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Leader Transitions

Good Samaritan College of Nursing and Health Science

CINCINNATI, OH—**President Morris Cohen Announces His Retirement**



Morris Cohen, the longest serving President of Good Samaritan College of Nursing and Health Science, retired

December 31, 2015, after 26 years of service. With his vision and guidance, Morris has led GSC from a Diploma nursing program to a regionally accredited college with three degree programs (AASN, ASHS, and BSN). Under his leadership, the School of Nursing was re-founded in 2001 as Good Samaritan College of Nursing and Health Science, has more than 400 students in its three programs and

more than 4,000 living alumni offering compassionate care across the globe.

We wish Morris well on his retirement and thank him for his visionary leadership and dedication to the continued success of the Good Samaritan College of Nursing and Health Science.



New President Announced

Jim Hauschildt

has been appointed as President of Good Samaritan College of Nursing and Health Science, effective

January 4.

His appointment follows a national search and he joins TriHealth from Saint Luke's College of Health

Sciences in Kansas City, Mo., where he served as CEO, chief academic officer, and professor.

While there, Jim expanded health care education services and led strategic planning for the college. He also helped develop and implement a new master's degree program. His efforts contributed to a five-fold increase in baccalaureate program enrollment.

Jim's experience, vision, academic credentials and enthusiasm are ideally suited to lead Good Samaritan College as it builds upon more than a century of academic innovation and service excellence.

A native of Des Moines, Iowa, Jim and his wife, Kianna, have two children, Lauren and Andrew.

Dr. Michael Gargano, Jr. Named President of St. Vincent's College



BRIDGEPORT, CT Following a national search, Dr. Michael Gargano, of Hartford, has been selected to serve as president of **St. Vincent's College.**

He will lead the College into its 25th anniversary year, with a focus on

expanding academic programming, enhancing student experiences, and increasing financial aid resources. His tenure commenced February 15, 2016. Anita T. Gliniecki, of Monroe, has served as interim president of St. Vincent's College since Dr. Martha K. Shouldis's retirement in July.

"Dr. Gargano's extensive experience at high caliber educational institu-

tions is exactly the leadership we want as we begin the College's next quarter century," stated Stuart G. Marcus, MD, president and CEO, St. Vincent's Medical Center. "His unwavering commitment to academic excellence will serve the College well as we prepare and graduate the next generation of our

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**Dr. Michael Gargano, Jr.—
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healthcare workforce to meet the demands of our transforming national healthcare delivery system."

A seasoned and highly respected professional, Dr. Gargano brings administrative, institutional, and departmental knowledge garnered over more than three decades to St. Vincent's College. He has held leadership positions at the Connecticut State College & University System, the University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio, Louisiana State University System, University of Massachusetts Amherst, George Washington University, University of Rhode Island, and the University of Hartford.

Throughout his career, he has championed the mission and vision of each institution, always with a focus on improving academic quality and expanding academic programs.

As Vice President for Academic, Faculty and Student Affairs at the University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio, Dr. Gargano was responsible for facilitating interdisciplinary teaching, research and creative program development while making use of new learning technologies and methods. In addition, he oversaw academic support functions including admissions, financial aid, and registration; established affirmative action goals; sustained the institution's infrastructure and facilities; and was responsible for institutional accreditation.

"St. Vincent's has first rate, accomplished and expert faculty, students with a yearning to learn, a Medical Center that provides a comprehensive clinical and didactic experience, an affiliation with Ascension, the nation's largest Catholic and non-profit healthcare system, and a dedicated Board of Trustees," Dr. Gargano ex-

plained. "I couldn't ask for a better place from which to begin and I look forward to building on its strong foundation of excellence."

St. Vincent's College, a subsidiary of St. Vincent's Medical Center, provides associate degree programs in Nursing, Medical Assisting, Radiography, and General Studies as well as bachelor's degree completion programs in Nursing, Radiologic Sciences, and Healthcare Leadership. It also offers a wide range of online courses and short-term certificate programs leading to health careers.

"On behalf of everyone at St. Vincent's College, we thank Anita for shepherding us through this transition," stated Dr. Marcus. "She has been simply magnificent. Her experience was invaluable in providing stability to our faculty, students, and staff as we ready ourselves for the next chapter under Dr. Gargano's stewardship."

Allen College Announces Administrative Appointments

WATERLOO, IA—Dr. Jared Seliger has been appointed to the position of associate chancellor of Allen College.

Dr. Seliger joined Allen College's School of Health Sciences faculty in July of 2008 as Director of the College's Nuclear Medicine Technology program. Since joining the faculty, Dr. Seliger has been involved in accreditation activities at both the program and institutional levels. He currently chairs the Health Sciences Curriculum Committee and the Institution Review Board.

In his role as associate chancellor, Dr. Seliger will work closely with the chancellor and other members of the College's leadership team in a variety of

areas, including strategic planning, budgeting, new program development, policy/procedures development, compliance issues, and quality improvement.

Dr. Joanna Ramsden-Meier has been appointed to the position of Dean of Student Services of Allen College.

Dr. Ramsden-Meier joined Allen College in November 1998 as the Financial Aid Assistant. Since joining the Allen College staff, Dr. Ramsden-Meier has held the positions of Registrar (1999-2004) and Director of Student Services (2004-2015). Dr. Ramsden-Meier has been involved in accreditation activities at the institutional level and directs the Student Services department, which includes marketing,

recruitment, admissions, retention, registration and student life.

Since 2012, she has directed international students, which includes regulatory obligations between Allen College and the Department of Homeland Security as well as serves as the advisor and advocate for students who are studying at Allen College from abroad.

