Message from Janet L. Gooch, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, Dean

Unbelievably, it is the end of the 2011-2012 academic year and as students, staff and faculty are trying to wrap everything up, I’m reminded of how much there is to celebrate in our school, every day. I reflect back on my hectic first year as SHSE Dean and what is most prominent are the many interactions with the faculty, staff and students in the process of their work.

Several major events stand out in my mind and I’d like to recap them for you. By no means is this an exhaustive list of the wonderful events/accomplishments that occurred in the SHSE this year – merely a sampling.

The new Health Sciences building opened.
Middle School Shadow Day – 165 seventh and eighth grade students from Green City and Milan visited Truman.
Dr. Fontaine Piper, his wife and family were in attendance at the dedication of the Fontaine C. Piper Movement Analysis Laboratory. The lab provides HES students with state-of-the-art biomechanical, anatomical, and motor control equipment, equipment purchased as a result of outstanding fund raising efforts on the part of HES and university support.
The Master of Arts in Education survived the DESE and NCATE site visit.
Dr. Stephen Hadwiger, Associate Professor of Nursing, was granted a sabbatical for the spring, 2013 semester. His work will center on the creation of simulation labs to enhance student learning in the Nursing Simulation Center – only to further enhance the amazing work that is already being done there.
Ms. Myra Collins, RPDC curriculum consultant in mathematics, was awarded the 2011 Science Teachers of Missouri Distinguished Service Award.
The SHSE Mission Statement was written and approved.
Ms. Sarah Delaware, Associate Professor of Nursing, retired and was rehired.
Dr. Jeremy Houser, Ms. Jennifer Houser, and HES student Ms. Dani Bell, traveled to Italy to establish a future Study Abroad Course “Studying Anatomy in the History and Art of Italy”.
The 50th Anniversary of the Truman Speech and Hearing Clinic and the kick-off of the “Fifty for the Fiftieth” Campaign – the goal of which has nearly been met.
The 4th Annual Language and Literacy Conference featuring Dr. Deborah Glaser - sponsored by the Communication Disorders Program and the MAE had over 170 participants.
The Truman-China Partnership sent the 15th English as Foreign Language (EFL) Intern, Mr. Alex Meneely to Shuizhai High School.
The Jack C. Bowen Memorial Garden was installed.

Once again, these are just a few of the highlights from 2011-2012. Please be certain, once the semester is over that you reflect on the myriad of stellar activities that occurred in our school. I want to thank each and every one of you for your contributions and hard work. Enjoy summer.

**May 2012 Commencement**

Commencement ceremonies for the Truman Class of 2012 will be held Saturday, May 5. Of the 1,084 graduation candidates, approximately one-quarter are from the School of Health Sciences and Education. As of this writing, the Registrar Office lists the following numbers:

The Communication Disorders Department has 40 candidates: 12 for BA and 19 for BS in Communication Disorders and 9 for MA in CMDS.

The Education Department anticipates 70 graduates from the MAE: 1 visual art; 2 biology; 31 elementary; 10 English; 2 exercise science; 9 history/social science; 4 mathematics; 5 music; 6 special education and 4 from the Master of Arts in Counseling. Additionally, 18 of the 70 graduates will receive certification in a second area and 4 will receive certification in a third.

Health and Exercise Sciences has 1 candidate for BS in Athletic Training, 51 for BS in Exercise Science and 39 for BS in Health Science, for a total of 91.

Nursing anticipates 39 graduates with the BS in Nursing.

**Fourth Annual Language and Literacy Conference**

Dr. Deborah R. Glaser, well-known author and trainer for *Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling (LETRS, Louisa Moats)* addresses the crowd. Part of the audience of 170+ at the Fourth Annual Language and Literacy Conference, Friday, April 27, in the Student Union Building.
Department of Communication Disorders

At the Missouri Speech-Language-Hearing Association (MSHA) 2012 Annual Convention in Osage Beach, MO, Thursday - Sunday, April 12 - 15, Janet L. Gooch, Ph.D., CCC-SLP was awarded Honors of the Association. This award recognizes exceptional and extraordinary contributions to the field of speech, language and hearing, and is the highest honor that the Association can give. The recipient is chosen for advancement of knowledge in their practice as evidenced by significant recent accomplishments within the past three years in speech-language pathology or audiology. The recipient must display concrete evidence of contributions, clinical service, clinical research or any other activity which has promoted excellence in clinical service over a fifteen year or longer period.

Ms. Margaret (Maggie) Hilliard, CMDS graduate student, was awarded MSHA Outstanding Graduate Student. This award is made to a full-time student in speech-language pathology, audiology or deaf education who has shown superior and outstanding academic achievement and who exhibits excellent professional promise.

Communication Disorders faculty sponsored the eighth annual TruBash, a gathering for Truman alumni and friends, on Friday, April 13, at the MSHA convention. The gathering highlighted the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Speech and Hearing Clinic. Recognition was given to supporters and donors of the fund raising campaign “50 for the 50th.”

MSHA Convention Quest for the Cup team members representing CMDS were: Ms. Kristi Langendoerfer, Ms. Jordan Gribble, Ms. Maggie Hilliard, Ms. Grace Srube, and Ms. Meagan Bail.

