Doctor of Nursing Practice Program Produces First Graduates

The Department of Baccalaureate and Graduate Nursing is pleased to announce the first eight graduates of the Doctor of Nursing Practice Program. These first students enrolled in the 2½-year program in July, 2011. Each student completed a minimum of 39 hours of course work and a Capstone Project which addresses a specific healthcare problem or health outcome, and implements practice changes that improve health care, health care delivery, or health-related outcomes.

The DNP Program is 100% online, and is fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), an autonomous accrediting agency of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN), and officially recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Kentucky Board of Nursing. The graduates of this program are expected to have a significant impact on the quality of health care in the region, state and nation. Data indicates that most EKU nursing graduates remain in Kentucky to practice, many in rural, underserved areas. With the expansion of the program to a fully online format, students are now enrolled from across the Commonwealth and multiple states.

EKU Online Doctorate in Occupational Therapy
First of its Kind in the Commonwealth

Eastern Kentucky University has launched a new online doctoral degree program in occupational therapy that is one of just 20 nationwide and the only such program in Kentucky. The EKU program is taught solely online for the convenience of working professionals.

Offered by the EKU Department of Occupational Therapy the degree can be tailored to individual interests and completed in as little as two years. Because the program is online, the courses are available to not only practicing occupational therapists in rural Kentucky, but potentially those worldwide. Those in Kentucky will be able to complete a practicum experience where they work. Doctoral students in other states may have the same opportunities as well.
**Baccalaureate and Graduate Nursing**

*Theta Nu Honor Society Induction*

The EKU nursing honor society, Theta Nu, inducted the new members. Theta Nu is a chapter of the international nursing honor society, Sigma Theta Tau. Assistant Professor, Lisa Jones, received a research grant from the honor society to complete her dissertation which is entitled: “The Utility of the U.S. Diabetes Conversation Map to Promote Diabetes Self-Management Adherence.”

*Students Participate in Community Health Fair*

Second Degree Nursing Students worked with different community organizations on the Community Annual Health fair including, Madison County Health Department, Lion’s Club, Tates Creek Baptist Church, Kidney Health Alliance of Kentucky, as well as various other organizations. Students created displays and presented their education to participants of the health fair. Participants received free kidney and vision screenings as well as free school supplies.

*Schlomann Retires*

Congratulations to Dr. Pam Schlomann for retirement from the Baccalaureate and Graduate Nursing Department. Schlomann dedicated many years of service to her students and colleagues in the field of nursing. She was involved in numerous areas services to Eastern Kentucky University including the Board of Regents, faculty senate, and a multitude of committees. She will be missed on campus by everyone!
BACCALAUREATE AND GRADUATE NURSING

Disaster Drills
Nursing students took part in a disaster drill in October. Students were given “injuries” consistent with that of the disaster and reported to Baptist Health, formerly Pattie A. Clay hospital. They came to the Emergency Department after presenting “symptoms” of contamination. Students were given a decontamination shower and a scan to ensure the nerve agent was not present. Following the drill, students went through a debriefing session with representatives from the Army, CDC and Homeland Security.

Nursing Students Graduate with ROTC Honors
Baccalaureate and Graduate Nursing takes time to recognize those who show outstanding talent. For the first time in over ten years, BSN is excited to send graduates with ROTC honors into the world. Kari Soulsby and Tyler Morris have completed both the Baccalaureate Nursing and ROTC curriculum. Both programs prove to be very challenging and strenuous, this huge accomplishment was very well deserved! Colonel Hundall as well as all the Baccalaureate and Graduate Degree Nursing staff/faculty are proud of this major milestone, and wish Tyler and Kari the best of luck!

New Faces in BGN
Audrey Sparks - Administrative Assistant I
Dr. Karma Cassidy PhD, RN
Angela Clark RNC-OB, MSN
Dr. Jill Cornelison DNP, RN
Kevin Scalf MSN, APRN-BC
Dr. Gina Purdue DNP, RN

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Faculty coming and going…

Welcome to Myrtle Mills – Myrtle joined the Department of Associate Degree Nursing as a full time clinical faculty member in January 2014. Myrtle received her both her BSN and MSN degrees from EKU, and she has extensive clinical experience in cardiac-thoracic nursing. Myrtle has previous teaching experience as a part time clinical faculty at EKU and at Southeast Community and Technical College.

