who and What Do They Do Providing Services to Substance Abusing Families" in October. Over 70 students and faculty from several majors attended the forum in the ASU Student Union. The speaker panel was moderated by Dr. Joanna Grymes from the Department of Teacher Education. Panel members included: Lynda Nash, LCSW, IVE Field Trainer and Substance Abuse Education Project Coordinator; Suzann Henry, DCFS area supervisor; Sherrie Guthrie, DCFS adoption supervisor; and Brenda Butler, Director of the Craighead County Drug Court.

Title IV-E staff members continue to serve as professional mentors, providing weekly education and support to social work student interns, DCFS workers and DCFS supervisors. Title IVE staff are also working on state-wide workgroups under the direction of the Administration of Children and Families to improve child welfare services in the state of Arkansas.

DCFS county supervisors spent three days at a Title IVE-sponsored leadership retreat at Gaston's with Jaynie Blackburn of MidSouth Health Systems as the primary educator. The annual DCFS Area 8 staff education and appreciation day was held in October with a day of education on self care, staff recognition and staff fellowship with over 85 DCFS staff members in attendance.

IVE staff members have been working with DCFS area and county staff by conducting case reviews, supervisory consultation, and county-wide training for an identified county at risk. IVE staff

members met with other partner university members as well as the executive staff of DCFS at the quarterly IVE meeting held at Harding University. Our good friend and colleague, Connie Ryan, IVE staff member since 1999, recently retired from the program. She provided leadership in both the school based IVE field program and the juvenile court IVE field program. In addition to teaching Substance Abuse and School Social Work for many years, she also spearheaded the initiation and development of the Substance Abuse Education Project with DCFS. She will be missed!

CLS/CLT Certification Exam Review Course

A free online certification exam preview course will be offered in Spring 2009 for ASU graduates in both the CLS and CLT degree programs. The review materials will apply to both degree levels. The free course will only be available to ASU graduates who are preparing for their certification exams.

To register and for further information, contact Mitchell Watrous, Assistant Professor at ASU by phone: (870)972-2514 or by email: mwatrous@astate.edu

In addition to this free course at ASU, there is another exam review opportunity that students can consider for their certification exam preparation. The School of Health Sciences at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, TX has information at the following link for certification exam review:

http://www.mdanderson.org/prof_education/healthscience/display.cfm?id=d11c9680-5956-449f-9eae5e9df3c71aed&method=displayfull&p_n=24df4bbd-fc6a-45d3-84c2d69fc26d16f4

Are You Feeling Healthy?

ASU and the Craighead County Health Unit joined forces on Nov 6th to use flu vaccinations as a “real drill” for a local mass dispensing of immunizations. Debbie Shelton was the lead organizer in the School of Nursing along with three nursing instructors, 40 students and available staff from the Craighead Co Health Department. Approximately 3,000 doses of free influenza vaccine were distributed at the ASU Convocation Center using a “drive thru” clinic method in addition to the more traditional clinic setting. The team had all of the vaccine distributed shortly after noon—well before their 4 p.m. deadline. Despite some logistics work, the drill was considered a huge success.

In addition, Rebecca Matthews and the accelerated BSN students participated in providing flu shots in mass flu clinics in Poinsett County in November. They provided a total of 1,595 vaccinations in Marked Tree, Trumann and Harrisburg.

The CLS students participated in the Center on Aging Diabetes Health Expo. They assisted with the diabetes screening.

Our thanks to the students and faculty for participating in these critical community health events.

World AIDS Day—Dec 1

The Dept of Social Work hosted the first World AIDS Day on campus Dec. 1. The conference was designed to increase awareness of the impact of HIV/AIDS in rural communities. Featured speakers were Dr. Mario De La Rosa, professor of Social Work, Justice and Public Affairs at Florida International University (FIU); Dr. Maria Aysa-Lastra, assistant professor of sociology and anthropology at FIU; Debbie Biazo, director of NE AR Regional AIDS Network and Tere Broderick, HIV Prevention Manager of the AR Dept. of Health. Special thanks to Dr. Guitele Rahill, Dept. of SW, conference organizer. The World AIDS Day conference marked the end of the National HIV/AIDS Awareness week which began Nov. 24th. The Dept. began the week by hosting ASU faculty and students who presented their research on challenges and issues of HIV/AIDS patients.

Nutrition Gift—Ritterwood Farms

The College of Nursing and Health Professions would like to thank Ritter Arnold and his family for the \$12,000 phase one gift to develop one or more degree programs to support nutrition education and ultimately study, to a larger extent, effective nutrition interventions. On Jan. 16, 2009, Dr. Julie Maillet from the University of Medicine and Dentistry New Jersey will be here to begin that discussion and process. Our thanks to the Arnold family!

Special Thanks

CNHP would like to give a special thanks to Constance Alexander, author of the play “The Way Home” and to Molly Simpson, ASU Theatre, who directed the play. Constance graciously allowed the play to be used as a fundraiser for the Flo and Phil Jones Hospice House. It was beautifully written, creatively directed by Molly and the cast will be talked about for years to come. The cast, which included Debra Walden (Nurs), Rosalie Barber (ASU alum and faculty emeritus), Michelle Edwards (CLS grad), Margaret Scott (nurse), Beth Smith (Alum Association) and Jane McDaniel (nurse), was sensational. All of these

individuals donated their time and talent for this production. Our two prime sponsors, who underwrote costs associated with the event, were Dr. Don and Mary Vollman and Dr. John and Karen Lynch. It was certainly an evening to remember. Many thanks to all!!!

Jane H. LeBlanc Graduate Clinical Scholarship in Communication Disorders

By: Dr. Richard Neeley

In honor of her retirement, Ms. Jane H. LeBlanc, emeritus instructor from the Department of Communication Disorders, endowed a scholarship to benefit students enrolled in the graduate program in Communication Disorders. Ms. LeBlanc retired from university teaching at ASU in 1982, but continued to practice in the disciplines of audiology and speech-language pathology until March of 2008. She officially retired on September 14, 2008. The scholarship account is held in trust by the Craighead County Community Foundation. Persons interested in contributing to the Jane H. LeBlanc Graduate Clinical Scholarship in Communication Disorders may submit tax deductible donations to the following address:

Craighead County Community Foundation
Barbara Weinstock, Executive Director
P.O. Box 4033
Jonesboro, AR 72403

Nursing Student Endowment

We were saddened at the sudden loss of senior nursing student, Richard Lemmons. Besides a valued classmate and colleague to the senior students, he also served as a peer instructor to the sophomore students. The School of Nursing is attempting to establish an endowment in his name. For gifts, please make payable to ASU CNHP and send to the Dean’s office. Include Richard Lemmons Fund on the check notation line. Thank you for your support!

Coming in the fall:

-Bartels Family Endowed Scholarship in Nursing
-Emerson Family Gift for Annual Grief Seminar

Special thanks to all of our donors for a great 2008!