College of Health Professions
2018 Annual Report
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About the College of Health Professions

Established in 1970, the College of Health Professions (CHP) offers 24 health profession programs at the baccalaureate, master and doctoral degree levels. The strong and diverse programs provide applied learning experiences for all students, as well as opportunities for interprofessional education and collaborative practice, both at Wichita State and in the surrounding health care community.

Located in the state’s health care capitol, WSU’s College of Health Professions is a primary supplier of a ready workforce in a number of healthcare disciplines. Our progressive, positive approach to healthcare change ensures that our graduates are prepared to meet the demands of the current healthcare environment.

VISION
Leading change in health care education.

MISSION
To improve the health of the community by engaging students, faculty, staff, and the larger community in the preparation of healthcare leaders, scholars, and professionals.

An innovative learning environment is created by embracing:
- Adaptive leadership
- Interprofessional education
- Scholarly engagement
- Community partnership

GUIDING PRINCIPLES
- Model and teach adaptive leadership to equip graduates with skills necessary to address the challenges in health care.
- Strive for excellence and continuous improvement in health care education, scholarly engagement and service to students, colleagues and the community.
- Exemplify stewardship and accountability for the resources provided by the citizens of the state of Kansas.
- Assure that all graduates are competent to provide evidence-based professional care within an interdisciplinary health care system.
- Promote and sustain a culturally diverse environment that respects the values and perspectives of individuals and professional disciplines.

ENGAGE LEAD EDUCATE

Message from the Dean

Greetings from the CHP at Wichita State University!

I am pleased to share our 2018 Annual Report with you. The summary of activities, events, and accomplishments highlighted in this report demonstrate how we are “Leading Change in Health Care Education”.

The year 2020 marks 50 years of CHP service as a primary supplier of a ready healthcare workforce to Kansas and beyond. We are excited about our accomplishments, but we also look forward to a future of continuing to make a difference in the health of the community.

As many of you know, our faculty and lecturers ensure quality and excellence in education while actively engaging in scholarly endeavors, clinical practice and service to the CHP, WSU, and the local and professional communities. Our staff and student workers ensure organized and efficient business operations, while students enrolled in our pre-professional and professional majors continued to excel in areas of academic excellence, applied/experiential learning, research/creativity activity, and service to the community.

I so appreciate the aWSUmness that is the CHP and WSU. I am continually grateful for the outstanding individual and community support that sustains our ability to end every year with “mission accomplished”. Thank you for all that you do for the CHP and WSU!

We always highlight Wichita State’s mission, vision, and strategic goals and emphasize our alignment with those goals in our Annual Report. In this year’s report, we also focus on university priorities and organize much of the content around:

- Workforce Development;
- Enrollment and Retention;
- Research, Evidence-Based Practice, Creative Activity; and
- Fundraising.

Please enjoy reading about how “WE” (the CHP and YOU) are “improving the health of the community by engaging students, faculty, staff, and the larger community in the preparation of healthcare leaders, scholars, and professionals”. AND, take some time to check out our new website at (wichita.edu/chp).
CHP Leadership Team (2018 Calendar Year)

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Dean, College of Health Professions

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Associate Dean, College of Health Professions (Associate Dean term concluded summer 2018)

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Assistant Dean, College of Health Professions

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Department Chair and Program Director, Dental Hygiene (DH)

LISA CLANCY
Business Manager, College of Health Professions

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Department Chair and Program Director, Medical Laboratory Sciences (MLS)

KIM DARDEN
Department Chair and Program Director, Physician Assistant (PA)

DEAN ELEDGE
Program Director, Advanced Education of General Dentistry (AEGD)

MANDY KONECHY
Director, Advising and Student Services

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VICTORIA MOSACK
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NICOLE ROGERS
Department Chair, Public Health Sciences (PHS)

JULIE SCHERZ
Department Chair, Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD)

M’LISA SHEDDEN
Department Chair and Program Director, Physical Therapy (PT)

MELISSIA WARD
Assistant to the Dean, College of Health Professions

AEGD: Welcome: Dr. Larry Evans

Advising: Farewell: Kylie Johnson and Jonathan Standridge
Welcome: Thad Henderson

CSD: Welcome: Cindy Richburg and Melissa Vagts

Dean’s Office: Farewell: Adrienne McAlpine
Welcome: Alex Bacon, Molly Brown, Julie Clinesmith and Whitney Cramer

MLS: Farewell: Lindsey Dobson
Welcome: Susie Jacques

Nursing: Farewell: Jackie Berryman, Wendy Dusenbury, Pat Devyer, Karen Hayes, Pam Martin, Victoria Mossack and Elaine Steink
Welcome: Pamela Goebel-Roberts, Jamie Harrington and Voncella McCleary-Jones

PA: Farewell: Debra Purdy and Ronda Wilgers
Welcome: Terri Cornelius and Jeff Quinn

PHS: Welcome: Steven Kelly

PT: Farewell: Annie Lessard and Mike Rogers
Welcome: Christina Ashbrook, Elizabeth Kimble, M’Lisa Shelden and Kelley Shetlar
The College of Health Professions offers 24 health professions programs at the baccalaureate, master’s and doctoral degree levels. All six professional clinical programs are nationally accredited through their respective accrediting bodies.

Points of Pride at a Glance

- We are preparing tomorrow’s healthcare leaders through applied learning, innovation and technology-rich facilities.
- Our students have access to the widest range of quality, accredited degree programs — some not found anywhere else in Kansas.
- We collaborate with industry partners to prepare clinicians, scholars and leaders to excel in a rapidly changing health care environment.
- WSU’s location in Kansas’ largest city means our students have unmatched opportunities through clinical rotations, interprofessional education and community outreach.
- We are preparing tomorrow’s healthcare leaders through applied learning, innovation and technology-rich facilities.
- The CHP continually adapts and evolves to sustain relevance and ensure our graduates are well-prepared to meet the demands of 21st Century health care. With continued alignment with WSU’s mission, vision, and strategic goals, we are focusing on WSU’s four major strategic initiatives: Enrollment and Retention, Workforce Development, Research/Creative Activity and Fundraising.
- Our patient-serving clinics are widely recognized for excellence, leadership and innovation; the Evelyn Hendren Cassat Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic, the Delta Dental of Kansas Foundation Dental Hygiene Clinic and the Delta Dental of Kansas Dental Clinic.
- Our various online programs open up many opportunities for students, offering flexible and convenient education options.
- Our acclaimed programs help students achieve high post-graduation employment rates and career advancement opportunities.