Dr. Ramsden-Meier will continue to be a part of the leadership team, working closely with the leadership team on budget, enrollment management, policies and procedures. She also serves as the campus's Title IX coordinator.

Leader Transitions

Mercy College of Health Sciences Leader Transitions

DES MOINES, IA—

- **Joe Brookover**, Financial Aid Director
- **Bo Bonner, MDiv.**, Director of Campus Ministry
- **Jeanette McGreevy, MS, Ed.D, Ph.D**, Director of Institutional Research and Effectiveness
- **Joan McCleish, RN, PhD**-Class of 1980, Associate Dean of the School of Nursing, RN to BSN Program Chair & Graduate Program Development
- **Mary Schemmel, RN, MSN**-Class of 1976, Associate Dean of the School of Nursing, and ASN/BSN Program Chair
- **Robert J. Loch, PhD, MBA, CNMT**, Dean of the School of Allied Health
- **Gayle Walter PhD, MPH, CHES**, Program Chair, Bachelor of Science in Public Health

Academic Program News

Adventist University of Health Sciences (ADU)

ORLANDO, FL—Adventist University of Health Sciences (ADU), a Seventh-day Adventist institution in Orlando, Florida specializing in healthcare education, will be busier than usual this May, but the Central Florida community will be healthier because of it.

ADU will begin accepting students to two new graduate programs; the university's first doctoral program in Physical Therapy, and a master's degree program offered in the field of Physician Assistant, a graduate program for which the school received provisional approval from the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA).

The three-year **doctorate program for Physical Therapists** will welcome 23 students during its first cohort in May. The course study was granted its candidacy for accreditation last November by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education accreditation@apta.org.

The Physician Assistant program will initially have a class of 25 students, selected from 350 applicants. All students who graduate

from ADU's PA program under the Provisional Accreditation will be considered by accrediting, government and medical organizations as having a fully accredited PA degree.

"ADU's guiding principle has always been healthcare as a ministry," President Dr. David Greenlaw, D. Min. said when he announced the two graduate programs. "We place a specific emphasis in service learning as well as providing whole patient care to the entire community." The University already offers a physical therapy clinic manned by graduate students to people in the community who can't otherwise afford such services.

The Physical Therapy Department program will be chaired by Jennifer Collins, PT, ED. D. MPA, who commented, "It is a privilege to be the first doctoral degree program at ADU and to provide yet another example of our university fulfilling its mission to develop leaders in healthcare. This program adds an excellent health professional degree to the community that will bring more physical therapists to the area."

Dr. Mark Payne, chair of ADU's

department of Physician Assistant Studies, echoed Dr. Collins' emphasis on the university's mission of outreach. "It is a testament to our curriculum and holistic education that goes beyond textbooks and coursework. We are excited and ready to launch."

The **Physician Assistant graduate program** is a 27-month, full-time master's program designed, through course study, lab sessions and clinical rotation, to prepare graduates to handle real-world situations with a human touch.

ADU is located on a growing, lakeside campus behind Florida Hospital's central Orlando facility. The university offers undergraduate and graduate programs including: Biomedical Sciences, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Health Sciences, Radiography, Nuclear Medicine Technology, Nursing (BSN), Nurse Anesthesia, Occupational Therapy Assistant, Master of Healthcare Administration, Master of Occupational Therapy, Physician Assistant and Physical Therapy. The college is associated with Florida Hospital and the Adventist Health System.

Academic Program News

Allen College Continues Its Tradition of Growth and Adaptation

WATERLOO, IA—Allen College opened an **Occupational Therapy Master's Program** in fall 2015 and admitted its first cohort of 14 students.

Dr. Cindy Hahn, the program director, says the addition of an occupational therapy program beginning this fall will only serve to expand the identity and reach of Allen College.

A workforce need for occupational therapy services in the state, particularly in rural areas, was recognized early, and the formation of

Allen College's new program has been several years in the making. Dr. Hahn and academic field work coordinator, Margo Kreger, have been on staff for a year developing the curriculum while Denise Dermody has recently come aboard to complete this year's faculty team.

The accreditation process is still underway and a site visit will be conducted by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education in the fall of 2016.

In fall 2015 Allen College admitted its first class to the **Bachelor of**

Health Sciences in Dental Hygiene (BHS-DH) program. The program, is offered online and enrolls students who are already registered dental hygienists. The 124 credit program includes 30 credits of dental hygiene coursework that can be completed on a full-time or part-time basis.

This is the only dental hygiene completion program in the state of Iowa.

Cox College Begins Master of Science in Occupational Therapy Program



SPRINGFIELD, MO—In August 2015, Cox College's highly anticipated **Master of Science in Occupational Therapy program** officially began.

The strong group of 22 students from across the nation became the institution's third graduate program, joining Master of Science in Nursing, and Master of Science in Nutrition Diagnostics cohorts, respectively.

The program was the first approved for candidacy status in Southwest Missouri and will help meet a significant regional need for entry-level occupational therapists.

Jefferson College Announces Additional Doctorate Programs and Creation of the School of Graduate & Professional Studies

ROANOKE, VA—Jefferson College of Health Sciences, a part of Carilion Clinic, announced the addition of two new doctorate-level programs to the institution's 25 existing healthcare-focused degree and certificate programs on Monday, November 2, 2015.

The new programs, the Doctorate of Nursing Practice and the Doctorate of Health Sciences, will welcome their first students in fall 2016.

In addition, Jefferson College introduced the new "Jefferson College of Health Sciences School of

Graduate & Professional Studies," which will be home to the college's graduate-level programs and the more than 250 students currently enrolled in those programs. The addition of the School provides an administrative framework to best meet the needs of these students.

