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School of Health and Human Services graduate students are invited on stage to receive their hood in Ritsche Auditorium on May 5, 2017.

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Mission

We prepare our students to be leaders, scholars and professionals in promoting and providing lifelong optimal health and wellness.

Vision

We enhance the well-being of people and their communities through nationally recognized innovative programs, rigorous practical experiences and strong professional partnerships.

Values

*Service to the Community
Interdisciplinary Innovation
Diversity
Excellence in Teaching, Scholarship & Practice
Professional & Ethical Behavior*



Welcome from the Dean



Hello and welcome to the spring 2017 newsletter from the School of Health and Human Services.

The last few weeks of spring semester were filled with celebrations where we recognized our Excellence in Leadership recipients, our graduates, and thanked our faculty and staff who retired or planned to leave SCSU at the end of the academic year. On May 5th, we hooded the 138 Master's graduates from SHHS and, later in the day, all of the undergraduate students from SHHS received their diplomas. It was a great honor and privilege to recognize these significant accomplishments. Thank you to everyone who works to make this possible.

At the end of the legislative session, you may have seen that the MN legislature passed a bonding bill which includes \$18,572,000 for the renovation of Eastman Hall. Funding for this project has been years in the making and will transform the building into a diverse but interconnected set of health and human services-related programs and services. By leveraging on- and off-campus partnerships, the renovation of Eastman Hall will create greater integration of our academic and student services programs. It also will strengthen our ability to serve a growing diverse student body and develop collaborative interdisciplinary programs to support workforce demands in health and human services. We'll keep you updated in the upcoming months on this project.

On a personal note, I want to let you know that I will be leaving my position as Dean of the School of Health and Human Services in mid-June. I have accepted a position at Augsburg College in Minneapolis to serve as the Dean of Professional Studies. I want to thank you all for the opportunity to serve as the first dean of our school. The last six years have flown by and I have loved every minute of my time as Dean. It has been a great honor and I am humbled by the wonderful work and commitment of our students, faculty, staff, alumni and community partners. Thank you all.

With best wishes,
Monica

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Spring 2017 Colloquium - Advancing Health Equity: Expanding Our Understanding About What Creates Health

On March 30, 2017, the Department of Nursing and School of Health and Human Services hosted the Spring 2017 Colloquium, Advancing Health Equity: Expanding our Understanding about what Creates Health. This event featured a keynote address by Minnesota Commissioner of Health Dr. Edward Ehlinger, MD, MSPH, and an interprofessional panel discussion with St. Cloud State University faculty and healthcare professionals from the St. Cloud area.

Dr. Ehlinger discussed the necessity to combat challenges of promoting health equity by embracing interdisciplinary collaboration and using simple rules to consider complex problems. He also discussed the ‘triple aim’ approach. This method involves implementing health in all policies, strengthening our statewide community, and expanding our own understanding of what health is. The ‘triple aim’ method is used to better understand health and to lessen the growing disparities that are present in our communities.

8th Annual Latino Health Fair

St. Boniface Catholic Church in Cold Spring, MN hosted the 8th Annual Latino Health Fair on February 5, 2017. Attendees from the Cold Spring community received healthcare answers, tools, and solutions to improve their lifestyle. Thirteen SCSU Nursing students worked with nursing students from St. John’s and St. Benedict’s University, performing vision screenings, nutrition assessments, cognitive testing, fall assessments, and blood pressure evaluations. Graduate students from Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD) provided hearing screenings for attendees. Cassie Todd, a CSD student reported that she “appreciated the opportunity to gain experience working with bilingual individuals and learn more about the dynamic between service providers, interpreters, and clients.” Abi Jones, a CSD student said, “This experience opened my mind to situations I may face in my future career. I now feel more prepared for what I will encounter while doing hearing screenings or working with an interpreter.”

Each community attendee accessed services valued at approximately \$500. Services were provided in English and through Spanish interpreters. In addition to the healthcare services provided, information on access to universities, finances, and immigration were available. The Latino Health Fair is a joint effort between the School of Health and Human Services, including the Nursing, Gerontology, and CSD departments, the Center for Continuing Studies, the Languages and Cultures department, and the Admissions Office.



