

SEPTEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER



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Message from Ms. Jeanne Harding, Interim Dean, School of Health Sciences and Education

Welcome to the 2018-2019 academic year! I hope you enjoyed your summer and found time to relax, recharge, and connect with others. As we begin the fall semester, it's the perfect time to reflect on our mission statement. "The School of Health Sciences and Education at Truman State University is committed to preparing students to effectively serve as professionals and leaders in their communities and field by providing an exceptional education grounded in the liberal arts and sciences, fostering interdisciplinary collaboration, promoting diverse learning experiences, and inspiring the pursuit of continued scholarship and research."

As you read through this month's newsletter, you will see stories highlighting the many ways our faculty and staff demonstrate this mission. Students participating in the Communication Disorders Experience in Mexico provided consultations, screenings, and speech-language enrichment for children in an orphanage, school, and a day care facility for student with disabilities. Student from Athletic Training, Communication Disorders, Education, and Health Science served as Food 4 Kids interns and provided oversight for the summer program which provides lunches for children in the Kirksville community when schools aren't in session. Faculty from HES directed the Summer Talent Academy for Professions in Health summer program that included simulations in Truman's Nursing Simulation Lab.

More activities will continue through the year. The Education Department has invited Lourdes Nicholls to campus on September 17th for Constitution Day to share her grandfather's experience of living in a Japanese internment camp during World War II. The Regional Professional Development Center will support K-12 schools and connect them with the most current research based programming.

I'm proud of the well-respected Departments in the School of Health Sciences and Education and look forward to our year ahead as we continue to advance our mission and prepare the next generation of leaders in our professions.

Welcome, School of Health Sciences and Education New Faculty and Staff

The SHSE extends a warm welcome to new HES faculty member, Dr. Kristen Welker and new NU office assistant, Ms. Kathy Veatch. Welcome to several new (or returning after an absence) part-time adjunct colleagues as well: Mr. Christopher Best, Dr. Lynn Lowrance, Ms. Erika Niles, Mr. Joseph Regenbogen, Mr. Carter Roberts, and Dr. Martha Strange in Education, and Ms. Sheena Nichols and Ms. Deborah Slattery in Nursing.



Dr. Kristen Welker, HES

“I am a Cincinnati, OH native and completed my bachelor's in Marketing from Miami University. I then went on to receive my master's in Kinesiology and Health from Miami University, and completed my PhD in Health Promotion and Education from University of Cincinnati. My research interests include the influence of "fitspiration" on health behaviors and the role of marketing in health promotion. In my free time, I am a personal trainer and train fitness boxing classes. I also play on a women's rugby team back home. In the last year, I have traveled all over the U.S. for both rugby and just for fun weekends. I've been to Denver, Nashville, Louisville, Kansas City, Buffalo, Chicago, Indianapolis, and all over Ohio. I am currently reading *The Girl in the Spider's Web* before the movie comes out later this fall.”

“I am a lifelong Kirksville resident. My husband, Louis, and I will have been married 33 years in October. Louis also works at Truman as Boiler Room Foreman. We have no children but are “pet parents” to both dogs and cats.

Louis and I are beginning beekeepers. We have two hives, and growing, and were able to harvest honey for the first time last summer. I enjoy reading and am active in my church ladies ministry. I am very excited to be a part of Truman State University and look forward getting to know everyone.”



Ms. Kathy Veatch, Nursing

Promotion and Tenure

During the closed session of the June Board of Governors meeting, the Board reviewed recommendations for promotion and tenure. From the School of Health Sciences and Education: Dr. Rebecca Dierking (English Education) was promoted to Associate Professor; Dr. Teak Nelson (Nursing) and Dr. Bev Perrachione (Elementary Education) were promotion to Professor; and Dr. Dierking and Dr. Julia Edgar (Communication Disorders) received academic tenure. Congratulations to all.

Faculty and Staff Awards

At the Fall Opening Assembly, among those recognized were: Dr. Nancy Daley-Moore for receiving the William O'Donnell Lee Advising Award and the Communication Disorders Department for receiving the Bulldog Award. Congratulations to all.

School of Health Science and Education – Wellness initiative

Truman Nursing Presents

“Walk-n-Talk 2018-2019”



**Get out of your offices and join us on the track for a quick stroll
– it’s not a race – it’s not a competition – Set your own pace –**

**It could be your lunch break – or a 10-minute alternative
to your “post-lunch siesta” (wouldn’t those be nice, too?)**

Tuesday/Thursday/Friday - *1:00 - 2:00 p.m. at Stokes Stadium

or any part thereof

(of course, you can walk anytime – this is just the communal time)

**Come get to know faculty and staff
from across our departments.**

Teak Nelson will be there to meet you.