Academic Program News

Jefferson Awarded a \$1 Million, 3-year Federal Grant to Develop a Veteran's Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program

ROANOKE, VA—In July 2015, Jefferson College of Health Sciences was awarded \$1,034,749 for a three-year grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Bureau of Health Professions as part of its

Nurse Education, Practice, Quality and Retention (NEPQR) Program.

The NEPQR program prepares veterans for the transition from the military to a civilian professional nursing practice role. As part of the program, Jefferson College has

developed "Leaders in Healthcare: A Veteran's Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program (VBSN)," which will assist veterans with enrollment, progression and graduation as they earn their baccalaureate nursing degrees.

Mercy College of Health Sciences Program News

DES MOINES, IA—The new **Bachelor of Science in Nursing** program has four (4) cohorts totaling 265 students.

The **Bachelor of Science in Public Health** program has been submitted to the Higher Learning Commission for approval.

Bachelor of Science in Health Information program has received a grant from Telligen in the amount of \$50,000 to fund the creation of the program that will be submitted

to the Higher Learning Commission for approval in March.

2,000 elementary central Iowa students will learn the importance of disaster preparedness from **43 Mercy College BSN students** who are **American Red Cross Certified in Disaster Preparedness** via [The Pillow Case Project sponsored by Disney](#)

Methodist College Adds Social Work

PEORIA, IL—Methodist College was recently approved to add a **Social Work** program to their curriculum with The Higher Learning Commission doing a scheduled visit in November 2016

St. Vincent's College Offers Online Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Leadership (Completion Program)

BRIDGEPORT, CT—St. Vincent's College began offering the Online Bachelor's Degree Completion Program in Healthcare Leadership this January. The program provides students with an opportunity to develop a foundation for a career in the administration of health services.

This well-designed baccalaureate program emphasizes the role of health in achieving quality of life and the role of high quality health services in protecting and promoting health.

The program is designed for

students who are interested in working in healthcare management or leadership rather than in fields that are patient care centered. Up to 90 credits may be transferred when applying for this program. Individualized program plans will be developed for each student. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics the median salary in 2013 for medical and healthcare service managers was \$90,940.

Healthcare managers and leaders work in different types of facilities and perform a variety of tasks. As a health care administra-

tor, a graduate may work for hospitals and long-term health care facilities, a physician's office or medical practice, insurance companies, medical equipment suppliers, state or federal agencies, non-profit organizations (such as the Red Cross, United Way, etc.), and community service organizations.

They are accepting applications for the Fall 2016 semester. To learn more, contact Dr. Susan Capasso (scapasso@stvincentscollege.edu) for further details or call (800) 873-1013.

Accreditation News

Allen College OT Program Granted Candidacy Status

WATERLOO, IA—The Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) granted Candidacy Status to Allen College's Occupational Therapy (OT) Master's Program.

As a result of this action, Allen College admitted students into the Occupational Therapy Master's Program beginning with the 2015 fall semester.

Mercy College of Health Sciences Accreditation News

DES MOINES, IA—The Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education reaffirmed the Physical Therapist Assistant Program's accreditation through December 31, 2025.

The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) has granted continued accreditation for the Medical Assisting Program accreditation through spring 2023.

Cox College Receives Continued Accreditation

SPRINGFIELD, MO—Cox College is pleased to announce it has earned continued accreditation with the Higher Learning Commission; the next Reaffirmation of Accreditation will be in 2024-25.

One of the last institutions under the Program to Evaluate and Advance Quality (PEAQ), Cox College has transitioned to the Standard Pathway. In addition, the College continues progressing through separate incorporation requirements, including recent completion of corporate status in Missouri, 501(c)(3) designation from the Internal Revenue Service, and federal Department of Education program participation regulations.

Awards & Recognitions—Institutional

Adventist University of Health Sciences Named Outstanding Corporate group at the Community Volunteer Excellence

By Todd Persons

ORLANDO, FL—Adventist University of Health Sciences (ADU) was named by the Heart of Florida United Way (HFUW) as the Outstanding Corporate Group at the Community Volunteer Excellence Awards on July 14, 2015. The University was honored for its commitment to provide critical services and education to the clients of the Community Food and Outreach Center through service learning and volunteerism projects.

The HFUW Community Volunteer Excellence Award for Outstanding Corporate Group honors a group serving under their company's name on a one-time or ongoing project in the community. As one of sixteen nominees for this award, ADU was selected based on the nomination sent in from the Community Food and Outreach Center (CFOC), the organization it served.

"The service-learning opportunities at the CFOC are valuable for our students because they change the students' perception of individuals living under the poverty line and educate them on the many needs of the population," explains Vicki Case, Occupational Therapy Faculty and Service-Learning Committee Chair at ADU. For more than two years, students, faculty, and staff have served the CFOC through the intra-professional collaboration of Occupational Therapy, Occupational Therapy

Assistant, and Nursing students designing and teaching life skills and health education classes. ADU also aids through its annual Day of Service, where in 2014 the University brought 250 employees to the CFOC to participate in an all-day beautification project.

Case adds, "It is a win-win. The CFOC has benefited from our students' efforts to provide quality skills training classes and the CFOC has made a difference in our students' lives by preparing them for their future careers and reiterating our University's mission of Healthcare as Ministry."

Marika Whitaker, Nursing Faculty at Adventist University, agreed that the service projects are important to the student learning experience. "The students are introduced at the CFOC to many valuable community resources needed when caring for the underserved population. The students will take this information to their places of employment as healthcare providers and offer the best possible patient care."

ADU is honored to receive this award for their commitment to bettering Central Florida and providing help to those in need.

Awards & Recognitions—Institutional

Allen College Master of Science in Nursing Program Ranked High

WATERLOO, IA—Allen College's Master of Science in Nursing program has been ranked among the nation's 25 best online nursing programs, according to OnlineColleges.net. OnlineColleges.net determines which colleges are recognized based on a

"complex methodology that compares academics, student experience, financial aid, and enrollment in the online master's in nursing program."

