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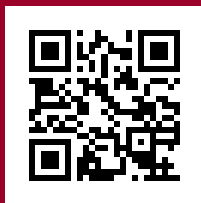
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## Welcome from the Dean

Hello from the Dean's office and welcome to the 2012-13 academic year. We enter into our second year as a school and have a lot to celebrate and look forward to.

Last year was a very busy year for all of us. We completed the first part of our strategic planning and prepared our mission, vision and values. This year we will finish our strategic work.

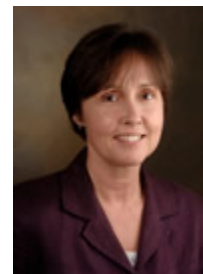
We welcome two new department chairs to the SHHS Dean's Advisory Council: Laura Finch is the interim chair of the department of Kinesiology and Joyce Simones is the interim chair of the department of Nursing. They will join our returning DAC group: Rebecca Crowell (CSD), Manijeh Daneshpour (CCP), Rona Karasik (GERO), Pat Ellinger (MLS), Steve Ratliff (Nuc Med/Rad Tech) and Tracy Ore (SW).

We have been busy this summer and I am pleased to announce we have hired three wonderful people into the Dean's office: Christa Martin (Student Relations Coordinator), Jill Snippen (Administrative Director) and Emily Simon (Experiential Learning and Outreach Coordinator). Emily will be responsible for all future Newsletters so please share any information for inclusion in future issues. Look below for details about Christa, Jill and Emily.

I want to extend my personal thanks to everyone who has supported us in our inaugural year - faculty, staff, alumni, students and all of you who donate to our scholarship funds in support of our students. It has been my privilege to work with you all and I am excited to continue our work this year.

We are housed, temporarily, in Stewart Hall 365, this year. Please feel free to stop by and see us when you are back on campus.

With best wishes,  
Monica Devers  
Interim Dean



## Meet the new SHHS staff

### Emily Simon- Experiential Learning & Outreach Coordinator

Emily grew up in Nicollet, MN and currently lives in Albany with her husband, Brian, and 2 year old son, Charlie. She graduated from Southwest MN State in 2002 with a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology and completed her Master's Degree in College Counseling & Student Development in 2009 from SCSU. While attending graduate school, Emily served as a Graduate Assistant and Intern in the Career Services Center. Since then, Emily has been working in higher education as a Career Advisor. In her new role, Emily will be assisting SHHS faculty and students with experiential learning, along with outreach to students, alumni, and the community.



### **Christa Martin- Student Relations Coordinator**

Christa grew up in Albertville, MN and currently lives in Elk River with her fiancé, Ted, and their 9-month old son, Tycen. She graduated from MSU Mankato in 2008 with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology. She completed her Master's degree in College Counseling and Student Development in 2011 at SCSU. Christa has been on the SCSU campus working in various offices over the past 2 years. She was a Graduate Assistant in Career Services and Honors. After graduation, she held an interim position as the Assistant Director of Admissions where she coordinated the PSEO program and First-Year Scholarships. In her new role, she will be meeting with prospective students, representing SHHS at various events, supporting the transition of students into SHHS majors, facilitating pre-major advising, processing student complaints/appeals/late withdrawal forms, and acting as a liaison and resource for students and faculty.



### **Jill Snippen- Administrative Director**

Jill grew up in Cambridge, MN then lived in Washington, Kansas, and Germany before returning to Minnesota in 1992 and eventually making her home near Braham. As a non-traditional student, Jill earned her AS in Business from Anoka-Ramsey Community College and her BA in Organizational Leadership from Bethel University. She has 20 years of experience working with Deans and VPs supporting academic and student services including 5 years at Minneapolis Community and Technical College and 15 years at Anoka-Ramsey Community College. Jill's role as the SHHS Administrative Director will include responsibilities related to budget and finance, academic scheduling and staffing, and strategic planning.



## **Excellence in Leadership Awards 2012**

In April 2012, five students from SHHS were honored 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

We want to extend our congratulations to these students for their outstanding work and to the faculty who supported them.

