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About the College of Health Professions

Established in 1970, the College of Health Professions (CHP) offers 23 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

BY THE NUMBERS

2,000+
UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE CHP

1,100
CLINICAL AFFILIATION AGREEMENTS WITH HEALTH CARE ENTITIES IN KANSAS AND BEYOND

543
STUDENTS GRADUATED IN 2017

200+
FACULTY, EDUCATORS, INSTRUCTORS, ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF, LECTURERS, SEASONAL/TEMPORARY AND STUDENT WORKERS COMPRIS THE CHP WORKFORCE
Greetings from the CHP at Wichita State University!

Welcome to our 2017 Annual Report and summary of activities, events, and accomplishments of our faculty, staff, students, alums, donors and community partners. What an aWSUm 2017 for the CHP as we continue to Lead Change in Healthcare Education. In this issue of our Annual Report, you will enjoy reading about our increased engagement with our community and collaborative partners, and our efforts to connect CHP faculty, staff, and students with our rich college heritage and the legacy of CHP Deans.

We continue to be so very grateful for the support of our community and collaborative partners. And, we continue to celebrate the excellence of our CHP community of committed, talented, service oriented faculty, staff, and students!

Enjoy this issue of our report! We are thrilled to share our 2017 stories, celebrations, and landmarks with you. Once again, you will understand why the CHP is recognized for excellence in its health professions programs, its applied learning and community engagement activities, its strong community and healthcare industry partnerships; and as a primary supplier of a ready workforce in a variety of health care disciplines.

Thank you for joining us in our reflection of 2017!
CHP Leadership Team (2017–2018 Academic Year)

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Dean and Professor, College of Health Professions

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Department Chair and Associate Professor, Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD)

MELISSIA WARD
Assistant to the Dean, College of Health Professions
CHP Department Listing

**Dean's Office:**
Welcome: Brandon Whiteside

**AEGD**
Farewell: Natalie Olmsted
Welcome: Amanda Conner, Abby Black, Dr. Levi Hanson and Dr. Andre Thibault

**Advising**
Farewell: Kathleen Kramer and Jessica Raburn
Welcome: Jonathan Standridge and Julie Holmes

**CSD**
Farewell: Kathy Strattman and Mary Beasley
Welcome: Karissa Marble-Flint, Katie Elkins and Stacy Poelma

**Communication Sciences and Disorders**

**Dental Hygiene**

**Medical Laboratory Sciences**

**Nursing**
Farewell: Mary Koehn and Abby Elliott
Welcome: Rebecca Carter, Maggie Leighton, Laura Prahm and Angie Storrer

**PA**
Farewell: Emily Mirakian
Welcome: Ronda Hanneman

**PHS**
Welcome: Sonja Armbruster

**PT**
Farewell: Cam Wilson

**The Foundation:**
Farewell: De'Ron Scott
Welcome: Drew Johnson
Enrollment at a Glance

2016–2017 ACADEMIC YEAR ENROLLMENT NUMBERS

Total number of CHP students enrolled in 2017:

2,077

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

- Nursing
- Public Health Sciences
- Dental Hygiene
- Communication Sciences and Disorders
- Physical Therapy
- Physician Assistant
- Medical Laboratory Sciences
- Undecided and Non-degree
- Advanced Education in General Dentistry
The College of Health Professions offers 23 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**

- **Our College is a primary supplier of health care professionals to the regional workforce, impacting the delivery of quality health care in Wichita, Kansas and beyond.**

- **We have entered a close affiliation with Wichita Area Technical College (WSU-Tech effective 1 July 2018), opening up many opportunities for interprofessional education, collaboration and practice partnerships.**

- **The Physician Assistant and Physical Therapy programs have moved to the new WSU Old Town facility, sharing space with WSU-Tech’s health professions programs.**

- **Our patient-serving clinics provide students with hands-on experience while offering affordable health care services to the community; 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.**

- **CHP’s programs and people span across three locations, yet work as a connected, unified community.**

- **Our college has over 1,100 clinical affiliations in 45 out of 50 states.**

- **CHP students logged the highest ratio of hours per student through VolunteerICT, Wichita State Community Service Board’s volunteer partnership program with the United Way of the Plains.**

- **Our college is an annual sponsor of Health Care Heroes, an event that recognizes outstanding companies, individuals and organizations for their contributions to improving health care in Wichita and the surrounding area.**

- **We are leading change in health care education through interprofessional education, collaborative practice and innovative applied learning experiences.**
CHP NEWS

Medical Mission at Home event
Wichita State University, Via Christi Health, the City of Wichita and several community organizations partnered for a day of free health care at the Medical Mission at Home event in Fairmount Park. Over 200 community members with little or no health insurance coverage received free care, including behavioral health services; foot care; medical care and testing; dental, vision and hearing screenings; pharmaceutical prescriptions; and education about community services and resources. Patients were also provided with connections to follow-up care. Students, faculty and staff from all areas of the university volunteered their time and services at the event. The event provided a fantastic applied learning experience for CHP students while also giving them an opportunity to serve our community.

PA and PT Departments Move to WSU Old Town
The PA and PT programs have joined WSU-Tech health professions programs in the newest WSU Old Town building. The new facility occupies the former Airbus Engineering building following its move to WSU’s Innovation Campus. The building was completely remodeled and a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held Aug. 31. The state-of-the-art facility features large classrooms, modern work spaces, a simulation hospital with a general emergency room, labor and delivery and exam rooms, a surgical lab with cutting-edge simulators, a SynDaver (synthetic human) lab and a student lounge area.
CHP Promotional Video

We are pleased to present a special promotional video created for the CHP. This video serves as a way to provide our potential students and industry partners an up close and personal look at the outstanding programs and opportunities our college has to offer. Please enjoy and celebrate this two-minute glimpse into how we are Leading Change in Health Care Education!

Clash of the Colleges

Students, faculty and staff came together to showcase our aWSUm CHP spirit during the annual Clash of the Colleges event! Departments got in the spirit by decorating their doors in fun competition and participating in the pep rally before the big event. This year CHP dominated the competition and went home as the new Clash of the Colleges champions! We had a blast and look forward to defending our title next year!

Cadaver Lab Provides Students With Hands-On Experience

CHP has one of only two anatomy labs in the Wichita area that uses cadavers. The lab gives students vital hands-on experience working with actual human organs and structures. The cadavers, referred to as “donors” by lab staff, come from the University of Kansas School of Medicine’s Willed of Body program. The donors are anonymous and vary in age, gender and cause of death. WSU receives 12 cadavers each year.
First Legend Senior Living fellowships Awarded

Three CHP students were awarded the first fellowships through the new Legend Fellows Program with Legend Senior Living: Whitney Lindeman, Master of Arts in Aging Studies with concentration in social sciences; Logan Vincent, Master of Arts in Aging Studies with concentrations in public health and administration; and Ashley Schalk, Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) with specialization in adult gerontology. The students are working to improve the lives of the aging population through preventing falls, reducing hospital admissions and helping health care workers avoid job burnout.

CHP professors contribute to new book

Four CHP professors - Ray Hull, Julie Scherz, LaDonna Hale and Tony DiLollo - have contributed to a new book, “Communication Disorders in Aging.” To-date this is the only published book that covers the important topic of older adult communication disorders. It also focuses on aspects of aging that have an impact on caring services and strategies.

Health Professions Career Fair

CHP and Career Development hosted a very successful Health Industry Career Fair for WSU students and our industry partners. The event was well-attended and served as a great opportunity for students to network with representatives and recruiters about their organization and the opportunities available. The surveys received from students and employers indicated high overall satisfaction and many positive comments about the event.

Joint College of Health Professions/College of Education Spring 2017 Commencement.

