



# STATEside News

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## Dean's Corner

I would be remiss if I didn't start off this note by recognizing the work of Dr. Robert Potts for our campus. Dr. Potts was our first chancellor at ASU before he went to the ASU System to serve as interim president. He has since retired. It certainly took someone very brave to step on this campus when ASU had significant shared governance and faculty handbook issues. We also had the NCAA threatening our former Indian mascot. He not only "stepped" but seemed to "leap" forward to resolve those issues and move on to others. I could commend him on many things but there are two pieces that will always be special for our college. Upon his arrival, we were in the middle of our confidential work with the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation in hopes of funding a new building. He quickly immersed himself in that project and was part of our presentation team in Las Vegas. What a great success for all of us! The other notable work revolved around the development of the Beck PRIDE Center for America's Wounded Veterans. He and I traveled in Arkansas and Washington and separately spent time other places doing many different things to get this project off the ground. I know the program has a special place in his heart and it has been a signature piece for ASU—great work! Dr. Potts, thanks for these exceptional memories. You brought not only your talent and energy but gave us the gift of knowing Irene as well. Happy retirement to both of you!

One other thing I want to bring everyone's attention to is the work led by Governor Beebe on the Arkansas Health System Change. This project is a direct result of the passage of health care reform and the potential implications for the State of Arkansas. He has organized four pillars where significant work needs to occur with designated individuals who are in charge of health care and payment reform implementation for the State of Arkansas—Information Technology (Ray Scott); Insurance Exchange (Jay Bradford); Workforce (Dan Rahn and Paul Halverson) and Payment Reform and Quality (John Selig). Each pillar has a workgroup that is directing and guiding the discussions. Many stakeholders have been invited to participate in the work. To ensure there is a coordinated effort among the pillars and fragmentation doesn't result, Joe Thompson, Arkansas Surgeon General and Frank Scott, Governor's staff are the glue. This structure is allowing valuable and necessary discussions for our state. I want to commend Governor Beebe for his foresight and leadership and thank his team for undertaking discussions on "change", which are often uncomfortable for many. It will be an interesting next few years.

This newsletter is packed with significant items I think you will enjoy reading. You will note some transition and change in our own college. We are looking forward to another productive academic and fiscal year. My thanks to each of you!

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## Department of Medical Imaging & Radiation Sciences Receives New Equipment, New Space

By Ray Winters

The Department of Medical Imaging and Radiation Sciences began Fall 2010 in a new world. All offices, classes and labs were moved to the newly remodeled spaces on the second, third and fourth floors of the College of Nursing and Health Professions building. This new space gave each program much needed classroom space, expanded labs and new equipment.

The Radiation Therapy program now has its own classroom space, plus a new computer simulated treatment planning area on the fourth floor. It is furnished with four dedicated treatment planning computers to allow students experiences that never existed prior to the move. MRI is configured much the same way. Diagnostic Medical Sonography moved its labs to the third floor and quadrupled their space. The expanded sonography labs allow for classes and labs to be held in the same space. During the remodel the program also obtained a laundry room and storage, which facilitates the handling of the many sheets and towels they must use.

The largest and most costly addition is the new X-ray lab now located on the second floor of the CNHP building. Partnering with Philips X-ray Company, there are three new, state-of-the-art machines located in the new space. One machine is the newest in technology, the Philips Essenta, which provides a unique, c-arm-like machine that can perform any x-ray examination. The Essenta is what is known as "DR" equipment, meaning that it is totally digital and requires no cassettes.

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## College News

**Brenda Anderson** (NRS), Marsha Crader, **Libby Nix** (NRS), and **Dr. Mike McDaniel** (CD) co-authored a manuscript titled, "Nursing Behaviors Related to Vancomycin and Aminoglycoside Administration." The article has been accepted for publication in

MEDSURG Nursing and will appear in the October 2012 issue.

**Deanna Barymon** (MIRS) and **Penny Head** (PT) were selected winners of the Vollman Faculty Enhancement Fund.

**Dr. Susan Hanrahan**

- was a selected participant for the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual U.S. Army War College National Security Seminar at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania on June 6-10, 2011.
- was named an "NEA Pacesetter" by the *Jonesboro Sun* and featured in the May 8, 2011 issue.
- is representing the Arkansas Department of Higher Education on the State Health Workforce Taskforce chaired by Dr. Dan Rahn and Dr. Paul Halverson.

**Dr. Susan Motts, Dr. Rebecca Matthews, and Dr. Sherri Lovelace** have each received a fellowship to attend the Research Development Institute offered this past summer. The four-week half-day program is accompanied by a \$2,500 stipend.