## **New SHHS Faculty**

We are thrilled to announce the addition of six new faculty in our School. Please join us in welcoming them:

- Elizabeth Clark, Nursing
- Sylvester Lamin, Social Work
- Sarah Loch, Nursing
- Consoler Teboh, Social Work
- Nicholas Weatherly, Counseling and Community Psychology
- Mary Zelenak, Nursing

### **Counseling and Community Psychology**

**Dr. Nicholas Weatherly** received his Ph.D. from Western Michigan University's Applied Behavior Analysis Program in 2008. His primary areas of study include behavioral systems analysis, behavior-analytic legislation, instructional design, rule-governed behavior, and the analysis and application of autism interventions. Dr. Weatherly has served on the Board of Directors of the New York State Association for

Behavior Analysis, was the first President of the Kentucky Association for Behavior Analysis, and has chaired the Kentucky Applied Behavior Analyst Licensing Board since its inception. He serves as a member of the Affiliated Chapters Committee for the Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI) and was recently appointed to the Board of Directors for the Association of Professional Behavior Analysts (APBA). Dr. Weatherly is a board certified behavior analyst and a licensed behavior analyst in the state of Kentucky.

### **Nursing**

**Sarah Loch** received her BSN from the University of WI- Milwaukee, and MSN from University of MN in Nursing Education. She continues to work as an ER Nurse at Mercy Hospital. Sarah lives in Milaca with her husband and 3 year old daughter, along with two dogs, two horses and chickens.

### **Social Work**

**Consoler Teboh** was previously with The University of Texas at Arlington, School of Social Work where he had been an Adjunct Professor since 2009. Currently, Teboh teaches Human Behavior and the Social Environment Courses across the BSW and MSW cohorts. He is excited to be part of the SHHS family and hopes to successfully brave his first ever winter here.

*Our next issue will feature biographies of Sylvester Lamin, Elizabeth Clark, and Mary Zelenak.*

## **Student News**

### **Community Psychology**

**Theresa Hinnenkamp**, Chemical Dependency graduate, recently accepted a position at Resource Recovery Center in Minneapolis as a full time Chemical Health Counselor/Case Manager. "It's not too often that students complete the CD undergrad program and find a job right away. I am fortunate to have gone to SCSU; I think that the program is planned very well, with classes that have given me the knowledge to help my clients to the best of my ability. I am able to look back on my schooling and internships and note what was really important to know for my MCC and LADC exam, and what will benefit my clients as a Clinician. I also want to thank you for the time you put in, and the faith you had in me to succeed. It has been a wonderful journey, and I am so grateful." - Theresa Hinnenkamp, LADC

### **Radiologic Technology**

Senior Radiologic Technology student **Alicia Schuette** was recently elected President of the Minnesota Association of Radiology Students (MARS). As part of her duties, she represents students at the board meetings of the Minnesota Society of Radiologic Technologists.

### **Social Work**

**Brian Oduguwa** served as an Americorps VISTA Worker for the past year. He served this campus and the Central MN Warrior to Citizens Committee developing and leading projects that benefit veterans. Brian, a former Marine himself, was to assist our campus in capacity building and he did just that. He assisted in the development of the job description for a Veterans Resource Director position, developed an electronic database of resources, and opened discussions to look at better ways to serve veteran's academic needs. Brian is leaving the VISTA position but not the campus. He is pursuing a Master's Degree in Social Work with a goal of someday working with veterans and their families.

### **Communication Sciences & Disorders**

Congratulations to **Chunyang (Timothy) Huang!** He has been selected as a participant in the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association's Minority Student Leadership Program (MSLP): Class of 2012.

**Amber Vandenberghe**, St.Cloud, who earned her Master's degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders, is the recipient of a prestigious clinical fellowship at the Mayo Clinic.

Senior women's golfer, **Emily Kerber**, St.Cloud, was the first SCSU player to compete at the NCAA Division II Women's Golf Championship since 2003. Kerber had a strong spring season as she tied for ninth at the NCAA Division II Central Region tournament and earned All-Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference honors for her 14th place league finish. She completed her collegiate career with a 63rd place finish at the national championship.

## Alumni News

**Jeffrey Elstad ('93 '99)**, Owatonna, is the superintendent of Byron schools. Elstad has been the principal at Willow Creek Middle School in Rochester for the past six years. Prior to this position, Elstad served as the assistant principal at Owatonna High School for three years.

**Kathryn Knutson** published a book entitled, "The Possession of Cassie Quinn". Her book was reviewed in the St. Cloud Times and the St. Paul Pioneer Press. One of the reviewers commented: "*One of the biggest challenges for horror writers is finding ways to freshen this genre's clichés -- scary old house, dark woods, unseen presences. Kathryn Knutson gets it right, bringing a believable, contemporary feel to horror staples*". Congratulations Katie.