Rita Anderson-McCord retired from her full time clinical faculty position in the Department of Associate Degree Nursing at the end of the Spring 2013 semester. Rita taught clinical students in all levels of the program, students enjoyed her enthusiasm for mother-baby care, and appreciated her good sense of humor. Congratulations and best wishes in your retirement, Rita!

Freda Sharp retired from her full time position as Associate Professor on January 1, 2014. Freda joined the Department of Associate Degree Nursing in August 1996, and most recently served as the department’s retention specialist and Director of the CARES (Creative Approaches Reap Enduring Success) Program. Additionally, Freda was an expert on nursing curriculum development, and she willingly served as a mentor and resource for novice faculty in the department. Finally, Freda was well-known at the university, the region, and nationally, for her work regarding resilience and student success. She will be sorely missed, but we wish her well as she embarks on new journeys in her retirement.

The Clinical Nursing Center Under New Management

The Clinical Nursing Center operates daily to allow students and faculty an opportunity to practice nursing skills prior to their clinical experience. There are many clinical and simulation opportunities available. In fall 2013 the nursing center welcomed back, Eastern Kentucky University Alumni, Michelle Marra, BSN to take over the daily operations. Michelle Marra graduated from EKU in 1992 with a Bachelor’s degree in Nursing. She was in the first class of the EKU Honor’s Program and served as President. She returned to EKU this fall as the Clinical Nursing Center Lab Manager. The lab has low and mid-fidelity manikins which allow students to practice basic and higher level nursing skills. The Clinical Nursing Center has 24 bed stations complete with simulated oxygen and suction equipment. The Clinical Nursing Center can accommodate up to 60 students at a time in the lab for classroom presentation/practice and independent practice. The lab also has three student workers who assist other students and help prepare for class activities.
**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCE**

*Treating Drinking Water with Sunlight*
Professors Joe Beck, Environmental Health, Ismail EL-Amouri and Patricia Wynd of Medical Laboratory Science, are researching the use of sunlight in disinfecting drinking water in third world nations. Peter Sigilai, MPH graduate and a native of Kenya, will also assist with this project. The end goal of this study is the production of a backpack using UV-A and UV-B from the sun, along with paper filters, which will turn contaminated water into drinking water after direct exposure to the sun. It is hoped the device can be sold and marketed for less than $5.00 US per unit. A device in this price range, that is designed to be intuitive to use and can be serviced with readily available material, has the potential of saving millions of lives annually.

*Well Water Research of Health Risks in Southeast Kentucky*
“Knowing we are helping people increase their knowledge about something that impacts them daily is the most amazing and rewarding feeling I’ve ever had,” said senior Environmental Health Science major Josh Ruehl, from Richmond, who has joined Dr. Jason Marion, an assistant professor of Environmental Health Science in testing heavy metal concentrations in Kentucky wells. Over this summer, Ruehl and five other students are working with Dr. Marion to quantify the levels of selected metals in 200 household well water and spring water samples in far Southeast Kentucky, focusing on arsenic, lead, manganese and several other contaminants. The team already has spend many hours collecting samples from households and in front of approved store locations in Manchester, Hazard, Whitesburg and Harlan. This project is being funded by the Center for Appalachian Regional Engagement and Stewardship (CARES) at EKU and their sample results can be viewed at www.ekuwater.com
In the heat of two Texan summers, Bobby Feeback rubbed shoulders with some Cowboys in the fields. The football fields, that is.
Now, after two summer-long, pre-season internships with the team, Feeback, an Eastern Kentucky University senior athletic training major from Cynthiana, has accepted a two-year seasonal position with the Dallas Cowboys. During his long work days, typically from 5:30 a.m. until 11 p.m., Feeback was responsible for some taping before practices, the athletes’ hydration during practices and various treatments for injured players after practices. He also restocked supplies, traveled to some games and performed “mini-jobs” as assigned.