### Physical Therapy

The Physical Therapy Department is planning a **PTA Alumni Day** on September 24th. There will be a two-hour continuing education program for all PTAs, tailgating for all current students and alumni, and tours of the physical therapy facilities. More information will be available on the PTA Facebook page and website.

**Dr. Roy Aldridge** has been invited to make a presentation titled, "*The Effects of Hippotherapy on Motor Performance and Function in an Individual with Bilateral Developmental Dysplasia of the Hip*" at the 2011 ASAHP Annual Conference in Scottsdale, AZ on October 20, 2011.

**Dr. Shawn Drake** has been invited to present "*A Descriptive Study of Emergent Themes from Students Involved in an Older Adult Interdisciplinary Service Learning Project*" at the 2011 ASAHP Annual Conference in Scottsdale, AZ on October 20, 2011.

**Dr. Todd Whitehead** presented "*Physical Activity, Academic Performance, and Health Status in College Females*" at the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and 2nd World Congress on Exercise in Medicine of the American College of Sports Medicine in Denver, CO. The abstract, co-authored with **Dr. Shawn Drake**, was published in *Medicine and Science in Sports and Exercise*, Volume 43:5 Supplement, May 2011.

### Nursing

**Dr. Darlene Baker** and **Dr. Angie Schmidt** presented "*Incivility in Diverse Populations in Distance Education*" and "*Challenges of*

*Engaging Non-Traditional Students in Online Graduate Nursing Programs*" at the E-Learn World Conference in March 2011. Both papers were also published on the AACN E-Learn Library.

**Rebecca Matthews, DNP, IBCLC, RN**, was part of a group who testified at public hearings in Little Rock and Jonesboro about the need for mandated "Safe Sleep Policies" for infants in childcare facilities and childcare homes. Babies accustomed to sleeping on their backs have 18 times the risk of dying when placed on their stomachs to sleep. A mandated safe sleep policy for childcare licensure reduces the chance of SIDS occurring in childcare settings.



SIDS billboard displayed in northeast Arkansas

**Dr. Matthews** has provided SIDS prevention education to more than 200 childcare providers and community members.

**Dr. Sue McLarry** is scheduled to present "*Interprofessional Clinical Education Using a Virtual Hospital Environment*" at the ASAHP Annual Conference on October 19-20, 2011 in Scottsdale, AZ.

**Dr. Angie Schmidt** is scheduled to present three abstracts at the ASAHP Annual Conference on October 19-20, 2011 in Scottsdale, AZ. The presentations are titled "*Partnering to Provide Leadership Training for Rural Healthcare Delivery Systems*," "*Recruitment and Retention of Allied Health Faculty*," and "*Using Simulation to Enhance Knowledge and Sensitivity*," co-authored by **Dr. Phyllis Skorga**, and **Dr. Charlotte Young**.

**Dr. Phyllis Skorga**

- has been honored with an Executive Editorial Board membership for the Intellectbase International Consortium for 2011-2012. She has also been invited to become a founding member of the Honorary Editorial Board for "*Nursing: Research and Reviews Journal*."
- presented her paper titled "*Exploring Alzheimer's Disease from the Perspective of Patients and Caregivers*" at the Intellectbase Academic Conference in Nashville, TN, May 26-28, 2011.
- with **Dr. Charlotte Young** published "*The 'WHO Safe Communities' Model for Prevention of Injury in Whole Populations; A Review Summary*" and "*Reduction Versus Abrupt Cessation in Smokers Who Want to Quit: A Review*

*Summary*" in the journal *Public Health Nursing* Vol. 28, No. 1, 2011.

**Dr. Susie Snellgrove** presented a poster titled "*In Their Shoes: Strategies Developed by Certified Nursing Assistants to Manage and Prevent Resident-to-Resident Violence*" at the 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontology Society of America on November, 19-23, 2010 in New Orleans, LA. **Nonnie Wiggins and Paige Wimberley** presented two posters titled "*Reducing Subjectivity in Clinical Grading Using a Behavioral Outcomes Rubric*" and "*Student Engagement = Student Learning*" at Mosby's Faculty Development Institute on January 3- 5 in Orlando, FL. **Nonnie Wiggins** has been invited to present a poster titled "*Best Practices for NCLEX-RN Success among Baccalaureate Nursing Programs*" at the 2011 Drexel University Nursing Education Institute in Atlantic City, NJ, on June 27 -30, 2011.

**Lance Wilcox** attended the national conference for the Developmental Disabilities Nurses Association in Hartford, CT, on May 13-17, 2011, where he successfully tested for certification as a Certified Developmental Disabilities Nurse and was appointed to the national Education committee.

**Dr. Charlotte Young** has been accepted as a member of the editorial board of the journal *Nursing: Research and Reviews*.

