

NOVEMBER 2012 NEWSLETTER



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Message from Janet L. Gooch, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, Dean, School of Health Sciences & Education

There are only six weeks left of the fall, 2012 semester! As the semester winds down I want to again thank you for all your hard work and accomplishments to date. I am particularly pleased to report that the outcome of the Nursing accreditation site visit by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) held in October was extremely positive. Although the written report of the visit will not be available for approximately six months, the site visit team reported that all standards had been satisfactorily met. Congratulations to Dr. Stephanie Powelson and all Nursing faculty.

October 24-26, the five Deans and Mr. Charles Hunsaker, Director of Development, attended a Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) sponsored workshop in Chicago entitled "Development for Deans and Academic Leaders". The conference was extremely valuable and I will be following up with the Department Chairs to talk about some of the ideas generated by my attendance at the conference.

I encourage all programs to continue their work on Vision Initiative proposals. I have received several and will be making decisions as to which ones will be funded soon. I want to "get moving" on these proposals soon so that SHSE has substantial progress to report in April. Please come and talk with me about your ideas. I realize this is a busy time of the year but your attention to these proposals and to work that will help the University fulfill its vision is vital. Please take a few minutes to read this issue of the SHSE newsletter. Again, I am thrilled with the good works that are accomplished in our school.

Middle School Visit Day

Middle School Visit Day was held Friday, October 5. Approximately 120 seventh and eighth grade students from Green City and Milan spent the day touring campus facilities and attending presentations from Admissions, ROTC, Upward Bound, the SHSE Departments, and northeast Missouri area students currently attending Truman: Ms. Brittany Beeler, Exercise Science major from Kirksville; Ms. Ashley Delaney, Communication Disorders major from Kirksville; and Mr. Jacob Owens, Exercise Science major from Brashear. All programs were hands-on and interactive and provided students with information about topics of their interest in the health professions and education and possible careers in these fields. The day was facilitated by members of the SHSE Dean's Team: Ms. Beth Boedeker, CMDS major from Florissant; Mr. Brad Schaefer, Exercise Science major from Kirkwood; and Ms. Christine Ulse, Exercise Science major from St. Peters.

Thanks to all Truman faculty and staff who assisted, especially those from the School of Health Sciences and Education.



Communication Disorders

Ms. Melissa Passe was recently elected vice chair of speech-language pathology for the Council for Clinical Certification (CFCC). The charge of the CFCC is to define the standards for clinical certification and apply those standards in the certification of individuals in the field of speech-language pathology and audiology.

Dr. Julia Edgar attended The Fall Voice conference, October 4-6, in New York City, NY. The conference was sponsored by the Departments of Otolaryngology of NYU School of Medicine and Weill Cornell Medical College, and designed to encourage and educate professionals on a multi-disciplinary approach to the management of vocal difficulties. The focus was the clinical care of patients with voice-related difficulties and how clinical and basic science research guide clinical care. Dr. Edgar will offer CMDS 564/564G Voice Disorders: Care of the Professional Voice for seniors and graduate students from any discipline Spring, 2013. Prospective educators are encouraged to enroll.

Dr. Paula Cochran attended the Missouri Speech-Language-Hearing Association Fall Workshop, October 11, in Columbia. The theme of the workshop was "Aligning Speech-Language Assessment and Treatment with National Common Core Standards."

Ms. Melissa Passe was recently appointed to serve on the Praxis Speech-Language-Pathology test committee for a two year term beginning this fall and ending in the fall of 2014. The educational testing service develops the Praxis tests and administers this test to meet the national certification needs of the American-Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

Ms. Paige Voorde wrote and received \$1,000.00 in book grant money from First Book-Truman State University. The money was used to purchase books for children served in the Speech and Hearing Clinic. Clients will be given a minimum of five books for their personal libraries to share with siblings and families. Plans are in progress for a celebration to distribute the books to the clients with the help of First Book. First Book is a national non-profit organization that partners with the community to increase literacy by bringing books to children in need.

