

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

school of HEALTH SCIENCES

We are a mere two weeks from midterm. On a daily basis, I witness the time and effort SHSE faculty put into their jobs and recognize as we move into midterms, the demands on your time and energy will be even greater. With this recognition, I want to thank those of you who stepped up to serve on University and SHSE committees. Given all that you do, each and every day, the thought of "one more thing" can seem nearly overwhelming. If you read through the newsletter you will see just how much each of our programs is doing. For all of these activities and for all that you do for student learning and development I commend you.



During the month of October, I will be convening a small group of SHSE faculty and students in an effort to establish a SHSE mission which will be used as the spring board for strategic planning. The programs in our school although perhaps not conventionally grouped together, do fit well. All of our programs have at their core, the goal of helping people achieve their potential. In addition, our programs are committed to service to the community, the region and the state. As Dean I intend to focus on initiatives that bring these characteristic strengths to the forefront. In addition, I plan to schedule an informal discussion with any and all faculty and staff to identify how our school and individual programs can integrate the themes of the updated University Strategic Plan. It is my goal to foster discussion and collectively identify how our school and programs will help the University address these themes and invest in those activities. I'm hoping through this discussion and collaboration, our creativity will lead us to some irresistible solutions to some of our challenges. I will provide more information on this planned discussion soon.

Communication Disorders

The Speech and Hearing Clinic opened Monday, September 19, with over 100 clients being served during the fall semester. The clinic will be open until 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Twenty-eight graduate students and 21 senior-level students are providing services in the clinic. Mr. Jay Ballanger, Ms. Samantha Bishop, and Ms. Susan Drew will serve as temporary part-time speech and hearing clinic supervisors. Their positions are funded by the Caring for Missourians initiative.

Ten Communication Disorders graduate students are in public school and/or hospital internships.

Communication Disorders graduate student clinicians conducted speech/language and hearing screenings at the Kirksville Primary School, Kirksville Child Development Center, and the Novinger, Schuyler R-1, and Green City public schools during the months of September and October.

The Communication Disorders Department recently established a partnership with the Macon County R-1 school system in which graduate students from the Communication Disorders Graduate Program provide services.

Communication Disorders faculty have begun an i-Pad initiative designed to reduce the use of paper in clinical management. Six faculty are using i-Pads regularly to assist in clinical supervision.

Ms. Julie Hoffmann, Truman and St. Louis University alum, presented two weekend workshops at Truman State University on phonology assessment and intervention, September 16-17 and September 23-24.

The Speech and Hearing Clinic conducted speech-language-hearing screenings to Head Start students throughout Northeast Missouri on September 29 and 30. Head Start children, ages 3-5 years, were bussed to the Speech and Hearing clinic where screenings were conducted. Approximately 200 children were screened.

Dr. Paula Cochran presented a session at the annual Closing the Gap Conference in Minnesota on Friday, October 16, with Dr. Christine Appert, University of Virginia Children's Medical Center.

Open House for prospective graduate students in Communication Disorders will be held Saturday, November 12, in conjunction with the 50th anniversary celebration of the Speech and Hearing Clinic.

The Communication Disorders Department is searching for two new faculty members. Interviews will be conducted at the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) Convention in San Diego, California, Thursday through Saturday, November 17-19.

Ms. Melissa Passe was appointed by the ASHA Board of Directors to a position on the ASHA Council for Clinical Certification.

Education

The Department of Education hosted the accreditation team from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education, who will recommend to the state Department of Education that all programs at Truman State University be fully accredited without conditions for the next seven years. Both teams pointed to the quality of the students and faculty of Truman State University as key

strengths to the program and its continuing evidence of producing effective teachers. The Missouri team made note of Truman's MAE as a leader in the state, producing quality teachers for the 21st century. Congratulations to everyone in the Department of Education for their hard work and dedication.

Dr. Jeff Gall was inducted into the inaugural class of the Van Horn High School Hall of Honor. Inductees were selected by the Van Horn High School Alumni Association.

MAE alum Mr. Aaron Manfull, journalism teacher at Francis Howell North High School, was named best journalism teacher in the nation by the Dow Jones News Fund.

Nursing

Dr. Stephen Hadwiger will present "Newborn care: evidence based practice" at the Faculty Research Conference, Saturday, October 1, at 1:00 p.m., in the SUB Alumni Room.

The Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society, Rho Omega Chapter, will induct new members on Saturday, October 1. The keynote address will be presented by Ms. Rebecca McClanahan.