Enrollment at a Glance

**FALL 2018 ACADEMIC YEAR ENROLLMENT NUMBERS**

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**Total number of CHP students enrolled:** 2,219
The PA and PT departments were featured in the WSU Now campaign videos. #WSUNow visually embodies the spirit of WSU’s innovative approach to learning. By uniquely combining traditional and real-world experience with unmatched mentoring possibilities and resources, WSU creates an environment where every dreamer can build the college experience - and future - they want.

**In Focus**

The CHP was featured in the first episode of In Focus by Wichita State TV. Our students and faculty shared how applied learning experiences in our College are positively impacting education and lives.

**Medical Mission at Home**

Students, faculty and staff, along with other volunteers from Wichita State and community members, donated their time and services at the second annual Medical Mission at Home: A Day of Free Healthcare event. 230 people in the community with little or no health insurance received complimentary medical and dental services. The event is sponsored by Ascension Via Christi, WSU and other community partners.

**Ahlberg Hall Lobby Updates**

When students, faculty and staff returned from winter break they were treated to brand new tile, carpet and furniture in the second floor lobby in Ahlberg Hall. Soon after, brand new furniture was installed on the second floor lobby. The previous furniture was repurposed in other parts of the building to make student collaboration areas more comfortable.

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**WSU Tech Dental Assistant Program Moves to AEGD Facility**

WSU Tech’s Dental Assistant program has moved to the School of Oral Health building. Dental Assistant classes began in fall 2018 and students and faculty are enjoying the new facility immensely. The remodeled space features educational spaces that include a dental clinic with eight operatories, sterilization lab, three X-ray suites, locker room and modern classrooms and offices.

With the relocation of the Dental Assistant Program, students and dental residents are learning and working together in a collaborative environment.

**Sam & Rosemary Sherr Dean’s Excellence Award**

The CHP established a new scholarship opportunity for professional program students. The Sam and Rosemary Sherr Dean’s Excellence award will be available annually to one CHP student beginning fiscal year 2020. Each year all departments granting academic degrees in the CHP will be able to nominate one student for the Sherr Scholarship Award. The scholarship winner will be awarded $10,000. All other student nominees will also receive a scholarship award.

**Faculty Receive PCORI Engagement Award**

PHS faculty members Amy Chesser and Nikki Keene Woods were approved for a $250,000 funding award to support their research on health equity for women in Kansas. This innovative project will be among the first to document the use of a network that provides support for women in vulnerable populations.
**CHP NEWS**

**Giving Wu Week**
CHP participated in the WSU Foundation’s first annual Giving Wu Week and we nearly met our goal of raising $3,000. Every gift helped support our students and their wonderful initiatives that improve the health of our community and beyond. Great causes students benefitted from include annual CHP Week activities and the Ascension Via Christi Medical Mission at Home event helping health care workers avoid job burnout.

**Dean Bibb Featured in The Community Voice**
Dean Bibb was featured in the Women Making History section of The Community Voice. We are proud to have Dean Bibb as our leader!

**KAKE-‐TV Interview**
Faculty member Steve Arnold was featured on KAKE-‐TV providing tips on food safety. This was great information and education going into the holiday season.

**Spirit Week/Clash of the Colleges**
CHP Orange Crush spirit was in full force at Ahlberg Hall during CHP Spirit Week! We also had a blast at the annual Clash of the Colleges event. We didn’t win the trophy this year, but we had a lot of fun building community and showing our CHP spirit!

**WSU Service Learning Scholars**
Congratulations to Amy Chesser (PHS) and Michelle Wallace (PA) for being selected as 2018-19 WSU Service Learning Scholars. The Service Learning Faculty Scholars program is a new initiative designed to empower faculty to cultivate and support interest in service-learning through their classes and college.

**Faculty and Staff Service Awards**
Congratulations to CHP faculty and staff celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 years at WSU. Thank you for your dedication to our college and university!

**CHP Week/Allied Health Week**
CHP Week is an annual celebration of CHP students, faculty and staff. The week was full of exciting events, including a keynote speaker, Advising Open House, Interprofessional Education (IPE) Souper Bowl, First Generation Student Mixer, volunteering at the Kansas Food Bank and a Faculty/ staff mixer. The new faculty and staff lounge in Ahlberg Hall was also unveiled. This celebration is a wonderful opportunity for everyone in the CHP to spend time with their fellow colleagues and enjoy CHP Shocker spirit.

**Academic Resources Conference**
The CHP was glad to part of the new Academic Resource Conference, a training conference for new and veteran WSU instructional staff. The conference is a partnership between the Media Resources Center, Information Technology Services, University Libraries, WSU-‐Tech, and the Graduate School.

**CHP Week/Allied Health Week**
WSU announced the kickoff of a campaign, which proposed campus-‐wide improvements to facilities and buildings. The CHP portion of the campus improvement campaign focused on two major improvements: relocating the Dental Hygiene clinic to the School of Oral Health building and turning the previous clinic space into a new Student Success Center. As the campaign has ended CHP will remain committed to moving forward with the improvements through fundraising.

**Commencement Ceremonies**
Congratulations to our 2018 CHP graduates. We are very proud and can’t wait to see all the amazing things you will accomplish.

**Badge Courses**
The CHP offers a variety of health care badge courses designed for working professionals. Full scholarships are available for non-‐degree seeking students. Learn more about badges and how they can boost professional skills.

**CHP Dean’s Legacy**
We are proud of the CHP’s rich history. A special display is featured on the Ahlberg Hall second floor lobby featuring the history of the CHP and photos and biographies of past deans.
We continue to expand our focus on interprofessional education and growth of clinical affiliation sites with the addition of new staff positions in 2018. The Assistant Dean for Interprofessional Education and Collaborative Practice and Project Coordinator/Clinical Affiliation Site Coordinator are leading the growth of collaboration opportunities and expansion of clinical affiliation sites, in coordination with the CHP Leadership Team and IPE Advisory Committee. Our new Data Analyst is leading our increased focus on data-driven decisions, also in collaboration with our Leadership Team. These targeted efforts will allow us to enhance educational and applied learning opportunities for our students and fulfill our mission of “improving the health of the community by engaging students, faculty, staff, and the larger community in the preparation of healthcare leaders, scholars, and professionals.”

Here are just some of the workforce development activities and initiatives that took place in 2018.