Come on down and jump in with the group anytime!

Contact Teak Nelson at tnelson@truman.edu with any questions.



Mindfulness Practice

with Dr. Eric Dickson

Feeling stressed? Overwhelmed? Just need to decompress for a few? Take a moment to invest in yourself by joining Dr. Eric Dickson in mindfulness meditation, Tuesdays 4:30 – 5:00 and Wednesdays 2:30 – 3:00 in OP 1306.

Mindfulness has been scientifically linked to:

- Decreased anxiety
- Improved focus and memory
- Better self-regulation
- Better overall wellness

Sessions are open to all – just show up when you can! A few chairs will be provided, but feel free to bring something comfortable to sit on, like a cushion or yoga mat. Space is limited.

Dr. Dickson is a certified teacher of Mindfulness-Based Wellness and Pedagogy. E-mail edickson@truman.edu

Wellness Opportunities

Blood Drive, Tuesday and Wednesday, September 11 and 12

SUB Georgian Rooms

11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sponsored by Cardinal Key

5K Suicide Awareness/Prevention Run/Walk, Saturday, September 15

Alliant Bank (corner of Baltimore and Jefferson)

On-Site registration 8:00 a.m. - Pre-Race Activities 8:45 a.m. - Start Time 9:00 a.m.

Sponsored by Friends of Hospice - Parent Grief Support Group

Buddy Pack Walk Saturday, September 22

(see information on following page)

Sponsored by the Food Bank for Central and Northeast Missouri

Walk to End Alzheimer's, Saturday, October 6

Rotary Park

Registration: 8:00 a.m. - Ceremony: 9:00 a.m. - Walk: 9:30 a.m.

Sponsored by Ameren Missouri, Edward Jones, and Alzheimer's Association

Alz.org/walk

Walking for Wellness

Tuesday / Thursday / Friday from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., Stokes Stadium

Yoga Classes

Thursday at 5:15 p.m., BH 201

Except September 20, October 25, November 22, November 29

Fitness Challenge

September 1 – 30

Activity can be [recorded here](#)

Sponsored by ATSU and Truman Staff Councils

The Brain Injury Association of Missouri is hosting a monthly support group meeting for **survivors of traumatic or acquired brain injury and caregivers**. Meetings will be held the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Rural Advocates for Independent Living, 1102 S. Jamison St. Call (660) 627-2498 for more information.

August 2018 Graduation

One hundred degrees were conferred to the Truman August Class of '18, with 34 graduates (34%) coming from the School of Health Sciences and Education. The Communication Disorders Department had one graduate with the BA. The Education Department had 10 graduates from the MAE: four elementary; one English; two foreign language, one mathematics/physics; and two mathematics. Health and Exercise Sciences had 11 for BS in Exercise Science and 10 for BS in Health Science, for a department total of 21. Two graduated with the BS in Nursing. Mr. Trevor Atnip, Ms. Rebecca Daul, and Ms. McKenna Owens, all from HES, graduated Cum Laude. Congratulations to all.



