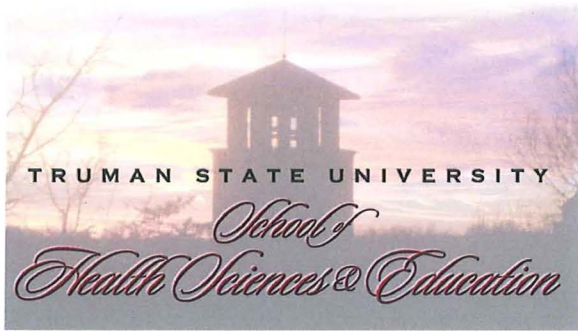


SEPTEMBER 2013 NEWSLETTER



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

Welcome back! One of our great social philosophers, Woody Allen, has said that a good part of success, 90 percent maybe, is just showing up, and if that's true we have already made great progress on having another successful year! Kidding aside, if you read the contents of this newsletter it is obvious that we are ALL doing a whole lot more than just showing up! The activities and accomplishments of our faculty, staff and students highlighted in this newsletter are truly outstanding in number and degree. Once again, I encourage you to send this newsletter to others to spread the good news of our school. There is so much to brag about and be proud.

Although the beginning of the academic year is a busy and hectic time, I hope that many of you will take advantage of the opportunities (with quickly approaching deadlines) that are available to faculty this year:

First, the Truman Academic Development Support (TADS) grants offered through the Provost's Office meant to help faculty enhance their teaching, scholarship, and creative endeavors. The full RFP for the grant can be found at: http://provost.truman.edu/FINAL-TADSGrant_2.docx Deadline for applications is noon on Monday, September 30, 2013.

Second, the SHSE Mini-Grants - a maximum of five, \$500.00 mini-grants will be awarded to support faculty and student collaborations in research. The goals of the mini-grant program are:

- To increase faculty-student research collaboration particularly among faculty who have less experience mentoring student research
- To increase faculty mentorship of other faculty in support of growth in the area of mentoring student research
- To increase interdisciplinary research and collaboration among faculty and students across departments in the SHSE
- To increase opportunities for students to present at the Truman State University Research Conference and other academic conferences
- To increase opportunities for undergraduate students to develop and apply research skills and learn components of ethical conduct of research

Preference will be given to projects that involve multiple students, are mentored by faculty who do not have a strong record of mentoring undergraduate research, involve multiple faculty one serving as a mentor to another with less experience in the mentorship role, and/or are interdisciplinary in nature and involve faculty and/or students from multiple departments in the school. Guidelines were sent out to all SHSE faculty but if you need them again, just ask. Deadline is Friday, September 20, 2013.

Third, it is my hope that our school puts forward a number of sabbatical proposals. The Sabbatical Guidelines for 2014-2015 can be found at: http://provost.truman.edu/Sabbatical_Guidelines_2014_7-11-131.pdf Potential benefits of a sabbatical are many. A sabbatical serves as an agent of rejuvenation and renewal and provides a time for reflection. A sabbatical leave furnishes a fresh perspective, provides an opportunity to build new professional relationships, provides opportunities to become or stay current in the discipline, and enhances teaching. There are also numerous benefits to the institution, including increased faculty efficiency, versatility, and productivity; enhanced learning environment; improved morale; enhanced loyalty to the institution; and, enhanced intellectual climate (to mention a few). Even if this is not the year for you, please take time to reflect on how a sabbatical fits into your professional future and plan ahead. Please talk to me if you have questions or if you would like to mull over an idea. For 2014-2015 sabbaticals, proposals are due to the Dean by noon, Monday, September 16, 2013.

My sincere thanks for all you do and my best for a joyful and productive year. Please let me know if you have questions about any of these opportunities. I am here to help you succeed and enjoy your work.

Congratulations to SHSE Faculty on Promotions and Tenure

During the closed session of the June 15 Board of Governors meeting, the Board reviewed recommendations from the President and the Provost for promotion and tenure. SHSE and MAE secondary faculty members who were promoted and/or received academic tenure effective at the beginning of the 2013-14 Academic Year are: promoted from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor: Dr. Ilene Elmlinger, Communication Disorders; promoted from Associate Professor to Professor: Dr. James Padfield, Exercise Science and Dr. Wynne Wilbur, Art; granted academic tenure: Dr. Ilene Elmlinger, Communication Disorders; Dr. Beverly Perrachione, Elementary Education; and Dr. Carla Smith, Exercise Science. Congratulations on these well-deserved honors.