Commencement speaker James Chung, president of Reach Advisors; pictured with Dean Sandra Bibb and Dean Shirley Lefever.

Dean Bibb Featured in Wichita Eagle Article

Dean Bibb was featured in a Wichita Eagle article weighing in on the U.S. News and World Report’s top 100 jobs list. About half of the jobs for 2017 are related to health care, and the CHP offers 10 programs that correspond with the health care jobs on the list.

CHP/WSU-Tech Health Summit

Leaders from the CHP and WSU-Tech held their first Health Care Summit in September. At the meeting attendees explored ideas and opportunities for interprofessional education, collaboration and partnerships to benefit our future health care professionals.

Universal Design

The CHP hosted a Universal Design of Instruction workshop for faculty, educators and staff at Wichita State. Our college hosted three Universal Design of Instruction (UDI) workshops for various WSU entities. Universal Design of Instruction ensure that course instruction and materials are designed for all students, including those with a range of abilities and disabilities. A universal design approach to curriculum can contribute to a more inclusive university culture. Sheryl Burgstahler from the University of Washington presented how incorporating the UDI concept in curriculum can benefit all students. Universal Design of Instruction is about progressive positive change, and the CHP is moving forward in transforming our culture and how we think about instruction.
CHP NEWS

CHP/Allied Health Week
This year’s annual CHP Week celebration was held in conjunction with Allied Health Week. The week was full of activities to show our appreciation for CHP students, faculty and staff. Activities included volunteering at the Kansas Food Bank; motivational speaker Jason Romero; Advising Center Open House; Souper Bowl competition; Keynote Speaker Teresa Lovelady; Industry Tours of the HealthCore clinic; and the faculty and staff appreciation wall. The week was full of gratitude for the hard work, talent, dedication and passion that makes CHP the place to be! Thanks to everyone for making CHP Week an enormous success!

Point-In-Time Homeless Count and Services Event
On January 26 Medical Laboratory Sciences, Nursing, Physician Assistant, Physical Therapy departments provided health screenings for the homeless at the United Way of the Plains annual Point in Time Homeless count. The team also included KU Medical students (JayDoc) and we also collaborated with the Guadalupe Clinic and Lions Club Mobile Screening Unit. This interprofessional activity gave our students the opportunity to work with the local homeless population by providing health care screenings to those in need. Jolynn Dowling, Instructor in the School of Nursing, has coordinated the CHP faculty team and health screening services we provide since 2013.

Haiti Mission Trip
CHP students Jerrod Huck, Jeremy Milford, Janet Phu, Kambry Porter, Leslie Rausch and Melissia Shippy traveled to Haiti in November on a mission trip. Students volunteered their time and talents to provide much-needed medical services to Haitian residents. We are proud of our students for serving those in need!

Kansas Mission of Mercy (KMOM)
AEGD residents and faculty, along with Dental Hygiene students, volunteered their time January 27 and 28 providing free dental care for the Kansas Mission of Mercy. Over 1,000 patients in need were able to received quality comprehensive dental care.
The College of Health Professions has a rich history and we are grateful for the leadership that helped us become a leading provider of health care education in Kansas. Visit our [website](#) to read more about the history of the CHP and our past deans.

**Dr. Cramer Reed**
Tenure as Dean: 1970-1973

**Dr. Carmen Ness**
Tenure as Dean: 1973-1975

**Dr. Sidney Rodenberg**
Tenure as Dean: 1976-1986

**Dr. M. Diane Roberts**
Tenure as Dean: 1987-1997

**Dr. Peter A. Cohen**
Tenure as Dean: 1998-2013

**Dr. Sandra Bibb**
Tenure as Dean: 2014-present
AEGD/PA Day
Each year the AEGD program hosts the PA program to teach about dental emergencies and identifying oral health needs in a medical setting. This spring, the PA program turned the tables and provided an afternoon reviewing overall health related to dentistry, such as what to look for in a patient with heart failure, temporomandibular disorders and ear inflammation. Lectures were provided by the PA students about heart disease, smoking and autoimmune disease, as well as mini-stations where the dental residents practiced glucose testing, ear and eye exams and blood pressure monitoring. Collaboration is key in providing the best in healthcare and oral healthcare to our patients in the community.

CLARION
Nursing student Destinee Baucum and CSD student Karissa Marble-Flint were part of the student team that competed in the prestigious Clarion Interprofessional National Case Competition in Minneapolis April 7-9. It was exciting to be part of a collaborative team across WSU colleges and other local universities and everyone is very proud of the students! Several faculty members also worked together to organize the process and help prepare and support the students.

TeamSTEPPS
More than 185 Nursing, PT, PA and CSD students participated in the TeamSTEPPS Interprofessional event with KU School of Medicine, KU School of Pharmacy and 40 faculty facilitators. Everyone worked together to develop a plan-of-care for a patient that suffered a stroke and learned how to use effective communication tools.

Baby Day
Our CSD and PT departments hosted their annual Baby Days, an interprofessional event for students to learn more about the first two years of human communication, mobility, auditory functions, reflexes and motor skills.

First Annual Wichita State IPE Health Fair
The Wichita State IPE Health Fair was held March 31 in collaboration with PHS and Senior Services of Wichita. More than 30 participants were assessed and provided health information. Students from all CHP departments provided services under the supervision of faculty advisors. The IPE event faculty advisor was Dr. Amy Chesser.

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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 DENTAL RESIDENTS BEGIN AEGD PROGRAM
The AEGD program is proud to welcome six new residents in its 2017-18 class! The new residents are: Bret Williamson, Michelle Somma, Brian Wong, Miles Jacobsen, Aishwarya Abbareddy and Chris DeMarco. Three of the residents are from Kansas: Bret Williamson (Hutchinson), Miles Jacobsen (Andover) and Aishwarya Abbareddy (Wichita). Abbareddy earned her undergraduate degree in Biological Sciences from WSU and was a counselor for AEGD’s annual Dental Day camp in 2012.

AEGD Program featured in ADEA Newsletter
The AEGD program was featured in the February issue of the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Bulletin of Dental Education. The article highlights innovative programs and technology such as Private Practice Friday and the clinic’s high-tech diagnostic cone beam CT scanner.

TEETHAN
Our AEGD Program is one of ten programs in the U.S. evaluating a new technology called Teethan, a technique that uses electromyography to record electrical activity produced by muscles.

DENTAL DAY
In June AEGD hosted its sixth annual Dental Day. This all day camp is offered to high school students interested in the field of dentistry, including dental hygiene and dental assisting. Dental Day is a wonderful opportunity for high school students to learn and practice current dental techniques, encouraging young people to pursue a career in dentistry in Kansas.

Rinehart Medallion
Dr. Dean Elledge, AEGD Program Director, received the Rinehart Medallion at the Midwest Dental Conference in April 2017. Each year Rinehart Medallions are given to recognize the Dental and Dental Hygiene Alumni of the Year. The Rinehart Medallion honors the memory of Dr. Roy J. Rinehart, longtime dean of the dental institutions that evolved into the University of Missouri–Kansas City (UMKC) School of Dentistry. The Rinehart Foundation supports the UMKC School of Dentistry programs that improve the quality and expand the efforts of research and patient care.
Oral Health Stand Down
The Dental Hygiene program hosted free dental screenings for military and veterans on campus. This event was an applied learning outreach experience made possible by dental hygiene program fees.

Snapchat/Twitter Takeover
Dental Hygiene student Danielle Chilcott did a social media takeover on the WSU Snapchat and CHP Twitter accounts to give followers an inside look at the Day in the Life of a Dental Hygiene student. Danielle did a great job representing the department and university!