**CHP Think Tank**

CHP hosted a Think Tank event that brought together faculty, educators and community partners to identify opportunities to enhance interprofessional education for our students. We appreciate our community partners from WSU Tech, University of Kansas (KU) School of Medicine, Wichita, Delta Dental of Kansas, Ascension Via Christi, Wesley Medical Center, USD 259 Wichita Public Schools and the Veterans Administration for their participation and valuable input. The day included speakers from the IPE committee and breakout sessions to discuss opportunities to incorporate IPE into applied learning experiences in the community.

**Clarion National Competition Second Place Winners**

Congratulations to our CHP and KU School of Medicine team who won second place at the highly prestigious CLARION Interprofessional National Competition at the University of Minnesota. The students worked hard to prepare their case and present a top-notch solution to battle the opioid epidemic in rural West Virginia. We are proud of their outstanding accomplishment. Kendall Halstrom (CSD), Mariah Kririel (KU School of Medicine), Kassidy Simmons (PT) and Chelsea Chilcott (CSD).

**CHP Career Fair**

CHP hosted the third annual Health Industry Career Fair. This event was the largest to date and an enormous success. More than 50 employers were able to connect with over 200 attendees. A big thank you to the employers, students, faculty, staff and WSU Career Development for making the Career Fair a great success.

**TeamSTEPPS**

CHP collaborated with KU School of Medicine and KU School of Pharmacy, Wichita to host a TeamSTEPPS interprofessional activity with over 280 student participants from a variety of disciplines. TeamSTEPPS is a healthcare professional teamwork training system designed to enhance and ensure patient safety and positive outcomes.

**Interprofessional Activity with Interpreter Students**

WSU Nursing and Interpreter students in the Advanced Spanish Grammar and Composition worked on their communication and interprofessional skills while providing care for a Spanish-speaking simulation mannequin. The interpreters translated the patient’s symptoms and requests for the nursing students and together they created a plan-of-care for the patient. The collaboration and interactions were wonderful learning experiences for everyone involved.

We are grateful for our clinical partners and their shared commitment to providing our students with the best education and experiences possible. The CHP has clinical affiliations in 45 out of 50 states.
ADVANCED EDUCATION IN GENERAL DENTISTRY (AEGD)

As a nationally accredited, one-year postdoctoral dental residency program, the only one in Kansas, AEGD provides advanced comprehensive clinical experience and training for up to seven new dentists each year. The program also operates the Delta Dental of Kansas Dental Clinic, offering comprehensive dental care to patients.

New Residents Begin Program

The AEGD program is proud to welcome six new residents in its 2018-19 class; John Helling, Taylor Loomis, Sasha Mohammadi and Jerominski, Lucas Kaufman, Matthew Jerominski, Lucas Kaufman and Matthew Jerominski. This year’s class includes one dentist from Kansas City, KS area. AEGD is proud to retain dentists to practice locally.

Alumni Practicing in Wichita

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Program Director Wins Dentist of the Year

Program Director Dr. Dean Elledge was presented with the prestigious Dentist of the Year Award by the Wichita District Dental Society. Dr. Elledge is a prominent colleague, mentor and teacher in the dental community. His specialties include implantology and prosthodontics, and he is the only licensed prosthodontist in the area.

Alumni Featured in Alumni Association Video

Dental Hygiene alumna Junetta Everett shares about her strong connections to Wichita State in a video called Shocked High Points from the Alumni Association.

Student Featured in Shocker Seven

Student Andreana Mancia was featured in Shocker Seven, a weekly series from WSU Student Affairs highlighting students and their reasons for choosing Wichita State.

Student Host Free Dental Screening

Senior dental hygiene students hosted a free dental screening for the community. The students were preparing for their dental licensing exam, and qualified patients are a necessity to help train students in order for them to receive their license and prepare for their careers. Qualified individuals received a free deep cleaning at the dental hygiene clinic. The free screening, department and clinic were featured on KSN News.

Dental Hygiene Clinic Paperless Records Transition

Through grant support of the University Research/ Creative Projects Award (URCA), the Dental Hygiene Clinic transitioned to paperless clinic records. The process incorporated creating multiple electronic records, purchasing signature pads and training sessions for students, clinic faculty and dentists. The project and training were well received and the next steps are to incorporate paperless student assessment in the clinic.

Degree Completion Program

The Degree Completion program has steadily increased enrollment with students across the country. We look forward to continued growth to meet the bachelor’s degree completion needs for hygienists nationwide.

Outstanding Community Leader Award

Congratulations to faculty member Denise Maseman for receiving the 2018 Outstanding Community Leader Award from Oral Health Kansas. Denise received the award during the annual Oral Health Kansas conference.

Advocacy Day at the Capitol

Dental hygiene seniors attended the Kansas Dental Hygienists Association’s Advocacy Day at the state capital. The students provided educational fact sheets related to Senate Bill 11 to the new members of the House and Senate as well as members of the Health Committee. The students also toured the capitol building and learned about the progress of dental therapists across the nation.

Faculty Appreciation Day

AEGD residents held the first Faculty Appreciation Day in November. Faculty members are required to maintain certain continuing education and lifesaving certifications to continue their licensure. Residents were able to present several CE courses to their faculty, and the roles were reversed for the faculty and residents. Everyone had a wonderful time during the day-long adventure.

Alumni Featured in Magazine

Residents and Dr. Elledge hosted a continuing education (CE) seminar with an expert video insight by Nobel Biocare. The seminar reviewed how to utilize and implement digital technology to maximize efficiency and predictability of dental implants. This event was a wonderful opportunity to learn and connect with industry partners.

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100% Pass Rate

Congratulations to the Class of 2018 for scoring 100% pass rate on the National Written and Regional Clinical Boards examinations.

Students in the Community

Students spent time throughout the year volunteering at local schools and senior centers educating people in our community about nutrition and the importance of oral hygiene.
As the second-largest nursing school in the state of Kansas, the school of nursing offers several undergraduate and graduate degrees to help meet the demand for all levels of nursing services. Our quality programs exceed national pass rates on the Registered Nurse national exam and Advanced Practice Registered Nurse professional certification exams.

**President’s Distinguished Service Award Winner**

Congratulations to Amy McClintock, recipient of the President’s Distinguished Service Award! Amy has worked at WSU for 18 years and 14 of those years in the CHS.

**Wichita Business Journal Nursing Roundtable**

Alicia Huckstadt participated in a Nursing Roundtable discussion with the Wichita Business Journal.