SHSE students Valerie Hagedorn (CMDS), Kaitlin Roberts (HS), Emily Schaeffler (pre-MAE), and Mackenzie Snyder (AT) oversaw the Food 4 Kids program during internships this summer in Kirksville. Food 4 Kids is a joint effort of the Food Bank for Central and Northeast Missouri, the United States Department of Agriculture, the City of Kirksville, and local churches and volunteer groups. The program endeavors to ensure that kids have access to adequate nutrition when school is not in session. Each student had her own reason for volunteering. Valerie Hagedorn knew the internship would be a good fit for her because she enjoys children and serving others. She quickly got to know the kids feels they showed up for the companionship as much as the food. While the nutritional component of the Foods 4 Kids program is foremost, the psychological and social benefits are equally key. “The kids are not just there to eat lunch, they really enjoy interacting with adult figures,” she said. Kaitlin Roberts was the only student participating in the internship for credit. She served as project manager and her work was mostly behind-the-scenes. The other three were each responsible for meal distribution in one city park. Roberts hopes to apply her experiences to her future career. “For me, it’s been more of a professional growth experience,” she said. Emily Schaeffler signed on to the Food 4 Kids program with the goal of getting more experience with children outside of the classroom. She has learned firsthand how food insecurity and poverty can impact children’s behavior. “In my education classes, you learn the logistics, and you learn the basics of it, but to see it from the emotional side too, it’s like a new perspective. It’s really helpful, and that sometimes can get lost on teachers,” Emily said. “The kids pick up on when they are treated like regular people. Kids see that and in turn are more willing to open up to you and listen to you more.” As a child, Mackenzie Snyder saw her friend growing up in a food insecure home. “I was already passionate about what Food 4 Kids was trying to do in the Kirksville community, and I really wanted to get involved just to kind of see the other side of things and help out with something that I witnessed growing up that I didn’t have the power to do anything about at the time,” she said. “That was the biggest eye opener for me. Coming in I thought these kids were going to be so guarded, and I was really worried about the type of emotions I was going to see. I came in and all of the kids are so willing to have a positive attitude, and they are so compassionate. It’s definitely taught me to interact with them as people and view them as people first, not view them as children living in poverty. If you go in to an interaction with them with the mindset of viewing them as a person you get a much better interaction. They are a lot more willing to open up, and you are much more able to form a relationship.” According to statistics from The Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri, one in every five children in central and northeast Missouri is hungry and more than 38,000 children in this region are living in poverty. A variety of poor outcomes result from inadequate nutrition. Chronic diseases can be brought on by calorie dense/low nutrition foods. Poor nutrition increases healthcare costs by increasing the amount of time needed to recover from illness and by worsening the effects of chronic disease. Poor nutrition reduces productivity at the workplace through low energy/illness and negatively impacts the performance of children in school. Hungry children cannot take full advantage of academic offerings, cannot focus and are more disruptive at school, and have higher rates of absence and drop-out than their classmates.

Communication Disorders

Communication Disorders (CMDS) faculty accompanied nine undergraduate and graduate students, May 18 - 26, to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. Participants in the CMDS Study Abroad Program (Communication Disorders Experience in Mexico) provided consultation, screening, and speech-language enrichment at the Refugio Infantil orphanage / school and the Pastitos de Luz, a day care center serving children with disabilities.



Ms. Sheila Garlock taught a JBA course *Can You Say That with Your Hands?—American Sign Language* during the summer of 2018. Ms. Garlock has taught the JBA course in Sign Language since the summer of 2011.

Ms. Melissa Passe attended the ETS SLP National Advisory Committee meeting, June 27 - 30 in Princeton, New Jersey.

Dr. Ilene Elmlinger and Ms. Melissa Passe attended Communication Action Partnership of Northeast Missouri (CAPNEMO) Head Start Health Services Advisory Committee Meeting, August 16.

The CMDS department welcomed 18 new students into the master's program for the fall semester. The new students come from undergraduate institutions including Truman State University, University of Missouri-Columbia, University of Science & Arts of OK, Saint Louis University, Missouri State University, Augustana College, Southern IL University-Edwardsville, Harding University, and Illinois State University.

The Truman Speech and Hearing Clinic will open September 5 and 6, with over 100 clients being served during the fall semester. Forty-four graduate students and 10 seniors are providing services in the clinic. Graduate students are also working in the local schools (Kirksville R-3, Early Childhood Learning Center, Schuyler County Public Schools, Lewis County Public Schools, Milan Public Schools, Putnam County Schools Early Head Start, First Steps), Kirksville Manor Care, Hearing Evaluations, Hearing Screenings, and Accent Reduction Class. The Truman Speech and Hearing Clinic will be open until 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Ms. Susan Drew will supervise Tuesday and Thursday evening clinical therapy sessions.

Eleven CMDS graduate students are on public school and / or hospital internships.



The Communication Disorders (CMDS) Department was the recipient of a Bulldog Award, sponsored by the Staff Council Recognition Committee and presented at the Fall Opening Assembly. The Bulldog Award recognizes quality, pride, positive attitude, initiative, shared team achievement, community spirit, and outstanding customer service practices. CMDS was recognized for demonstrating these traits by way of the Speech and Hearing Clinic. Pictured (left, left to right): Ms. Kelsey Aurand de Razo, Dr. Ilene Elmlinger, Ms. Trish Hanson, Dr. Julia Edgar, Ms. Andrea Richards, Ms. Melissa Passe, Dr. Amy Teten (chair). Not pictured is Ms. Connie Ikerd.

