Lesseig Family Scholarship Established

The Lesseig family has established the scholarship to provide financial support to outstanding Truman students. Assistant Professor Emeritus Dan Lesseig ’72 taught in the nursing program for 17 years before retiring in 1998. Following her retirement the program was taken over by Professor Pam Melvin. Professor Emeritus Dan Lesseig, who passed away this past summer, joined the Truman’s mathematics faculty in 1963 and retired in 2010. He helped develop the mathematics of the intercollegiate golf program in 1965 and continued his coaching duties until his death. The Lesseigs have three children, all of whom graduated from Truman. Sister Susan (’96), Casey (’98, ’92) and Kristin (’08) all hold degrees at Truman, and are now educators. They all played varsity golf at Truman and still enjoy the game.

Student recipients will be selected based upon financial need with preference to intercollegiate scholar athletes. The award will go to a senior who plans to pursue a career in nursing education or advanced practice nursing and one award will go to a senior student who has been accepted in the MAC program.

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Study Abroad in the Philippines

J essica Piorkowski, BSN, RN (Clinical Adjunct Faculty) worked with five junior nursing students during the fourth weekend clinical experience at University Hospitals and Clinics in Columbus, Ohio. “I saw a lot of patients ( language in the students after only one day; they worked well together as a group, offering help to each other during transition. The interviewees are very impressed with their eagerness to participate and learn.” L-R: Tammy Vogelpoth ABSN ’14; Kelsey House ’15; Piorkowski, Rebekah Chamberlin ’15; F. Cerny ’15; and Maggie Ward ’15. Associates Professor Brenda Wheeler in the clinical directorship.

STAPH Camp

T he annual nursing hosted the STAPH Summer Talent Academy for the Professors of Health Science for high school students in the Nursing Simulation Center (NSC) on July 17. Professor and Coordinator of the NSC Pam Melvin, Department Chair Stephanie Pennewell, Assoc. Professor Melanie Wilson, and Clinical Faculty Mary Hadwiger guided the students through simulations designed to help them learn about the nursing profession. Several “Simman” (human models) (with his hand bagged) joined the group for a photos.

Station 1: “Heart Monitor Taken a Go-Cart Ride”

The students were asked to assist the patient (Herman) and the town’s to find the right patient safety issues issues that are in the town. Station 2: “Iona Payne has Pneumothorax” Patient who was involved hands-on patient (mock) to assist us to the signs, lungs to heart, lung sounds and then interact with the Mrs. Payne in a simulated hospital environment.

Station 3: “Brina Pope” Brina is a teenager who has a speech impediment. Student (Led Farmer) and a student (Led Farmer) and became “very the top players.” Station 4: “Statue Future in Nursing” in the computer lab. This fun game gave the patients on-line exposure to a simulated environment with 8 scenarios in the lab. For more information, visit http://nursing Truman.edu/summer/clinics/feature/summer/summer2013.php

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