**Topics discussed included licensure, certification, advanced nursing practice, nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, changing health care needs, diversity in the workforce and the national opioid crisis. The discussion was transcribed and published in a special issue of the Wichita Business Journal.**

**Nursing Student Featured Speaker at Academic Convocation**

Senior nursing student Flor Maritza Mercado was chosen to share her story at this year’s Academic Convocation. She told her story of becoming a Dreamer and her experience with DACA. Flor was also featured in a WSU News story sharing her determination to succeed despite DACA uncertainty.

**Nursing Educator Named to Janice M. Riordan Distinguished Professorship**

Jolynn A. Dowling MSN, APRN, NNP-BC, IBCLC has been named to the Janice M. Riordan Distinguished Professorship in Maternal Child Health at Wichita State University. The professorship was established in 2007 to honor the work of Janice M. Riordan RN, EdD, FAAN, noted author, lecturer, researcher, consultant on breastfeeding and lactation management, and former professor in the School of Nursing at Wichita State. We gratefully acknowledge the primary donor, Michael L. Riordan, M.D.

**Baby Talk Classes**

Students in the accelerated nursing program educated new mothers at Baby Talk classes, a free community collaborative in Sedgwick County with the goal of educating pregnant women on how to have a healthy pregnancy. The students taught a variety of topics including healthiness during pregnancy, labor and delivery, feeding your baby, newborn and infant care and post-pregnancy health. The students enjoyed the opportunity and say the classes exposed them to different aspects of nursing and the importance of being involved in the community.

**Nursing Faculty Member Provides Hurricane Relief**

Richard Nold, Clinical Educator in the Accelerated Nursing Program, spent two weeks in North Carolina this fall providing medical assistance to victims of Hurricane Florence. Richard went on the trip as part of his military service in the Air National Guard. Richard was stationed in Swansboro and Wilmington, and stayed at schools that were turned into temporary shelters. He and the other volunteers provided patients with first aid treatment, medical evaluations and blood pressure checks. They also distributed medications, food and supplies.

**School of Nursing (SON)**

**Applied Learning Center Expansion**

2018 brought exciting changes to the Applied Learning Center. A wall was knocked down between two rooms, creating a much larger space for simulation and a doorway was added to allow students direct access to the simulation area. The extra space is now used for the Pyxis medication station and as a central supply location. Future upgrades include a new central supply area and medication station and installing a window with a workstation. These upgrades to the lab area are and will continue to be beneficial for our students and increase the quality of their applied learning experience.

**Additional updates from the SON**

- MSN Education program classes now available online
- Expansion of the Applied Learning Center
- President’s Distinguished Service Award Winner
- Wichita Business Journal Nursing Roundtable
- Nursing Student Featured Speaker at Academic Convocation
- Nursing Educator Named to Janice M. Riordan Distinguished Professorship
- Baby Talk Classes
- Nursing Faculty Member Provides Hurricane Relief

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**APRN CE Conference**

The School of Nursing hosted its fifth annual Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Conference, Innovated Thinkers—Creating New Pathways. This conference is sponsored annually by the School of Nursing and is the only conference in this area just for nurse practitioners and other advanced practice nurses. Over 140 attendees from Kansas and beyond received an inspiring keynote presentation by Dr. Ruth Kleinpell, Assistant Dean for Clinical Scholarship, Independence Foundation Chair for Nursing Education and Professor at Vanderbilt University School of Nursing, Nashville, TN and Professor at Rush University College of Nursing.

Visit wichita.edu/nursingnewsletters to see more activities happening in the School of Nursing.
Innovation Awards
CSD was well represented at the WSU Ventures Innovation Awards. Congratulations to student Amy Lightfoot and PhD graduate Holli Steiner on winning Bright Future Awards. CSD alum and Cohen Honors College Associate Dean Heidi Bell also received the Shocker Innovation Corps Breakout Award.

Alumni’s Prestigious Postdoctoral Fellowship
Alumni Mitchell Frye accepted a postdoctoral fellowship sponsored through the University of Texas at Dallas Callier Center for Communication Disorders and the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. This center is one of the major research institutions in audiology and hearing science in the United States and the world.

Earplugs Giveaway
Faculty and students handed out free earplugs with information about the SLH clinic at the National Fireworks Association’s trade show fireworks event. The goal was to raise awareness about dangerous noise exposure at loud events and promote hearing services offered at the clinic, including hearing protection devices for safe listening.

WSU Neurodiversity Awareness Week: Autism Spectrum Disorder
Faculty member Trisha Self and students hosted the first annual WSU Neurodiversity Awareness Week: Autism Spectrum Disorder. The week-long series of events were held to recognize and highlight National Autism Awareness Month in April. Activities included an opportunity fair, panel discussion, WSU Light it up Blue event with photo booths and the Human Puzzle Piece event where hundreds of people gathered to form a human puzzle piece. The week ended with the annual Heartspring Autism CARE Walk. The event was a big success and the department looks forward to continuing the tradition next year.

Audiologist of the Year
Congratulations to faculty member Lara DiLello, who was named Audiologist of the Year by the Kansas Speech-Language-Hearing Association. Thank you for all that you do to improve the health of our community.

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Student Featured in Shocker Street Speak
Kellie Deutsch, student and Wichita State University Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association President, shares her love of Wichita’s coffee offerings in Shocker Street Speak, a video series by WSU Admissions.

WSU Child Development Center Relationship
The SLH Clinic has built a relationship with the WSU Child Development Center (CDC). Clinical Educator Melissa Vagts, who specializes in providing services to children birth – five years old, began taking Speech-Language Pathology students to the CDC to provide services in the fall. The students and faculty provide speech and language screenings, assessments and intervention.

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MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCES (MLS)
MLS majors earn a Bachelor of Science in a traditional four-year program. Medical laboratory scientists play an important role in the health care system, providing diagnostic services to determine appropriate treatment options for patients. The MLS program prepares graduates to service all departments of a clinical laboratory. Students have full access to labs and facilities, working with their peers and gaining hands-on experience analyzing specimens. The program offers outstanding community support, experience during clinical rotation, above-national-average certification scores and flexible applicant entry points. Graduates may further their education to become specialists in Clinical Microbiology, Clinical Hematology, Clinical Chemistry or Blood Bank.