Dental Hygiene (DH)
Professional majors in this program earn a Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene in four years (two years of preparatory coursework followed by two years of advanced coursework). The program operates the Delta Dental of Kansas Foundation Dental Hygiene Clinic, offering a wide range of low-cost preventative, therapeutic and educational services.

100% Pass Rate
A big congratulations to the Dental Hygiene Class of 2017 for scoring 100% pass rate on the National Written and Regional Clinical Boards!

Student Volunteer Activities
Starkey employees appreciated our Dental Hygiene students that volunteered their time to provide oral health education for the men and women at Starkey.

As part of their applied learning in the community, Dental Hygiene seniors educated students at St. Patrick Catholic School on best oral hygiene practices.

Student Organizations
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School of Nursing (SON)

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.

Accelerated Nursing Program Moves to Main Campus
The Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing program has moved from WSU South to the main campus, bringing all the School of Nursing programs together in the same building. The program is now located on the third floor of Ahlberg Hall, occupying the Physician Assistant program’s previous space after their move to WSU Old Town. The program has been located at WSU South since its inception in 2008, and this is the first time the entire School of Nursing has been in the same facility. We are excited to have all the Nursing programs under one roof, interacting and learning together!

DAISY Award Recipient
Second semester student Devin Reese was awarded the prestigious DAISY in Training Award from the DAISY Foundation. Devin was nominated for his positive attitude, professional bedside manner and ability to foster meaningful patient-nurse relationships.

Nursing Student Carries on Grandfather’s Legacy
Doctor of Nursing Practice graduate Cody Forsberg is carrying on the legacy started by his grandfather, who graduated from WSU with two nursing degrees in the 1970s. Cody says one of his most memorable moments was receiving his grandfather’s nursing pin when he graduated with his BSN degree. Cody’s story was also featured in the Wichita Eagle.

Nursing Alumni Provides Aid After Hurricane Maria
School of Nursing graduate Linda Bayless spent 13 days in Puerto Rico providing medical aid after Hurricane María caused widespread destruction on the island. Linda’s story was also featured on KWCH News.

Forty & Eight Scholarship Winner
Alyssa Higgins is the recipient of the Forty & Eight scholarship, an organization of veterans of the United States armed forces. The title “40 & 8” comes from the box cars that were used to transport troops to the front in France. Each car had the emblem 40/8 stenciled on the sides, which meant that it could carry 40 men or 8 horses.

Spring Riverside Health Foundation Grant
Debra Pile also implemented the Riverside Health Foundation Grant with her nursing students. Each spring the accelerated nursing students perform a nutrition and exercise module at Oak Street Elementary School in Goddard as a service learning opportunity. They wanted to do scooter relays as an activity to build a MyPlate food circle; however the school had only four older, small, unstable scooters and due to safety concerns they were not able to use that activity. As part of the grant, nursing students and faculty purchased new stabilizer scooters for the school. The students, along with Wu Shock, presented the new scooters on April 27. The kids had a blast playing with the new scooters and hanging out with Wu Shock. After the scooter races, the nursing students and Wu reviewed nutrition and healthy food choices with the kids.
**Fall Riverside Health Foundation Grant**
Susan Parsons, Jackie Berryman and Veronica Ramos-Blanford implemented the Riverside Health Foundation Grant/Service Learning Project Award with the Accelerated Nursing Students in the N450-Nursing Care of Populations Course. The students were divided into two groups. One group traveled to St. Joseph Ost School in Mount Hope, Kansas to teach students about “The Importance of Hydration to Health.” They presented age-appropriate information, posters, games and activities related to hydration for the students along with a WSU water bottle for each of the 94 students, 11 teachers, plus staff and cafeteria volunteers.

The second group traveled to the Kansas Veterans Home in Winfield to present the veterans with educational activity boards, a specialized board designed to stimulate the minds and benefit daily living for residents with Alzheimer’s or dementia.

**Nursing Students Provide Flu Vaccines**
Wendy Dusenbury and students from the undergraduate pediatrics class teamed up with the United Way of the Plains and the University of Kansas School of Pharmacy to provide free flu vaccines on Sept. 23 and Oct. 21 at various clinics in Wichita. The clinics were targeted toward people who are unemployed, uninsured or unable to pay. The clinics gave students real-world experience interacting with patients while providing a much needed service to the community.

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COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS (CSD)
Communication Sciences and Disorders offers programs in speech-language pathology and audiology. The department also operates the Evelyn Hendren Cassat Speech-Language-Hearing (SLH) Clinic, offering diagnostic and clinical services to the general public in the areas of speech, language and hearing disorders.

Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic changes lives with internet-connected hearing aids
Jerry Reece says his new hearing aids from the Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic have not only improved his hearing, but his emotional well-being and outlook on life. Under the supervision of clinic educators, students evaluate patients and pair them with the best hearing aid to fit their lifestyle. The clinic offers comprehensive diagnostic and clinical services and area-specific support groups to the WSU community and general public.

Cousin with autism inspires CSD student to write children’s Book
Student Amy Lightfoot has authored a children’s book titled “My Cousin Lili.” The book is based on herself and real-life cousin with autism, Lili. Amy’s book features a Latina child with special needs – a character not seen often in children’s books. Amy was also featured on a Positively Kansas episode on KPTS talking about her book.
Former WSU student shares personal struggle to raise brain injury awareness

Tony Perez is a former WSU student who suffers from a Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) because of a motorcycle accident. Perez attends speech therapy twice a week at the Speech-Language-Hearing clinic at WSU. Tony shares how the clinic has been an important part of his recovery.

Aphasia awareness events

In July over 60 participants attended an Aphasia awareness event, coordinated by clinician, Ashley Purdum. The event included various healthcare professionals, as well as a client panel. They discussed family issues and preferential ways of handling client interaction, with patients offering advice on how they want to be approached in clinical settings. In November CSD students, clinicians and clients presented on Aphasia education in Cheney, and three SLH clinic clients shared their stories and answered questions. Due to the various backgrounds present at these events, all participants had a chance to experience a multidisciplinary approach to patient-centered care.

Pediatric feeding workshop

Clinical Educator Gina Riggs offered a workshop on pediatric feeding in August. Many expert community speakers came together for this multi-disciplinary event.

Student spends Spring Break giving back

Student Baylee Brown participated in an alternative spring break trip to Washington, D.C. Students spent the week working with organizations that help the homeless.

Shocker freshman: ‘I honestly feel like I owe so much of my happiness to WSU’

Student Saylis Sengvilay was featured in WSU’s My Time campaign and shares her reasons for choosing Wichita State. She says through her involvement in different campus organizations, she has found many career opportunities.

Social media takeover

Taylor Brownlee and Kalee Burk, conducted a Snapchat and Twitter “social media takeover” to give followers a glimpse of a day in the life of two Speech-Language Pathology graduate students. Taylor and Kalee did a great job representing the department and university!

Alumna featured on Science Friday

Heidi Bell, CSD PhD graduate and assistant professor in the Department of Human Performance Studies at WSU, discussed her research regarding tongue strength on the popular NPR radio show Science Friday, which has more than 1.8 million listeners each week.

CSD professor’s research cited by industry product

CSD associate professor, Dr. Xiao-Ming Sun, and Dr. Mark Shaver, alum, recently had their research cited as the scientific evidence of effectiveness of a technique by the manufacturer of a clinical diagnostic system.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

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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.

KANSAS SOCIETY FOR CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE MEETING
MLS was well represented at the annual Kansas Society for Clinical Laboratory Science meeting in April. A group of students won the Student Bowl competition and two others were awarded scholarships. Diana Cochran-Black was also recognized for 30 years of service to the society.