Ms. Melissa Passe will attend the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association annual meeting, November 13-18, in Atlanta, GA. While there, she will attend a full day meeting of the Council for Clinical Certification and represent ASHA special interest group 11, as they offer one short course and one invited session focusing on tele-supervision and supervision related topics. Ms. Passé will present at the National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association day at the convention on the topic of internship and student certification.

Ms. Margaret Hilliard and Ms. Grace Strube, CMDS alumnae, have been selected to receive Student Research Travel Awards to attend the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Annual Convention, November 15-17, in Atlanta, GA. The awards were given to the highest-rated ASHA convention paper with a student as first author.



Ms. Melissa Passe and Dr. Janet L. Gooch are pictured with members of the Northeast Community Action Agency receiving the "Outstanding Community Partnership Award" sponsored by the SERVE Center. The award celebrates the partnership that is enjoyed between the NMCAA and Communication Disorders, allowing students to participate in learning/research opportunities with children served by the NMCAA. The award was presented at the Third Annual Community Partner Appreciation Luncheon, October 30.

Education

Dr. Jeff Gall traveled to Bamberg, Germany in early October to supervise MAE teaching interns.

Education faculty attending the Missouri Association of Colleges of Teacher Education/Department of Elementary and Secondary Education fall conference, October 10-12, in Columbia include Ms. Sheila Berkowitz, Ms. Bev Peters, and Dr. Paul Yoder.

Ms. Beverly Peters was a faculty homecoming queen candidate.

Six original scores collectively entitled "My Mind's Attic" by Dr. Robert Martin were among those performed at this year's New Music Festival. The title suggests a mental attic where a jumble of ideas waited to be chosen and then shaped into six movements.

Dr. Chris Maglio represented Truman at the biannual Department of Elementary and Secondary Education fall meeting, October 25-26, in Jefferson City.

Students Supporting the Exceptional Community will host Wheelchair Basketball, Saturday, November 10, from 1:00 to 3:00, in the Student Recreation Center. Teams should be made of 3-5 people. The early registration fee is \$15.00 for all who sign up by November 8. After that, the price will be \$17.00. If every player on the team brings a canned food item, the price will be discounted. All proceeds benefit the Special Olympics.

Health and Exercise Sciences



Students in HLTH 150 Nutrition for Health and Wellness, taught by Dr. Janice Clark, conducted a food drive during the week of October 1-7, as their required service learning project. They raised \$1,804.31, as well as 193 jars of peanut butter and two large boxes of food. The money and food were donated to the Food Bank of Central and Northeast Missouri, with the proceeds to directly benefit the Buddy Pack program and the three food pantries in Adair County. Students were challenged to raise more than the \$1,200.00 collected by the 2011 nutrition class. On the Truman campus, the HLTH 150 students worked at multiple tables during October 1-5, asked their peers to donate the money they might have spent on coffee or a soda, and collected over \$500.00. They also asked for donations at the entrances of the Kirksville Hy-Vee Food Store on October 6-7, raising nearly \$1,300.00, two large boxes of food, and 193 jars of peanut butter. Mr. Mike DiSantis, Regional Coordinator from the Food Bank of Central and Northeast Missouri, is shown above left, accepting the money and food donations on October 16, and personally thanking the students for their efforts.

Dr. Carla Smith attended the National Physical Education Teacher Education conference, October 3-6, in Las Vegas, NV. The conference occurs every three years and is the premier professional development and networking event for university faculty. The focus is always on current and future issues, initiatives, and research that impacts physical education teacher education programs.

Ms. Jana Arabas attended McGraw Hill's Fitness and Wellness Symposium, October 4-7, in Del Mar, CA. Fifteen faculty members from around the country participated to help McGraw Hill produce effective educational materials as they pertain to health related courses.

Ms. Jana Arabas and Ms. Evonne Bird attended the SLOAN Consortium International Conference on Online Learning, October 9-13, in Orlando, FL. Their attendance was made possible by Truman's commitment to the participation in the NCAT program for HLTH 198/L.