Welcome to New SHSE Faculty and Staff

The SHSE is very fortunate to have several new faculty and staff and extends a warm welcome. New faculty members in the Department of Education are Dr. Lisa Goran, Assistant Professor and Dr. John Jones, Assistant Professor. Dr. Lisa Goran's Ph.D. is in special education from UMC. Her dissertation and interest areas include the impact of language on literacy, adolescent students, learning disabilities, and behavior disorders. Her roles in education have included speech-language pathologist, learning specialist, and special education department chair within a public school setting, working with students in K through 12. Dr. John Jones comes to Truman from Charleston, SC, where he was a high school special education teacher and adjunct instructor at the College of Charleston. His Ph.D. is from The Pennsylvania State University in educational theory and policy. Dr. Jones' wife, Jennifer, is a temporary instructor in chemistry at Truman. Joining the Department of Health and Exercise Sciences are Ms. Nicole Buck, Dr. Adam King, Dr. Darson Rhoads, and Dr. Alicia Wodika. Ms. Buck will serve as assistant athletic trainer. She will travel with the men's basketball team and assist with track and football. She will also teach and serve as a preceptor for athletic training students on their clinical rotations. Dr. Adam King received his Ph.D. in kinesiology from The Pennsylvania State University and has most recently served as a teaching and research assistant at PSU. The over-arching theme of his research emphasizes the change and variation in motor behavior across multiple time-scales to understand control mechanisms and how individuals acquire motor skills. Dr. Darson Rhoads has taught health science the past three years at The College at Brockport. She has extensive experience in community health. Southern Illinois University Carbondale granted her Ph.D. in Health Education. Dr. Alicia Wodika's Ph.D. is also from Southern Illinois University Carbondale, in Health Education and Recreation. Her research interests include heat wave preparedness strategies, climate change literacy, ecosystem services and public health impacts, heat wave impacts on vulnerable populations, teaching excellence and student engagement techniques. Dr. Wodika's husband, Benjamin, is a temporary instructor in biology at Truman. Ms. Nancy Bussineau began her duties as Accelerated BSN Admission Counselor last spring. Mr. James F. Judd assumed duties as the

Northeast Regional Professional Development Center Director on July 1. Mr. Judd comes to the RPDC with a long-standing dedication to improving education and supporting the school districts in Missouri. He has served as superintendent of public schools in Fayette, Lexington, and Lathrop.

Fulbright Recipient

Ms. Bethany Hoekzema, a recent MAE graduate, was named one of 12 recipients of the Fulbright/HAEF Teaching Fellowship for the 2013-2014 academic year, co-sponsored by the Fulbright Program and the Hellenic American Educational Foundation. Ms. Hoekzema will teach and work in Greece. Fellows act as young ambassadors and provide a cross-cultural educational experience by infusing their culture, ideas, language and knowledge into the school's community. The Fulbright U.S. Student Program is the largest U.S. exchange program offering opportunities for students and young professionals to undertake international graduate study, advanced research, university teaching and primary and secondary school teaching worldwide. The program currently awards approximately 1,800 grants annually in all fields of study and operates in more than 155 countries worldwide. For more information on the program, go to us.fulbrightonline.org.

Dr. Kay Clapp Children's Literacy Award



This year's recipients of the Dr. Kay Clapp Children's Literacy Award are Ms. Rebecca Spegal, a MAE alumna and Ms. Danielle Ebeling, a teacher at LaPlata Elementary School. The Dr. Kay Clapp Children's Literacy Award was endowed in 2006 to honor Dr. Clapp, a professor emeritus in the Department of Education at Truman. Dr. Clapp is a powerful proponent of literacy and children's literature. Hundreds of students and practicing teachers have been influenced by her dedication and careful mentoring. The fund provides \$500.00 each to a Master of Arts in Education student and a current teacher to purchase children's literature for their professional practices. The awards were presented Friday, June 7, during a ceremony in Violette Hall. Pictured above, left to right, are Dr. Janet L. Gooch, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, Dean, School of Health Sciences and Education, Ms. Spegal, Ms. Ebeling, and Dr. Peter S. Kelly, Chair, Department of Education.

August Graduation

The Truman August Class of 2013 was 156 strong, with 48 graduates (31%) coming from the School of Health Sciences and Education. The Communication Disorders Department had 5 graduates: 1 for BA, 3 for BS, and 1 for MA in CMDS. The Education Department had 20 graduates from the MAE: 3 elementary; 1 exercise science; 1 foreign language; 5 mathematics; 8 music; 1 special education; and 1 visual arts. Health and Exercise Sciences had 11 for BS in Exercise Science and 12 for BS in Health Science, for a total of 23.