### Communication Disorders

**Merrill Catt** presented a poster titled, "*Therapy on a DIME: Dynamic Intervention Using Materials from the Environment*" at the Annual ASHA Schools Conference in National Harbor, MD, July 8-10, 2011.

**Dr. Bill Hinkle** presented a mini seminar entitled "*Voice Master Class for Practicing Clinicians: A Review and Update*" at the Jane H. LeBlanc Conference in Communication Disorders at ASU on June 9, 2011.

**Dr. Richard Neeley** has been appointed to the Honors/Awards and Nominations Committee of the Arkansas Speech-Language-Hearing Association and will serve a two-year term.

**Arianne Pait** and **Dr. Richard Neeley** submitted an article titled, "*Clinical Teams: A Pedagogical Design Shift to Enhance Clinical Education in Communication Disorders*" to "*Administrative Issues Journal*."

**Arianne Pait** and **Merrill Catt** each presented a 1.5 hour mini seminar at the Jane H. LeBlanc Conference in Communication Disorders at ASU on June 9, 2011. Ms. Pait presented "*Improving Your Therapy: It's All in Your Head*" and Ms. Catt presented "*Dynamic Intervention*

## Radiologic Sciences

**Cheryl Dubose** was notified her article “The Social Media Revolution” has been accepted for publication in *Radiologic Technology*.

**Jeannean Hall** presented her paper titled *Patient Care Issues of Obesity* June 9 at the Association of Educators in Imaging and Radiologic Sciences annual meeting in Orlando, FL.

## Clinical Lab Sciences

**Stacy Walz** wrote an article, “*Pending Laboratory Tests and the Hospital Discharge Summary in Patients Discharged to Sub-Acute Care*,” published in the April 2011 issue of the *Journal of General Internal Medicine*. The article, co-authored with Maureen Smith, MD, MPH, PhD; Elizabeth Cox, MD, PhD; Justin Sattin, MD; and Amy J. H. Kind, MD, prompted an editorial titled “*Filling the Black Hole of Hospital Discharge*” (Editorial in Response to Article by Walz et al., *J Gen Intern Med* 2011) by Robert M. Wachter, MD and Andrew D. Auerbach, MD, MPH, Department of Medicine, University of California, San Francisco that was published online February 15, 2011.

## Social Work

### Dr. Gauri Bhattacharya

- presented an abstract titled “*Strengths Perspective in Rural Social Work Practice in Health Care: Place Matters*” at the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual National Institute on Social Work and Human Services in Rural Areas held July 14-16, 2011 at Northwestern State University of Louisiana in Natchitoches, LA.
- presented an article, “*Global Contexts, Social Capital, and Acculturative Stress: Experiences of Indian Immigrant men in New York City*” published in the “*Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*”, June 2011 edition.
- co-authored “*Diabetes Fact Sheets: High Illness Burden of Type 2 Diabetes Among African Americans*” with **Dr. Sue McLarry** for “*African American Perspectives*”, 2011 Summer: 5.
- was honored as an Asian American Social Worker Leader for the 2011 Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in May 2011.
- gave two oral presentations at the 139<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of American Public Health Association in Washington, DC November 2, 2011. They were titled “*Promoting Community Resources for Type 2 Diabetes Self-Management:*

*Findings from an African-American Case Study in Rural Arkansas*” and “*Reclaiming Healthy Traditions: Findings from an African American Case Study on Spirituality and Type 2 Diabetes in Rural Arkansas.*”

**Dr. Loretta Brewer** presented “*Ancestors, Elders, and the Role of Spirituality in Late Life*” at the “2011 Religion and Spirituality in Society Conference” in Chicago, IL, on February 15 - 17. The paper will be published in the *International Journal of Religion and Spirituality in Society*.

**Dr. Young Hong** presented a poster titled “*Generational Differences in Learning Styles and Use of Technology of Social Work Students*” at the Council on Social Work Education’s 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Program Meeting in Portland, OR on October 14-17, 2010.

**Dr. Young Hong and Dr. George Jacinto**, co-authors of a paper titled “*Generational Differences in the Relationship Between Spiritual Well-Being and Social Work Values*,” have been selected to present the paper at the Council on Social Work Education’s annual conference, October 26-30, in Atlanta, GA.

### NEW DEGREE

#### B. S. in Nutritional Science, Major in Dietetics

The Coordinated Program in Dietetics to be offered at Arkansas State University-Jonesboro will produce graduates who are eligible to take the registration examination for dietitians and be eligible for employment as entry-level dietitians. The program is currently undergoing preparation for accreditation review October 24 and 25, 2011.