This year, Allen College ranked 21 of the best offerings in the country. According to the message from

OnlineColleges.net, Allen College has "clearly put great emphasis on creating a program that prepares students for success, and that played a major role in the ranking."

Good Samaritan College of Nursing and Health Science

CINCINNATI, OH—GSC College was awarded a \$3,000 grant by the Ohio Program for Campus Safety and Mental Health, FY 2016 Collaborative Program Development Grant.

The purpose of this grant is to support the development of suicide prevention, mental health promotion

and stigma reduction programs for campus faculty, staff, and students at Ohio's institutions of higher education.

The Proposal must demonstrate a collaborative relationship between a local community entity and one or more of the colleges, universities, technical

schools, and/or community colleges within the area.

This was a competitive program. Jill Nutter, GSC's Counselor, wrote the application.

Mercy College of Health Sciences

DES MOINES, IA—Mercy College of Health Sciences will host four national speakers during the 2015-16 academic year as part of the second year of the **Faith & Healing Speaker Series**, an award-winning educational program designed to address these important topics, promote discussion with members of the healthcare, health policy and wellness communities in Iowa, and instill a love for learning.

The Series will encompass the topics of faith, healing, and wellness from different perspectives while highlighting Catholic theology and practice. Despite strong evidence that religious faith, regardless of faith tradition, often informs clinicians' practices and that many patients' experiences of illness are mediated by faith, the relationship between faith and healing is understudied.

Recognized in May 2015 by the Iowa Healthcare Educators, a membership group of the Iowa Hospital

Association with the IHE Institutional Award -- is intended to address one of the College's core values: knowledge; which has been defined as "instilling in our College Community a thirst to continually study, investigate, observe, and experience the world all-around for facts and ideas that can improve the health and well-being of humankind and create a love for learning."

2015-16 Faith & Healing Speaker Series Speakers include:

- **Timothy Muldoon, PhD**, Assistant to the Vice President for University Mission and Ministry at **Boston College**: *"Mercy Theology as Healthcare Policy"*
- **Warren Kinghorn, MD, ThD**, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Pastoral and Moral Theology, **Duke University Medical Center and Duke Divinity School**; and Staff Psychiatrist, Durham Veterans Administration Medical Center: *"Healing the Moral Injuries of War:*

Faith, Community, and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder"

- **Sr. Karen Schneider, RSM, MD**, Pediatric Emergency Physician and Assistant Professor of Pediatric Emergency Medicine at the **Johns Hopkins Children's Center**, Baltimore, MD *"One Sister's Journey into the Jungle!"* Sr. Karen is a medical missionary and member of the Religious Sisters of Mercy.
- **Lena Hatchett, PhD**, Assistant Professor in the Neiswanger Institute for Bioethics and Director of Community and University Partnerships at **Loyola University, Chicago, IL**: *"Proviso Partners for Health: A Food Justice Coalition."*

Awards & Recognitions— Faculty & Staff

ADU's Founding President, David Greenlaw, Celebrates 25th Anniversary

By Meghan Brescher



ORLANDO, FL – Adventist University of Health Sciences' (ADU) founding President, David Greenlaw, D.Min., celebrated his 25th anniversary as president for the University. ADU was

established in 1992 as a health sciences institution practicing under the mission of Healthcare as Ministry. Dr. Greenlaw was given the responsibility of building the University into an accredited institution that produces world-class healthcare professionals, and he is credited with the success it enjoys today.

"These last 25 years have been my life. I live it night, day, every day of the week. Who I am is here at ADU, and how often do you get to put your stamp on something over such a long period of time," explained Dr. Greenlaw.

In just 25 years, the University has grown from an institution offering only four associate degrees to where it is today, with over 10 programs offering degrees at all levels: associate's, bachelor's, master's, and doctoral. With the need for quality healthcare education increasing nationwide, Dr. Greenlaw was among the first university presidents to offer online education with the establishment of ADU Online in 2000. Later, he opened an additional campus site in Denver, CO.

"I can't imagine anyone else that I know who could have accomplished all that he did in this short period of time," stated Charlotte Henningsen, Chair of ADU's Sonography department.

Under Dr. Greenlaw's vision and leadership, ADU continuously developed to meet the needs of students and healthcare organizations. He saw the importance of nurturing students not just with clinical education, but also with spirituality in a faith-based setting.

Lars Houmann, President and CEO of Florida Hospital, described Dr.

Greenlaw as a visionary. He stated, "A visionary is not somebody who just dreams, a visionary is someone who has a pretty specific focused way of seeing the future and getting something there, which Dave clearly has done with ADU."

ADU honored Dr. Greenlaw with a 25th anniversary video where his family, friends, and colleagues shared their memories of working with him during the formative years, and building the institution to where it is today. The full-length video can be viewed at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h92hQjlm_qY

Dr. Greenlaw attributes the success of ADU to "good people," the faculty and staff that he has employed to make a difference in the lives of each and every student. He said, "What a privilege I've had to be able to work this long in one thing, to gather such a wonderful group of people, and to see the work that they produce on a day to day basis. It has been tremendously satisfying for me. Few people get the chance to do that in their life."

Allen College Professor Mary Brown Honored for Service to the Community



WATERLOO, IA – Allen College Associate Professor Mary Brown was honored at a luncheon last fall by the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Northeast Iowa Chapter, for her many years of service to the Greater Cedar

Valley Community and Allen College.