MLS Graduate Presents Alzheimer’s research at Harvard, Capitol Hill
Abdul-Manaan Giles Abdul competed two undergraduate research projects and was selected to present at six national research conferences. He presented his first project regarding aerobic exercise in early-stage Alzheimer’s disease at the Harvard University National Collegiate Research Conference and Undergraduate Research Day in Topeka. In the second study Abdul is investigating if blood could be used as a fluid to diagnose early-stage Alzheimer’s. Out of 400 national entries Abdul was selected to present this study in Washington, D.C. to members of congress on Capitol Hill and serve as an advocate for student research. He says completing these projects has been rewarding and greatly enriched his undergraduate education.

GRADUATE AND EMPLOYMENT NUMBERS
The MLS program graduated 31 students in 2018. Employment information is available on 29 of the 31 students:
- 24 in Kansas (8 in rural areas)
- 3 Missouri
- 1 North Carolina
- 1 Washington

KANSAS SOCIETY FOR CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE STUDENT AWARDS
Two MLS students received awards from the Kansas Society for Clinical Laboratory Science at the annual KSCLS conference; Dillon Jackson was the 2018 Outstanding Student Award recipient and Max Kaplan was the recipient of the Mary Conrad Scholarship. We are very proud of these outstanding students.

WINNING T-SHIRT DESIGN
Student Kassandra Zon won the t-shirt design contest for the national organization American Society for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (ASCLS). This winning design was featured on t-shirts sold at the national conference held in Chicago. The t-shirts were also sold on the ASCLS website as a student fundraiser.

STUDENT ORGANIZATION
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SHARED SPACES INTRODUCE STUDENTS TO COLLABORATION
The PA program was featured in a WSU News story about the benefits of sharing spaces with WSU Tech at WSU Old Town. Students and faculty collaborated with WSU Tech in several hand-on sessions throughout the year. In one session students learned how to navigate the operating room with WSU Tech’s surgical technician students. Another workshop focused on labor and delivery, complete with a birthing simulation using a mannequin and different props. The students used simulations to practice many scenarios throughout the year, with simulations created and managed by WSU Tech’s Healthcare Simulation Technology students. These valuable interprofessional opportunities and experiences are a huge benefit of the new shared learning environment.

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT (PA)
 Majors in this program earn a Master of Physician Assistant in two years (one year of coursework followed by one year of clinical rotations). The PA program at Wichita State is the only one of its kind in Kansas. Dedicated faculty, program affordability, strong community affiliations and location are key reasons the program has a 20:1 applicant ratio.

100% Pass Rate
For the third consecutive year, the Physician Assistant Program had a 100% pass rate on the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) Physician Assistant National Certifying Exam (PANCE).

ACADEMY OF EFFECTIVE TEACHING
Congratulations to Pat Bunton on her induction into WSU’s Academy of Effective Teaching. Members of the Academy assist and mentor at orientation programs for new faculty, teaching professionals and graduate teaching assistants. The members of the Academy for Effective Teaching are honored retired emeritus faculty from all colleges on campus.

National Alpha Eta Exceptional Student Professional Service Award
Congratulations to graduate Janelle Kyllo for receiving the 2018 National Alpha Eta Exceptional Student Professional Service Award. Award recipients demonstrate exceptional service within and beyond their program of study and beyond the confines of their institution, in addition to demonstrating leadership in professional societies. Janelle graduated in 2018 and works in the Emergency Department in Detroit Lakes, MN.

Alumni Featured in Kearny County Hospital Article
Alumni Erin Keeley was featured in an article about the revitalization of the Kearny County Hospital in Lakin, Kansas. The hospital and clinic has been a valued clinical rotation site for the PA program for many years. Many other WSU PA alumni are also part of the Kearny County Hospital team.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS
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PHYSICAL THERAPY (PT)

Majors in this program earn a Doctor of Physical Therapy in three years (two years of coursework followed by one year of clinical rotations). Students gain knowledge through clinical learning experiences using advanced equipment and the latest technologies. These experiences enhance learning outcomes necessary to produce students who are fully trained to diagnose, restore and prevent various physical injuries, conditions and dysfunctions.

PT STUDENTS HELP CHANGE LIVES THROUGH GoBabyGo!

PT students worked hard again this year to help build custom vehicles for children with disabilities through the GoBabyGo! Program. This project is a great applied learning and multidisciplinary experience for the students, as they are able to work closely with WSU Engineering students and many other community partners. We are proud of the work our students do to support this important and heartwarming cause.

FACULTY MEMBER WINS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

Professor Rob Manske was awarded the prestigious Sports Physical Therapy Section Ron Peyton award. This award acknowledges and honors a member of the Sports Physical Therapy Section who has made a distinguished contribution to the specialty of Sports Physical Therapy.

STUDENT AND FACULTY CREATE RESOURCE CENTER AT VIA CHRISTI

Third year PT student Josh Glaser and faculty member Christina Ashbrook developed a small resource center for the inpatient rehab unit with Via Christi’s St. Teresa campus. The project consisted of applying for a grant to supply the unit with a bookshelf and books, which serve as educational and spiritual support for patients as they recover. Josh researched appropriate books for the center, with many focusing on common diagnoses in the rehab unit. Plans are already underway to expand the resource center and the learning/support services for patients outside of treatment time. We are proud of Josh and Christina’s work creating this service that will continue to impact lives for many years to come.

NEW MASTER’S PROGRAM

In fall 2018 PHS introduced a new program: Masters in Health Administration. The online program prepares students in areas of management, health care finance, human resource administration, strategic planning, law and ethics, health economics, and health information systems. Graduates of the program will be equipped with the knowledge, skills, and qualities that health care organization employers deem important to serve in an administrative capacity.

AGING STUDIES PROGRAM RANKED

The Aging Studies program was ranked #4 for an affordable online Master’s degree in Gerontology on GreatValueColleges.net. The ranking was created based on tuition value, student to faculty ratio, national recognition for educational excellence and discounted tuition for online students.

FAIRMOUNT NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC

PHS hosted a picnic and fun afternoon in Fairmount Park for members in the Fairmount neighborhood. The students provided snacks, activities for the kids, two garden planters, hosted a neighborhood cleanup, and donated leftovers to the Wichita Children’s Home. These students are a great example of building community.

SENIOR CAPSTONE STUDENTS

Faculty members worked with senior capstone students on various projects through the year.

• Celebrated National Public Health Week (NPHW) by collaborating with Bike Walk Wichita and Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization to plan and launch Bike Walk counts on the WSU campus. The purpose was to better understand safety and transportation by collecting data on campus use to create a more accessible and connected campus community. Sites established by students are now part of the annual, ongoing Bike Walk count event.