Advanced Placement Summer Institutes

Advanced Placement Summer Institutes were held on the Truman campus this summer. Truman's institutes are endorsed by the College Board and are designed to prepare teachers to teach college-level AP courses in a variety of disciplines. The institutes enable teachers to understand the AP curriculum and to develop strategies, syllabi, resources, and materials for use in AP classrooms. Four institutes were held in June and five in July. The institutes held in June were biology, French language and culture, statistics, and world history. The institutes held in July were calculus AB/BC, chemistry, English language and composition, English literature and composition, and United States history. Truman faculty teaching institutes include Dr. Timothy Farley, Dr. James Guffey, Dr. Sally West, Dr. Todd Hammond, Dr. Anne Moody, Dr. Barbara Price, and Dr. Jeff Gall. Enrollment was up by more than one-third over 2012, with 114 teacher-participants. All but three were from Missouri, with one from Illinois and two from Kansas. Teachers from 50 different public school districts, 13 private/charter schools, 1 international school, and 2 military bases were present at Truman institutes, with a combined 987.5 years of total teaching and 125.5 years of teaching AP. Feedback from participants and consultants was overwhelmingly positive. Additionally, The Boeing Company has partnered with Truman in a special initiative designed to increase academic achievement in mathematics and science among Missouri high school students, with focus in St. Louis schools. As a result of The Boeing Company's generous donation, teachers satisfactorily completing the Advanced Placement Summer Institutes of biology, calculus AB/BC, chemistry, or statistics at Truman and teaching in Missouri schools during the coming academic year, received a \$500.00 grant for purchase of professional materials to enhance their Advanced Placement classrooms.

Summer Research Symposium

The School of Health Sciences and Education was well represented at the Summer Research Symposium, August 24. Presentations included: "The Relationship between Phonological Processing, Working Memory, and Phonetic Transcription" by Ms. Hannah Farnsworth (CMDS) mentored by Dr. Janet Gooch; "Educational Effects on Dental Hygiene" by Ms. Ashley Anderson (HES), mentored by Dr. Janice Clark; "Effect of an Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program on Arthritis Pain and Sleep Quality/Sleep Disturbance in Adults with Arthritis" by Ms. Kaitlyn McManus (HES), mentored by Dr. Carol Cox; "A Generational Difference of Memory: Women Writing the Spanish Civil War" by Ms. Sarah Glenski, mentored by Dr. Carol Marshall; "Grip Strength Predicts Tongue Strength and Swallow Ability" by Ms. Rachel Krauss (CMDS) and Mr. Brandon Stewart (HES), mentored by Dr. Julia Edgar & Dr. Carol Cox; "Effects of Acute Dietary Nitrate Consumption on Running Performance Assessed in 'Real World' Environment" by Mr. Andrew Sheets (HES), mentored by Dr. Brian Snyder; and "Study of Bone Mineral Density in Experienced Minimalist Runners Compared to Experienced Traditionally Shod Runners" by Ms. Kathryn Bollman (HES), mentored by Dr. Michael Bird.

International Visitors



The SHSE Departments of Athletic Training, Communication Disorders, Health and Exercise Sciences, and Nursing hosted visitors from Rotary International from the countries of South Africa and Sweden, July 31. Pictured (left to right): Michael Johnson & Linda Godlonton of South Africa, Ray Klingensmith of Kirksville, and Kirsten & Bert Lundgren of Gothenburg/Goteborg, Sweden.

ESL Internship in China



Recruitment for the ESL Internship in China (SA CHN 550) is underway. Deadline for applying for the Spring 2104 is Monday, September 30. ESL interns assist the English faculty in three rural public schools in Wu Hua County, in northern Guangong Province, China (PRC). Students may use current financial aid as well as apply for the Cheung Foundation Scholarship (awards up to \$2,500.00) which was established for this program. For more information, contact Dr. Timothy Farley tfarley@truman.edu

Communication Disorders



CMDS faculty and staff led students on a Communication Disorders Experience in Mexico, in Puerto Vallarta, May 12 – 21. The purpose of the study was to give CMDS students service learning experience in working with Spanish-speaking populations while earning clinical clock hours. Students were immersed in a variety of settings, including Refugio Infantil orphanage/school and Pastitos de Luz day care center for students with significant disabilities. While at the day care, the students presented a \$1,000.00 check from money raised by the Truman student Communication Disorders Association to purchase a large food processor to help prepare the many dysphagia diets required for the children. Other days were spent visiting museums, art galleries, and historical sites.