Eight senior nursing students traveled to the Philippines to gain clinical experience with patients from a transcultural perspective. The students were Ms. Kayla Aydelott, Ms. Emily Berenz, Ms. Sarah Brown, Ms. Allison Harper, Ms. Lauren Lampe, Ms. Andrea Russell, Ms. Molly Wersching, and Ms. Amy Wiley. The students will present a program, "Transcultural nursing in the Philippines" Tuesday, October 4, at 7:00 p.m., in the SUB Alumni Room.

Dr. Teak Nelson has been nominated for Kirksville's first-ever "5 Under 40" Award. Sponsored by Kirksville Young Professionals and KTVO, the award recognizes professionals under 40 years of age who have demonstrated dedication, excellence, and professional development in careers as well as a commitment to the Kirksville community. The recipient will be named at a banquet Thursday, October 13, at 7:00 p.m., at the Kirksville Arts Association.

Junior nursing major Ms. Courtney Oxandale was the winner of the "Sweet Internship Photo Contest" sponsored by the Career Center. Courtney spent 8 weeks in Kenya, Africa, where she worked as a student nurse and teacher. Courtney's winning photo shows her surrounded by her students.

Senior nursing students will assist with the Adair County flu shot clinic Thursday, October 6, at the NEMO Fairgrounds.

The Department of Nursing's BSN program will have an on-site accreditation visit by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) on October 15-17, 2012.

Dr. Stephanie Powelson was the team leader for a CCNE accreditation on-site evaluation visit in Florida.

Everyone is invited to stop by the Nursing homecoming day reception from 11:00 a.m.– noon for a tour of the nursing department and simulation center and refreshments.

The Health Professions Campus Visit Day

Twelve northeast area high school students and 18 other AHEC students from across the state attended the First Annual Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine and Truman State University Campus Visit Day. The day involved skills stations and interactive case studies that demonstrated the health professions majors at these two institutions. Students interacted with Truman Nursing, Communication Disorders, and Health and Exercise Science faculty, as well as, KCOM faculty, physicians, and anatomy and OMM fellows. An etiquette lunch gave students the opportunity to practice professional dinner protocol. Attendees experienced Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment demonstrations, conducted simulated patient interviews, practiced intubation and suturing skills on manikins, and saw cadavers first hand. Truman and KCOM admissions were also available to answer questions. The Health Professions Campus Visit Day will repeat in August 2012.

Regional Professional Development Center

Mr. Anthony Blades, blindness skills specialist, has recently conducted workshops on the Truman campus entitled "the role of the paraprofessional in a program for students with visual impairments," "the expanded core curriculum for students with visual impairments," and "an introduction to the Nemeth Code."

Calendar

Saturday, October 1 – Foundation Scholarship Applications Available Friday, October 7 – National Truman Spirit Day – *Wear Bulldog Purple or Truman Apparel*! Friday, October 7 – Board of Governors Meeting Saturday, October 8 – Homecoming:

 10:30 Fontaine C. Piper Movement Analysis Laboratory Naming Ceremony, Health Sciences Building, lower level, room 1210. Pre-game barbecue and reception to follow outside the Piper Lab.

11:00 Nursing Alumni Reunion, Health Sciences Building, third floor

1:30 Communication Disorders Alumni Panel and Reception, Health Sciences Building, room 2203

For more information visit http://homecoming.truman.edu (info for students) or http://alumni.truman.edu/homecoming.asp (info for alumni). Monday, October 10 – SHSE Chairs' Meeting, 10:30 a.m., VH 2351

Thursday, October 13 – First Block Classes End

Thursday and Friday, October 13 and 14 – Mid-Term Break

Monday, October 17 – Second Block Classes End

Tuesday, October 18 – Shadow Day, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. - 7th and 8th graders from Green City and Milan will tour campus, visit three departments, and dine in the residence halls.

Thursday and Friday, October 20 and 21 – Career Expo

Wednesday, October 19 – Deadline to submit SHSE November newsletter items Monday, October 24 - Spring 2012 enrollment for graduate and undergraduate courses begins Wednesday, October 26 – Lyceum, "Phantom of the Opera"

The SHSE will host Deborah Glaser, Ed.D., at the fourth annual language and literacy conference Friday, April 27, 2012, in the SUB. Dr. Glaser is co-author of the text, <u>Next Steps in Literacy Instruction:</u> <u>Connecting Assessments to Effective Intervention</u> and a national trainer for Louisa Moats' Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling (LETRS) and Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS).

Check the master calendar for additional events:

http://calendar.truman.edu/calendar.php?op=cal&month=4&year=2010&catview=0