Dietitians study a variety of subjects, ranging from food and nutrition, foodservice systems management, psychology, sociology and communication, to science courses such as anatomy & physiology, chemistry and biology. In addition to their college course work, the students in the program complete a minimum of 1,200 supervised practice hours for hands-on learning. The practice hours provide experience in three areas of dietetics: foodservice, community and clinical. The program features a “clinical” concentration, which allows students to build upon foundation knowledge and competencies for future proficiency in the clinical area of dietetics.

Registered dietitians (RDs) are considered food and nutrition experts. They work in a wide variety of employment settings, including hospitals and healthcare facilities, food and nutrition-related business and industry, sports nutrition and wellness programs, community and public health, education, research areas and private practice.

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### GRANTS/CONTRACTS:

**Dr. Sue McLarry** has been awarded a \$33,150 grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration for “*Advanced Education Nursing Traineeship.*”

**Dr. Angie Schmidt** has been awarded a grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration in the amount of \$27,508 for “*Nurse Anesthetist Traineeships.*”

### Good-bye to:

**Dr. Trish King**, Physical Therapy

**Ashley Mott**, Physical Therapy

**Dr. Deborah Gilbert-Palmer**, Nursing (FNP)

**Tisha Pierce**, Communications Disorders

**Dr. Guitele Rahill**, Social Work

**Dr. Barbara Turnage**, Social Work

### Welcome to:

**Brent Cox**, Temporary Assistant

Professor of Nursing

**Dr. Brad Holloway**, Assistant Professor of Social Work

**David Smith**, Assistant

Professor/Clinical Director of Physical Therapy

**Cathy Young**, Assistant Professor of Nursing

### Community Service:

**Mrs. Gail Rasberry**, Administrative Specialist II for the Department of Communication Disorders was recently appointed as Secretary and Newsletter Editor for the American Hemerocallis Society (AHS) in Region 13 (Arkansas/Louisiana). She also serves as President of the Arkansas Daylily Society, and is founder of the statewide club.

The ASU-Jonesboro **Nursing BSN Seniors** and **physical therapy students** assisted physicians in providing free physicals to area high school students at the HMG Health Expo at the ASU Convocation Center on April 18. At the YMCA “*Toasts of the Town*” BSN students volunteered by serving and bussing tables. They also volunteered at The Humane Society and the Women’s Discovery Center.

### Student News

**Brittany Bailey** has received \$3,400 to support her SURF proposal, “*A Preliminary Investigation of the Potential Subtle Middle Ear Differences in Children with Language Impairments or Reading Delays.*”

**Heather Mashburn** has been awarded the

\$1,000 Mary Spain Usrey Sanders Memorial Scholarship by the Chapter AJ of P.E.O. Sisterhood. Ms. Mashburn plans to major in nursing at ASU.

**Sigma Theta Tau**

The following students were inducted into the Eta Theta chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International on April 25, 2011:

**Baccalaureate Students**

Oluwatoyin Adeniyi	Rhonda Johnson
Michelle Allen	Stephanie
Kenley Whitney Bowen	Lori Kercheval
Zachary Branscum	Michael Lair
Andrea Brengard	Jessica Lei
Melody Brown	Kristina Lloyd
Kayla Burks	Danielle Long
Terri Campbell	Ashley May
Melanie Cook	Kyle Medlin
Sara Denniston	Ben Mire
Crystal Dutton	Nancy Mitchell
Allison Easley	Brandy Pace
Stephen Finder	Harold Parson
Megan Hale	Melody Qualls
Melissa Harrison	Helen Razian
Lashond Hill	Timothy Spurlin
Marissa Hogan	Troy Summerfield
Kristyn Johnson	Cameo Watkins

**Graduate Students**

Kelli Carter-Camp

**Adam Gaston**, a BSN student, has been named a member of the 2011 NFF Hampshire Honor Society, by the National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame. To be eligible for the honor society, college football players must maintain a 3.2 GPA throughout the entire course of undergraduate study and be either a starter or significant substitution on their team.

**Madison Harvey** has been named the 2011 recipient of the Optus Family Scholarship. The \$1,000 per semester scholarship will be renewed for up to three years. A senior at Jonesboro High School, Harvey plans to attend Arkansas State University in the fall where she will major in communication disorders.