2017 MLS GRADUATE STATISTICS
26 students attained the BSMLS degree in 2017. All are gainfully employed, with the majority residing in the state and region.
- 20 in Kansas (4 in rural areas)
- 2 Missouri
- 1 Arkansas
- 1 Colorado
- 1 Hawaii
- 1 Oklahoma

MEDICAL MISSION TRAINING
Larry Hatfield, Sherisse Espinoza, Susan Barrientez and Liz Trimble from Via Christi Health trained our MLS students before the Medical Mission at Home event.

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Kansas Society for Clinical Laboratory Science meeting
Medical Mission Training
2017 MLS graduate statistics
Student Organization
WSU PA Alumni win 3 out of 4 AAPA awards

Congratulations to the three Wichita State PA alumni who received the 2017 American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA) Awards! The AAPA Awards honor those PAs who have served patients, communities and the profession with great distinction. The awards are the highest recognition bestowed on Academy members and were formally presented during the AAPA Conference in May. We are incredibly proud of our outstanding alumni who have dedicated themselves to serving patients, communities and the profession.

WSU Ventures Innovation/Bright Future Award

Student Lindsey Carson received the 2017 WSU Ventures Innovation/Bright Future Award for the College of Health Professions!

Student selected to the Student Delegation of the AAPA House of Delegates

Student Sarah Welch, was selected to the Student Delegation of the AAPA House of Delegates! Sixteen students will represent 14,000 PA students from around the country at the HOD and be their voice to the profession.

Grogan Memorial/Veterans Caucus of the AAPA Scholarship winner

Congratulations to student Gina Everett, recipient of the prestigious Grogan Memorial/Veterans Caucus of the AAPA Scholarship!

100 percent pass rate

Congrats to the PA Class of 2017 for earning a 100 percent first time Physician Assistant National Certifying Exam (PANCE) pass rate! This is the second year in a row the program has achieved this.

Open House

The PA program hosted an Open House to introduce colleagues to our new facility at WSU Old Town. Thank you to the Kansas National Guard for sponsoring the open house! Over 100 PA faculty, students, alumni and preceptor attendees made it a successful event.

AAPA Snapchat takeover

PA students were the winners of the AAPA Outstanding Student Society Award, and as a result they were asked to take over the AAPA Snapchat account for a day during PA Week. The students did a great job representing the program and university!

Alumna featured on the TODAY show

PA alumna Dr. Deepa Halaharvi, leading surgeon and breast cancer survivor, appeared on the Today Show answering questions about breast cancer.

Fellowship Reception

The PA program awarded seven different fellowships during their annual Fellowship Reception in May. Congratulations to all the winners!

Outreach Grant

Congratulations to Professor Kim Darden and Class of 2018 students Elyse Bigler and Brett Gliem for receiving a community outreach grant from the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants in support of their research project “Physician Assistant Students Supporting Integration of Oral Health Now (PASSION).” This grant application was part of a student led research project focused on integrating oral health into the primary care setting in rural Kansas. The quality improvement initiative was also one of the research projects selected to present at the Capitol Graduate Research Summit in Topeka.

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.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Physician Assistant Student Organization
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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.

GoBabyGo!
Student Melanie Rowson was featured in an article about WSU GoBabyGo, a program where students and community partners create and modify toy cars for young children with mobility issues. Melanie says being involved in WSU GoBabyGo has given her real-world experience for her future career while helping children in need.

Nearly 20 PT students and faculty volunteers participated in the GoBabyGo Holiday Tuneup event in December. Five children received new cars and six cars were given tune-ups and new modifications.

Guadalupe Clinic
PT students partner with the Guadalupe Clinic twice per month to provide care to individuals in our community who are uninsured and underserved. The Guadalupe Clinic administers doctor exams, lab tests, imaging, physical therapy and much more. We are proud to serve the Wichita community with the Guadalupe Clinic!

Faculty Member Supports Amputees
Faculty member Dr. Ken Pitetti was featured on KWCH news. Ken is a mentor for Stand With Me, an amputee support group. He spends time answering questions and teaching other amputees and their family, friends and caregivers about exercise.

Student Volunteers
The DPT Class of 2019 participated as volunteers for the 42nd Annual Wichita Turkey Trot. This class has a true volunteer spirit that makes us proud to be bringing them into the PT profession!
Welcome: Sonja Armbruster
The PHS department was pleased to welcome a new Health Sciences Educator, Sonja Armbruster, MA. Prior to joining our faculty, she served as the founding director of the Center for Public Health Initiatives at Wichita State University’s Community Engagement Institute from 2013-2017. Previously, she worked for nearly 10 years at the Sedgwick County Health Department where she served in a number of administrative roles, including health promotion program management, development of the strategic plan and performance management system, supervision of the quality improvement and accreditation preparation efforts, and leadership of community health assessment and improvement planning. She has presented and published on public health practice issues, and continues to provide consultation at the regional and national level.

Connecting Education with Career Experience
PHS students provided almost 20,000 hours of in-kind services ($470,000) to the region through applied learning opportunities and diverse health-related field placements.

Tobacco Free Campus Ambassadors Program
PHS Capstone students have fully implemented an Ambassador program designed to help support the WSU Tobacco Free campus policy. The students are assisting with on-campus tobacco use monitoring while developing and testing a system for non-compliance. Students also provided free tobacco quit kits to Wichita State students as part of CHP Week and the Great American Smoke Out. The push to go tobacco-free has been led by PHS going back to 2005 when a group of students formed the Health, Education, Advocates for Leadership, Teamwork and Humanity (HEALTH) Student Association.

National Public Health Week
The spring 2017 Senior Capstone class celebrated National Public Health Week in April by placing red “This Is Public Health” stickers around Ahlberg Hall to educate people on how public health initiatives keep us healthy and participating in the Medical Mission at Home service learning project. They also held a social media contest encouraging participants to post selfies when engaging in good public health activities using the hashtag #ThisIsPublicHealthWSU.

Kansas Public Health Association Special Service Award
Congratulations to faculty member Sonja Armbruster, recipient of the Kansas Public Health Association 2017 Special Service Award.

Kansas Association of Health Care Executives Board of Directors
Congratulations to faculty member Debbi Lehner, who was elected to the Kansas Association of Health Care Executives Board of Directors, an affiliate organization of the American College of Healthcare Executives. Debbi will also serve as Chair of the Scholarship Committee.
**Kalala Muzeu Health Center**
The Kalala Muzeu Health Center is a clinic located in the rural Tshimbombo Tshimuangi refugee community and serves a population of over 50,000 individuals. With a maternity ward, pharmacy and full-time staff of 10 people, the clinic not only saves lives but also provides economic activity as the complex requires constant maintenance and infrastructural improvements. Leja Bulela, Inc., a humanitarian organization assisting and uplifting the socio-economic conditions of the victims of ethnic cleansing in the Eastern Kasai province (Democratic Republic of the Congo), built the clinic. PHS faculty member Professor Ngoyi Bukonda is a past Executive Director (2004-2011) and currently serves on the Board of Directors of Leja Bulela.

**Older Adults Benefit from Student-Led Exercise Classes**
PHS faculty and students offer free WellREP exercise classes for older adults in the Wichita area. WellREP is an evidence-based, progressive exercise class specially designed for older adults. The program has been offered at Wichita-area senior centers and retirement communities for more than a decade and serves about 150 older adults at 10 locations in the Wichita area. The program was started by Nicole Rogers, chair of the PHS Department.

**MINK Public Health Association Regional Conference**
Sonja Armbruster served as the panel facilitator at the Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas (MINK) Public Health Association Regional Conference April 18 and 19 in Overland Park, KS. Dr. Karen DeSalvo, Former Acting Assistant Secretary for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services also provided a keynote for a panel presentation entitled “Advancing Public Health 3.0: The Role for Local Practitioners. PHS faculty members Dr. Suzanne Hawley and Sonja Armbruster served as investigators for the HRSA funded “Midwestern Public Health Training Center,” which served as a co-sponsor for the conference.