“My favorite thing about these famous athletes is that, after the first two days around them, you notice that they are normal and just like me or you,” Feeback said.

Feeback was selected for the summer internship from approximately 150 applicants after sending a resume and cover letter, then participating in a phone interview. He was one of five interns and was the only intern to return the following summer. Dr. Eric Fuchs, director of EKU’s athletic training program, said Feeback “is an excellent student in the classroom, in his clinical and with his involvement in the student club. He currently serves as the Vice President of the Student Athletic Trainers’ Association. Bobby’s preceptors all speak highly of him as a student in his clinical skill capability and willingness to work hard.”

“My goal since I got to EKU was to work in the NFL,” Feeback said. “The next step in getting there is to complete a seasonal internship. Hopefully I’ll get lucky after that and find a job in the league.” He credits his mentors, Fuchs and Jim Madaleno, head athletic trainer for University of Kentucky Football, who led Feeback before he transferred to EKU, for his success. “My professors and preceptors prepped me very well by always getting the best out of me and expecting nothing less,” Feeback said.

“NFL summer internships are highly competitive, and having a student selected for one is exciting and reflects positively on the EKU Athletic Training Program,” Fuchs said, “but having Bobby perform in such a way that they invited him back for a second summer is a reflection first of the quality, dedication and hard work Bobby has put into his chosen professional field and education as a student, and secondly of the quality education the EKU Athletic Training Program is providing our students.” The EKU program has had previous students complete internships with the San Francisco 49ers, Washington Redskins and the Seattle Seahawks.

“I learned to always work hard even when you’re tired,” Feeback said. “You never know who you may impress that can help you later on down the road.”

By: Stephanie Cole
Annual Student and Alumni Awards
The Exercise & Sports Science Department honored 15 students and one alumnus at its May 2013 Honor Awards Day. The Department’s first ever Research Poster Symposium was held in conjunction with the awards luncheon. Professor Matthew Sabin presented outstanding poster awards to Simon Holzapfel (thesis division) and Lindsey Addison, Jessy Geary and Jonathan Stone (undergraduate division), winners from among the 16 posters presented.

Outstanding Awards presented include:
NASPE Student Major of the Year: Joshua Hartlage
Outstanding Freshman: Alexander Molen
Outstanding Junior: Kelsey Neumann
Outstanding Senior: Tyler Horn
Outstanding Graduate Student: Allisha Guzdial, Krista Goss-Billingsley (tie)
Outstanding Dance Minor: Cortlyn Todd
Service Merit Award: Maggie Doty
Leadership Merit Award: Toni Garrett
Scholarship Merit Award: Adam Diamond
Leslie H. Leach Scholarship: Zach Irvine
Fred Darling Physical Education Leadership Award: Caitlin Adams

Outstanding Alumnus was presented to, David Werner, Athletic Trainer, University of Florida.

Mr. David Werner received the Outstanding Alumnus Award from Professor Emeritus Dr. Bobby Barton. David is a 1991 Bachelor of Science (Athletic Training) graduate of EKU. He later received a Master of Arts in Teaching at the University of Louisville in 1994. Since then, he has been employed as an athletic trainer with the Baltimore Orioles organization, the Louisville Shooters of the Global Basketball Association, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, and currently, the University of Florida Gators. He served as the Head Athletic Trainer for the USA Men’s Basketball U-18 FIBA Americas Championships in 2012 and also for the U-19 World Championships in 2013. Mr. Werner spoke of the wonderful relationships established at EKU and how his professors were always there to help him succeed.
Visual Retailing Software for ADM Program

Apparel Design and Merchandising (ADM) program faculty will be implementing new computer software in spring 2014 classes. Visual Retailing, LLC is donating a software package to EKU for use in the ADM program. The software will enable students to work from hand sketches, CAD drawings, or digital images to present merchandise concepts from initial concept to consumer. Visual Retailing is used by major retailers including Target, Macy’s, J.C. Penney, and Dillard’s and by major brands like Nike, Levi’s, Speedo, & Columbia.

The software package has different modules for various segments of the industry. The Sample Room module is used to develop story boards for illustrating line concepts. The Mock Shop module allows a user to produce interactive 3D stores and plano-grams to communicate these store concepts to entire retail teams.