**Convocation of Scholars Honorees**

**Graduating in University Honors**

Sarah Whitton, BSN (Cum Laude)  
– Honors Thesis: Sources of Sexual Healthcare Information among Undergraduates

**Graduating in Honors**

Kristyn Johnson, BSN (Cum Laude)  
Elizabeth Ryals, BS Interdisciplinary Studies/ Physical Therapy Science, Management & Health (Magna Cum Laude)

**College Awards:**

CNHP Chancellor’s Scholar .....Lauren Garner, MIRS

**Special Awards:**

Beverly Bartels Undergraduate Nursing Service Award..... Tralena Davis

**Program Awards Recipients**

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENCES**

Program Academic Scholar...Susan Cherry  
Outstanding Clinical Student.....Tommi Faulkner

**ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE IN CLINICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY**

Program Academic Scholar.....Richard Shafer  
Outstanding Clinical Student...Jeremy Marrs

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMMUNICATION DISORDERS**

Outstanding Undergraduate Student...Paige Waddle

**MASTER OF COMMUNICATION DISORDERS**

Outstanding Graduate Student....Whitney Jackson

**ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE IN PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT**

Program Academic Scholar.....Katelyn Ligons

**ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE IN RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY**

Program Academic Scholar.....Nenisa Hundhausen

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN IMAGING SPECIALIST**

Program Academic Scholar.....Lauren Garner

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN RADIATION THERAPY**

Program Academic Scholar....VonDarius Heard

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY**

Program Academic Scholar...Amber Barber  
Outstanding Clinical Student.....Amanda Hastings

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING**

Program Academic Scholar.....Segun Ogundiran

**BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK**

Program Academic Scholar.....Carol McFarlin

**MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK**

Outstanding Field Student.....Kristen Richmond

Program Academic Scholar.....Andrea Foerster

**ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE IN NURSING**

Program Academic Scholar.....Katherine Lynch

Outstanding Clinical Student, Jonesboro.....Cheryl McClard

Outstanding Clinical Student, Beebe (Traditional).....Rhonda Cornett

Outstanding Clinical Student, Beebe (LPN to RN).....Sherri Dietrich

Outstanding Clinical Student, Mountain Home (Traditional).....Whitney Reed

Outstanding Clinical Student, Mountain Home (LPN to RN).....Kristin Ferrell

Outstanding Clinical Student, West Memphis (Traditional).....Katherine Lynch

Outstanding Clinical Student, West Memphis (LPN to RN).....Mallory Lewis

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING**

Program Academic Scholar.....Crystal Dutton

Outstanding Clinical Student.....Megan Hale

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING**

**Program Academic Scholars**

Adult Health Nursing .....Lisa Hurd

Family Nurse Practitioner..... Megan Erin Spurlock

Nurse Anesthesia.....Jason Tibbett

Outstanding Clinical Students  
Adult Health

Nursing.....Stefanie Robinson  
Family Nurse

Practitioner.....Lauren Houser  
Hancock

Nurse Anesthesia.....Jeremy Martin

**OTHER RECOGNITION**

**INDUCTEES TO “WHO’S WHO AMONG AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES”**

Megan  
Bradley.....Nursing

Kayla  
Burks.....Nursing

Allison  
Easley.....Nursing

Whitney Jones.....Radiologic Sciences

Carol Mcfarlin.....Social Work

Kori Ruffin.....Clinical Laboratory Sciences

Destiny Wineland.....Social

**INDUCTEES TO PHI ALPHA**  
(Social Work Honor Society)

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|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Rhonda Bohanon            | Alex Bryant       |
| Marsue Caines             | Amanda Caldwell   |
| Sarah Cooper              | Megan Corbett     |
| Kevin Curtis              | Brittney Davis    |
| Pamela Diaz               | William DuFau     |
| Mari Francisco-           | Taylor Gregory    |
| TinsleyTammy Garlinghouse | Debra Hicks       |
| Anna Knight               | Cheryl L. Lewis   |
| Richard Martin            | Tamara Pace       |
| Robin Pawson              | Judy Perry        |
| Jane Pitcher              | Tera Quinto       |
| Tina Samuels              | Yasheka Somlar    |
| Valerie Stewart           | Stephanie Tidwell |
| Tammy Tripp               | Adam Watkins      |
| Ashley DeShae Webb        | Joetta Whitaker   |

**ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS/AWARDS RECIPIENTS**

College Scholarships

- Katherine Bolding, NEA Baptist Memorial Hospital Scholarship Endowment  
 Janice Hill, Jon A. Linder/Douglas Jon Seitz Scholarship  
 Adam Glomski, Elizabeth A. Thomas Health Sciences Scholarship  
 Sommer Kirkley, Dr. Ball, Woloszyn, & Moseley Scholarship

