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Greetings!

Welcome to the second newsletter from the School of Health and Human Services at SCSU. In this edition, we celebrate the accomplishments of our faculty and students and look forward to a very busy end of semester.

Excellence in Leadership Awards

Five students from SHHS have been selected as 2012 *Excellence in Leadership Award* recipients:

- Mary Carpenter: Communication Sciences and Disorders
- John Fruth: College Counseling and Student Development
- Chunyang Huang: Communication Sciences and Disorders
- Alicia Schuette: Radiologic Technology
- Abbey Soldner: College Counseling and Student Development

The recipients will be honored at the Excellence in Leadership Banquet on Sunday, April 22nd in Atwood Memorial Center Ballroom.

Alumni Service Association Award

Mary Weise, '71, is the recipient of the **Alumni Service Association Award**. Mary was an SCSU professor, a certified speech-language pathologist and for 30 years was the director of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders Speech-Language and Hearing Clinic. Over the course of her career, Weise was a tireless advocate for people with communication disorders and was especially active with laryngectomees, people who are hard of hearing and children who are selectively mute.

International news and SHHS

Communication Sciences and Disorders

Dr. Smits-Bandstra (CSD) presented her research on "*Implicit Learning in Stuttering and Parkinson's Disease: Event-related potentials*" at the European Symposium on Fluency Disorders in **Antwerp, Belgium**.

<http://www.ecsf.eu/news-and-events/european-symposium-on-fluency-disorders-2012/emerging-topics-in-fluency-research>

Department of Nursing Science

Four students from South Africa visiting SCSU and St. Ben's Nursing programs were featured in a newspaper article in the St. Cloud Times on February 22nd.

<http://pqasb.pqarchiver.com/sctimes/access/2591753211.html?FMT=ABS&date=Feb+22%2C+2012>

Faculty news and updates

Counseling and Community Psychology

Dr. Niloufer Merchant (CCP) is serving as president of the Association for Specialists in Group Work and presided over the ASGW conference in New Mexico in February.

Gerontology

Dr. Rona Karasik served as one of the teaching faculty preceptors at the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE) 2nd Annual Teaching Preconference Institute February 23, 2012:

Karasik, R.J. (2012). Community as Classroom. Preconference Institute "How to Engage the Learner in Aging Education". Association for Gerontology in Higher Education's 38th Annual Meeting and Educational Leadership Conference, Arlington, VA.

The SCSU Gerontology Program was awarded a \$200 grant from The Gerontological Society of America (GSA) and the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE) (via the Geriatric Social Work Initiative) to support the program's Careers in Aging Week activities April 1-7, 2012. Activities include a Careers in Aging Panel and the Gerontology Program Open House 3-5pm, Thursday, April 5th.

Student News

Athletic Training

The Athletic Training Education Program participated in the American Lung Association (ALA) "Fight for Air Climb" on February 25. Members included seniors Travis Anderson, Kaitlin Kelly, Richard Rudeen and Program Director Bill Picconatto. The team raised \$500 for the ALA.

College Counseling

A team of students in the College Counseling and Student Development program took first place in the annual StudentAffairs.com Virtual Case Study competition. Graduate programs from across the country participate. The students are:

Abbey Soldner
Lauren Krznarich
Kaelyn Friese
Jennifer Johnson

Communication Sciences & Disorders

Chunyang (Timothy) Huang has been selected to receive the 2012 Shelvie Christian Memorial Scholarship.

Gerontology

Dr. Rona Karasik and two SCSU Gerontology Graduate students partnered with faculty and students at Messiah College in PA to research and present the following conference paper on February 24, 2012:

Karasik, R.J., Hamon, R.R., Moddu-Reddy, A., Writz, J., Kunkle, A., & Seal, A. (2012). Two Thumbs Up: Using Popular Films in Introductory Aging Courses. Presented at the 38th Annual Meeting of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, Arlington, VA.

Upcoming Events

SHHS Scholarship Reception: We will recognise SHHS scholarship recipients and celebrate the end of spring semester on Thursday 26th April, 3:30-5pm in Atwood Memorial Center. All are welcome to attend. Please rsvp to shhs@stcloudstate.edu

Commencement will be on Saturday, May 5, 2012. There will be a school reception for all graduates from 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. in Atwood Memorial Center, Cascade Room. Master's graduates will be recognised at 9:00 a.m.

If you have news to share, or comments on this newsletter, please contact us at 320-308-4894 or shhs@stcloudstate.edu