Visual merchandising is a career area in which many of our ADM majors are interested. Training on this software will give graduates a tremendous advantage in the job market.

Classy and Contemporary Chair Retires After 35 Years of Service

Dr. Diane Leggett retired as Department Chair and Professor of Apparel Design and Merchandising on August 1, 2013. Dr. Leggett served as FCS Department Chair since 1998 and taught in ADM since 1977. Under her leadership, the Department achieved AAFCS accreditation for the first time, the NFA commercial kitchen was renovated and Café Burrier was opened. In addition the Burrier Child Development Center renovated the playground.

In February 2013, Dr. Dana Bush, Dr. Carol Patrick, and Dr. Lisa Gannoe took 7 CDF students to Children’s Day at the Capital. The students learned about the legislative process and had the opportunity to observe legislative action.
**Founder of Café Burrier Retires**

At the close of the fall 2013 semester, the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences said good-bye to Dr. Jim Haynes, as Jim retired to his hometown of Guntersville, Alabama. Jim came to EKU in 2000, leaving his position as Food Service Director at Arkansas State University, to teach food service in the General Dietetics program. A highlight of Jim’s tenure at EKU was the renovation of the commercial kitchen in the Burrier Building, resulting in the opening of the popular Café Burrier, a student run café, in fall 2011. Appreciated by students for his knowledge, experience, and, above all, gift of storytelling, Jim instilled in students a sense of professionalism and high standards of quality in all aspects of food service. The faculty and staff of FCS wish Jim all the best in his retirement.

**Iron Chef Competition**

In Spring of 2013 groups of Family and Consumer Science majors participated in the Iron Chef Competition. Students received three core ingredients (grits, cheese and apples) with which they were required to make a delectable dish. Dishes were judged based on presentation, creativity and taste by a panel of well-distinguished Family and Consumer Science Faculty including: Ms. Susan Kipp, Dr. Mary Wilson, and Men’s Basketball Coach Jeff Neubauer.
RECREATION AND PARK ADMINISTRATION

Where in the World is RPA?
RPA recently started the “Where in the World is RPA” campaign. As part of their membership dues into the majors club, students receive a water bottle. This durable water bottle is black with white writing, making it easier to photograph in various places. Students, faculty, and staff have the goal of taking pictures with this water bottle as they travel throughout the state, nation, and world. The beginning of the campaign has already seen much success, as pictures are coming in from all over the country. Be sure to check out where the RPA water bottle has been lately by visiting http://recreation.eku.edu/where-world-rpa

Morning Pointe Buddy Program
Sherry Jones continues to deliver a Buddy Program for seniors at this Richmond location. This program has received high praise and Best Practices Recognition from their 5-state Regional Director who wrote: Another great story out of MP Richmond as the LED there has reconnected with EKU and their rec therapy program, and the students in-turn have connected with the residents interests. One resident was a wood worker and he is now building a wooden birdhouse; another is into technology and he got a chance to experience geocaching… Great stuff!

2013 KRPS Conference
EKU dominated the Kentucky Recreation and Park society conference with over 40 students attending! All faculty members made professional presentations, and 28 students made research poster presentations!
Department Recognition
Service Award from the City of Richmond for 10 years of assistance (delivery of events such as the Halloween Hoedown and Easter Eggstravaganza, fundraising for the Lake Reba Universal Playground, completing research reports, supervising field experience, volunteers and internships).

Outstanding Program Award at the 2013 Kentucky Recreation and Park Society conference for the Bellevue Alternative School Mentoring Program. Good job Dr. Gerken and Ms. Jones!

RPA students Sarah Bellamy and Brittany Toombs were selected for scholarship awards for excellence at the 2013 KRPS conference.

Lake Reba Universal Playground Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The EKU Department of Recreation and Park Administration began fundraising for this $100,000 accessible playground in 2007 with Breakfast @ Santa’s Workshop involving many students in Dr. J’s REC 460 class. In the years that followed, we delivered another Santa’s Workshop, held car washes, sold concessions at the Easter Eggstravaganza, wrote grants, and solicited donations.