• Promoted National Public Health Week through a social media campaign by posting red This Is Public Health stickers around campus with facts about biking and walking. The purpose was to create awareness about the impact of biking and walking on overall health. Shockers joined the fun by posting selfies to Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Snapchat using the hashtags #WSUnow and #ThisIsPublicHealthWSU.

• Engaged in an interdisciplinary Homeless Veteran Simulation

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• Collaborated with the WSU Career Development Center to beta test a mentoring program for the WSU community. The purpose was to evaluate the usefulness and level of engagement offered by a newly-established system for connecting WSU students with alumni mentors and to develop targeted marketing materials for future promotion.

They also volunteered their time and services throughout the year working with many organizations and local non-profits in the community.

PUBLIC HEALTH SCIENCES (PHS)

The Department of Public Health Sciences offers programs in Health Science, Health Services Management and Community Development, Aging Studies and Public Health. PHS students and faculty engage the community in efforts to better improve areas related to maternal health, health literacy, fall prevention, public health workforce and more.

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The CHP Advisors have transitioned seamlessly to a program called Navigate (formerly Student Success Collaborative). Navigate is an online portal which provides easy access to student records, scheduling, and student outreach. During the fall semester, Navigate was used to successfully schedule 318 Academic Advising appointments via an email campaign over a seven week time period. Members of the Advising Center staff have also assisted other Advising Centers on campus become more acclimated with the portal by offering trainings and being available for consultation. At the start of the spring 2019 semester the Advising Center will fully convert to scheduling all advising appointments using Navigate and multiple campaigns are planned for first-year students, undecided majors, and students placed on academic probation.

The Advising Center was involved with the following recruitment activities:

- Campus visit program
- Distinguished Scholarship Invitational (DSI)
- Community College Day
- Community College Dual Advising
- Major Exploration Day
- Recruitment road shows, advisor lunches and transfer fairs
- WSU Black and Yellow Days
- W-S-You

The Advising Center was involved with the following retention activities:

- CHP Living Learning Community
- CHP Week
- Clash of the Colleges
- College Advising Open Houses
- Future Health Care Professionals student organization advising
- Major Meet Up
- New student orientation
- Navigate (formerly Student Success Collaborative) outbound campaigns for probation and undecided students

Online Students Travel to WSU for Commencement
Several online program graduates traveled from various places across the U.S. to attend spring commencement at WSU. Emily Falls, graduate of the dental hygiene bachelor’s degree completion program, traveled from Riverside, California. Terri Kern, graduate of the aging studies program, traveled from St. Louis, Missouri. Jennie Griggs, graduate of the aging studies program, traveled from Raleigh, North Carolina. We were very happy to welcome them to campus and hope they had a great time in Wichita.

College Honors Student Awards
We are Shocker Proud of our first annual CHP College Senior Awards recipients Abigail Schaeffer, Nursing (Highest GPA) and Danni Chilcott, Dental Hygiene (Service and Leadership). These students consistently go above and beyond and we applaud their hard work.
The AEGD dental residents took over the CHP Twitter and WSU Snapchat channels twice. First they traveled with dental hygiene and nursing students to the annual Kansas Mission of Mercy event to provide free dental care to patients in need. Then they took us along on their adventure while they attended the Midwest Dental Meeting in Chicago.

CSD students took over the WSU Snapchat account during Neurodiversity Awareness Week: Autism Spectrum Disorder. The students set up #WSULightItUpBlue photo booths and information tables around campus to spread awareness.

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Taylor Mitchell

Taylor Mitchell is a senior majoring in Health Management and Community Management and minoring in Public Health Sciences. She has been very active during her time at WSU and her commitment to learning and stepping into leadership roles demonstrates her desire to consistently go above requirements and expectations. Taylor started her education in pre-dental hygiene and then she worked for a short time in the emergency department of a hospital. Through those experiences she discovered that patient care was not the right path for her. When she took Statistics and Microbiology classes she thought that it would be great to have a career that combined those things. Then she took Microbiology classes she thought that patient care was not the right path for a short time in the emergency dental hygiene and then she worked into leadership roles demonstrates her desire to consistently go above requirements and expectations.

Taylor says the most important skills for a PHS student and professional to possess is open-mindedness and being ready to serve.

"Public health is about working with a variety of people with very diverse values, beliefs and behaviors, and being culturally competent is essential to be able to connect with people." Taylor will be graduating from WSU in May 2019 with honors. After graduation she will begin the Master of Public Health program at Kansas University, emphasizing in epidemiology. After she completes her master’s degree she looks forward to continuing her work in public health and doing whatever she can to make a difference. She is excited to see what the future holds for her.

In her free time Taylor enjoys cooking because it is a fun and productive activity. She is currently exercising her green thumb by growing basil and mint. She also loves reading, especially books that center around epidemiology history. One of her goals for the future is to travel as much as she can; her dream is to drink sangria on a beach in Spain.

Her advice to future students is to do what you are passionate about.

"You can teach someone a skill but not to be passionate," she says. "You’ll be the best at what you’re doing if you care about what you’re doing."
Keene Woods, N. (February 2018). Teaching your Grandchildren about the Environment. Oral presentation at Wichita WATER (Wichita Area Treatment, Education & Remedia
dation) Center, Wichita, KS.


Lehman, K., Huckstuck, A., Bett, C. (April 2018). Multidisciplinary Fall Prevention Program for Community Dwelling Older Adults. Graduate Research and Scholarly Projects (GRASP), Wichita State University; Wichita, KS.


Loader, M., Rodgers, J. (November 2018). Utilizing communication strategies to engage frontline advanced practice providers. [Podium presentation]. Center for Advanced Provider Practice National Meeting; Plano, TX.

Long, S., Smith-Campbell, B., Moody, L. (2018). Developing a Patient Readiness Program for Community Dwelling Older Adults. Graduate Research and Scholarly Projects (GRASP), Wichita State University; Wichita, KS.


Manske, R. (2018). Examination and Treatment of the Knee and Shoulder. Rehab Champions; Shreveport, LA.

Manske, R. (2018). Examination and Treatment of the Knee and Shoulder. Rehab Champions; Oklahoma City, OK.

Marble-Flint, K. (2018). Dreaming of improved literacy skills for 1st and 2nd graders participating in a summer literacy camp. Rite Care Conference.


Mayers, J. (April 2018). Meet the CPNPs: Presentation review the Cystathione P450 enzymes including genetic variants, drug responses, and drug interactions. Presented at American Society of Consultant Pharmacists- Chapter Spring Senior Summit; Wichita, KS.