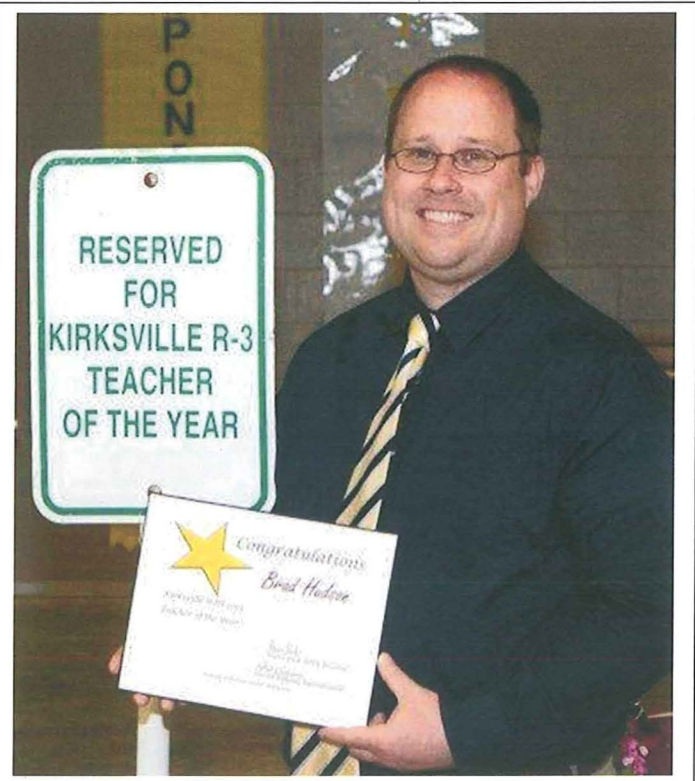
Ms. Melissa Passe attended a meeting of the National Advisory Council for Speech Language Pathology, June 19-22, where the new test blueprint for the SLP Praxis exam was reviewed and edited. Ms. Passe also attend the Council for Clinical Certification meeting at the American Speech Language Hearing Association National Office, August 14-18, where she was nominated for the chair position of the council.

In an interdisciplinary study mentored by Dr. Carol Cox and Dr. Julia Edgar, Mr. Brandon Stewart (Health Science) and Ms. Rachel Krauss (CMDS) collected data from 50 community dwelling elderly ranging in age from 71 to 100 years old. They examined swallowing function and tongue strength in relation to various measures of frailty. They reported their findings at the Truman Summer Research Symposium.

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Education

Mr. Brad Hudson, MAE alumnus and Kirksville High School band director was recognized as the Kirksville Community Teachers Association Teacher of the Year. Mr. Hudson said when he first began teaching he believed he was in the business of music, but came to realize he was in the business of people and it is part of his job to give the students what they need, even in cases where they may not realize it. "Students want pushed, even when they don't want pushed," Brad said, noting his belief that students will do "as much or as little" as is expected of them.



Sixteen graduate students from ED 622G Integrating the Language Arts, conducted the annual Schuyler County R-I Reading Summer camp on July 23. This year's camp, a part of the Schuyler-Truman Elementary Partnership, followed a theme of Back to the Future. Students engaged in history-related activities in the morning, with science reading and learning in the afternoon. Here is what KTVO said about the program in their coverage of the event:

"Students were either eager to learn, or just wanted to see their friends during summer break, but either way a record number of students headed back to Schuyler County R-1 for the reading program for kindergarten through 6th grade students. More than 80 students attended the program taught by Truman State University students.

Each room had a different theme and Truman student Erin Hartzel said she had a blast teaching students in the invention room. "There've been a lot them, so it's been loud, but it's been fun," Hartzel said. "And they all seem really excited about it. They were really engaged and excited about the book, which is cool, and the

whole point. We really want to involve them with reading and get their parents involved with reading this summer, so it's exciting that they're excited."

Emily Jameson said she had a great time teaching the students. "I'm in the Wild Wild West room, and we are doing three different activities," Jameson said. "We're doing storytelling around a fake camp fire and having s'mores. We're having sheriff's badges and cowboy vest and then outside we have them panning for fake gold."

Jameson is teaching fourth grade this school year at Schuyler County R-1 Elementary. The reading program was for one day and from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m."