**Shocker Bowler Sydney Brummett Wins Singles National Championship**
Congratulations to PHS junior and Shocker bowler Sydney Brummett for becoming the ninth Shocker to win the Intercollegiate Singles Championships!
**Snapchat Takeovers**
Public Health Sciences students Josh Villa and Carlie Hurst took over WSU’s Snapchat accounts as part of the National Transfer Student Week celebration. Both students did a great job representing the department and university!

**WSU Student of the Year Finalist**
Congratulations to PHS student Carlie Hurst for being a finalist for the prestigious WSU Student of the Year award.

**Student Featured in MyTime Campaign**
Senior PHS student Josh Villa was featured in WSU’s My Time campaign. Josh talks about why he chose Wichita State and the numerous organizations he is involved with.

In June AGES volunteered at the Party for Parkinson’s Run at the Catholic Care Center where they participated in the event and supported the runners and walkers.

In October AGES supported the Alzheimer’s Association Walk to End Alzheimer’s by helping raise awareness about the disease and walking as Team AGES to support the cause.

In November AGES participated in the annual “Souper Bowl” event as part of the CHP IPE Advisory Committee’s activities for National Allied Health Week. President elect Susan Bursch made the competing soup and students Shirin Pourkham and Chau Le Nguyen supported the group by serving soup and monitoring the table during the event.

In December AGES adopted seven aging veterans from the McLean House in Wichita to provide support for local veterans and present them with basic needs donations for Christmas.

**HEALTH Student Association**
World AIDS Day – Members educated audience members at a film screening (How to Survive a Plague). This was an interprofessional activity involving CHP PA students and the University of Kansas School of Medicine Master in Public Health students.

**Aging Studies Student Organization (AGES)**
The Aging Studies Student Organization continued to develop student led events in 2017.

In March AGES volunteered at the Senior Services Health Fair. The organization collaborated with the CHP nursing students to support the community by providing informational brochures, preparing lunch and checking in and screening participants.
As part of WSU’s Strategic Enrollment Plan Goal 3, CHP Advisors did an outreach campaign to undecided students in the college. Each advisor contacted their assigned cohort of students by utilizing the various outreach capabilities offered through the Student Success Collaborative during the fall 2017 semester. The CHP Advisors worked collaboratively with OneStop by participating in the first campus wide College Advising Open House event (Feb. 28, 2018) and developed a strong partnership with the OneStop First Year Advisor for the CHP. Advisors continued to educate themselves on best practices by attending webinars, on campus software trainings, and attended the statewide KAAN conference. The KAAN conference provided an opportunity for members to convene in one location to collaborate, learn, and share information with fellow members of the association. At the start of the spring 2018 semester the Advising Center will begin to offer the new service of Triage Advising to students. An advisor will now be available during all office hours for walk-in students in need of immediate assistance. Finally, the advisors have started to build collaborative relationship with their counterparts at WATC/WSU Tech and are building a strong foundation for the future.

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
- 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
- Student Success Collaborative outbound campaigns for probation and undecided students
Updates – CHP Dean’s Advisory Council (DAC)

The DAC consists of a select group of community leaders, high-level executives and managers, entrepreneurs and accomplished professionals in the health care industry committed to the success of the college. The DAC is part of the college’s commitment to progressive, positive change, allowing the CHP to continue pursuing the college’s mission and aspirations.

In 2017, in collaboration with the CHP Leadership Team, the CHP DAC hosted two Industry Partner Mixers and developed a CHP Alumni Survey. The mixers provided an opportunity to strengthen partnerships and get more individuals involved in the CHP. The mixers also provided an opportunity for the CHP to thank industry partners for their support and encouragement. The first mixer was held in September at the new WSU PA/PT Old Town location and featured tours of the newly renovated Interprofessional space and student speakers from PA and PT. The second mixer was held in November on the WSU main campus in Ahlberg Hall and included student speakers from dental hygiene, medical laboratory sciences and the school of nursing. The mixer also included tours of the Dental Hygiene Clinic, Medical Laboratory Sciences Lab and Applied Learning Center experiential learning spaces. The Alumni Survey was developed in 2017 to find out how alums would prefer to engage with the CHP to increase awareness of the activities of the CHP, and increase interactions with WSU and the CHP. The survey was deployed in early 2018 electronically to CHP alums.

MEMBERS IN 2017

PAMELA CLANCY AMMAR  
Lawyer and Community Volunteer

SONJA ARMBRUSTER  
Center for Community Support and Research at Wichita State University

JUNETTA EVERETT  
Vice President of Professional Relations, Delta Dental of Kansas

DEAN HEADLEY  
Associate Professor, Marketing and Entrepreneurship, W. Frank Barton School at Wichita State University

JOHN ‘JACK’ HOLLINGSWORTH  
Retired Dentist/Owner, Jack Hollingsworth D.D.S.

LORI HULL-GROMMES  
Director, Texas Gulf Coast Graduate Nurse Education Demonstration, Memorial Hermann Hospital-TMC

DANIELLE JOHNSON  
Program Coordinator, Office of Diversity and Inclusion at Wichita State University

Laurie Labarca  
President, Via Christi Hospital St. Joseph

Randy Scott  
Senior Regional Vice President, Crothall Healthcare

Anthony Turner  
Dentist, 360 Care Management/Owner, Family & Preventive Care
**STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

**CHP Living Learning Community**
The CHP Living Learning Community (LLC) in Shocker Hall provided residents with co-curricular experiences in 2017. During the spring semester residents enjoyed a wide variety of social activities, participated in the Medical Mission at Home service event, and wrapped up the academic year with a Blue Book Bash which provided study supplies and snacks for finals week. For the fall semester the LLC selected an academic theme of Global Health and welcomed faculty guest speakers each month. Residents formed study groups for science classes and continue to enjoy social events together. The LLC Peer Academic Leader (PAL) for the spring 2017 semester was Ellie Frayer, PHS student. Pre-Nursing student Maggie O’Brien served as PAL for the fall 2017 semester. Gina Stewart, CHP Academic Advisor, serves as the LLC Coordinator.

**Future Health Care Professionals (FHCOP)**
FHCOP is a recognized student organization hosted by the College of Health Professions. FHCOP provides leadership, developmental, and intentional co-curricular experiences for its members pursuing a degree in a health professions field. Members will have the opportunity to listen to great speakers, get involved in volunteer activities, help with fundraisers, network with other students interested in the health care field, participate in charity work, and most importantly having fun in all we do.

**Spring 2017**
- 2nd Annual Matchmaker, an event which registered individuals with the Be the Match® Bone Marrow Registry
- Participated in the WSU Health Fair, CHP Health Industry Career Fair and 1st annual Day of Free Healthcare
- Received Student Government Association funding to purchase hot/cold packs. The packs were distributed to the WSU community at the WSU Health Fair and Day of Free Health Care.
- Offered a personalized CHP advising prep session
- Volunteered at Kansas Food Bank, Wesley Children’s Hospital, Ronald McDonald House, KEEP Healthy Kidney Screening, MDA Muscle Walk, Blue Books Bash with LLC
- Hosted speakers from e2e Accelerator, Heartspring Speech Language Pathologist, and Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals
- Hosted informational from CEP Scribe America, KUMC Standardized Patient Program, Wichita Family Crisis Center, Phoenix Home Care, Ronald McDonald House
- Member of the Month recipients: Flor Mercado, Sydney Adams, Kelly Hawj