CMDS faculty and students presented their research at MSHA. Student Presentations: “Get Out of that Rut: Reflecting on Your Clinical Practice” by Ms. Margaret Hilliard, BA, Ms. Grace Srube, BS, and Janet Gooch, PhD, CCC-SLP; and “Accent Reduction Therapy: Methods for Assessing Improvement” by Ms. Kirstin Kuchler, BA, Janet Gooch, PhD, CCC-SLP, Ms. Margaret Hilliard, BA, Ms. Patricia Hanson, MA, and Ms. Hillary Betzen, Kansas State University. Student Poster Presentations: “Interdisciplinary Interactions and the Preparedness of Registered Nurses, Licensed Practical Nurses and Speech-Language Pathologists in the Nursing Home Setting” by Ms. Ashlan Knoche, Ms. Samantha Murfin, Ms. Jessica Murfin, Ms. Adrienn Myers, and Supervisor Ilene Elmlinger, AuD; “The Effect of an Adapted Visual Phonics System on Apraxia of Speech” by Ms. Kelly Tenboer, BS, and Supervisor Paula Cochran, PhD; “Comparing Computer Technology and ASL to Teach a Child Survival Signs” by Ms. Jordan Gribble, BA and Supervisor Paula Cochran, PhD; Effect of Informational Feedback on Speechreading Abilities” by Elaine Boda, DM and Supervisor Paula Cochran, PhD; “Effectiveness of MIT Versus the 8-Step Continuum Treatment” by Ms. Tricia Hurt, BS and Supervisor Paula Cochran, PhD; “The Contribution of Computer-Assisted Auditory Feedback to /r/ Correction” by Ms. Deanna Ashkeboussi, BS, and Supervisor Paula Cochran, PhD; “Effect of Minimal Pair Contrast Therapy on the Production of Velars” by Ms. Justine Lee, BS and Supervisor Paula Cochran, PhD; “Effects of Teaching Conversational Repair Strategies on Pragmatic Abilities of Aural Habilitation Client” by Ms. Katie Oppelt, BA and Supervisor Paula Cochran, PhD; “Using a Dynavox for Communication With Unfamiliar Listeners” by Ms. Claire Christian, BA and Supervisor Paula Cochran, PhD; “Contribution
of Audience to Memory Recall in a 22-year Post TBI Client” by Ms. Kirstin Kuchler, BA, and Supervisor Paula Cochran, PhD; “Effect of Fokes Sentence Builder on Reading Pase Tense Markers” by Ms. Meagan Bail, BS, and Supervisor Paula Cochran, PhD; “Effect of Computer Software on Right TBI Latency Responses” by Ms. Kristi Langendoerfer, BA, and Supervisor Paula Cochran, PhD; and “An Integrated Phonological and Articulation Therapy Approach” by Ms. Grace Strube, BS and Supervisor Paula Cochran, PhD.


Students enrolled in CMDS 489 Culminating Experience in Communication Disorders, set in motion their capstone project “Turn it Up to Turn it Down! – Hearing Awareness Week 2012 [April 2 - 6, 2012]” project. Students set up information tables concerning noise-induced hearing loss, made presentations in Health Classes, Wind Symphony classes and to the Brass Choir, and administered hearing screenings.

Department of Education

Dr. Paul Yoder gave a keynote address to the Kentucky Association for Colleges of Teacher Education on Thursday, April 26. Dr. Yoder discussed Missouri’s work on the nationwide College Readiness Partnership Alliance and the work being done to implement the Common Core State Standards. Dr. Yoder addressed the impact the Common Core will have on the national accreditation process and how teacher preparation programs can begin to redesign standards based assessments in order to meet an ever increasing demand for data driven accountability in public education.

Recipients of the Dr. Kay Clapp Children’s Literacy Awards this year are Ms. Sara Perrachione and Ms. Christina Garrett. Ms. Perrachione is finishing an internship in the Kirksville R-III Elementary Schools and Ms. Garrett is a teacher at the Schuyler R-I Elementary School in Queen City. The Dr. Kay Clapp Children’s Literacy Fund was endowed to honor Dr. Clapp, a professor emeritus in the Department of Education. 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 local teacher to purchase children’s literature for their professional
practices. The awards were presented Monday, April 30, during a ceremony on the Truman campus.

Ms. Sara Perrachione (left) and Ms. Christina Garrett (right) are pictured with Dr. Kay Clapp.

Department of Health and Exercise Sciences

The pictures above were taken during the installation of The Jack C. Bowen Memorial Garden
east of Pershing Building on Thursday, April 26. Jack spent more than 30 years at Truman teaching and coaching. Pictured on the lower right is Jack’s widow, Melba. Dedication of the garden will be Saturday, June 2.

Ms. Briana Bonner, a sophomore Health Science major and McNair scholar, will study abroad this summer in Botswana, Gaborone, Africa at The University of Botswana. At the University she will take a Community Health Practicum course and a Setswana Language and Culture Practicum course. Briana will be assigned a field placement with local health promoters in neighborhoods in and around Gaborone.