Bruner, Monisha. "Record Number of Students Attend Reading Program." *Heartland Connection*. ABC. KTVO, Kirksville, MO, 24 July 2013. <http://www.heartlandconnection.com/>

Ms. Cassandra Hunt, an August graduate of the MAE in Special Education, will present her research, "The Effects of Check-In Check-Out (CICO) Targeted Intervention on Struggling Middle School Students" at the 2014 Midwest Symposium for Leadership in Behavior Disorders in February in Kansas City.

Dr. Paul Yoder will work with The National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) to sponsor a workshop for persons responsible for preparing the program report in English as a prerequisite for NCATE accreditation. The workshop will be held during the NCTE Annual Convention, Thursday, November 21, in Boston, MA.

Dr. Tim Farley has volunteered to work with Pearson and DESE to develop new content assessments that will replace the Praxis in the state of Missouri. Tim's work will make an important contribution to the development of the new assessment and his understanding of the new content assessment will inform his work with Truman students.

Dr. Lisa Goran was selected to participate in the 2013 Council for Learning Disabilities Leadership Academy Cohort. The purpose of the academy is to build the leadership capacity within the field by providing mentoring and leadership opportunities on a local and national level. Over the course of the next two years, Lisa will have the opportunity to work with leaders in the field of learning disabilities. She will impact professional development for her peers and have the opportunity to network with other members within the Leadership Academy from the current and past cohorts.

Dr. Lisa Goran's proposal, Pre-service teacher field experiences in special education: A Professional Development School, has been accepted for the Teacher Education Division of the Council for Exceptional Children's 2013 Conference, November 5 – 9, in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

Dr. Pete Kelly attended the Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) Board of Examiners (BOE) training in Louisville, KY. He was trained as a BOE team member and will commit to serving on site visit teams for the next three years.

Dr. Donna Rhinesmith has been appointed to a three-year term on The Notable Missourians Editorial Board. She will assist in selecting Missourians who will be featured posthumously in fourth through sixth grade level common core standards books. The books will be published by Truman's University Press.

Dr. Wendy S. Miner is serving as Chair of the National Association of Gifted Children middle grades network.

Truman was awarded a \$1.2 million grant through the Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program from the National Science Foundation. Truman's project is entitled "Truman Noyce Scholars Program for Secondary Mathematics and Physics Teaching," and is under the direction of Dr. Ian Lindevald, Dr. Paul Yoder, and Dr. Susan LaGrassa. The project will endeavor to impact physics and mathematics teacher shortages in Missouri and nationwide by creating a dual mathematics/physics secondary teacher preparation track.

2000 MAE alumna Ms. Jamie Smith Manker, Rockwood R-VI Summit High School teacher, was named Missouri Teacher of the Year by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Ms. Manker, a nationally board certified teacher, has taught at Rockwood for 13 years, where she is social studies department chair. She says she works to instill confidence in her students and fellow teachers. "I promote a spirit of self reliance," she said. "My most important contribution has been to change the attitude of the students I teach and the teachers I lead from one of passive acceptance of failure to vigorous drive for success." Ms. Manker and the finalists will be honored at a banquet in Jefferson City, Monday, October 21. She will serve as the state's nominee for the National Teacher of the Year competition.



Health and Exercise Sciences

Dr. Jerry Mayhew accompanied HES students to the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) and National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA) conferences where students presented a total of 22 research posters.

Dr. Joe Visker directed the Summer Talent Academy for the Health Professions (STAPH) for 31 high school students and was assisted by HES faculty members Ms. Liz Jorn, Ms. Michelle Boyd, Ms. Cassie DeBlauw, Mr. Adam Cline, and Mr. John Venner.



During the Missouri Athletic Trainers' Association (MoATA) annual meeting in June, Ms. Michelle Boyd and Ms. Megan Purk, May ATC graduate, teamed with a hip surgeon and another athletic trainer to present Hip Pathology, Surgery, and Rehabilitation. The presentation took place at St. Louis University's Practical Anatomy and Surgical Education (PASE) center where Michelle and Megan spoke about hip anatomy and performed a cadaver dissection that was presented in 3D. Michelle is the current president of MoATA.

Dr. Alicia Wodika successfully defended her dissertation entitled “Prioritizing Preparedness: Extreme Heat and Climate Change Preparation of Midwestern Health Departments.”

Dr. Adam King successfully defended his dissertation entitled “Motor Learning and Force Output Dynamics.”