**Fall 2017**
- Supported the Dean at winning at the Clash of the Colleges pep rally for CHP
- Coordinated Spooktacular, an annual event centered around Halloween (portion of proceeds given to Wesley Children’s Hospital)
- Participated in CHP Week hosting Keynote Speaker CEO of Healthcare Clinic Teresa Lovelady
- Won Best Decorated Table at 2nd annual Souper Bowl sponsored by IPE committee
- Hosted Barnes & Noble Bookfair
- Received the Wesley Student Leadership Development Award Grant and Riverside Health Foundation Grant
- Awarded the Peter Cohen Leadership Scholarship to Saniya Ahmed
- Volunteered at Heather’s Ride, KAHCE convention, Race for the Cure, American Red Cross Blood Drive, WU’s Big Event, Rainbows United, Wesley Children’s Hospital
- Hosted speakers CHP Dean Sandra Bibb, (Dentistry) Chief Resident at AEGD Clinic Dr. Miles Jacobsen, USD 259 Speech Pathologist Julie Adams
- FHCOP Core Intramural Sports:
  - 2nd place Indoor Soccer
  - Kickball Champions
- Offer FHCOP - Wesley Healthcare volunteering program through Wesley hospital volunteer services and within Wesley Children’s Hospital
- Social Media Trivia winners: Sierra Marquez, Mahreen Ahsan
- Member of the Month recipients: Darvay Wilson, Max Karst, Adrianna Baez

**STUDENT UPDATES**

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SCHOLARSHIPS BY THE NUMBERS

$265,706.09
Total Amount Awarded

248
Scholarships and Fellowships awarded

EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Abdul says the ability to think critically, be observant, patient, dexterous and organized are the skills of a successful MLS professional. His advice to future MLS students is that you ultimately get out of the program what you put in. Be passionate about your work, study hard, and know that you have awesome, well qualified professors willing to help you succeed. He says the most challenging part of being an MLS student, as is the case with any health professional degree, is building endurance to manage the high volume of material you receive. He says it can be challenging to find a balance between research, tutoring and adequate studying time.

Despite the challenges Abdul is grateful to be able to get an education because many people don’t have the opportunity to pursue that dream. Through the McNair Scholars Program and Honors College at WSU, Abdul has been exposed to many unique research opportunities for interdisciplinary research. He has traveled to multiple countries and witness different cultures that broadened his perspective on life and made him appreciative of the opportunities provided to him.

Abdul has completed 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 patient’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 for him and greatly enriched his undergraduate education.

Abdul has been actively involved since arriving at WSU. On campus he plays intramural basketball, served as director of external affairs for the college travel association and was a member of the biology club. Locally, he volunteer tutors and participates at local charities. Nationally he serves as staff for summer camps with the Muslims Scouts of America and runs an annual national basketball tournament to raise money for rural areas. He is also a member of ISTAART, an international organization that focuses on Alzheimer’s cure and research. He also serves as an abstract reviewer and volunteers his time to co-author literature review publications.

Outside of academics Abdul enjoys hiking, following politics, watching documentaries, watching the news and playing sports - especially dissecting stats. Some fun facts about Abdul include his ability to speak Arabic, his love for ice cream, cooking and making naan, and he has never seen the movie The Wizard of Oz. He also owns a small tutoring business in which he mentors and teaches homeschooled students K-12.

Abdul is on track to graduate with a double degree - BS in Medical Laboratory Science, BS in Biology and a minor in Honors Studies - in May 2018. After graduation, Abdul looks forward to completing his master’s and doctorate degrees. He also hopes to start a non-profit research institute and clinic that serves the rural population and provides a platform for young students to learn about and engage in research.


**BOOKS/BOOK CHAPTERS**


**Armbruster, S. (June, 2017).** An Action-Oriented Introduction to Performance Management, Actionable CHIP: How to Get your CHIP off the Shelf and into Practice and The Right Stuff: Aligning Job Descriptions and Workforce Competencies. Public Health Improvement Training; Albuquerque, NM.


**Bibb, S.C. (October 2017).** Elevating Interprofessional Collaborative Practice: Improvement and Innovation. 2017 Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions Annual Conference; San Antonio, Texas.

**Bibb, S.C. (November 4 – 8, 2017).** Customer Focused: Designing strategies to improve quality by improving customer satisfaction data collection and use. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting & Expo; Atlanta, GA.

**Bukonda, N.K.Z. (December 4-6, 2017).** Impact of forced displacement on the well-being of older internally displaced persons in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). 5th World Geriatrics Congress; Hilton Fukuoka Sea Hawk, Japan.

**Bukonda, N.K.Z. (September 26-27, 2017).** Insights into a United States of America-based Congolese Diaspora organization’s initiative to establish and operate a health center in favor of a community of internally displaced persons in the Democratic Republic of the Congo: Political and social motivators, milestones, facilitators and inhibitors. International Congress of Medical Sociology & Community Health; Atlanta, GA.

**Bukonda, N.K.Z. (September 29, 2017).** Provision of pharmaceutical care by nurse-owned private community pharmacies in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo. International Conference on Family Nursing and Healthcare; San Antonio, TX.

**Bukonda, N.K.Z. (June 29-July 2, 2017).** Impact of primary health care strategies and initiatives on the well-being of vulnerable populations in resources-constrained countries. Annual Conference of Leja Bulela, INC; Washington, D.C.

**Elliott, A., Ediger, C., Jackson, B. (April 22-26, 2017).** The use of simulation in an online leadership course to address lateral violence. American Association of Colleges of Nursing BSN Education Conference; San Diego, CA.


**Huckstadt, A. (July 29, 2017).** Do Educational Experiences with Culture Diversity Make a Difference in Patient Care? Sigma Theta Tau 28th International Nursing Research Congress; Dublin, Ireland.


Marble, K., & Strattman, K. (January 3-6, 2017). *Preschoolers Improve Phonological Awareness Skills With Short Duration Instruction.* Hawaii International Conference on Education; Honolulu, HI.


Rodgers, J. (February 2017). *Developing a Collaborative Care Model to Impact the Severe COPD Patient.* Interdisciplinary Grand Rounds, University of Colorado Hospital; Aurora, CO.


Rodgers, J., Stanton, M., & Jackson, J. (March 2017). *Do Nurse Practitioners Providing In-Home Visits to COPD Patients Decrease Hospital Encounters?* University of Alabama Joint DNP Intensive; Tuscaloosa, AL.


Steinke, E. E. (May 18, 2017). *What to think about when planning and implementing an intervention: the example of sexual counselling in the cardiac context.* Jonkoping University, School of Health Sciences; Jonkoping, Sweden.

**PRESENTATIONS – LOCAL/REGIONAL**

Anderson, K., Belt, L., Carlson, B. (April, 2017). *The Ethics of Caring for Periodontal Patients.* Dental Hygienists’ Association Meeting; Wichita, KS.


Armbruster, S., Rankin, A., Brock, C. (October, 2017). *Lessons on Community Health Worker Infrastructure and Policy Change: Case Studies from Texas, Massachusetts, and Minnesota.* Kansas Public Health Association Annual Meeting; Manhattan, KS.


Barrow, L., Mattar, J., Keene Woods N., & Chesser, A. (April 28, 2017). *Assessment of Student Perceptions and Opinions of Information about Older Adults and Zika from the Media.* Wichita State University Graduate Research and Scholarly Projects Symposium; Wichita, KS.

Bett, C. J. & Cooper, T. (April, 2017). *Do you like your classroom flipped or scrambled? BSN students’ perceptions of innovative teaching strategies.* Evidence Based Practice Conference - Epsilon Gamma/STTI; Wichita, KS.

**Chesser, A.** (August 16, 2017). *Universal Design, Quality and Accessibility: Best Practices.* Wichita State University College of Health Professions All College Advance (retreat); Wichita, KS.