Professor Brown was selected in the Legacy category which is given to an individual "that inspires philanthropic endeavors by individuals in subsequent generations." Professor Brown's nomination for the award--made by Chancellor Dr. Jerry Durham, School of Nursing Dean Dr. Kendra Williams-Perez, and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs Dr. Nancy Kramer—spoke to Professor Brown's lifetime of service to the community and to Allen College:

"Mary Brown is the pioneer of service

learning at Allen College. She introduced the concept to faculty and brought education to our faculty to build the foundation that exists today. Mary has served as the Center for Engagement, Learning, and Leadership (CELL) Director from 2010 to 2013, and as the CELL Advisor from 2014 to present. In this capacity she has been an educator and advocate for service with students, faculty, and staff. Her dedication to service and volunteering is evident on a daily basis. As can be seen from Mary's involvement in community based activities, she is models service continuously. Mary has spear-headed the development and implementation of the Service Honors program now available for Allen College nursing students. She has been instrumental in the outreach activities of Allen College with the community, exposing nearly all nursing students to the various community agencies that help

serve the Cedar Valley. Mary provides students with opportunities to experience the work of these organizations in a hands-on approach. Mary's work has provided a firm foundation for Allen students to become involved in philanthropy in the community after graduation and throughout their careers. On many occasions, feedback from alumni regarding their involvement in the community has directly stemmed from their exposure and involvement in community opportunities that Mary provided."

Professor Brown retired in December 2015 after more than forty years of service as a registered nurse. Since 1996, she has held the R.J. McElroy Endowed Chair for Interdisciplinary Studies at Allen College. In this position, she has led efforts among the various health care programs of Allen College to promote community service and service learning.

Awards & Recognitions—Faculty & Staff

Allen College Faculty/Staff Recognitions

WATERLOO, IA

Peg Broadie, assistant professor, became a certified Quality Matters Master Reviewer.

Gale Carlson, associate professor, had an article published in the *International Leisure Review* journal. The title of Gale's article is: "The application of qualitative research methods in recreation, parks, tourism, and leisure."

Dr. Ruselle DeBonis' article entitled "Effects of Service-Learning on Graduate Nursing Students: Care and Advocacy for the Impoverished" was published in the January 2016 issue of the *Journal of Nursing Education*. This article is an excellent example of scholarly writing linked to teaching and service. Dr. DeBonis is a professor.

Dr. Cindy Hahn, occupational therapy program director and associate professor, has been named the OT Certified Community Behavioral Health Centers Ambassador for the State of Iowa by the Iowa OT Association.

Dr. Jacki Jaspers, assistant professor, completed degree requirements for the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) from Concordia University in Mequon, WI.

Dr. Nancy Kramer, vice chancellor of academic affairs, was appointed by Iowa Governor Branstad to another three-year term on the Iowa Board of Nursing.

Margo Kreger, MS, OTR/L, faculty member of the Master of Science in Occupational Therapy Program at Allen College, was chosen as Iowa's 2015 *Distinguished Occupational Therapist* by the Iowa State Occupational Therapy Association.

Dr. Nancy Kramer, vice chancellor of academic affairs, was inducted into the National League for Nursing's Academy of Nursing Education, with the credential of "Fellow." Dr. Kramer joins the academy's 202 fellows representing nursing schools and programs throughout the United States. The NLN established the Academy of Nursing Education in 2007 to foster excellence in nursing education by recognizing and capitalizing on the wisdom of nurse educators who have made sustained and significant contributions to nursing education. Fellows provide leadership in nursing education and in the Academy of Nursing Education, and support the vision of the NLN to promote standards of excellence in nursing education. Fellows serve as important role models and resources for new educators and for those who aspire to become nurse educators.

As a newly named fellow, Dr. Kramer has been lauded for her innovative teaching and/or learning strategies; nursing education research; faculty development; academic leadership; promotion of public policy that advances nursing education; and/or collaborative educational, practice or community partnerships

Evalene Martin, diagnostic medical sonography program director and instructor, successfully completed her Master of Science degree in Academic Program Administration and Leadership. Evalene received her Master of Science degree from Nebraska Methodist College.

Dr. Jackie Meyer's abstract submission, "A Hybrid Option Within a Fully Online MSN Health Policy Course: A Strategy to Offer Face-Face

or Synchronous Online Sessions for Faculty and Student Engagement," has been selected for a Podium Presentation at AACN's 2016 Master's Education Conference at Royal Sonesta Houston in Houston, TX. Dr. Meyer is a professor in the nursing program.

Dr. Doreen Mingo, assistant professor, completed degree requirements for the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) from Concordia University in Mequon, WI. Dr. Mingo's poster, "Developing Pipeline Programs for Students," has been accepted as a poster presentation at the 29th Annual National Conference on Race & Ethnicity in American Higher Education (NCORE) to be held later this spring.

Dr. Denise Pralle, associate professor, had an article published in the *Journal of Community & Public Health Nursing*, "Reducing barriers in our communities: Building awareness and understanding." She has had another article accepted for publication in the same journal. The title of the article is "One More Time: The Importance of Student-Faculty Connection." The article has not yet been published. Dr. Pralle was the guest editor for the *Journal of Community and Public Health Nursing*. She also received a certificate in Cultural Competence: Latino Populations from the Albany School of Public Health, Albany, NY.

Emily Schuldt, instructor, completed degree requirements for the education track of the Master of Science in Nursing program from Allen College.

Awards & Recognitions—Faculty & Staff

Good Samaritan College of Nursing and Health Science

CINCINNATI, OH—Faculty and Staff Publications:

Kathleen Flanagan, library technical assistant, has been published as a contributor to the daily reflections book “Abiding with God: Day by Day.” The book is available on Amazon.