Dr. Jennifer Hurst led TruAdventure. There were six Truman alumni and friends on the trip. They visited Badlands National Park, Yellowstone and Grand Tetons National Park and camped in tents each night. They hiked Bunsen Peak and Mt. Washburn in Yellowstone and did a 14.5 mile hike in Grand Tetons up to 9300ft Lake Solitude. In addition, they whitewater rafted the Snake River and did a horseback riding trip. Preliminary plans for next summer include two different opportunities in the Southwest: a four-day introductory backpacking course which will hike the width of the Grand Canyon and a five-day trip to hike Zion and Bryce Canyon National Parks. More information will be available later.

Dr. James Padfield gave three presentations at the Wilderness Medical Society’s conference on “The Wilderness Athlete.”

Dr. Brian Snyder and Mr. Andrew Sheets, Exercise Science senior, tested the effects of beetroot juice on individuals who run through a TruScholars grant. The study culminated in testing runners at races in Columbia in June and July. Some racers took a concentrated shot of beetroot juice two hours before the race, while others drank a placebo.

Senior Health Science student Ms. Briana Bonner, who is a McNair Scholar and a Truman Diversity Fellow, was chosen to attend the National Conference on Race & Ethnicity (NCORE) in New Orleans. Ms. Bonner completed her McNair Summer Research Internship with Dr. Joe Visker. Her project is entitled “Are You Satisfied?: An Evaluation of Participant Satisfaction of Adults with Developmental Disabilities Receiving Service from the People Achieving Connections Together (PACT) Center.” Briana will present her research at the 21st Annual McNair Research Presentation on Monday, September 9.

Ms. Alan Kramer, 1991 Exercise Science alumnus, was named Assistant Dean of Students at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (ABAC) in Tifton, Georgia. Mr. Kramer will also continue to serve as ABAC Athletics Director.

Ms. Anna Kaminski, 2011 Health Science alumna, was named as Health Careers and Health Education Coordinator for Northeast Missouri Area Health Education Center (NEMO AHEC). Ms. Kaminski will endeavor to increase the number of young people entering health care professions in underserved areas of Missouri.

Ms. Katie Stark, 2012 Health Science alumna, was named Head of the Community Development Department at La Isla Foundation in Nicaragua. She is working to pinpoint the cause of the chronic kidney disease epidemic among sugarcane workers. Her many other projects include a legal framework investigation with the Human Rights Department and working with Engineers Without Borders to supply potable water to the rural community.

Nursing

Nursing was recently approved by Missouri State Board of Nursing to add the Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ABSN) program. Ten second degree baccalaureate students started the ABSN program during the summer. Nursing re-applied to the Missouri State Board of Nursing for a second grant for the upcoming year.

To expand nursing clinical sites for the Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ABSN) students, additional students are being placed on alternate schedules, including evenings and weekends, at Northeast

Regional Medical Center, Hannibal Regional Hospital, St. Louis Children's Hospital, Mercy Hospital (St. Louis), Missouri Baptist Hospital, and other locations.

Nursing received continued nursing accreditation for a 10 year period by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

The Philippines Study Abroad program took 16 students to the Philippines in May and June for a three-week experience. This group was the largest study abroad to the Philippines, demonstrating a strong interest in this experience for nursing majors. The time included nursing students providing patient care in a hospital in Manila, and community experiences in rural areas, and a week to see some local sites. Students were paired with nursing students and professional nurses from the Philippines. Dr. Steve and Ms. Kit Hadwiger led the experience.

Ms. Pam Melvin attended the 2013 Boot Camp for Nurse Educators® July 19-22 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Her poster presentation was "Using Simulation to Increase Students' Self Confidence in Home Health Nursing".



Ms. Pam Melvin, Dr. Stephanie Powelson, Ms. Melissa Holcomb, and senior nursing students Ms. Emily Garlock and Ms. Shelby Leppin, hosted 32 Summer Talent Academy for Professions in Health (STAPH) camp students July 17. Students participated in hands on simulation activities designed to help them learn about the nursing profession. Here is what The Kirksville Daily Express said about the program in their coverage of the event:

“Clark County junior Eddie Shelton has always wanted to be a physician, saying whenever she's near doctors she can't help but ask them question after question in an attempt to satiate her appetite for learning. Shelton is among 32 like-minded students with an opportunity to immerse themselves in health-related activities in the third annual S.T.A.P.H., or Summer Talent Academy for Professions in Health, camp at Truman State University.