Nursing Scholarships

- Hannah Turner, Carla Brooks Spears Memorial Scholarship  
 Debra Johnston, Susan Toliver Memorial Scholarship  
 Alicia Claybrooks, Ray H. Hall & Kathleen Scott Hall Nursing Scholarship.  
 Erin Courtway, Sister Patricia Lee Findley Memorial Scholarship  
 Matthew Combs, Linnie Wisdom –Maude Wilson Honors Scholarship  
 Stevie Oatsall, Clopton ;Clinic Nursing Scholarship  
 Krista Rice, William and Harriet Mildred Smith Memorial Scholarship  
 Cesily Rogers, Lillian G. & Homer G. Proctor Nursing Scholarship  
 Kaitlyn Graves, Leet Family Scholarship  
 Brandon Doty, Leet Family Scholarship  
 Priscilla Fortner, Leet Family Scholarship  
 Lindsay Gee, Bartels Family Endowed Nursing Scholarship.  
 Kristy Bowden, Kris Taylor memorial Scholarship  
 Destiny Wineland, Martha Ivener Memorial Scholarship  
 Eric Moon, Isokinetics, Inc. Physical Therapy Scholarship

In Sympathy

*Patty Abraham, Nutrition, on the loss of her mother*

**Department of Medical Imaging & Radiation Sciences Receives New Equipment, New Space**

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Images appear immediately on a computer screen seconds after the exposure is made.



*Students practice on new equipment.*

The other two rooms are the Philips Diagnost and are “CR”, which is cassette based digital. Images are taken on cassettes that contain plates, which capture the image.

After exposure is made, the cassettes are taken to a digital reader where they are displayed at a computer work station. These three new machines make the radiography program one of a few in the nation with such sophisticated equipment. The new machines will truly prepare our students for the changing medical imaging world in a way we never could have with our old labs. We are truly fortunate to have the new machines and are grateful to Philips for partnering with us. At the same time all MIRS faculty have newly renovated offices that are very functional, attractive and comfortable.

**Post Haiti Earthquake (Part II)**

by

**Guitele Rahill**

(Part I – Spring 2011 newsletter)

I returned to Haiti again on May 15, 2010, this time for research purposes on a grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF). The objective of the NSF trip is to enhance scientific knowledge concerning the role of social capital, an important component of resilience, in the early recovery process of three socio-economically diverse Port-au-Prince communities by: 1) documenting the pre-and post-disaster social capital levels, 2) documenting the housing recovery processes, and 3) assessing the impact of social capital on the speed and quality of housing recovery.

While in Port-au-Prince for the research trip, I was far from La Vaud, which is in the rural



northern area of Haiti. But the faces I saw there were familiar. Some little boys dragged a plastic discarded motor oil container on a string, in pretense that they were dragging a toy car. Others wore long t-shirts that obviously belonged to an older sibling so as to cover their nakedness and the fact that they did not have pants. Little girls saying, “*Mami, ale avè-m*” (Take me with you); Grown women telling tales of having lost husbands, children, parents and siblings, often all of the above, in the January 12 earthquake. Young men and women with stumps of arms and legs, a look of perpetual surprise and shock on their faces.

One man, who appeared to sport the same exact suit that he may have had on during the earthquake engaged in stereotypic combing and re-combing of his dusty head, while his red eyes glanced about wildly, and



his mouth muttered words that only he and God could hear. The cacophony of the din of Port-au-Prince at any time of the day mingled with the silent noise of despair and the mantra of traditional values and stories of faith. Each day during this research trip, I conducted focus groups with community leaders and community members, and semi-structured interviews with policy makers. By the end of each day, I was exhausted. In fact, one night there was an aftershock of 4.7 magnitude and I slept through it.

Since the service trip and the research trip, I have experienced additional personal trauma, such that I was not sure I would be able to perform Phase II of the National Science Foundation funded project. As I prepare to return for Phase II, I remain with heart and mind open to share the pain, the faith and the hope of those I encounter. I do not think there is anything I could do to prepare. Prior to the first service trip, I had engaged in a fast to prepare myself for what I would face. Recently, I have learned that the type of fasting that is desirable in God’s eyes is active involvement in acts of mercy and justice. These are consistent with social work values and ethics. “This is the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loosen the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every



yoke...to do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk...to share your food with the hungry, to give shelter to the homeless, to clothe the naked and to minister to those in need...Spend yourselves on behalf of the hungry; satisfy the needs of the oppressed. This is what I desire, says the Lord, and in this way you will experience my blessing." Ultimately, my emotional, intellectual and spiritual investment will not have been in vain.

I hope to combine the findings from the present NSF funded study with findings from my previous study of Haitian *picuristes* (injectionists) in Florida to obtain funding for research that examines the role of traditional Haitian values, norms and understandings (cognitive components of social capital) in forming formal and informal civic networks (structural components of social capital) to access emergency and sustainable health care in post-disaster scenarios. This will involve increasing capacity both at ASU and among students in Haiti who will be engaged in an international and inter-institutional collaboration to obtain training in data collection, data analysis and dissemination of knowledge. Perhaps my efforts will not be in vain.