Lu Anne Gerard, associate professor, received the University of Cincinnati College of Nursing Alumni Legacy Award for Outstanding Career in April. LuAnne was one of the 125 alumni selected as part of the celebration of the 125th year of the nursing program at the university.

Lu Anne Gerard and **Beverly Gladish**, associate professors, and **Jacqueline Wright** '08, instructor, presented a poster: “Can Pediatric Content Be Successfully Taught and Applied in a Concept-Based Curriculum” in April at the Ohio Council of Associate Degree Nursing Education and Administration Conference. The poster received second place.

David Groh, professor presented a poster at the American Statistical Society's Joint Statistical Meeting 2015 in August: “The Efficacy of Computer Tutorials in the Introduction to Statistics Course.” He also published an article by same name in the Proceedings of the American Statistical Society. Recently David received a grant from the Ohio Supercomputer Center to calculate copper-oxide quantum energy levels in a variety of geometrical orientations (in different crystal structures). Ohio Supercomputer Center computers are organized to work together in groups called parallel processing clusters. A cluster of 1000 high end computers together can do some calculations 1000 times faster than a single computer. A computer program for quantum calculations on chemicals utilizes a parallel processing cluster to per-

form calculations in a few hours that would take a week or more on a typical computer.

Karen Groh, assistant professor was published in HAPS-Educator, Winter 2015: “Cellular Activity Snippet”.

Pat Koral, BSN Department Chair, and a fellow TriHealth nurse presented the first “Evidence-Based Practice Point of Care” Fellowship Course for staff nurses at TriHealth. The Fellowship Course provided didactic and interactive activities for developing evidence-based practice knowledge and skills.

Sharon Pittard, associate professor and previous GSC faculty **Carmen Harrison** had their manuscript, “Teaching Learning Strategies in a Concept-Based Curriculum” included in Innovations in Nursing Education: Building the Future of Nursing, Vol. 3. The book is available through Amazon.

Pat McMahon, dean of academic affairs, received the 2015 Volunteer of the Year Award from the local chapter of the Arthritis Foundation.

Valerie Ratchford, library technical assistant, received a grant from the Mary Ann McGrath Nursing Education Endowment Fund to purchase Nursing Theory/Philosophy books.

Jim Sargent, assistant professor, has published A Journey of Imagination, Stories We Want Our Grandchildren to Hear. The book can be purchased through Amazon.

Joann Sullivan-Mann, professor and the TriHealth Corporate Education Team presented a poster at the NLN/Elsevier Technology Conference in October: “The Ultimate Experience: integrating Epic into Simulation.” Professor Sullivan-Mann has also received a \$4,000 grant from the GSH Guild for

the purchase of a Phillips Vital Sign machine. This will give the Skills Lab a total of five machines – one for each Nursing 101 Instructor.

Craig West, learning specialist, presented original research at the International Federation of the Teaching of English Conference in New York City: - “Common Rhetoric: Using Language to Enfranchise English Educators Working within the Confines of the Common Core State Standards.” He also presented in January at the West Clermont Professional Learning Conference: “Integrating Genres: Argument, Narrative, and Informational Text”, “Intro to Critical Media Literacy”.

Sigma Theta Tau Nursing Honor Society – Good Samaritan College has become a member of Omicron Omicron Chapter at Large with Mount St. Joseph University and Xavier University.

Faculty member **Teresa Getha-Eby**, PhD: manuscript titled Student Learning Outcomes in Response to Concept-Based Teaching was published in the April issue of the Journal of Nursing Education.

Faculty members **Carmen Harrison**, MSN, and **Sharon Pittard**, MSN: their manuscript titled “Teaching-Learning Strategies in a Concept-Based Curriculum” was published in the third volume of the Innovations in Nursing Education: Building the Future of Nursing text authored by Linda Caputi.

Department chair **Patricia Koral** DNP, RN, CNE and academic dean **Patricia McMahon**, DNP, RN, NP-C received their Doctor of Nursing Practice in May 2015 from Mount St. Joseph University.

Awards & Recognitions—Faculty & Staff

Mercy College of Health Sciences



DES MOINES, IA—**Dr. Shirley Beaver**, dean of the School of Nursing at Mercy College, was selected for recognition as one of the 100 Great Iowa Nurses for 2015. This award recognizes nurses *"that have made a meaningful and lasting contribution to humanity and the nursing profession."*

Professor of philosophy and theology, **Joseph Moravec**, DMin. received the 2015 Engaged Campus Awards Mission by the Iowa Campus Compact, presented by Mercy College President and Iowa Campus Compact Board Chair Barbara Decker.

Lisa Croat and **Joe Brookover** from the financial aid office earned a spot on the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA) credential Honor Roll.

St. John's College of Nursing

SPRINGFIELD, IL—**Dr. Gloria Brummer** was the 2015 recipient of the Outstanding Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Project Award in the category of Nursing Education Research Interest Group from the Midwest Nursing Research Society (MNRS). The purpose of the award is to recognize a member of the MNRS whose scholarly project is of exceptional quality and makes a significant contribution to the scholarship of nursing education. Her project focused on designing and evaluating a curriculum plan for interprofessional education at St. John's College.

Angela Bentley, assistant professor at St. John's College of Nursing, received the Arthur L. Davis scholarship and funding in the amount of \$2,500 from the Society of Vascular Nurses to support research efforts in a walking program for patients with peripheral artery disease.

Dr. Gloria Brummer along with **senior student, Ashleigh Sanderfield** participated in the 2015 Interprofessional Student Team Hot Spotting Minigrant Project through Southern Illinois University from July 2015 until January 2016. The grant was sponsored by The Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers, Primary Care Progress, and Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC). The six-month learning collaborative provided interprofessional student and faculty groups training on motivational interviewing, social determinants of health, team-building, and advocacy to help improve care delivery systems. Interprofessional teams collaboratively gained insight into the root causes that lead some patients to have repeat emergency room visits and hospital admissions and then analyzed how this additional utilization might have been avoided.