In the process of it all, our RPA students learned! Amanda Lasley, a senior at the time said, “By participating in planning, marketing and executing the Workshop, all the students learned not only applicable programming and networking skills that will be valuable in our future careers, but we also gained invaluable understanding of the need for citizens to be involved in their communities, building a brighter future for ALL children. This fundraising helped to reassure me that there are people in the world who think of others before themselves.”

This playground is about letting kids be kids without any barriers based on physical limitations! This playground is about creating beautiful play memories, bonding children and families, helping children learn, and simply letting kids be kids – all kids!
Latino Health Fair

Etta Sigma Gamma members, Jordon Tate, Meagan Hurst, and Samantha Hall, participated in the Latino Health Fair in fall 2013 in Lexington, KY. This event was part of a larger month long Hispanic Heritage month. This was an excellent service opportunity for our students to provide blood pressure screenings, education on blood pressure, and BMI and engage with the Hispanic community in Central Kentucky.

HPA Students Intern at Columbia University

Two Eastern Kentucky University seniors participated in the Summer Public Health Scholars Program at Columbia University, the prestigious Ivy League institution in New York City. Stephanie Smith, a public health major from Barbourville, and Brittney Jones, a public health major from Corbin, took field trips to various neighborhoods in and around The Big Apple to observe public health interventions and programs in operation. They also attended lecture-based courses and worked in small groups with teaching assistants to discuss practical applications of class studies.

Before heading to New York, the students attended a one-week orientation at the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta. Then they spent the following nine weeks based at the Columbia University Medical Center. All expenses were covered by the program.

Faculty Retirement

HPA would like to thank Pat Howard and Jan Hecht for many years of dedicated service to the department and EKU.

We wish them both the best of luck in their retirement!
HPA Fights for Fairness
Health Promotion and Administration at EKU is fighting for fairness by partnering with JustFundKY and Statewide Fairness Coalition. The thought of fighting for equality is something most never think of, but at EKU we are doing just the opposite and HPA faculty member Molly McKinney joined an assembly of native Kentuckians including Mayor Johnny Cummins of Vicco, KY and Vice Mayor Linda Gordon of Lexington, KY to discuss how LGBT progress and policies are being adopted throughout the state within every community, included in this assembly was the announcement of 2013 Cliff Todd Endowment Grant Winners, including EKU’s Alphabet Center. The fight for fairness will continue and EKU will continue to step up to the plate to help educate, guide, and encourage LGBT fairness state wide.

Dr. Mills Awarded Research Funding
Congratulations to Dr. Laurel Mills on her funding approval for her research project “Young Women’s Perceptions of Indoor Tanning Risk and Warning Labels.” The project, which falls under the Major Project Award, was approved by the University Research Committee as part of the University Funded Scholarship Grant Program (UFS). UFS grants are competitively awarded based on the review and recommendations of the University Research Committee (URC). We anticipate multiple presentations and publications as a result of this research study.

Master’s of Public Health student, Jordan Robinson, participated in the 2013 American Public Health Association National Convention which was located in Boston, MA. She presented on the differences in healthcare utilization in African American citizens versus Caucasian citizens, of similar socioeconomic status.
Basic Spanish Workshop

On September 21 a Basic Spanish workshop for the Healthcare Professional was held at Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Hospital. Twenty-eight Students from EKU’s Occupational Therapy and Communication Disorders programs attended and learned basic Spanish. Students from the Spanish Immersion program at Bryan Station High School in Lexington, KY were their teachers for the workshop. The students learned how to say the Spanish definitions of occupational, physical and speech therapy so they can better engage with their clients. They also learned body parts and common phrases to help them work with Spanish speaking clients. The workshop was a success with the highlight being the students participating by singing and moving to Head and Shoulder, Knees and Toes in Spanish! Thanks also to Phi Theta Epsilon for sponsoring the event. After the event some students toured the hospital.