Dr. Carol Cox, Dr. Roberta Donahue, Mr. Justin McDermott, and Dr. Joe Visker attended the 86th Annual American School Health Association conference, October 10-13, in San Antonio, TX. The theme of the conference was "Making Connections: The People, Passion and Promise of School Health." Dr. Cox, Dr. Donahue, and Mr. McDermott presented at the conference.

Dr. Carol Cox and several students attended the Society of Public Health in Education 63rd Annual Meeting, October 25-28, in San Francisco, CA. The theme of the meeting was "Mining Golden Opportunities: Health Education Policy, Research, and Practice." Dr. Cox presented at the conference.

Three HES majors, Ms. Erin Foster, Health Science; Ms. Megan Purk, Athletic Training; and Mr. Bradley Schaefer, Exercise Science were chosen to receive the Outstanding Future Professional of the Year Award. Each will be awarded a plaque at the Missouri Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance conference, November 10, at Lake Ozark. Each year MOAHPERD honors outstanding future professionals from each college and university in the state. Colleges and universities offering undergraduate majors in physical education, health, recreation, dance, exercise science, sport science, kinesiology, or directly related fields are invited to identify outstanding future professionals from each program for recognition. The purpose of the program is to focus attention on the work they have accomplished. This program will provide an incentive for future professionals in our colleges and universities to continue to strive for excellence in their professional preparation. The qualifying standards are: Junior or Senior standing; overall GPA of 3.25 or higher; professional involvement in a majors club or other professional activity; leadership evidence; and other professional accomplishments.

A Student Initiated Course, HLTH 230 Health Literacy is available in Spring 2013. This 2.0-semester-hour course will meet Tuesdays from 5:30-7:20 p.m. It is open to all students at the sophomore level and above, except Health Science majors. Health literacy is the ability to understand and apply written and oral health-related information. HLTH 230 participants will gain an understanding of health literacy's importance to achieving national health objectives. Understanding the effects of low health literacy and how to communicate effectively with low literacy patients is beneficial, not only for future health professionals, but for all who will communicate health-related information to others. Students will learn the challenges low health literacy creates and the methods to alleviate these problems. Students will be required to complete a small group health literacy service-learning project as an integral part of this course. For more information email Dr. Roberta Donahue, rdonahue@truman.edu.

Three HES McNair Scholars represented Truman at the 16th Annual MKN Heartland McNair Research Conference, in September, in Kansas City. Ms. Erin Foster, senior Health Science major, presented her research, "Fat or Fiction: An Examination of University Students' Personal Body Weight Perception, Body Mass Index, and Dieting Practices," mentored by Dr. Janice Clark. Ms. Ashley Shields, senior Health Science major, presented her research proposal, "The Relationship between Academic Pressure, Sleep Deprivation, and Caffeine Consumption among College Students at a Highly Selective Institution," mentored by Dr. Joe Visker and Dr. Roberta Donahue. Ms. Shanequa Tolliver, senior Exercise Science major, presented her research, "Gender Differences in Emotional Responses among Undergraduate Athletes Following Injury," mentored by Dr. Jerry Mayhew.

Nursing

Senior students from the Department of Nursing presented an oral session, "Transcultural Nursing in the Philippines, Summer 2012", in September. Nine students shared stories and photos from their study abroad experiences. Ms. Kit Hadwiger and Dr. Steve Hadwiger will meet with nursing students interested in the study abroad experience for Summer 2013.

The Department of Nursing hosted an onsite accreditation visit by an evaluation team for the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), October 15-17. The evaluation team provided an oral report with positive findings; the Department met the four standards for continuing accreditation. The formal report and approval from the Commission will follow in upcoming months (by the end of April 2013).