Awards & Recognitions—Students & Alumni

Allen College



WATERLOO, IA
Students Selected to Represent Allen College as Members of the Iowa Campus Compact (IACC) Civic Ambassadors Network

Kara Bolte and Claire

Wadding, students in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program, were selected to represent Allen College as members of the Iowa Campus Compact (IACC) Civic Ambassadors Network. This network provides them with the opportunity to lead social change on the Allen College campus and in the local community. IACC has convened a team of 20 students representing 12 colleges from across the state and is providing them with additional leadership experience to move beyond their campus and make a powerful statewide impact. As part of their experience, they will be leading an Allen College campus service project during the 2016 spring semester.

ASRO Receives Governor's Volunteer Award

The Allen Student Radiography Organization (ASRO) was selected to receive the Group Governor's Volunteer Award by the Iowa Department of Transportation for outstanding commitment and service. The ASRO began the Adopt-A-Highway program in, October 2005. ASRO members continue to volunteer to clean up a two mile stretch of Highway 63 north of Allen College. A special recognition ceremony was held in June 11 to present the award to Sue Robinson, ASRO faculty advisor and the ASRO student officers.



Awards & Recognitions—Students & Alumni

Adventist University of Health Sciences Student Awarded the Newman Civic Fellow Award for 2015

By Meghan Brescher

ORLANDO, FL—Adventist University of Health Sciences (ADU) Occupational Therapy student, **Adam Casaceli**, has been named a Newman Civic Fellow of 2015 by Campus Compact. Campus Compact is a national coalition of nearly 1,100 college and university presidents who are committed to fulfilling the civic purposes of higher education. Casaceli was given this national honor for being engaged within the Central Florida community and representing the next generation of civic leaders.

From across the country, college and university presidents all members of Campus Compact have nominated promising student leaders who have demonstrated an investment in their community to be Newman Civic Fellows, and ADU student, Adam Casaceli, was one of the few that was selected.

“Adam is the perfect example of the role that higher education can, and does play in building a better world,” explains ADU President, Dr. David Greenlaw. “He lives ADU’s mission to provide the best possible care to patients.”

Through service, research, and advocacy, Casaceli is making the most of his college experience to better understand himself, the root causes of social issues, and effective mechanisms for creating lasting change.

“I found my lives passion after falling in love with my University’s program in Occupational Therapy, and because of that I try to participate in and be involved with as many activities related to my future profession as I can,” explains ADU student, Adam Casaceli.

ADU’s Occupational Therapy program has given Casaceli the unique opportunity to engage with patients and to incorporate their interest into their personalized

therapy. One way he is doing this is by enlisting the help of a therapy dog.

“I have seen Hope, ADU’s therapy dog, first-hand impact the lives of patients, and it inspired me to research the benefits and eventually present my findings at the Florida Occupational Therapy Association Conference,” adds Casaceli.

Through service-learning courses and other opportunities for community engagement, ADU is developing students’ public problem-solving skills, such as the ability to analyze community needs, the willingness to participate in public processes and debate, the commitment to raise awareness about challenges, and the ability to inspire others to become part of solutions.

“Adam provides fresh energy and perspective within our Occupational Therapy Department. He deserves to be recognized for his hard work and passion about helping those who need it the most. We are proud to have him here at ADU,” says Nicole Scheiman, Program Director of ADU’s Occupational Therapy Assistant program.

Not only is Casaceli researching pet therapy, he also provides support and advocacy while working with *Surfers for Autism* and *MicheLee Puppets*. His ultimate goal is to empower patients by increasing their happiness.

Being named a Newman Civic Fellow by Campus Compact highlights the remarkable impact he has already made within the community and will continue to make as he lives out his passion of becoming an Occupational Therapist.

Mercy College of Health Sciences

DES MOINES, IA—Mercy College BSN student and Mercy College Association of Nursing Students (MCANS) member **Kate Pace** was elected to the position of Treasurer of the Iowa Association of Nursing Students (IANS) at the 2015 IANS Conference.

Mercy BSN Students **Leah Barthol, Elizabeth Frohman, Abbi Herrick, Kate Pace, Austin Pefferman, Ellen Reiter, Mark Rustin, and Cheyanne Weis** developed and presented a resolution “IN SUPPORT OF RAISING AWARENESS OF TRAUMA INFORMED CARE” that was adopted at the 2015 IANS State Conference.

Facilities

Virginia Intercollegiate Anatomy Lab (VIAL) Opens on the Jefferson College Campus

ROANOKE, VA—Jefferson College, Radford University and the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine formally open the \$2.5 million Virginia Intercollegiate Anatomy Lab (VIAL) on the Jefferson College campus.

Jefferson College of Health Sciences, Radford University and the Virginia Tech Carilion School of

Medicine hosted a grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Virginia Intercollegiate Anatomy Lab (VIAL) on May 22, 2015 at Carilion Roanoke Community Hospital on the Jefferson College campus in downtown Roanoke. VIAL is located on the eighth floor of the hospital.

The event commemorated the completion of a \$2.5 million, year-long

collaboration between the three institutions that was notable for its unique private-public partnership. VIAL supports the three institutions' individual Interprofessional Education programs, which allow healthcare students to learn to work collaboratively in clinical settings before entering their professions.

Mercy College of Health Sciences

DES MOINES, IA—Mercy Medical Center - Des Moines has entered into a non-binding Memo of Understanding with Newbury Living to redevelop a building formerly known as Mercy Court, for future use by Mercy College students for apartments.