Chronic Stroke Intervention Research

Melba Custer and Camille Skubik-Peplaski have been conducting a research study at Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Hospital since August 2013. They are working with clients with chronic stroke comparing different occupational therapy interventions. The clients receive pre and post testing including transcranial magnetic stimulation with Dr. Sawaki at Cardinal Hill and then 8 session of occupational therapy intervention. This study involves the collaboration of Dr. Sawkai and the University of Kentucky, Cardinal Hill Hospital and EKU Occupational Therapy department. A student in the occupational therapy doctoral program has been providing the pre and post testing and the master level occupational therapy students have been able to also participate by working with the clients in the study and planning intervention for them. This study is funded by university funds and will include 16 participants, it provides a great opportunity for EKU students. The study was approved by both EKU and UK IRB’s and Cardinal Hill’s research committee.
**Horse, Humans and Health!**

The department of Occupational Therapy at Eastern Kentucky University has implemented a new minor “Horses, Humans, and Health”. The minor pulls from other areas across campus to encompass a greater depth of the advantages Equine Assisted Activity Therapy (EAAT) can have in the rehabilitation process. Partnering with Agriculture, Recreation and Park Administration Department, Animal Studies, Child and Family Studies, Psychology, Family and Consumer Sciences and Special Education, the department of Occupational Therapy has developed an outstanding curriculum to challenge and grow their students in every aspect of necessary education. Many classes prove to be hands on classes and very interesting. The department welcomes any major outside of Occupational Therapy in this human development elective minor. The minor will help develop one’s personal impact on the world.

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**Promoting Backpack Awareness on EKU Campus**

The occupational therapy masters students, these students advocated for the profession by promoting backpack awareness week on Tuesday, September 17, 2013. They educated approximately one hundred and sixty college students on the importance of proper ergonomics while wearing their backpacks.

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Dr. Renee Causey is a 2006 graduate of EKU’s Bachelor’s of Science in Occupational Science program and a 2008 graduate of the Master’s of Science in Occupational Therapy program. She received her Doctorate of Occupational Therapy from Chatham University in 2011. She holds a Deep Physical Agent Modalities Certification through the Kentucky Board of Licensure for Occupational Therapy.
**EKU Faculty has Nationwide Influence**

Sometimes we think of EKU as just a local college with regional influence. Think again! Sue Noblitt and Trish Wynd have been busy serving as volunteers for the NAACLS (accrediting agency) inspecting programs across the nation. As you may know, NAACLS accredited programs must have a review periodically to maintain their accreditation. This is a similar type of inspection as a CAP or JCAHO inspection. Sue Noblitt has been volunteering for many years. This past year, she encouraged Trish Wynd to become a NAACLS inspector. Together, the EKU faculty reviewed MLT and MLS programs in Florida, Puerto Rico, and Texas.

Sue Noblitt, MSEd, MT(ASCP)  
Patricia Wynd, MSEd, MT(ASCP)

**Grant Provides New Instrumentation**

The MLS Program was awarded a grant for the purchase of new coagulation equipment which will be used in our student labs. In the past 3 years, our program has acquired or purchased a coagulation instrument, two hematology analyzers, and several microscopes.

**Placement of MLS Graduates**

During these tough economic times, the MLS students are still gainfully employed in the clinical laboratories of the area hospitals. In the past five years, MLS students have a 92% employment rate following graduation. The majority of our graduates are employed in Kentucky. As such the MLS program is quite proud that we fulfill our mission to provide qualified laboratory professionals to our regional area.

**MLS Program Expansion**

The number of applicants for the MLS program has taken off and has doubled in the past three years. Students have found that a healthcare career is a strong advantage to have in this present economy. As Phil Campbell, the program director was quoted to say “We have refined our admission criteria and now we can choose top notch applicants”. As a result, the passing rate of our Board of Registry has increased and our employer satisfaction rates are better than ever. To accommodate the larger classes, the program has expanded the number of clinical affiliates. Our clinical affiliates continue to be the “backbone our program” and we are continually appreciative for their strong support.
HEALTH SCIENCES LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER

HSLRC Learning Enhancement Assistance Program

The Learning Resource Center in the College of Health Sciences recently piloted an in house Peer to Peer Tutoring program for both Associate Degree and Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Students. The peer tutors are recommended by faculty within their respective department and paid a stipend for their services. Students may also be interested in seeking out specific course assistance or assistance in a number of other things such as Med Math/Dosage Calculations, Test Taking Skills, Writing Skills, Study Skills, and Care Plan Development and Organizational skills. Expansion of the program is planned for the future when funding is secured.