## Alumni Service Association Award

An SHHS alumni and faculty emerita was recognized with the Alumni Service Association award at the end of spring semester. **Mary Weise, '71**, was 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.

Congratulations to Mary for this recognition of her work.

## Campus Compact President's Award

In June, the following Awards were presented at Macalester College in St. Paul: The **SCSU Speech-Language and Hearing Clinic** was awarded the **Minnesota Campus Compact President's Award for Civic Engagement Steward** for 2012. The clinic affords undergraduate and graduate students in Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD) professional experiences, while teaching them about the value of community engagement. For the community, the clinic means accessible and affordable one-on-one support for clients with various speech-language needs.

**Abbey Soldner**, Wrightstown, Wis., who received her Master's in College Counseling and Student Development, was honored with a **Minnesota Campus Compact Presidents' Student Leadership Award** for exemplary community engagement. Abbey leads by example on a wide variety of causes and previously took the lead on a service learning project with our library and child care center. Outside of all these accomplishments, her real greatness comes from the time she spent mentoring her fellow students. Abbey routinely was the last person to leave as she tirelessly helped someone with homework, homesickness or a student who simply needed a friend.

## Faculty Publications

### Here are some recent publications:

Karasik, R.J. (2012). Engaged teaching for engaged learning: Sharing your passion for gerontology and geriatrics. *Gerontology & Geriatrics Education*, 33(2), 119-132.

Karasik, R.J. (2012). [Review of the book *Treating Dementia: Do We Have a Pill for It?*] *Educational Gerontology*, 38 (5), 372-373.

Karasik, R.J. (2012). [Review of the book *Living Your Best with Early-Stage Alzheimer's*] *Educational Gerontology*, 38(4), 297-298.

Karasik, R.J. (2012). [Review of the book *Dementia Beyond Drugs: Changing the Culture of Care*] *Educational Gerontology*, 38(1-2), 212-213.

## SHHS Activities

### Alzheimer's Association Walk

The Gerontology Program, the SCSU Gerontology Club, and the SCSU Beta Zeta chapter of Sigma Phi Omega, the National Academic Honors & Professional Society in Gerontology are fielding a team for the upcoming **MN/ND Alzheimer's Association Walk**. To join our team, visit the link: <http://act.alz.org/goto/SPO-GERO-SCSU>.

### LGBT Aging Symposium

Phyllis Greenberg, Gerontology, worked with Training to Serve (representing the Minnesota Gerontological Society) in developing a symposia on Working with LGBT Elders. The **LGBT Aging Symposium** brings together diverse participants - from service providers, LGBT health advocates and older adults, policy makers and funders to learn about critical research on LGBT aging and identify effective ways to apply research within various sector sectors working to ensure Minnesota's LGBT older adults have access to quality care and services.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/AgingSymposium>! The symposia will be on **October 5th, 1-5 pm**.

### Nuclear Medicine Career Night

There will be a **Nuclear Medicine Career Night** held at the University of Wisconsin--La Crosse on Thursday, October 11th at 5:00pm. This is an opportunity to students to meet clinical directors and learn more about Nuclear Medicine Technology. Although anyone is welcome, this will be most meaningful for students who are within one to two years of finishing their coursework for Nuclear Medicine Technology. If you would like to go and/or have questions, please contact Dr. Ratliff at 320-308-3274.

### Making Strides

Please join and promote the School of Health and Human Services Team at the **Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk** on **October 20th** at SCSU. We would love to have faculty, staff, and students participating in the event to represent our School. Please visit the link below to join the team, to make a donation, or both! [http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?fr\\_id=47510&pg=team&team\\_id=1233492](http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?fr_id=47510&pg=team&team_id=1233492)!

## Mark your calendar and join us.....

**October 4th** is the **Science, Engineering, Health and Human Services Job and Internship Fair** in the Atwood Ballroom from 12-3pm. Please encourage your students to attend.

**October 18-19th** is "**Discover Red & Black Days**" in the Atwood Theatre from 8-3pm.

**October 20th** is the "**Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk**" on the SCSU campus from 9-11am. Visit to join the team or donate: [http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?fr\\_id=47510&pg=team&team\\_id=1233492](http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?fr_id=47510&pg=team&team_id=1233492)!

**October 26-27th** is the **Survive and Thrive Conference** at the River's Edge Convention Center. Details at: <https://www.survivethrive.net/>

If you have news to share, or comments on this newsletter, please contact us at 320-308-4894 or e-mail [shhs@stcloudstate.edu](mailto:shhs@stcloudstate.edu)

Thanks.