The CMDS department hosted a faculty spelling bee on August 28 as a fundraiser for the Buddy Pack Walk. All eight full-time CMDS faculty members plus evening clinical supervisor, Susan Drew, participated in the bee. The CMDS “Tech Team,” made up of graduate fellows Lorrin McBee, Chad Cook, and Colette Fortin planned and hosted the event. Mr. Cook acted as emcee for the event. Faculty provided humorous bios to warm up attendees for the bee. The CMDS student organization, CoDA, came out in a show of support for the event with over 30 CoDA members attending, while many graduate students and friends of the program also attended. In the end, Dr. Amy Teten outlasted the other faculty members to be crowned the spelling bee winner. Almost \$130 was raised for the Buddy Pack Walk.



Education



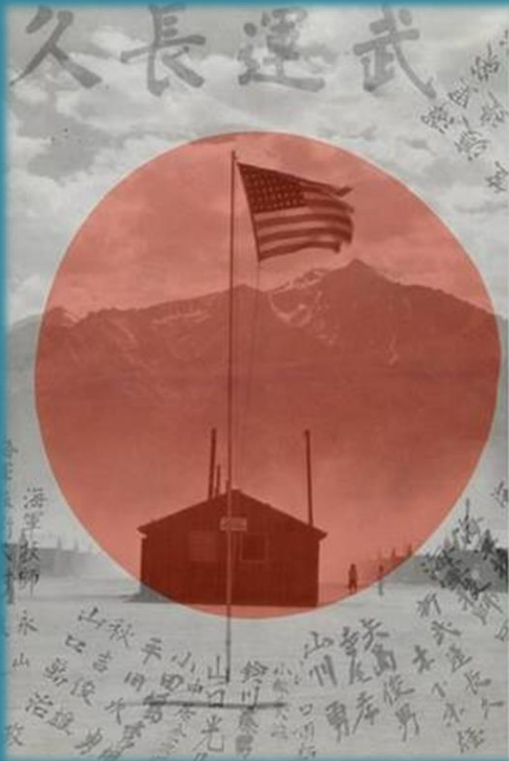
Dr. Summer Pennell and MAE in Secondary English student Emily Stobbe led a workshop June 6 for K-12 teachers called *How Can We Talk about Race in the Classroom?* Workshop activities focused on a content analysis of the Missouri State Standards that Pennell and Stobbe conducted last spring using a framework of Critical Race Theory. Findings revealed that all subjects and grade levels offer opportunities for rich lessons and discussions on race and racism aligned to the state standards, and the teachers brainstormed using the standards for their subject to talk about these topics with their students. Participants also practiced critical reflection on race and racism using a tool created by Pennell and Dr. Jessie Montana Cain. Attendants included one recent MAE English graduate, Sujash Purna, and current Social Studies student Madison Rees. Funding for the workshop was provided by a National Center for Institutional Diversity Pop-Up Grant, awarded to Dr. Pennell.

Diane Richmond, Director of Learning Technologies; Kenzie Berhorst, Elementary Education student; and Rebecca Dierking, Summer Chair of Education, toured MOREnet's Immersive Learning Lab (the MILL), July 11, in Columbia. MOREnet (The Missouri Research and Education Network) is a data network that provides technical training to educators across the state as well as other public entities. It also is a consortium of 700+ members to provide access to experts in innovative technology. The MILL is a maker space designed by MOREnet's technology team to help facilitate educators in learning and incorporating technology into the classroom. Bob Martin, a trainer with MOREnet, led the visitors through a tour of the space as well as hands-on demonstrations of various capabilities. Subjects discussed included coding, robotics, training available to Truman professors and students, drones, green screens, gaming, and virtual reality. This visit was one step in the Education Department's overhaul of the technology lab located in Violette Hall. Pictured (below) are Diane Richmond, Kenzie Berhorst, and Bob Martin.



Education student organizations and the Education Department faculty and staff welcomed students interested in pursuing the MAE and a career in education with a barbecue, August 26. New and returning students had the opportunity to meet and chat with education peers and faculty, have their picture taken with “Spike” and “Joseph Baldwin”, receive information about education-related student organizations, win door prizes and to enjoy a hearty meal.