College of Health Science Tailgate and Open House

The College of Health Science hosted the first annual Open House and Tailgate on October 5th. Raglena Salmans, Health Science Learning Resource Center Director, organized and planned the event that welcomed prospective students currently in high school. Departments set up informational booths and lawn games, with both instructors and current students interacting with the high school seniors interested in a career in health sciences. Potential students had the opportunity to ask questions about the major as well as career opportunities within the field.
NEW FACES IN THE COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCE

Marina Prewitt, 
Academic Advisor
I received my undergraduate degree from EKU in Speech Communication Studies with emphasis in Business and Psychology. I received my Master’s Degree in Industrial Education/Occupational Training and Development. I have taught Orientation classes the last 8 semesters. I am married and have 2 children Nicholas (Nick) and Gabrielle (Gabby).

Natalie Webb, 
Academic Advisor
My education journey began at Morehead State University where I received my Bachelor’s degree in Psychology and continued on to EKU where I completed my Master’s degree in Counseling. During my 16+ years in higher education, I have worked in several facets of the university, where helping students realize their own potential has always been at the heart of what I do. My husband, Tim and I have three wonderful children Nolan, Cameron and Laura that are also a part of the EKU family at Model Lab.

Misty Kessler, 
Academic Administrative Specialist
I want to extend my appreciation to the College of Health Sciences for the wonderful welcome I received. I have been at EKU since November 2004, and prior to now, I was the Administrative Assistant in the Agriculture Department. My duties now include clearing CHS students for graduation, assisting faculty with advising and registration issues, assisting with graduation, and maintaining records. I am very excited to be a part of the College of Health Sciences.

Anna Dixon, 
Academic Administrative Specialist
I have been employed at EKU since 1994. 18+ years was in the Registrar’s Office before graciously accepting the position of Academic Administrative Specialist in the CHS July 2013. She and husband Charles have been married 25+ years and they have one daughter Cynthia whom they are proud to say is an EKU graduate.
Greetings Alumni and Friends:

This academic year brings many changes to the College of Health Sciences. Joining the Dean’s Office, we have added two new academic advisors. Replacing vacancies and retirements we have two new academic specialists, a new technology resource administrator, and a new program assistant.

Additionally, several of our outstanding faculty members have retired. We miss their expertise and contributions and look forward to the contributions of our new faculty and staff. We have had significant growth in many of our programs especially at the graduate level. Our two doctoral programs are launched and gaining momentum. We would love to have you return to campus to participate in the excellent capstone presentations from these outstanding programs. Our enrollments and degrees awarded are steadily growing. Faculty and students are learning, serving and engaging in new levels of scholarship. We are in a time of program growth and excitement as we strive to reach even higher levels of excellence in a rapidly changing health care arena.

We welcome you to campus to our research presentations and activities. We appreciate your service on our community advisory boards and your clinical mentorship of our students. Together we are forming the next generation of clinicians shaping optimal wellness. We look forward to expanding partnerships with you. Please send us your news and visit as our CHS family continues to make a difference in the Health Sciences. Check our web site for events. We look forward to hearing from you.

Deborah Whitehouse, PhD
Dean, College of Health Science

Molly Pingleton,
Program Assistant
I have been employed at EKU since September 2013 as Program Assistant in the CHS Dean’s Office. I recently decided to attend EKU and pursue a degree in Marketing. I have been married 4 years to my husband Shane and have a 2 year son Brantlee. I attend Small Group with a great group of ladies at Eastside Community Church here in Richmond.

Jagger Coffey,
Technology Resource Administrator
I hold A+, Network + and Security + certifications. I am also advancing through the Network Security Management M.S. program at EKU. I enjoy playing golf, Ping-Pong and enjoying a great laugh. I have 5 beautiful children, four boys and one girl, and a virtuous wife, Angela. I am honored to serve the College of Health Sciences with my Information Technology portfolio.
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