In addition, Newbury Living is creating a 20,000 square foot building on

the site for College offices and classrooms with the architectural help of Simonson & Associates. Newbury is working to have student apartments completed in fall 2016. The tentative completion date for the new building is set for spring 2017.



Methodist College Will Open a New Campus

PEORIA, IL—Methodist College is proud to announce the upcoming opening of their new campus, located in North Peoria. Methodist College will be moving to their new campus at 7600 Academic Drive, Peoria, Illinois during the week of July 11, 2016.

St. John's College of Nursing Simulation Lab

SPRINGFIELD, IL – This year the students of St. John's College of Nursing and colleagues of HSHS St. John's Hospital anticipate the completion of a new state-of-the-art simulation lab. Approval was granted to proceed with development back in March 2015, with construction beginning in early October.

The new lab, conveniently located in the HSHS Central Illinois building, will span over 6,000 square feet and includes OR/OB, Medical/Surgical, ER/ICU, and Pediatric simulations. The space also accommodates students and faculty with a skills lab, health assessment exam area, two debrief rooms and one conference room.

Philanthropy

Mercy College of Health Sciences

DES MOINES, IA—Mercy College has received an alumna gift of \$426,772 from the estate of G. Frances Shiltz Weieneth to establish an endowed scholarship for the benefit of a nursing student. Mrs. Weieneth was a 1945 diploma-nursing graduate of the Mercy School of Nursing in Des Moines.



Proceeds from a Quasi-Endowment fund generated \$100,000 that translated into the first ever presentation of ten (10) **\$10,000 Presidential Academic Scholarships** to eligible Mercy College students in 2015-16.

Mercy College of Health Sciences received a \$25,000 check from the Grand Lodge of Iowa of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF) in November to assist refugees and immigrants to complete their health science educational goals. This is the third year in a row the organization has funded the scholarship in this amount.



Mercy College established in 2015-16 the **Workforce of the Future Scholarship** to assist students of diverse backgrounds to attend College, and awarded eight (8) students \$5,000 for tuition this academic year.

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Allen College's Institutional Review Board Receives Federalwide Assurance Approval

WATERLOO, IA—Dr. Jared Seliger, chairperson of the Allen College Institutional Review Board (ACIRB), announced that the College has been granted Federalwide Assurance (FWA) by the Office of Human Research Protection (OHRP).

Through the FWA, an institution commits to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) that it will comply with the requirements in the HHS Protection

of Human Subjects regulations that seek to protect any human subjects participating in the research.

Because FWA is the only type of assurance currently accepted and approved by OHRP for research that is federally funded the ACIRB can now review and approve research that is federally funded. The ACIRB's FWA is valid for five years.

Jefferson College of Health Sciences

ROANOKE, VA
Jefferson College Hosts over 600 Community Members of All Ages During the Virginia Science Festival

On September 25, 2015, The Virginia Science Festival visited the Jefferson College of Health Sciences

Campus at Carilion Roanoke Community Hospital in Roanoke, visiting interactive exhibits in our Operating Room Simulation Suites, Biomedical Sciences Labs and Emergency Services Labs.

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Jefferson College of Health Sciences

ROANOKE, VA

Jefferson College Acts as One of the Hosts for the International Collaborating Across Borders (CAB V) Conference in Roanoke, Virginia

Jefferson College of Health Sciences, in collaboration with the Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine and Research Institute (VTC) and Carilion Clinic hosted

the fifth Collaborating Across Borders (CAB V) conference in Roanoke in September 2015. The event, sponsored every two years by the American Interprofessional Health Collaborative, is the premier international conference on educating and implementing effective healthcare teams.

Mercy College of Health Sciences

DES MOINES, IA—Drs. Kris Owens, Jeannine Matz, and Marti Doyle are working on an English Language Learner (ELL) research project which is funded with a Mercy College President's Innovation Grant, to address how the College can better assist ELL students with their success.

Methodist College

PEORIA, IL—Methodist College had record enrollment for the 2016 spring semester with 625 students.

St. John's College of Nursing

SPRINGFIELD, IL

Scholarship Luncheon. Each year, St. John's College of Nursing hosts a luncheon to thank donors who have endowed scholarships for its students. The luncheon brings together the donors and the recipients of their scholarships as a way to showcase the importance of not only giving to the college but, how those who benefit from the gifts appreciate their support. This year nearly 100 attendees were present and 53 St. John's College Seniors benefited from donor gifts through the endowment scholarships at St. John's College.

Support for Faith Community Nursing. St. John's College of Nursing strengthens its support of Faith Community Nursing through faculty involvement. Dr. Judy Shackelford, Professor at St. John's College, serves as a founding board member of Faith Community Nurses International (FCNI). The organization is newly established as a global network of Faith Community Nurses to advance faith community nursing as a nursing specialty; to connect faith community nurses (FCNs) worldwide; to support research in faith community nursing; to provide continuing education for FCNs; and to provide an on-line, peer-reviewed nursing journal. Foundational support for the FCNI is not only historical but also a significant contribution to the sustainability and professional development of the specialty.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The **2016 fall AHSEC meeting** will be held on the campus of **Methodist College, Peoria, Illinois, starting with a dinner on Sunday evening, October 2 and concluding at noon on Tuesday, October 4.** AHSEC members will have an opportunity to tour the new Methodist College campus during the meeting. AHSEC presidents/chancellors and their guests will also be invited to a dinner on Monday evening.

For the fall 2016 meeting, AHSEC chancellors and presidents are asked to invited their chief academic officer (or another academic officer) to the AHSEC meeting. Meetings of interest to the academic officers will be arranged separate from the meetings of the AHSEC chancellors and presidents.

More detailed information will be sent to you as agendas and other details of the meetings are arranged.