McCleary-Jones, V. (December 2018). The Nursing Profession: An Ever-present Light. [Invited Keynote Speaker]. Presentation at the Nursing Pining and Recognition Ceremony. WSU Tech; Wichita, KS.


Norton, M., Green, J., Rogers, N., Chesser, A. (July 2018). Assessment of Student Attitudes and Knowledge about Older Adults. McNair Scholarship Symposium; Wichita, KS.


Robinson, D., Elders, B., Faragher, M. (April 2018). College Students’ Attitudes about Social Media and its impact on Childhood Vaccinations. [Poster presentation]. Evidence Based Practice conference; Wichita, KS.


Shelden, M. L. (2018). Evidence-Based Practice in Early Intervention. Kansas State Department of Education Early Childhood Intervention Program; Kansas City, KS.

Shelden, M. L. (2018). Evidence-Based Practice in Early Intervention. Calvert County Early Intervention Program; Prince Frederick, MD (with Dathan Rush).


Funding: $7,500. Research Project Award (MURPA). Symptomology in Older Adults.

Wichita State University, College of Health Professions, Institute on Aging Studies. Funding: $1,200. Delta Dental of Kansas Foundation.

Chesser, A., Delacruz, N. (April 2018). Lessons Learned from a Medical Mission @ Home. 2018 Wichita State University Service-Learning Showcase. Wichita, KS.

Vargas, I., Chesser, A., Dusenbury W. (September 1, 2018). Assessing Health Literacy and Stroke Symptomatology in Older Adults. Heartland Conference; Kansas City, MO.


Vargas, I., Chesser, A., Dusenbury W. (April 2018). Assessing Health Literacy and Stroke Symptomatology in Older Adults. Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity (URCAF). Wichita, KS.

GRANTS/FUNDING

CONTINUING GRANTS/FUNDING

Chesser A., Rogers N. (2017-2018). Assessing Health Literacy and Falls for Older Adults. Wichita State University, Institute on Aging Studies. Funding: $15,000.


NEW GRANTS/FUNDING


Bukonda, N.B.K. (With Lea Bulela, Inc.). (2018). Grant for Organizing and Hosting the 25th Annual Conference of Lea Bulela, Inc. (June 29-July 1, 2018) at Wichita State University. Reverences Ministries Christian Church, Wichita, KS. Funding: $2,500.

Chesser, A., Green, J.C., Rogers, N.L. (2018). College-wide health fair at Senior Services of Wichita. Wichita State University, College of Health Professions IPE Funding. Funding: $500.


Kalomo, E.N., Bukonda, N.B.K. (2018). The Role of Resilience among Older Adults Caring for People Living with HIV and AIDS in Rural Namibia. Wichita State University Regional Institute on Aging. Funding: $16,000.


Nicolisk, S. (2018). Grant from the Riverside Foundation to send students to the annual KSCLS meeting in Overland Park, Kansas in April, 2018. KSCLS is the professional state organization for medical laboratory scientists. Funding: $500.


Faculty/Staff Awards

Riverside Health Foundation Development Fund Awards

Sarah Nickel, Medical Laboratory Sciences
Kansas: Society for Clinical Laboratory Science Leadership Meeting. For MLS students to attend educational seminars and leadership activities. $500

Sarah Taylor, Public Health Sciences
Positive Aging Day: Protect our Health, Wealth and Self. Sponsorship for the 7th annual Positive Aging Day. $500

Natalie Delacruz, Dental Hygiene
Technology Adoption in a Dental Hygiene Clinical Environment. Promote leadership and educational research pursuits. $500

Trisha Self, Communication Sciences and Disorders
Film Screening on Autism, Inclusion and Neurodiversity. To raise awareness for individuals impacted by autism in our community. $500

Debra Pile, School of Nursing
Health Promotion and Screening in Select Populations: Vision and Hearing Screenings; Flu Immunization Clinics; Health Promotion to elementary schools. $500

Rodenberg Faculty Teaching Excellence Award
Gina Brown
Physician Assistant

CHP Outstanding Staff Support Award
Debra Purdy
Physician Assistant

Hodson Outstanding Research Faculty Award: Excellence in Research Award
Suzanne Hawley
Public Health Sciences

CHP Optimization Award
Jennifer Celso
Physical Therapy

CHP Optimization Awards
Debra Pile, School of Nursing
Brandon Whiteside,
Office of Technology Services
Jim Tedrow is an alumni of the Medical Laboratory Sciences (formerly Medical Technology) program at WSU. He is the president and owner of Compliance Resource Group, a full service employment screening provider in Oklahoma City.

Jim grew up in Medicine Lodge, Kansas. His first year of college he attended Garden City Community College, where he played football. After his freshman year he realized the NFL wasn’t in his future and he needed to find a different career path. At the time he had a job as a phlebotomist at the Medicine Lodge Memorial Hospital. The lab manager took Jim under his wing and showed him how the lab worked. Since it was a small hospital he got a lot of hands-on experience and a close look at what a Medical Technician does. He enjoyed the work and it seemed to suit his mind and personality.

After a brief period at K-State, he transferred to WSU and joined the Medical Technology program. He says the program was great and the environment was conducive for him to focus on his goals. It also gave him an opportunity to work at the Hillsboro Community Hospital, which was an invaluable experience that gave him exposure to his degree to see what the real world was like. He knew he wouldn’t get rich doing it, but he enjoyed the work and thought it would make him happy. He graduated with his bachelor’s in medical technology, and completed some classes toward a master’s in health care administration.

After graduation Jim worked as a Clinical Lab Generalist in Wichita for six years. Then he got some management experience as the Lab Director for a clinic in Stillwater, OK. The clinic was a collection site for samples that were sent elsewhere for drug and alcohol testing. He began getting calls from employers looking for full-service drug screening that could get results quicker. He saw a need in the market and got the idea to start his own business. In 1999 he quit his job, borrowed money and invested in a mobile testing unit. He traveled to workplaces and performed drug tests on the spot for employers and eventually moved his operation to Tulsa. Ultimately he realized the limitations of his setup and began to branch out into program administration, facilitating and reviewing lab results for employers.