**Chesser, A., Conner A., Ahlers-Schmidt C.** (April 28, 2017). *Don’t Wake the Baby! Safe Sleeping Techniques for Infants, and Importance of Instructing Grandparents on new Research Findings: A review of the literature.* Wichita State University Graduate Research and Scholarly Projects Symposium; Wichita, KS.

**Chesser, A., Keene Woods, N., Dobson, S., Reyes, J., & Perveen, G.** (October 2017). *Assessing Health Literacy among Older Adults.* Kansas Public Health Association Annual Conference; Manhattan, KS.

**Chesser, A., Keene Woods, N., Shana Dobson, & Jared Reyes.** (October 10-11, 2017). *State Collaborations to Activate Change for Health Literacy and Aging.* Kansas Public Health Association Annual Meeting; Manhattan, KS.

**Cummings, M., & Huckstadt, A.** (November 3, 2017). *Depression Distress among Type II Diabetics and the Use of Assessment Tools in Primary Care.* Great Plains Diabetes Annual Live Well with Diabetes Symposium; Wichita, KS.


**Dusenbury, W.** (2017). *Let’s Have the Talk.* Via Christi Stroke Nursing Symposium; Wichita, KS.

**Dusenbury, W.** (2017). *Untangling Stroke Scales.* Via Christi Stroke Nursing Symposium; Wichita, KS.


**Dusenbury, W.** (2017). *Untangling Stroke Scales.* Salina Regional Hospital Stroke Symposium; Salina, KS.

**Elder, B., & Self, T.** *Autism Spectrum Disorder: Screening, Genetics & Lifespan Considerations.* Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Conference; Wichita, KS.

**Eweritt, S., L. Mierau, L., & Smith-Campbell, B.** (2017). *The Role of Federally Qualified Health Centers in Preventing Nontraumatic Oral Health Emergency Department Visits.* Wichita State University Graduate Research and Scholarly Projects Symposium; Wichita, KS.

**Fairchild, S., & Huckstadt, A.** (April 2017). *Educational Intervention for the Prevention of Non-urgent ED Visits.* Wichita State University Graduate Research and Scholarly Projects Symposium; Wichita, KS.

**Faragher, M.** (October 2017). *Advanced Assessments with Physical Therapy Workshop.* Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Conference; Wichita, KS.


**Huckstadt, A.** (October 6, 2017). *Welcome and Evolution of Advanced Practice Nursing.* Wichita State University Fourth Annual Advanced Practice Registered Nurse CE Conference; Wichita, KS.

**Keene Woods, N. & Chesser, A.** (October 10-11, 2017). *Lessons Learned from Student ZIKA Perceptions, From Info. to Action.* Kansas Public Health Association Annual Meeting; Manhattan, KS.


**Moody, L.** (2017). *National Database of Nursing Quality Indicators.* Wesley Medical Center; Wichita, KS.

**Nguyen, Dung, C., Steinke, E.E., & Bett, C.** (April 28, 2017). *The effectiveness of physical exercise on cancer related fatigue in patients undergoing radiation therapy.* Wichita State University Graduate Research and Scholarly Projects Symposium; Wichita, KS.

**Parmley, C., Morrison, B. & Smith-Campbell, B.** (2017). *Evaluating a New Diabetic Education Program in a Family Practice Clinic Based on the Chronic Care Model.* Wichita State University Graduate Research and Scholarly Projects Symposium; Wichita, KS.


**Pile, D.** (2017). *Ouch! That hurts! William Newton Hospital; Winfield, KS.*


Robinette, L., Mosack, V., & Hernandez, P. (April 28, 2017). *Suicidality through a Rural Lens*. Wichita State University Graduate Research and Scholarly Projects Symposium; Wichita, KS.

Sebes, J. (October, 2017). *Hepatitis C treatment updates*. GraceMed Clinic; Wichita, KS.

Sebes, J. (September, 2017). *Chronic Kidney Disease in Primary Care*. Wichita State University Fourth Annual Advanced Practice Registered Nurse CE Conference; Wichita, KS.

Smith-Campbell, B. (November 5, 2017). *Envision the Future of Nursing: Challenge Assumptions and Perceptions*. Wichita State University Epsilon Gamma Chapter Induction Ceremony; Wichita, KS.

Smith-Campbell, B. (February, 2017). *Your Mission Should you choose to accept it is: Be the Force to Shape Policy in Kansas*. Kansas State Nurses Association Legislative Conference; Topeka, KS.


Vincent, L., Chesser, A., Keene Woods, N., Reyes, J., & Rogers, N. (April 28, 2017). *Health Literacy and Older Adults: Fall prevention and health literacy, Why do they matter?* Wichita State University Graduate Research and Scholarly Projects Symposium; Wichita, KS.

Young, C., Simmons, L., Holick, M., Berg, G., Nyberg S., Gates, C. (April 2017). *BITES Trial: A Randomized Controlled Pilot Trial to Determine the Effectiveness of Bite Technique to Decrease the Development of Postoperative Complications*. University of Kansas School of Medicine - Wichita 25th Annual Research Forum; Wichita, KS.

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**Grants/Funding**

**NEW GRANTS/FUNDING**

Armbruster, S. (2017). *College of Health Professions Faculty and Staff Development Award*. Funding: $500


Carlson, B. (November, 2017). *Riverside Health Foundation Development Award for Leadership Development/Education Project*. Funding: $500

Chesser, A. (2016-2017). *Role: PI* Mechanism/Program: Wichita State University, Institute on Aging Studies. Funding: $15,000. Duration: 1 Year. Description: This project funding was to support a Graduate Research Assistant support for Dr. Chesser for health literacy and aging research.

Chesser, A. & Rogers, N. (2017). *Role: Co-I* Mechanism/Program: Wichita State University, Interprofessional Education (IPE) funds. Funding: $1,000. Duration: 1 Year. Description: This project funding was to support the College of Health Professions and Senior Services of Wichita Health Fair.


Dusenbury, W., Chesser, A., Hill, T., & Rogers, N., L. (2017-2018). *Role: Co-I* Mechanism/Program: Wichita State University Multidisciplinary Research Project Award (MURPA). Funding: $7,500. Duration: 1 Year. Description: This project funding was to support educational session for older adults and caretakers for stroke prevention and access to emergency services.
Habtemariam, M. (2017). College of Health Professions Faculty and Staff Development Award. Funding: $500

Hull, R. (2017). College of Health Professions Faculty and Staff Development Award. Funding: $500


CONTINUING GRANTS/FUNDING


Munguya, A. & Bukonda, N.K.Z. (2016-2017). Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to Novus Orsa Ministries, Inc. (NOM) (2015). (HUD Rapid re-housing grant King’s Young Adults Homeless Program (KYAHP). Funding: $85,000 (with Novus Orsa Ministries) to support/assist homeless young adults.

Faculty/Staff Awards

RIVERSIDE HEALTH FOUNDATION DEVELOPMENT FUND AWARDS

Susan Parsons, Nursing
Service Leading Component of Care of Populations N450 Accelerated Nursing Program

Michelle Wallace, Physician Assistant
Cases Over the Lifespan of Patient Penny Adams

Brandi Carlson, Dental Hygiene
American Board of Forensic Odontology Bitemark and Dental Identification Workshops

Gina Brown, Physician Assistant
Healthy People Modules for West High School Students

Linda Moody, Nursing
Advancing Nursing Education: BSN Completion Messaging Materials for Associate Degree Nursing Faculty

Debra Pile, Nursing
Vision screening in Elementary School Children and Nutrition and Exercise Education in Elementary Children with Focus on Special Needs
Rodenberg Faculty Teaching Excellence Award
Brandi Carlson
Dental Hygiene

CHP Outstanding USS Award
Karla Sharp
Dental Hygiene

Hodson Outstanding Research Faculty Award
Nikki Keene Woods
Public Health Sciences

CHP Optimization Award
Coni Nutter
Communication Sciences and Disorders

CHP Optimization Award
Jennifer Anozie, Brandon Whiteside and Susan Wells
Office of Technology Services
Alumni Updates

ALUMNI BY THE NUMBERS – CHP ALUMNI BY STATE

- 1,000+
- 500 - 999
- 100 - 499
- 50 - 99
- 0 - 49

Total Alumni: 12,408
PA graduate Megan Plouzek was born and raised in the small town of Hickman, Nebraska. She graduated from Nebraska Wesleyan University in 2009 with her bachelor’s degree in health and fitness studies.

