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Greetings from the Dean

Welcome to spring semester. We had a very busy fall semester and ended with a wide range of events and celebrations. I always enjoy Commencement and it was a privilege to see our undergraduate and graduate students share their accomplishments with family, friends and faculty. Thank you to the SHHS faculty and staff who helped at our SHHS reception and the University Commencement.



We welcome three new people to our School this month - two faculty (Troy Shafer and Jane Sandusky) and one staff person (Lorie Ortloff). Look for information about all three in this Newsletter.

Spring semester began with some great news for our school with the awarding of four Provost Action Grants to SHHS faculty. The money associated with these awards will allow significant work to be completed on projects with departmental and community impact. I am eager to see these projects up and running and we will keep you all updated as the work moves forward. Details on each award are provided in our newsletter.

Our SHHS Speaker Series is up and running. Dr. Gregg Lof, an international expert in speech pathology was on campus in January. We are finalizing plans for two more events this semester - details will be forthcoming. Stay tuned.

I was thrilled to see a large number of donations at the end of the year to our School and our departmental scholarship funds. We have a committed group of friends, alumni and supporters of our departments and programs. Every donation makes a significant impact on our students. I look forward to recognizing all of our scholarship recipients and donors at our Scholarship reception in April.

As always, I extend the invitation to stop by and visit us if you are on campus.

Best wishes,

Monica Devers, Interim Dean

New Staff/Faculty

Lorie Ortloff has begun her position as the new Grants Officer, which will be housed out of the Office of Sponsored Programs and will support SHHS, SOPA, and the Herberger Business School. Lorie comes to us with 12 years of accounting experience and an AAS Degree in Accounting.

The **Department of Kinesiology** is excited to welcome two new faculty to their staff:

Troy Shafer (Community Health) has a M.S. in Community Health from Minnesota State - Mankato and B.A. in K-12 Health Education and Exercise Science from Gustavus Adolphus College. He has worked as the Assistant Director of Health Promotion in the SCSU Student Health Services for the past 13 years.

Jane Sandusky (Athletic Training) has a M.S. in Physical Education with an emphasis in Athletic Training from Indiana University in Bloomington, IN. For the last 12 years, Jane worked at Tusculum College in Tennessee as the ATE Program Director.

Fall 2012 Commencement Reception

The SHHS Commencement Reception was held on Saturday, December 22nd prior to the commencement ceremony. We had a total of 191 students graduate from the School of Health and Human Services and 92 of them attended the commencement ceremony. Congratulations again to all of our Fall SHHS graduates!

From left: Jennifer Hensel (Master of Science, Physical Education) and Laura Finch (Chair of Kinesiology).



From left: Michelle Beauline, Brad Kuhlman (Rehabilitation Counseling faculty), Kasey Anderson, Kelsey Krawiecki (Master of Science, Rehabilitation Counseling).



From left: Tracy Ore (Chair of Social Work), Kenneth Grinsell (Bachelor of Social Work), and Monica Devers (Interim Dean, School of Health and Human Services).



Community Engagement Celebration Award Recipients

Each semester, students are invited to display posters and other artifacts summarizing their learning and highlighting their community engagement.

On right:

Best Student Organization- National Student Speech Language Hearing Association (From left to right: Amy Magnuson, Cassie Edwards, Anica Birkland)



Best Internship- Communication Sciences and Disorders 648 (From left to right: Emily Bendoraitis, Molly Bruner, Kristen Schneider, Meghan Miller)



Best Academic Connection Between Community Project and Class Content- Gerontology 425/525

(From left to right: Tanya Mueller, Sanjina Karki, Elina Khadka, Meaghan Osborn, and Ona Lawrence)

Scholarship Award Update

In December, the **Communication Sciences & Disorders** department awarded 7 scholarships. Two scholarships were awarded at the Sertoma Conference:

From Left: Varshni Athmacharan, Michelle Lunacek, Whitney Holman, Amber Nettleton, Janna Baumgartner, Kate Stacken, and Amy Crist.



Mary Weise Scholarship Award Recipient - Whitney Holman with Mary Weise.