Wednesday marked the mid-point in the week and students spent the afternoon at the university's hospital simulation lab, learning the intricacies of the nursing profession. In once exercise they worked around the hospital bed of "Herman Munster" who was recovering from a vehicle accident. The students needed to identify various hospital errors that could lead to possibly serious complications, and learned those errors account for nearly 100,000 deaths annually in the United States.

For the students, who underwent a difficult application process for the chance to be there, it hardly feels like work. "It's really fun," said Shelton. "I like how it's hands-on. It's really interesting because it's something applying to what I want to be, which is a family physician."

Dr. Joe Visker, a professor in the Dept. of Health and Exercise Science at Truman State and one of the camps organizers, said students come from across the state and from as far away as Michigan to take part. "It's good whenever we have free time, it's nice to talk about where we came from and how different we are," Shelton said. They'll visit A.T. Still University in addition to getting experience in athletic training, psychology, emergency and disaster preparedness, and more. "They really do get a taste of everything," Visker said.

Students must be high school juniors or seniors to qualify. Additionally, they must hold a 3.25 cumulative GPA and 3.5 GPA in basic sciences, and be nominated by a school counselor or principal. Letters of recommendation and standardized test scores are also scrutinized. "It's a fairly rigorous process to get in," Visker said.

Information on the camp is available at staph.truman.edu."

Hunsicker, Jason, "Students take advantage of summer opportunity" The Kirksville Daily Express. Kirksville, MO, 18 July 2013. <http://www.kirksvilledailyexpress.com/>

Nursing hosted several visitors from the Teachers Exploring and Advocating Careers in Health (TEACH) Academy in August. TEACH Academy was created to educate middle and high school teachers and guidance counselors about career opportunities in healthcare. The participants included Northeast Missouri Area Health Education Center (NEMO AHEC) staff members, a school nurse, guidance counselors, science teachers, and a family and consumer sciences teacher.

Dr. Stephanie Powelson attended the 2013 Missouri Teamwork Summit sponsored by the Missouri Nurses Association (MONA), June 5 - 6, in Jefferson City.

Dr. Stephen Hadwiger conducted a workshop, "Working with Clients from Diverse Backgrounds", to the Adams County Health Department, July 10, in Quincy, Illinois. The workshop was at the recommendation from a 2002 alumna of the Nursing Department, Ms. Tara Casaway Bealer. A needs assessment of the Adams County Health Department guided the workshop. The target audience was nurses, dentists, dental hygienists, receptionists, and environmental workers of the Adams County Health Department staff. The administrator of the Adams County Health Department, Mr. Jerrod Welch, is also a graduate of Truman. Mr. Welch is developing an ongoing program to enhance services to vulnerable populations in Adams County.

The faculty/staff have been busy with orientation for new students during Truman Week and with clinical orientation and placement. Dr. Teak Nelson, Dr. Stephanie Powelson, and Ms. Carol Race co-instructed Truman Week with 35 first semester freshmen. The students will create a video project about Truman Week and share it in class before mid-term break. The faculty and staff also met with the students on major's day, toured the hospital, and shared a picnic meal.

The faculty/staff have been contacting clinical agencies, and met with representatives of the clinical agencies on August 29. The Nursing Department has over 50 clinical contracts with acute care and community-based health care organizations. Some of the clinical sites for the fall semester include Northeast Regional Medical Center, Hannibal Regional Hospital, University of Missouri Hospital, St. Louis Children's Hospital, health departments, clinics, and many other sites.

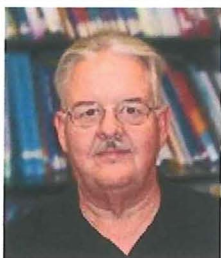
As part of orientation, the faculty and students have met with representatives of Elsevier/Evolve and Kaplan. The students will use several different exams, case studies, and other study methods to prepare for their nursing board exams (NCLEX-RN).

Members of the Rho Omega Chapter of the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing met to plan the upcoming year's events, including induction of new members, speakers, service projects, and capstones. Special thanks to the nursing leaders of this chapter, including Ms. Melissa Holcomb, Dr. Teak

Nelson, Dr. Angie Shuey, Ms. Kit Hadwiger, Ms. Susan Lambert, Ms. Pam Melvin, and other persons helping with these important events.

Faculty from Truman, A.T. Still University (ATSU), and other schools are working on an interprofessional case competition. More information will be soon available.