#### **Title IV-E Academic Partnership for Public Child Welfare**

by  
**Karen Fullen**

The Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS) has approved the Title IV-E Child Welfare Grant at ASU for the 18th year. The grant amount of \$461,021 enables the IV-E faculty to provide support, education and field training services to DCFS staff in nine counties in northeast Arkansas.

IV-E staff members are currently involved in many activities to recruit DCFS workers, to educate DCFS staff, and to increase the retention of the child welfare workforce in Northeast Arkansas. ASU IV-E staff members have provided weekly on-site field training to more than 46 DCFS newly hired front line workers and supervisors since April, 2010. The field training commitment for each DCFS staff person is one full year.

The Social Work program will graduate one IV-E stipend BSW student this year. Trish Holt coordinates the placement of the stipend students and non-stipend students in area DCFS county offices for their internships. Trish also provides weekly field instruction for these students.

The IV-E staff works closely with its six-member Interdisciplinary Committee on campus. The members (representatives of

the Sociology, Criminology, Education, Psychology, and Social Work departments) meet monthly, under the leadership of Dr. Richard Freer, to discuss child welfare educational events. During the spring semester of 2011, the Interdisciplinary Committee sponsored a symposium on the ASU Jonesboro campus entitled, "Infant and Toddler Mental Health." This conference was offered to more than 134 faculty, students and area professionals from various fields of study and service delivery.

Karen Fullen provides classroom instruction in the Child Abuse and Neglect course and the IV-E grant provides funding for an adjunct to teach Introduction to Child Welfare.

Lynda Nash presented a series of trainings around NE Arkansas this year: "Pervasive Developmental Disorders," "Substance Abuse and Child Maltreatment", "Understanding Psychological Assessments in Child Welfare Practice," "Failure to Thrive and FAS." Lynda also serves on the statewide committee that developed the worker safety training curricula. Mickey Wilson provided training for DCFS workers in the nine counties on "Grief and Loss for Children in Foster Care." Mickey also presented "Interviewing Skills" and "Engaging Families in the Case Plan Process" to DCFS staff. Trish Holt's presentations included, "Domestic Violence," Time and Stress Management" and "Maintaining Connections through Planned Visitation." Other presentations included: Karen Fullen, "Ethics in Child Welfare Practice" offered at the Arkansas Children's Homes Annual Case Management Conference in April, "Best Practice Documentation," "Case Planning," "Time Management," and "Coaching in Supervision." All four IV-E instructors participated in the Arkansas Permanency Roundtable event in the spring sponsored by DCFS and the Casey Foundation. Karen currently serves on the statewide committee to review and enhance the educational program for new workers hired by DCFS. Lynda serves on the statewide committee that will review and enhance the educational program for new supervisors.

The annual DCFS staff education conference will be held in July at the Cooper Alumni Center on the ASU campus.

Lynda Nash is attending the APSAC National Conference in July. Karen Fullen and Dick Freer attended the Title IV-E Child Welfare Roundtable Conference in Galveston in May.

#### **Speech and Hearing Center Expanding Services for Hearing Impaired**

By  
**Mike McDaniel**

The ASU Speech and Hearing Center will expand its hearing impaired services this fall with the addition of an Assistive Listening Device Center. Assistive listening devices are non-hearing aid devices that are specifically designed to provide benefit to individuals with hearing impairments in a variety of applications. Among those application categories are telephone and telecommunications, alert warnings, personal communications and television and audio entertainment. A variety of devices from each category will be on hand for individuals to see and experience. Although the devices will not be for sale, vendor information will be available and the staff of the ASU Speech and Hearing Center will be available to assist clients in securing the devices. Eligible Arkansans may receive some telecommunication devices through the Telecommunications Access Program of Arkansas Rehabilitation Services. The Assistive Listening Device Center has

been made possible with funding from the Dean's Office of the College of Nursing and Health Professions and by loaner devices supplied by the Tele-communications Access Program of Arkansas.

#### **Updates from The Regional Center for Disaster Preparedness Education**

By  
**Debbie Persell**

This has been an extraordinary year for the Regional Center for Disaster Preparedness Education. The Center continues to offer Basic (BDLS) and Advanced Disaster Life Support (ADLS) courses for the students of the College of Nursing and Health Professions as well as community professionals. At the same time, we completed a technical service agreement with the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) to provide Basic and Advanced Disaster Life Support to members of the state's Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) who have volunteered to assist with medical care during times of disaster. As a result, both BDLS and ADLS were offered in Jonesboro, Rogers and in Little Rock. The equipment and supplies required to teach



ADLS are extensive; therefore, the dean's office purchased a utility trailer that has been retrofitted with shelving to house it all. We can now take these critical courses to any city or region that requests them. Two high fidelity mannequins were added to the Center for the purpose of ADLS training. To date, 1,905 have completed BDLS and 198 ADLS.