MAE Leadership Series and
Constitution Day Speaker

The Other December 7th, 1941

Presented by Lourdes Nicholls

Monday, September 17
6:30 PM VH 1000

Sponsored by the Education Department

The Education Department will welcome Lourdes Nicholls to campus for her presentation, *The Other December 7, 1941*. Ms. Nicholls will be Truman's Constitution Day and MAE Leadership Series speaker. She grew up in Berkeley, California and has been a resident of Oak Park, Illinois for the past 27 years. Her grandfather, Kiyotsugu "Bill" Tsuchiya, was the curator of Chicago's Harding Museum from 1925 to 1940. The Tsuchiya family moved to Los Angeles in 1940 before being incarcerated at Manzanar in the California desert through Executive Order 9066 calling for the incarceration of 120,000 people of Japanese descent. The 500-acre plot of land was surrounded by barbed wire and eight guard towers which were patrolled by military police. Eight individuals, related or not, were crowded into a 20 x 25-foot room. Ms. Nicholls' mother was one of 500 babies born at Manzanar. When the war ended, detainees were given \$25 and a bus ticket to a destination of their choice.

Health and Exercise Sciences

The annual Summer Talent Academy for Professions in Health (STAPH) camp was held June 17 – 24, co-directed by Dr. Brandy Schneider and Ms. Jana Arabas of the HES department. Preceptors were HES students Sammy Garrett, Mitch Nichols, and Allison Politsch. Twenty-five students attended the camp to learn about a variety of professions related to healthcare. Students experienced hands-on demonstrations and lectures throughout the week including: casting, cupping, athletic taping, leadership activities, administration, removing plaque from teeth, nursing, and ultrasound. Students participated in panel discussions with medical fellows and Truman's team physician about their experiences. Students learned about dentistry, prosthetics, disability studies, athletic training, gait analysis, exercise science, podiatry, medical research, fitness center administration and leadership, and psychology. The students also heard talks and participated in demonstrations about cadaver anatomy. The STAPH students participated in a scavenger hunt around Truman, experienced the planetarium and ROTC challenge course. Speakers included Truman faculty and local medical and health care professionals. At the conclusion of the camp, the students completed a case study poster followed by an oral presentation to people who attended the final reception.



Nursing



Prosthetics



ROTC



Preceptors and Directors

**Ms. Evonne Bird is an Academic Professional Development
Faculty Fellow in Supporting Student Mental Health.**

Truman athletic training alumni held their annual gathering at the National Athletic Trainers' Association 69th Clinical Symposia and AT Expo, June 26 – 29, in New Orleans, Louisiana. Keynote speaker was Drew Brees, a quarterback entering his 18th year in the NFL. Pictured (right) are those who attended the alumni event.



The first Master of Athletic Training (MAT) cohort started July 2. They have completed Introduction to Athletic Training, Emergency Care, Preclinical, and Taping, Wrapping, and Bracing courses. They began clinical work the beginning of August, assisting with football. Pictured (left) are Kate Steiger, Natalie Moore, and Ashley Garlock along with Carol the professional manikin.



Congratulations to Athletic Training seniors
Susanna Goodell-Fields, Mackenzie Snyder, and Kara Wehmyer
on passing the Board of Certification exam on the first attempt!

Dr. Nancy Daley-Moore is the recipient of the 2018 William O'Donnell Lee Advising Award, based on the quality of her academic advising and the difference she makes in the lives of Truman students. She will receive a year's membership in the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA). The University will also designate a special account to be used by her for professional development activities related to advising. Nancy is pictured right with Provost Dr. Janet L. Gooch, receiving her plaque at the Fall Opening Assembly.