Regional Professional Development Center



Mr. James F. Judd assumed duties as the Northeast Regional Professional Development Center (RPDC) Director on July 1. Mr. Judd comes to the RPDC with a long-standing dedication to improving education and supporting the school districts in Missouri. He has served as superintendent of public schools in Fayette, Lexington, and Lathrop.

Dean's Team



2013 – 2014 Dean's Team members include (left to right): Ms. Nikki Imhof, Ms. Megan Distler, Dr. Janet L. Gooch (Dean), Ms. Kristin Dattilo, and Ms. Lynde Blakely. Ms. Blakely is a senior Communication Disorders major with a Disability Studies minor from Brashear. She is especially interested in helping to alleviate academic stress for Truman students. Ms. Dattilo is a senior Communication Disorders major with minors in Music and Spanish from Metamora, IL. One of her goals is to see more interaction between students and all professors, not just those they have in class. Ms. Distler is an Exercise Science major – Biology/Psychology minor from Jefferson City. She is interested in increasing Truman campus experiences to area high school students and expanding the Lunch 'n Learn series. Ms. Imhof is an Exercise Science major and Biology minor from Springfield. She would like to create experiences for added interaction between Truman students and professors and the Kirksville community. The first major Dean's Team event this year will be the Middle School Visit Day on Friday, October 4. Thanks to the efforts of last year's team, they have a nest-egg of \$150.00 from a Service Board grant for this event.

Selected Upcoming Events

September 2, Monday – Labor Day (University Closed)
September 6, Friday – Truman Week Final Grades Due in TruView, noon
September 12, Thursday – Undergraduate Council, 3:30
September 14, Saturday – Lyceum Step Afrika!
September 16, Monday – 2014-2015 Sabbatical Submission Deadline, noon
September 18, Wednesday – Graduate Council, 3:40, BH 100
September 19, Thursday – Academic Leadership Forum, 3:00 p.m., Georgian B
September 21, Saturday – Family Day
September 25, Wednesday – Early Progress Reports Due in TruView, noon
September 26, Thursday – Faculty Senate, 3:00 – 5:00, SUB 2105 Alumni Room
September 28, Saturday – Truman Showcase
September 30 – October 3, Monday – Thursday - Career and Grad School Week
October 1, Tuesday – Book Discussion
October 2-3, Wednesday-Thursday – Fall Career Expo & Interview Day
October 4, Friday – SHSE Dean’s Team Middle School Visit Day
October 9, Wednesday - First Block Classes End
October 10-11, Thursday-Friday, Midterm Break
October 14, Monday - Second Block Classes Begin
October 16, Wednesday – First Block Final Grades Due in TruView, noon
October 16, Wednesday – Graduate Council, 3:40, VH 100
October 18, Friday – Board of Governors Meeting
October 19, Saturday – Homecoming
October 24, Thursday – Faculty Senate, 3:00 – 5:00, SUB 2105 Alumni Room
October 31, Thursday – Academic Leadership Forum, 3:00 p.m., SUB Conference Room
November 2, Saturday – Truman Showcase
November 7, Thursday – Lyceum Liverpool Legends Beatles Tribute Band
November 13, Wednesday – Graduate Council, BH 100
November 17, Sunday – Children’s author Jan Brett, [CINDERS a chicken Cinderella](#) book talk, illustration demonstration, and book signing, 10:00 a.m., Truman Book Store
November 21, Thursday – Faculty Senate, 3:00 – 5:00, SUB 2105 Alumni Room
November 25-29, Monday-Friday - Thanksgiving Break
December 6, Friday - Last Day of Classes
December 7, Saturday – Board of Governors Meeting
December 7, Saturday – Lyceum Kansas City Chorale Holiday Concert
December 9, Monday - Finals Start
December 11, Wednesday - Reading Day
December 12, Thursday – Faculty Senate, 3:00 – 5:00, SUB 2105 Alumni Room
December 13, Friday - Finals End
December 14, Saturday – Winter Commencement, 11:00 a.m.
December 19, Thursday – Full Term and Second Block Final Grades due in TruView, noon
January 13, Monday – Spring Classes Start
January 17, Friday – December Interim Final Grades due in TruView, noon
February 10, Monday - Lyceum Othello by the American Shakespeare Company
March 22, Saturday – Lyceum A Midsummer Night’s Dream by the Minnesota Ballet
April 15, Tuesday – Student Research Conference
April 25, Friday – Sixth Annual Language and Literature Conference with Susan L. Hall, presenting on promoting collaboration in the assessment and treatment of literacy related problems in children.
May 10, Saturday – Spring Commencement

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.

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