Megan says applying for the PA program at WSU was an easy decision because of the program’s outstanding reputation of producing excellent PAs. Being one of the oldest and most successful programs in the country, she knew it would prepare her to be a successful physician assistant. The program is very rigorous and Megan jokingly says she aged 10 years thanks to the countless hours of studying. However, she and her classmates had fun celebrating their achievements along the way. The journey was intense, but also one of the best experiences of her life.

Megan is currently doing a post-graduation residency in adult mental health at the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center in Houston. The postgraduate residency in psychiatry prepares PAs to care for the mental health needs of our veterans and the general public. The training includes approximately 500 hours of didactic training at Baylor College of Medicine and 2,000 hours of clinical training at the VA Medical Center, which are both located in the Texas Medical Center, the largest medical complex in the world. Residents rotate through various clinical areas at the VA, spending about half the time in both inpatient mental health wards and outpatient mental health clinics. The remainder of the time is spent in areas such as substance dependence, VA community based outpatient clinics, psych ER, pain management clinic, sleep disorders, mental health consult/ liaison team, and other community mental health settings. The physician assistant residents take didactic courses that focus on psychopathology, psychopharmacology, behavioral psychiatry, counseling and diagnosis of psychiatric conditions.

Megan was in Houston when Hurricane Harvey hit and devastated the area. She remained safe, but witnessed firsthand the destruction of the storm. When the storm hit she was amazed by the torrential downpour and the large waterfall outside her door because the gutters couldn’t contain the water. The rain continued to come in droves, and when she woke up the next morning she was in disbelief. The complex streets had turned into slow moving rivers. She watched the Coast Guard airlift people from the neighborhood next to her. There were piles of furniture, flooring and drywall on the curbs over six feet tall from flooded homes. Many of her co-workers and veterans lost their homes and cars to the flood. Harvey didn’t break their spirit though, and people were just thankful to have survived the storm. Houstonians stepped up in the recovery effort, and countless people volunteered their time and talents to aid in the recovery. The city also did an excellent job in providing shelter, supplies and food to flood victims. Although Hurricane Harvey brought a lot of destruction, it also brought out kindness and compassion in people and showed how strong and resilient the people of Houston are.

Aside from the hurricane, Megan is enjoying living in Houston. She says the city is an incredible, diverse place that has something for everyone. People are extremely friendly and inclusive, which helped her feel at home. She truly enjoys her residency at the VA Medical Center and feels like she is making a positive difference in the veteran’s lives.

Megan’s favorite part of being a PA is the opportunity to change and save lives, especially in mental health. She says her heart goes out to individuals who struggle with mental illness because it can completely disrupt their lives or even end it. She cares deeply about this issue and the PA profession gives her the opportunity to reach out to those who need help and gain the skillset to help patients live a fulfilling life. Megan says words truly can’t describe the rewarding feeling when a veteran shakes your hand with a smile and says they have hope again.
In my short time here at Wichita State as the Development Officer for the College of Health Professions I have already had the opportunity to meet with many wonderful members of our CHP community. It is truly inspirational to meet with so many of you and hear your stories and how it has inspired you to give back to CHP. In the coming year, I hope to have the opportunity to meet as many of you as possible to help you connect with Wichita State.

In order to continue leading change in healthcare education, we rely on gifts from our alumni and friends. Our college is fortunate to have such strong support of many individuals who are dedicated to the legacy of our college and providing CHP students, faculty and staff with opportunities to advance education, leadership and innovation. We are so very grateful for any and all gifts that we receive.

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 316-978-3899 or drew.johnson@wichita.edu.

With Shocker pride,

*Drew Johnson*
Ambur and Al Alfaro established the Ambur and Al Alfaro Scholarship for the dental hygiene program, which provides assistance for students with a passion for health care in dentistry. She and her husband wanted to support CHP students’ education with a permanent gift that will help enable them to reach their goals.

Ambur is a native Wichitan and alumna of the dental hygiene program at WSU. She has been in the dental field for over 19 years and is very passionate about dental health and her profession. Although Al has a different career path, he shares the same passion and is very supportive of Ambur’s endeavors.

Ambur graduated from WSU with dual bachelor degrees in biology and dental hygiene (cum laude) with a minor in Spanish. At WSU she was recognized by the National Dean’s Honor Roll and the CHP Dean’s Honor Roll several years in a row. Ambur loves Wichita State because of its positive and indescribable energy. She says the dental hygiene program is remarkable, with a top notch clinical facility and instructors who are passionate, caring and expect the best out of students. Ambur has many wonderful memories from WSU, including lifelong friendships made in the dental hygiene program, walking across the stage on graduation day and having the honor of speaking to the junior dental hygiene class at their Advancement Ceremony.

Supporting student scholarships is just one example of Ambur’s enthusiasm for WSU and Wichita; she is extremely active in the community and truly enjoys volunteering, giving back, building relationships and educating others. She is a member of the American Dental Hygiene Association, Wichita Dental Hygiene Association and the Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals of Wichita (YPW). She has also participated in the Young Professionals Leadership Academy Program, served as Chair for the YPW Advisory Council Board, Vice-Chair of YPW Ambassadors team, as well as served on the YPW Board of Trustees. Ambur will soon be participating in Mission Wichita, an opportunity to make connections and offer constructive change in our community.

Ambur and Al are also avid supporters of children; Al grew up with less than most and it is their mission to offer support and direction for underprivileged children to grow up with opportunities to be successful adults. They also support many community groups, including CASA, New Horizons Ranch, Youth Entrepreneurs, Orpheum Theater, MarkArts, Carpenters Place, YWCA and the PANDO Initiative.

Ambur attributes her accomplishments to her extremely supportive husband, along with her parents and grandma who instilled the importance of education and finding her passion. Another important person in Ambur’s life is her boss, mentor and fellow dental hygiene alumna Junetta Everett, who has been huge supporter of her career.

Ambur says she feels lucky to have her dream job working in Professional Relations for Delta Dental of Kansas. Prior to that she worked in clinical dentistry for almost 14 years, where she enjoyed working with people and learned a great deal. Eventually she arrived to a point in her life when she was ready for a change and wanted to take on a new challenge. By utilizing her education and unique skill set, she made the transition from clinical dentistry into the corporate environment and says this chapter in her life has been a wonderful opportunity to grow both professionally and personally.

In their spare time Ambur and Al enjoy traveling, outdoor activities and golfing. Some of their favorite things to do in Wichita include socializing with friends, golfing at Crestview Country Club, attending charity events around town, Mosley Street Melodrama, Orpheum Theater and the annual Guadalupe Health Foundation Midwest Wine Fest.

Ambur and Al Alfaro
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- **Make health care accessible to a diverse population during challenging economic times.** Increase the number of scholarships and fellowships available, especially in underserved disciplines.

- **Prepare our students to lead and succeed in a series of rapidly changing health care atmosphere.** Provide faculty with more resources to expand and enhance curriculum, research opportunities and cultivate their professional growth.

- **Provide interprofessional (real-world) work and learning experiences for students.** Create and grow interprofessional and team-oriented curriculum and opportunities for students and faculty.

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