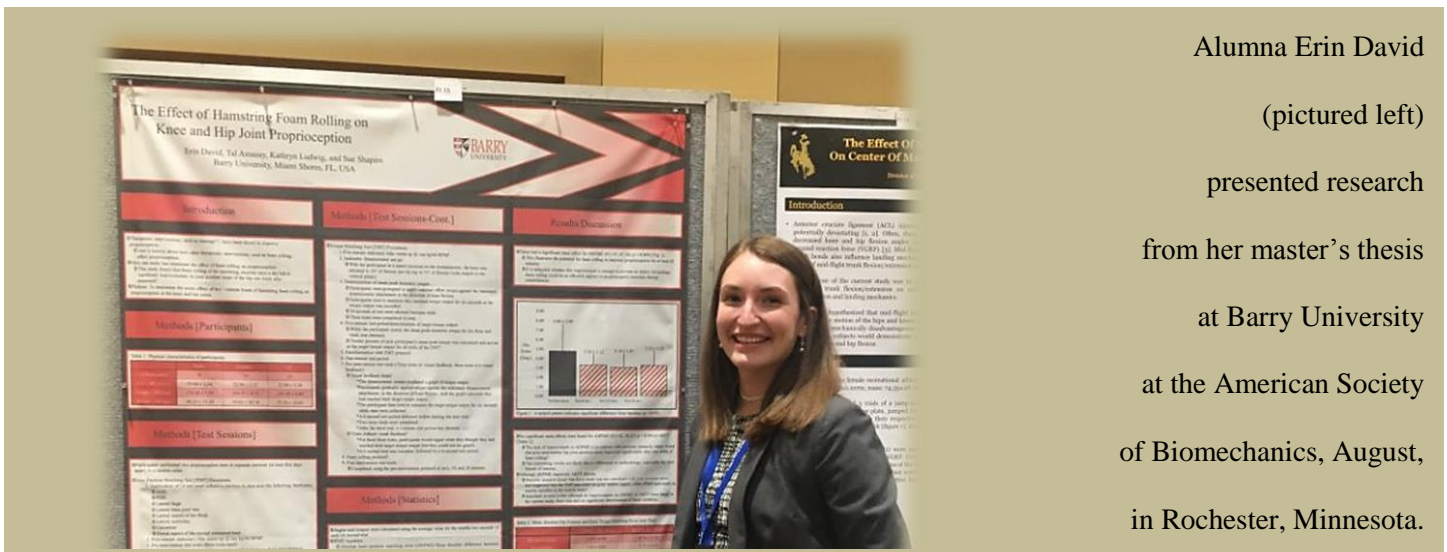


Jordan Brown, Exercise Science - Sport & Recreation Management student, (pictured right) completed an internship with the Indianapolis Colts. The following are his words: “Throughout this internship I’ve been able to work first hand with the players but also the management as well. I have mainly worked with the football operations department where my duties are to coordinate everything the team does. For example, we schedule flights and pickup NFL free agents and tryout players who we are inviting in for a workout. We also take players on medical runs whenever a player either gets injured or to assure that a free agent is healthy before deciding to sign him. In operations we also coordinate post game meals, create parking passes, credentials and transport players to and from practice. The second department that I work closely with is player personnel. I assist this department by organizing our pro scouts traveling schedule for when they travel to see college players play whom they may have interest in potentially drafting. With this department I also evaluate college and NFL players. The Colts have a grading scale in which they evaluate players and I use it to write summaries on players strengths, weaknesses, what role can they fulfill with our team and how do they compare to the players that we already have on our team that play their specific position. The last department that I work closely with is player engagement. The mission of NFL Player Engagement is to serve, educate and assist current and former players and their families to achieve a successful, well-balanced and healthy life during and after their playing experience.”



Health Sciences major Josie Plowman is featured in this article about Wonderland Camp on Rocky Mount in the Lake of the Ozarks. http://www.emissourian.com/features_people/feature_stories/making-summer-a-wonderland/article_bd7843ef-90ba-5313-ae9-dd463545b43b.html

HES alumnus, Kirk Marsh, is featured in this article about Circus Venardos. In the photo, Kirk is in the front with the vest and tie. <https://tacomaweekly.com/featured-city-life/a-day-in-the-life-of-a-circus/>



Alumna Erin David
(pictured left)
presented research
from her master’s thesis
at Barry University
at the American Society
of Biomechanics, August,
in Rochester, Minnesota.

Maggie DeDecker (pictured right) is a Health Sciences alumna. The following are her words: “I attended Truman State University from 2011-2015. I was fortunate to stumble across the Health Science major after spending the first year and a half of my college education sampling other majors. Health Sciences and pre-OT fit like a glove. I spent the summer before my senior year applying to occupational therapy programs. After interviews at both Rockhurst University and Creighton University, and acceptances to both programs, I decided Creighton was my next step. I graduated May 12, 2018 with my doctorate in occupational therapy. I spent about 6 weeks post-graduation studying for my national board exam, and received my passing score in early August. I know I never could have achieved my dream of becoming an OT without all the support of the HS department. Truman set me up for success in grad school and beyond. My four years at Truman are truly some of my best years so far! Thanks Truman HES Department!”



Jamie Fitzpatrick, ES '18, (pictured left) was awarded a NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship. The NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship was created in 1964 to promote and encourage graduate education by rewarding the Association's most accomplished student-athletes through their participation in NCAA championship and/or emerging sports. Jamie said “I think my steady improvements in swimming and having a best season my senior year, along with all of the hard work in my classes and getting accepted at Wash U, along with the generous letters of recommendation from my coach and professors are what led to me getting chosen. I'm just really happy I decided to apply even though I knew there was a much larger field and not really knowing my odds. I hope other soon-to-be-senior Truman athletes see this and are inspired to apply in the years to come!” While at Truman, Jamie competed at the GLVC conference meet four years, as well as the NCAA meet three years. She qualified for NCAA on relays during her sophomore and junior years. During Jamie's senior year, she qualified in individual events as well as relays. Jamie is attending Washington University in St. Louis physical therapy school.