School of Health and Human Services Hooding Ceremony



On Friday, May 5, graduate students, faculty, staff, and guests gathered in the Ritsche Auditorium for the Spring 2017 School of Health and Human Services Hooding Ceremony. One hundred thirty eight graduate students participated in the ceremony. The wearing of an academic hood signifies the student’s attainment of earning a Master’s degree. Students from the Communication Sciences and Disorders, Applied Behavior Analysis, Clinical Mental Health Counseling, College Counseling and Student Development, Marriage and Family Therapy, Rehabilitation and Addiction Counseling, Rehabilitation Counseling, Gerontology, Sport Management, and Social Work graduate programs were invited on to the stage and were hooded by Dean Monica Devers and their faculty advisor.



After the hooding ceremony, undergraduate and graduate students participated in the morning commencement ceremony in the Herb Brooks Hockey Center. Congratulations to all Spring 2017 School of Health and Human Services graduates!

SHHS Scholarship Social and Student Recognition

Each year, the School of Health and Human Services honors its scholarship and student award winners at a recognition event. In the 2016-2017 year, 34 undergraduate and graduate students received SHHS program scholarships as a result of their academic achievement and service to the greater SCSU community.

In addition, the School of Health and Human Services Dean’s Office awards the Dean’s Scholarship once per year to a student who displays the highest academic achievement and is engaged both on campus and in the community. This year, Kirole Yebassa, an undergraduate Nursing student, received the award.

Congratulations to all of the students recognized at this year’s event!

Pictured:

Top: Dean Monica Devers with SHHS Dean’s Scholarship winner, Kirole Yebassa, Bottom: Dean Monica Devers with Kinesiology scholarship winners Amanda Christianson, Nathan Dragseth, and Chelsea Nooker.





Excellence in Leadership Award Recipients

Congratulations to our 2017 Excellence in Leadership Award recipients. This award is given to undergraduate and graduate students who demonstrate outstanding leadership while attending St. Cloud State University, through both their academic commitment and leadership experience. This year, eight School of Health and Human Services students received this award. Congratulations to:

Marian Fernando	College Counseling and Student Development
Nawang Palkit	College Counseling and Student Development
Claire Rudeen	College Counseling and Student Development
Anna Schmitt	Nursing Science
Lauren Shnowske	Communication Sciences and Disorders
Allison Statz	Community Health
Riley Stremick	Communication Sciences and Disorders
Kirole Yebassa	Nursing Science

Applied Behavior Analysis Program Increases BCBA Pass Rates

Last year SCSU’s Applied Behavior Analysis program ranked #1 in Behavioral Analyst Certification Board (BCBA) pass rates for online master’s programs. The BCBA is the national certification for ABA professionals and serves as the licensing credential in over 20 states. Our ABA program increased its pass rate from 92% in 2015 to 97% in 2016! The national average pass rate from all institutions this year was 66%. Thank you to all faculty, staff, and students who make our program so successful.

Communication Sciences and Disorders Student Receives MSHFoundation Scholarship

Amanda Rumpca, a Communication Sciences and Disorders graduate student, received the Minnesota Speech-Language-Hearing Foundation (MSHFoundation) scholarship in Spring 2017. The MSHFoundation annually awards scholarships to highly talented graduate students studying speech-language pathology or audiology in Minnesota.

Amanda said, “I wouldn’t have received the award if I had not been a part of the incredible graduate program here at SCSU. The CSD program has provided me with so many wonderful learning opportunities that are not available in other programs.”



Communication Sciences and Disorders Student Receives Award for Master’s Thesis Project

Congratulations to Jane Anderson for receiving the Excellence in Presentation Award for presenting her graduate thesis: “Treatment of Underlying Forms and Constraint Induced Auditory Training in Aphasia: A Single Case Study”. Jane presented her research at the statewide convention held by the Minnesota Speech-Language-Hearing Association (MSHA), a professional organization for speech-language pathologists and audiologists.

College Counseling and Student Development Student Receives 1st Place in Oral Competition

Congratulations to Molly Tast, College Counseling and Student Development, for earning the 1st place prize for the Graduate Oral Competition at the 2017 Student Research Colloquium. Molly presented on her project: “Exploring First-Year College Students Attitude Toward Disability: Assessment of Disability Inclusion Training.”

Social Work Students Receive Minnesota Campus Compact President’s Student Leadership Award



Each year, SCSU students or student organizations are nominated for the President’s Student Leadership Award. Recipients show initiative, innovative, and collaborative approaches to addressing public issues, effective community building, and integration of civic engagement into the college experience. This year, Social Work undergraduate students received this campus-wide award after being nominated by Dean Monica Devers for their continuous dedication to engaging in a variety of activities and programs to educate the community about and assist those dealing with homelessness in our region. The student group leads fundraising efforts for Project Connect, an interdisciplinary engagement event, which offers homeless individuals within the community access to government, non-profits, and other agency services.