Truman's Rho Omega Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing inducted 15 new members on October 6. In addition to the induction ceremony, a luncheon was provided for the members. The keynote speaker, Dr. Tina Bloom, Ph.D., MPH, RN, Assistant Professor of Nursing, Sinclair School of Nursing, presented "Climbing Mt. Fuji: Violence and Women's Health." Special thanks to the officers of Rho Omega: Ms. Kit Hadwiger; Ms. Melissa Holcomb; Ms. Susan Lambert; and Dr. Teak Nelson and nursing faculty and staff for their work in planning this special induction event.

Dr. Teak Nelson was a nominee for Kirksville's "5 Under 40" award. The award, sponsored by the Kirksville Young Professionals and KTVO, recognizes professionals under the age of 40 who have demonstrated dedication, excellence, and professional development within their career while maintaining a strong commitment to the Kirksville community. Teak and others were honored at a banquet Thursday, October 25, at the Baptist Student Union.

Six nursing faculty will attend the 2012 Midwest Regional Nursing Educators Conference, November 9, in Columbia, including Ms. Kit Hadwiger, Dr. Steve Hadwiger, Ms. Susan Lambert, Ms. Pam Melvin, Dr. Stephanie Powelson, and Ms. Brenda Wheeler. The keynote address will include a presentation about Quality and Safety Education for Nurses, by Dr. Gwen Sherwood from UNC-Chapel Hill School of Nursing.

Ms. Kit Hadwiger and Ms. Pam Melvin attended Blessing Rieman Annual Research Day, October 19, in Quincy, IL, sponsored by Pi Pi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International. Ms. Hadwiger presented her sabbatical research from the Philippines, "Filipina Mothers' Perceptions about Childbirth with a Traditional Birth Attendant."

The Department of Nursing provided a Nursing Alumni Homecoming Reception following the parade, October 20. Several alumni and their families attended the reception and toured the nursing simulation center and department.

Pictured (left to right) are: Ms. Karen Jefferson Kelso, Ms. Rebecca McClanahan, Ms. Sharon McGahan and Ms. Lynn Jackson Vest.

Thanks to all alumni, faculty, family, and friends who attended and assisted with the reception.



Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ABSN) Information Sessions will be held November 1 and 5, from 4:30 – 5:00, in Health Sciences Building 3205. After completing a bachelor's degree and the specified prerequisite courses, admitted students may finish a BSN degree in 15 months of study. For additional information, email nursing@truman.edu or call 660.785.4557. The nursing website includes information about the curriculum at nursing.truman.edu.

Calendar of Selected Upcoming Events

November 3, Saturday – November Showcase
November 6, Tuesday – Election Day
November 10, Saturday - CMDS Open House for Prospective Graduate Students
November 12, Monday – SHSE Chairs' Meeting, 10:30 a.m., Violette 2351 (please note change of date)
November 19-23, Monday-Friday – Thanksgiving Break
November 26, Monday – Tonic Sol-fa Holiday Concert, 7:30 p.m., Baldwin Auditorium
November 29, Thursday – Faculty Forum, 7:00, Magruder 2001
December 1, Saturday – Board of Governors Meeting
December 7, Friday – Fall 2012 Semester Last Day of Classes
December 10, Monday – Finals Begin
December 10, Monday – SHSE Chairs' Meeting, 10:30 a.m., Violette 2351 (please note change of date)
December 12, Wednesday – Reading Day
December 14, Friday – Finals End
December 15, Saturday – Winter Commencement, 11:00 a.m.
January 14, Monday – Spring 2013 Semester First Day of Classes
January 21, Monday – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 21, Thursday – University Conference
March 11-15, Monday-Friday – Midterm Break
April 16, Tuesday – Student Research Conference
April 26 (Friday): Fifth Annual Language and Literature Conference featuring Dr. Susan M. Ebbers, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., SUB Georgian Room
May 3, Friday – Spring 2013 Semester Last Day of Classes
May 11, Saturday – Spring Commencement, 2:00 p.m.

For a complete list of events on campus check out the Master Calendar, available on the Truman home page or by clicking calendar.truman.edu. For information about off-campus events, click on the Kirksville tab in TruView or the [Kirksville Events](#) tab located on the top of the Master Calendar.