The Core Disaster Life Support (CDLS) course has now been added to the center's schedule of classes as it is now a true prerequisite to the new version of BDLS. This course was premiered by the center for 60 registrants at the NEA Regional Preparedness Conference on March 30, 2011.

Medic One has joined with us by providing an ambulance for use in the training offered by the center. This will allow those taking the training to experience more realism in their simulated environment by having the capacity to practice prioritizing which victims in a disaster are transported by ambulance first and how to best utilize emergency medical services. The ambulance will also serve as a vehicle to tow the trailer to locations where BDLS/ADLS are being offered. This is a perfect gift to our program! All of these changes led to the creation of a logo for the Regional Center. The logo contains representations of many of the natural disasters the state of Arkansas experiences, an outline of the state as well as written reminders of the five pillars of emergency management: prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery.

In addition to the standardized disaster life support courses, and our minor in Homeland Security and Disaster Preparedness, this year has brought development of 93 new academic courses. These courses are in support of the university's application to Arkansas Department of Higher Education for three new degrees and one graduate

certificate: Associate of Applied Science in Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management (DPEM), Bachelor of Professional Studies with a concentration in Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management, a Graduate Certificate in Disaster Health and a Master of Science in Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management. As in current CNHP clinical courses of study, many of the DPEM courses require a clinical or practicum experience. These practicum experiences will be with disaster preparedness and emergency management professionals as well as some specific agencies specializing in the field. For example, we are in the process of signing a formal agreement with the Center for Domestic Preparedness in Anniston, AL that would make it one of the options for student practicum experiences. These degree programs are awaiting approval by the Board of Trustees and the Arkansas Department of Higher Education. However, until that time, students may take many of the courses that will apply toward the degrees when they are approved. These courses will be offered on-line to facilitate student work schedules and geographic constraints.

Finally, it is our pleasure to announce the addition of Brent Cox to our disaster preparedness and emergency management faculty. He has served as the Safety Officer for Arkansas Methodist Medical Center, is an active member of the NEA Hospital Preparedness Committee and is a member of Arkansas's Disaster Medical Assistance Team. In addition to his teaching responsibilities he will be assisting with the development of the new degrees.

For more information about our center, contact Dr. Debbie Persell at [dpersell@astate.edu](mailto:dpersell@astate.edu).

#### **Updates from Beck PRIDE Center**

By

**Susan Tonymon**

The Beck PRIDE Center for America's

Wounded Veterans will mark its fourth year of operation this October. The national model veterans program was created to provide personal rehabilitation, education and numerous other support services for active duty and discharged present day combat veterans. It now serves more than 137 active participants plus families. Since 2007, the program has provided services to more than 330 service members from all service branches.

Earlier this year, the Beck PRIDE Center in conjunction with ASU, ROTC, the Arkansas Student Veterans Organization, Arkansas National Guard, Craighead County Veterans Service Office and several area prominent veteran service organizations, spearheaded "Welcome Home, Vietnam Veterans Day," a region-wide event commemorating the declaration of the U.S. Congress for a national recognition of Vietnam Veterans on March 30, 2011. The successful event was held at the Fowler Center and attended by more than 200 Vietnam veterans, families and community supporters.

In July, U.S. Representative Rick Crawford (AR District 1) spoke about the Beck PRIDE program on the house floor. Congressman Crawford's comments may be viewed at: <http://www.youtube.com/user/RepRickCrawford#p/a/u/1/ZmxX1pdyrqw>

We are preparing for a multi-year research study entitled, "An Effective Solution for Combat Injured Veterans," funded through a \$1,600,000 Congressional appropriation. The research grant project is overseen by the U.S. Department of Defense. The goals include among other things, addressing the "process" of how we work and to measure our program design, which incorporates a holistic approach to addressing student veteran with combat injuries' needs.



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## Schedule of Events

DATE	EVENT
August 22.....	Classes Begin
October 29.....	Homecoming
November 21 - 26.....	Fall Break
December 17.....	Commencement (ASU - J)
March 9.....	Clinical Instructors Seminar, ASU Fowler Center

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### Items of interest in fiscal year 2011 for CNHP:

- Largest number of student semester credit hours generated —**44,074**
- Largest number of graduates — **585**
- Largest number of national program accreditations—**13** (three new ones pending)
- Largest number of clinical site contracts — **487**
- Largest number of full-time faculty—**87**
- Largest number of signature programs and centers—**10**
- Largest number of faculty whose salary is enhanced through differential tuition dollars— **64**
- Largest number of endowments for college (endowed and committed) —**25**