With the new business concept he saw an opportunity to capture a market share void in Oklahoma City and relocated, bringing his brother on board as Operations Manager. He opened a traditional walk-in lab and made the full transition from a mobile unit to an in-house focus. Compliance Resource Group has evolved and grown over 20 years into a full-service employment screening company that does in-house drug testing, background checks, physical exams and program administration for more than 800 companies. Lab Technicians are able to get clients in and out quickly and process 300-400 drug and alcohol tests a day, which separates them from the competition. The company employs 22 people and will celebrate their 20th anniversary in July 2019.

Jim did not have much contact with WSU until 2013 when he connected with the WSU Foundation and sparked his interest in becoming involved. Jim speaks to the students in the MLS program and says his visits are always very enjoyable. He says students like to hear his story because it shows the MLS degree is dynamic and there are other ways to use it outside of lab work. He tells students to be open-minded about opportunities after graduation. Jim says he had no business acumen when he started and credits his success to common sense and hard work.

Compliance Resource Group also sponsors an annual scholarship for one MLS student at WSU. He particularly enjoys reading the students’ scholarship essays about their ideas on how to use their degree non-traditionally and thinks there is value to thinking outside the box.

Jim spends most of his free time with his wife and five kids, ages 4-12. They are very involved in their church and faith. He loves watching sports and is an Oklahoma City Thunder fan. He also enjoys golfing when time allows.

Jim says owning his own business has been a big part of his life, and the biggest benefit is the ability to control his time and be present for his family. He says he is lucky to have a wonderful, trustworthy staff to run the day-to-day business.

Jim appreciates his time at WSU and says the time and money was absolutely well spent. He sees the value in his degree and the effect it’s had on his life.

“This has been an incredible journey. It wasn’t what I had in mind when getting my Medical Technology degree, but it allowed me to fulfill a Lab Director position that led to starting my own business,” he says. “I wouldn’t be where I am today without WSU.”
Donor support for Scholarship provided through the WSU Foundation. Numbers represent fiscal year 2018

**SAM & ROSEMARY SHERR DEAN’S EXCELLENCE AWARD**

The Sam & Rosemary Sherr Dean’s Excellence Award Scholarship/Fellowship is available annually to one student admitted and enrolled in a CHP professional program. The scholarship winner will be awarded $10,000. All other student nominees will also receive a scholarship award.

Sam and Rosemary Sherr were owners of M-S News, a wholesale distributor of periodicals in Wichita. Although Wichita was not their hometown, they regarded it as such due to their successful business. Rosemary graduated from the Wichita University College of Education in 1933. Both believers in education, they wanted to make a difference in the lives of others. In 1996, the Sam & Rosemary Sherr Memorial Scholarship Fund in the College of Health Professions was established. Their generosity continues to make a difference in the lives of students in pursuit of a degree in health care.

**SCHOLARSHIPS BY THE NUMBERS**

Scholarships funded through WSU Foundation.

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Total amount of Donors Fiscal Year 2018: 633
Phyllis and Lou Jacobs are the sponsors of the Jacobs Scholar program in the School of Nursing at WSU. The Jacobs’ established the annual scholarship for nursing students who pursue a Doctorate of Nursing. They hope the scholarship will help support nurses who wish to deliver high-quality mental health care to patients.

Phyllis was an assistant professor in the WSU School of Nursing for 23 years and Director of the Undergraduate Nursing Program for 11 years before retiring in 2013. She was instrumental in helping WSU launch its Doctorate of Nursing program and her work helped improve mental health care through nursing education programs. She is most proud of the development of accelerated nursing program, early admission option and at-risk program for students who need extra help.

Phyllis was inspired to start the Jacobs Scholar Program after hearing President Bardo talk about his vision for WSU. She felt like she and Lou could really make a difference by helping more nurses further their education and develop leadership skills. She says the WSU Foundation has been wonderful to work with ironing out all the details and selecting the scholarship winners.

Before coming to WSU, Phyllis worked as a head nurse mental health treatment center and made the transition to education. She taught at Missouri Baptist University, St. Louis University and Millikin University. She earned her BSN from the University of Wisconsin – Madison and her graduate degree in psychiatric mental health nursing with a minor in education from Washington University in St. Louis.

Her favorite part of teaching was the clinical time with students. She guided students as they worked at psychiatric units and mental health facilities and helped them process their experiences and understand mental illness. The most gratifying part was when students who were initially frightened of mental health issues left the course with a greater understanding and desire to pursue the area of mental health.

“Only four percent of nurses go into mental health nursing, and the need is much greater,” she says.

Phyllis says there is much more evidence-based practice in the field of nursing now, which encourages more independent, critical thinking and enables nurses to make good clinical judgements. She often tells students what a great field nursing is because there are so many opportunities.

Phyllis is a member of Sigma Theta Tau, Phi Kappa Phi and received the service faculty award at WSU. She is also active professionally reviewing articles for nursing journals and consulting for a national nursing testing company. Phyllis has been honored with a brick in the Plaza of Heroines on the WSU campus.

Lou is also a Chicago native. He graduated with a BS in chemical engineering from the University of Wisconsin and earned his master’s degree in chemical engineering from the University of St. Louis. He worked for Monsanto and A.E. Staley Company before starting with Koch Industries in 1989, prompting the Jacobs’ move to Wichita. He worked at Koch for 16 years in many different areas before retiring in 2006. He then worked with MKEC Engineering as a consultant until 2013.

Phyllis and Lou are both very passionate about mental health awareness. They led a brain tumor support group through Victory in the Valley in Wichita for 17 years. They are also active in grief counseling by leading groups and one-on-one meetings to support those who are grieving. Phyllis performs volunteer work with the National Alliance on Mental Illness and travels to high schools and middle schools to speak about mental health issues and what students can do to help others who are struggling. They continue to take advantage of opportunities to use their expertise to help people in their time of need.
The College of Health Professions continues to elevate its presence in our community and surrounding region. As the dedicated Director of Development for the college, I am excited to continue the work my predecessors began.

With more than a decade of development experience in higher education, I recognize the importance of our friends and supporters, and the enduring impact you make on our students and faculty.

As we prepare for a future where innovation and creativity are paramount, your continued support will help Wichita State develop the next generation of health care workers.

I proudly label myself a Shocker by affiliation. My wife is a WSU graduate, and we have two wonderful daughters who we hope will someday wear the black and yellow, too.

I look forward to getting to know you, and to hear your story of how WSU played a part in your life.

If you would like to learn more about giving opportunities or how you can play a role in the growth and success of CHP, please reach out to me at 316-978-6842 or magnus.assarsson@wichita.edu.

With Shocker pride,

Magnus Assarsson
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