Nursing

The Nursing Department faculty and staff welcomed the BSN class of 2020 and ABSN class of 2019 back to campus with its inaugural *Honor in Caring* ceremony, August 19, one day prior to the start of the fall semester. The ceremony marked the nursing students' entrance into the realm of clinical nursing with an emphasis on the professional, ethical, and moral responsibilities that nurses have to their patients. Ms. Rebecca McClanahan, an alumna of the nursing program ('75), former member of the nursing faculty, former member of the Missouri State House of Representatives, and current Vice President of Advocacy for the Missouri Nurses Association, delivered an evocative keynote address on the importance of compassion, character, advocacy, civic engagement, self-care, and family caregiving across her long academic, professional, and personal nursing tenure. Shiva Felfeli (Truman nursing class of '19), whose initial idea it was to bring this new tradition to Truman State University, offered a welcome and remarks on behalf of the current senior BSN class. Sixty-two students made their *Honor in Caring* pledge in the presence of over 250 friends, faculty, peers, and family members, and were subsequently welcomed into their clinical nursing education by two Truman nursing alums, Ms. Vickie Sollars (class of '85) and Ms. Lisa Archer (class of '87), both of whom are nurses in the Kirksville community. Vickie and Lisa cloaked each student in their white coat, which serves as an outward symbol of the students' professional access to the clinical setting. It is the Nursing Department's hope that this inaugural ceremony will grow into an annual tradition, marking the beginning of clinical nursing education that will culminate with the Nursing Pinning ceremony just prior to graduation.



Ms. Rebecca McClanahan ('75)



Shiva Felfeli ('19) administers the *Honor in Caring* pledge



ABS class of '19 and NU 240 / NU280 instructor Ms. Brenda Austin



Ms. Vickie Sollars ('85) and Ms. Lisa Archer ('87) help students formally don their lab coats for the first time



Luke Gittemeier (BSN '20) was cloaked by Ms. Lisa Archer ('87)



After pledging and cloaking, BSN class of '20 are welcomed into their clinical nursing education

Faculty Mentor Pamela Melvin and nursing students Samuel White and Emma Poisson received a 2017-2018 SHSE mini grant for the project titled *Effect of a simulation-enhanced IPE experience on interprofessional communication and attitudes toward collaboration: A pilot study to explore a novel intervention*. The funds were used to purchase a medication work station and shelving unit for the Nursing Simulation Center, to enhance safe medication administration practice. The work station and shelving is located beside the Pyxis[®] medication dispensing machine and provides a designated area for medication preparation. This area is designated as a “Medication Safety Zone” to encourage safe practice by highlighting the importance of limiting interruptions during medication administration. Pictured right, left to right: Samuel White ('19); Pamela Melvin; and Emma Poisson ('21).



Approximately 25 Missouri High School students visited the Nursing Simulation Center on June 21 as part of the Summer Talent Academy for the Professions of Health program to learn about the nursing profession. Pamela Melvin, Nursing Simulation Center Director, and the ABSN students facilitated learning about nursing in the following stations:

- Stations 1 & 2: “Ima Payne and Kiho have Pneumonia!” This scenario asked the students to participate in hands-on activities such as assessing vital signs, listening to heart and lung sounds, and interacting with a simulated patient (manikin);
- Station 3: “Herman Munster Takes a Go-Cart Ride”. In this scenario students were asked to identify potential patient safety issues/errors in Herman Munster’s hospital room;
- Station 4: “Perils of Poor Communication”. Students discussed the importance of effective communication to reduce patient care errors in this scenario.