Four Social Work student representatives receiving the President’s Student Leadership Award at the April award ceremony

On April 5, Social Work students, with Social Work faculty Dr. Sheila Moriarty, attended the 2017 Minnesota Campus Compact Annual Summit and Award Ceremony at the University of St. Thomas to be recognized for their achievement. Congratulations to our students!



Fulbright Specialist Grant Awarded to Dr. Theresa Estrem

Dr. Theresa Estrem, Communication Sciences and Disorders, received a Fulbright Specialist Grant by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board. Dr. Estrem traveled to the Universidad de Concepción in Chile from April 7- May 17 to participate in an autism research project with faculty, interns, and students in the Phonoaudiology Department. She also presented at conferences in collaboration with a variety of professionals on the integration of children with autism into public schools.

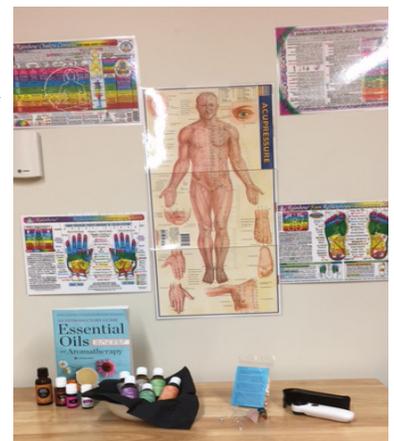
Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) Grant Recipients

The CETL grant is awarded to innovative teaching designs that will enhance student learning. The grant encourages interdisciplinary collaboration in instructional design. Congratulations to our CETL grant recipients, Dr. Shu-Ching Wang (CPCF), Kathy Koepke, Mary Leyk, and Dr. Susan Warner (Nursing).

Dr. Shu-Ching Wang, Assistant Professor in Community Psychology, Counseling & Family Therapy, is coordinating a project that focuses on mentorship between graduate and undergraduate students. The design is based on Dr. Wang’s experiences in teaching CPSY 101: Applied Psychology, in which students explore graduate programs in the human services field. Serving as the primary investigator, Dr. Wang is collaborating with Dr. Lepkowski, who specializes in School Counseling, to incorporate a mentorship program in the Applied Psychology class.

Dr. Wang reports that this award is particularly meaningful for her. Her professional background is in educational psychology and her research focuses on the practice of service learning. She will utilize the project as research to assess the outcomes of mentorship and deliver results that inform educators about mentorship. This could then help educators find creative instruction opportunities, which provide greater connection between graduate and undergraduate students in the learning process.

Kathy Koepke, Mary Leyk, and Dr. Susan Warner (Nursing Science) received a grant for their project: “East Meets West-Integrative Therapies for a Multicultural World.” This project is meant to provide more hands-on practice experience for nursing students administering various integrative therapies. The project provides students the opportunity to engage in therapies such as Healing Touch, Qi Gong, reflexology, massage therapy, essential oils, aromatherapy, and other modalities. Students will also focus on addressing the culturally sensitive needs of individuals, families, communities, and populations in all stages of life. By familiarizing nursing students with a variety of healing modalities from various cultures, students can better care for their patients and gain their trust, therefore creating better student-patient outcomes. Kathy Koepke explains: “We, as nursing faculty, want to role model self-care and so having these items available for ourselves and our students will help with their own self-care so they can better care for others.”



Sample Integrative Therapy Tools



Faculty/Staff Recognition of Service

Thank you to the faculty and staff in the School of Health and Human Services who have impacted our students' lives. We value your dedication and hard work.

10 years:

Jane Bagley
Josiah Enninga
Terri Estrem
Bill Lepkowski
Tina Sacin
Patience Togo-Malm

15 years:

Sue Herm
Caryl Martin

25 years:

Niloufer Merchant

30 years:

Elaine Taufen

Retirements:

We would like to thank the following faculty and staff for their service to St. Cloud State University. We wish you all the best in retirement

Patty Bresser, Nursing
Sandra Radzak, Community Psychology, Counseling, and Family Therapy
Carol Shaw, Kinesiology
Glenn Street, Kinesiology

Summer Calendar

June 19-21: SCRUBS Camp

August 18: SHHS Academic
Welcome at Huskies 1st 4

August 15-17: Convocation and
Faculty Workshops

August 21: First day of fall classes



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