Eugene Theisen Scholarship Award Recipient - Janna Baumgartner



Nursing

Congratulations to Tyler Pangerl, a 5th semester nursing student who is the recipient of the \$500 Undergraduate Scholarship award for Kappa Phi At-Large Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International. Tyler has demonstrated excellence in nursing leadership.

Faculty News

Provost Action Grants

Congratulations to the following faculty for receiving **Provost Action Grants**:

Social Work

Patience Togo- The Ghana Project

This is an inter-disciplinary project between Department of Social Work and Political Science to develop a Domestic Violence Training and Family Support Program in Ghana to train professionals such as law enforcement officers, social services and health care providers as well as policy makers to assist families experiencing Domestic Violence. This will involve student and faculty exchange between both institutions.

Gary Whitford- Child Advocacy Certificate

The Child Advocacy Studies Training Program, which consists of three classes, is an experiential, interdisciplinary, ethical and culturally sensitive program that would provide professionals working with children a common knowledge base for responding to child maltreatment. This program would partner with The National Child Protection Training Center (NCPTC) and would be available to undergraduate and graduate students and degreed professionals as a certificate program.

Nursing

Joyce Simones- RN to Baccalaureate

The RN to BSN option will provide an additional option and serve Associate degree RNS who are currently practicing in the community who wish to obtain their baccalaureate degree in Nursing. Hospitals who seek Magnet status are advised to have 80% Baccalaureate prepared nurses by 2020. Adding this option the Nursing program offerings will serve our region by helping health care agencies to achieve these goals.

Gerontology

Rona Karasik and Phyllis Greenberg- Hands on Technology to Simulate Aging

This project allows for the purchase of a variety of hands on materials to better meet students visual, kinesthetic, and interpersonal learning styles by simulating physical experiences of aging and creating visual and tactile experiences which demonstrate otherwise internal processes (e.g., brain structures, bone structures, heart muscle) in order to enhance understanding of physical experiences of sensory change that may occur with age and increase understanding of normal and pathological aging processes and promote healthy aging. Materials include a State of the Art Simulation Suit designed to allow the wearer to experience physiological changes of aging in order to gain a better understanding for aging and older person, as well as aging simulation software, physiological models, and universal design equipment.

Alumni News

Counseling & Community Psychology

Melissa Odegard-Koester - 2005

Melissa is a graduate of the Counseling and Community Psychology Master's program. She started writing early, publishing her first manuscript in a peer-reviewed journal as a doctoral student.

She graduated from Idaho State University in 2009 with a Doctor of Philosophy in Counselor Education and Counseling with a major emphasis in Mental Health Counseling and concentrations in Social and Cultural Diversity and Research Methods. She published her dissertation research, with former SCSU Instructor Dr. Linwood Vereen, in Counselor Education and Supervision Journal.

Following 2009 graduation, she accepted a full time position as a tenure-track Assistant Professor of Counseling at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. She serves in a number of leadership roles at Southeast Missouri State University's CACREP-accredited Counseling Program: Assistant Professor of Counseling, Mental Health Program Coordinator, Chi Sigma Iota Faculty Advisor, Missouri Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (MACES) President. She is a part-time practicing clinician (LPC) at HillCrest Counseling Associates in Cape Girardeau, MO serving clients with addictions and a variety of mental health concerns. Her study is not yet completed as she is working towards a certification in Clinical Hypnosis through the International Certification Board of Clinical Hypnotherapy (ICBCH).

Rebecca Hage Thomley - 1981, 1983

Licensed clinical psychologist Rebecca Hage Thomley has made her mark as a business owner, consultant and disaster-relief coordinator.

The president and CEO of Orion Associates was named 2012 Woman Business Owner of the Year by the Minnesota chapter of the National Association of Women in Business Owners (NAWBO). The 10-million strong NAWBO represents issues of concern for women-owned businesses at the national, state and local levels. Orion Associates is a Twin Cities-based management services company that works with for-profit and non-profit human services organizations.