Regional Professional Development Center

Northeast Regional Professional Development Center

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Calendar of Selected Upcoming Events

September 3, Monday: Labor Day Holiday, Truman Closed
September 13, Thursday: Undergraduate Council, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., SUB Alumni Room 2105
September 15, Saturday: Admission Office Saturday Visit
September 19, Wednesday: Graduate Council, 3:40 – 5:00 p.m., VH 2151
September 27, Thursday: Faculty Senate, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., SUB Alumni Room 2105
September 28, Friday: Admission Office Purple Friday Preview
October 6, Saturday: Admission Office Saturday Visit
October 9, Tuesday: First Block Classes End
October 10, Wednesday: Second Block Classes Begin
October 11, Thursday: Undergraduate Council, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., SUB Alumni Room 2105
October 13, Saturday: Board of Governors Meeting
October 13, Saturday: Homecoming
October 13, Saturday: Admission Office Saturday Visit
October 17, Wednesday: Graduate Council, 3:40 – 5:00 p.m., VH 2151
October 18 – 19, Thursday – Friday: Midterm Break, No Classes
October 25, Thursday: Faculty Senate, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., SUB Alumni Room 2105
November 3, Saturday: Admission Office Showcase Event
November 8, Thursday: Undergraduate Council, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., SUB Alumni Room 2105
November 10, Saturday: Admission Office Saturday Visit
November 14, Wednesday: Graduate Council, 3:40 – 5:00 p.m., VH 2151
November 15, Thursday: Faculty Senate, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., SUB Alumni Room 2105
November 19 – 23, Monday – Friday: Thanksgiving Break, No Classes
December 1, Saturday: Board of Governors Meeting
December 1, Saturday: Admission Office Saturday Visit
December 6, Thursday: Undergraduate Council, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., SUB Alumni Room 2105
December 7, Friday: Last Day of Fall Semester Classes
December 10, Monday: First Day of Finals
December 12, Wednesday: Reading Day
December 13, Thursday: Faculty Senate, 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., SUB Alumni Room 2105
December 14, Friday: Last Day of Finals
December 15, Saturday: Commencement, 11:00 a.m.
December 15, Saturday: Winter Interim Begins
January 16, Wednesday: Graduate Council, 3:40 – 5:00 p.m., VH 2151
January 12, Saturday: Winter Interim Ends
January 14, Monday: First Day of Spring Semester Classes
January 21, Monday: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday, Truman Closed
January 24, Thursday: Faculty Senate, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., SUB Alumni Room 2105
January 26, Saturday: Admission Office Saturday Visit
February 2, Saturday: Admission Office Showcase Event
February 9, Saturday: Board of Governors Meeting
February 14, Thursday: Undergraduate Council, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., SUB Alumni Room 2105
February 16, Saturday: Admission Office Saturday Visit
February 20, Wednesday: Graduate Council, 3:40 – 5:00 p.m., VH 2151
February 21, Thursday: Faculty Senate, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., SUB Alumni Room 2105
March 2, Saturday: Admission Office Saturday Visit
March 6, Wednesday: First Block Classes End
March 7, Thursday: Second Block Classes Begin
March 7, Thursday: Undergraduate Council, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., SUB Alumni Room 2105
March 11 – 15, Monday – Friday: Spring Break, No Classes
March 20, Wednesday: Graduate Council, 3:40 – 5:00 p.m., VH 2151

March 21, Thursday: Faculty Senate, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., SUB Alumni Room 2105
March 23, Saturday: Admission Office Saturday Visit
March 30, Saturday: Admission Office Showcase Event
April 6, Saturday: Admission Office Saturday Visit
April 11, Thursday: Undergraduate Council, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., SUB Alumni Room 2105
April 17, Wednesday: Graduate Council, 3:40 – 5:00 p.m., VH 2151
April 22, Monday: Term Break, No Classes (ends at 5:00 p.m.)
April 25, Thursday: Student Research Conference
April 25, Thursday: Faculty Senate, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., SUB Alumni Room 2105
April 27, Saturday: Admission Office Showcase Event
May 2, Thursday: Undergraduate Council, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., SUB Alumni Room 2105
May 3, Friday: Last Day of Spring Semester Classes
May 6, Monday: First Day of Finals
May 8, Wednesday: Reading Day
May 9, Thursday: (tentative) “Old” Faculty Senate, 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., SUB Alumni Room 2105
May 9, Thursday: (tentative) “New” Faculty Senate, 5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., SUB Alumni Room 2105
May 10, Friday: Last Day of Finals
May 11, Saturday: Commencement, 2:00 p.m.
May 11, Saturday: May Interim Begins
May 25, Saturday: May Interim Ends
May 27, Monday: Memorial Day Holiday, Truman Closed
May 28, Tuesday: First Five-Week and Ten-Week Classes Begin
June 3, Monday: Eight-Week Classes Begin
June 28, Friday: First Five-Week Classes End
July 1, Monday: Second Five-Week Classes Begin
July 4, Thursday: Independence Day Holiday, Truman Closed
July 26, Friday: Eight-Week Classes End
August 2, Friday: Second Five-Week and Ten-Week Classes End

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