The City of Kirksville and the Health and Exercise Sciences Department hosted a Bicycle Rodeo at the Kirksville High School on Saturday, April 21. Participants learned important bicycle safety skills, including basic traffic interaction, rules of the road and proper helmet fitting.

The research of two senior Health Science McNair scholars was recently published in volume 18 of The McNair Scholarly Review. Ms. Siera Ramsey's manuscript is "An Examination of the Relationship between Personality and Intended Bicycle Helmet Use Among College Students." Her research supervisor was Dr. Jennifer Hurst. Siera has been accepted to the M.A. in Health Studies at The University of Alabama. Mr. Darius Taylor's manuscript is "Analysis of Alcohol Protective Factors and Attitudes of Truman State University Students." His research supervisor was Dr. Jerry Mayhew. Darius has been accepted to the MPH program at the University of North Texas.

Nine Truman students were accepted for the 2012 McNair Summer Research Internship (SRI), and three of them are SHSE students: Ms. Jamie Duran, Communication Disorders, Ms. Erin Foster, Health Science, and Ms. Shanequa Tolliver, Exercise Science.

Nine Truman students have been accepted for the 2012 McNair Pre-Summer Research Internship (PRI), and four of them are SHSE students: Ms. Briana Bonner, Health Science, Ms. Louise Jones, Communication Disorders, Ms. Ashley Shields, Health Science, and Ms. Kylie Warner, Communication Disorders.

Ms. Jamie Duran, Communication Disorders major and Ms. Shanequa Tolliver, Exercise Science major, will lead a Student Initiated Course (SIC), HLTH 230 Health Literacy in Fall 2012. The 2.0 semester hour course will meet Tuesday evenings from 5:30-7:20 p.m. and is open to all students at the sophomore level and above, except Health Science majors. 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. Students interested in enrolling should contact Dr. Roberta Donahue, rdonahue@truman.edu to request an override.
The Health and Exercises Department and the University of Missouri – St. Louis College of Optometry have signed an articulation agreement. Qualifying Truman students will receive a guaranteed interview with prioritized scheduling. The agreement is designed to allow other Truman departments to join in the future.

Five HES students presented at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) at Weber State University in Ogden, Utah, earlier this semester. The students and their mentors included: Ms. Alyssa Duffy, mentored by Dr. Jerry Mayhew; Ms. Emma Lennon, Ms. Elli Mathis, and Ms. Anne Ratermann, mentored by Dr. Alex Koch; and Ms. Siera Ramsey, mentored by Dr. Jennifer Hurst.

**Department of Nursing**

Representatives of several schools of nursing from northeast Missouri met on Wednesday, April 11 with representatives of Northeast Regional Medical Center to plan clinical rotations for academic year 2012-13.

The Nursing Advisory Council met on Friday, April 13. Approximately 30 council, staff, and faculty members discussed the department’s outcomes during the last year. Nursing students demonstrated nursing simulation activities in the nursing simulation center and shared an overview of Philippines study abroad experiences during summer 2011. Dr. Steve and Kit Hadwiger will lead another Philippines Study Abroad group during Summer 2012.

Capstones in Nursing were held Thursday, April 26. The keynote address was provided by Dr. Pat Porterfield from St. Charles, regarding nursing care in Rwanda. Senior nursing students provided poster and podium presentations as part of NU 410: Nursing Research and their capstone projects. Several nursing faculty members also provided podium presentations during the conference. The Department of Nursing and the Rho Omega Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International met over lunch for business and to recognize several outstanding preceptors and nurses in northeast Missouri. Rho Omega officers include: Ms. Shirley Riley, president; Ms. Melissa Holcomb, vice-president, Ms. Angella Shuey, secretary, and Ms. Kit Hadwiger, treasurer.

Senior nursing participated in a four-day on-site Kaplan review course as preparation for their national board exams (NCLEX-RN).

The Department of Nursing will participate in a full day of curriculum evaluation discussions on Reading Day, Wednesday, May 2.

The Nursing Recognition Ceremony will be held on Friday, May 4 at 7:00 p.m. in Baldwin Hall. The public is invited. The keynote speaker will be Mrs. Pam Gardner. A reception will follow in the Student Union Building.
The Department of Nursing is preparing a self-study for continued accreditation by the Commission for Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). Three evaluation visitors will be on-site Monday – Wednesday, October 15 - 17.

**Calendar**

May 1, Tuesday – Finals  
May 2, Wednesday – Reading Day  
May 3, Thursday – Finals  
May 3, Thursday – RPDC Distinction in Performance Banquet  
May 4, Friday – Finals End  
May 4, Friday – Nursing Recognition Ceremony, 7:00 p.m., Baldwin Hall Auditorium  
May 5, Saturday – Commencement, 2:00 p.m., Stokes Stadium (rain site: Pershing)  
May 5, Saturday – May Interim Begins  
May 28, Monday – Memorial Day observed, offices closed  
June 22, Monday – Faculty notified of their tenure and promotion status (no later than)

Check the master calendar for additional events:  
http://calendar.truman.edu/calendar.php?op=cal&month=4&year=2010&catview=0