Thomley's St. Cloud State degrees are a bachelor's in psychology and a master's in counseling. She earned a master's in organizational management from Concordia University, St. Paul, and a doctorate in psychology from Minnesota School of Professional Psychology at Argosy University, Twin Cities. She's working on a master of public health degree at Tulane University.

She is a certified rehabilitation counselor, a licensed psychologist, a member of the National Association of Clinical Hypnosis, a member of the American Red Cross Stress Team, a member of the National Academy of Neuropsychology, and a member of the American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress.

Thomley also is the Minnesota Disaster Response Representative for the American Psychological Association and was the President of the Minnesota Psychological Association in 2010.

As a clinical psychologist she specializes in post-traumatic stress disorder, disaster response, sexual abuse, women's issues, diagnostics, neuropsychology, minorities, people with AIDS and crisis intervention.

In 2005, Rebecca founded Headwaters Relief Organization (HRO), a non-profit disaster relief organization. In November 2012, HRO volunteers served victims of Hurricane Sandy in Atlantic City, N.J.

Medical Lab Science

Alyssa Anderson - 2012

The first MLT to MLS student to take the ASCP Board of Certification Exam passed the exam on her first attempt. Alyssa currently works at Allina (Mercy & Unity Hospitals) as an MLT.

Student News

GERO 411/511 Aging Policies & Programs

For their Fall 2012 service-learning project, students formed groups to investigate candidates' party stances on issues related to aging and/or older adults. They focused on the Presidential, Senatorial and House of Representatives races in Minnesota. They developed and designed packets of information that were non-partisan in nature to give out to people at Whitney Senior Center. Students went to Whitney Senior Center with their brochures and a tri fold board they designed with information related to the issue areas.

Social Work

The Child Welfare Stipend Program is embarking on a new venture. Their program along with the other participating BSW Consortium Schools, the Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare, and the Minnesota Child Welfare Training System (MCWTS) have joined together to pilot child welfare foundation training for all BSW Child Welfare students who are currently in their final field placement. The foundation training is equivalent to the foundation training made available to public child welfare workers entering employment in the county setting.

In October, their first group of SCSU students represented by Krista Phillips, Irina Sparks, and Allison Olmsheid joined with nine other BSW Consortium Schools' students at the Department of Human Services for foundation training. The goal

of the training was to increase students' knowledge, competence, and skills specific to child welfare practice while in field placement and for employment.

The partnership extended to co-facilitation of the training by Kristi Petersen of the MCWTS and Dr. Mary Pfohl, SCSU's Child Welfare Stipend Program Director. They look forward to their next cohort of students, Rachelle Hoeft and Natasha Stahn-Meyer participating in the February 2013 training.

Speaker Series

We kicked off our spring speaker series with **Gregory L. Lof on January 18th**. Dr. Lof is the Chair of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders for the MGH Institute of Health Professions in Boston MA.

He spoke about why not to use non-speech oral motor exercises to change speech productions.

Dr. Lof was very pleased with his visit and very welcomed by everyone at SCSU.



Pictured: Gregg Lof with Communication Sciences and Disorders Faculty

Community Engagement News

Science Rocks! 2013

Could there be anything cooler than zombies, aliens and barfing dogs for Middle School students? As any of the 660 students who attended Science Rocks! (SR!) and they will tell you the day was awesome.

Science Rocks! is coordinated by Sandra Cordie at Resource Training & Solutions. It is held in the Wick Science Building, Brown Hall and Headley Hall on the St. Cloud State University Campus. This year marked the seventh year of the event. "In 2007, our first year, there were 214 students and 16 different presentations. We have grown in seven years to over 660 students and 25 breakout sessions," said Cordie. "There is lots of conversation in education about the importance of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Science Rocks! has always focused on all those areas. STEM is nothing new to SR!"

The event is the brainchild of Cordie and Rebecca Krystyniak, SCSU's Co-Director, Teacher Preparation Initiative and Chemistry instructor. "Rebecca has been instrumental in assisting with facility issues. She really opened the door to hosting the event at SCSU. We hold it early in January before the college students are back on campus," said Cordie.

Plans for the 8th Annual event are underway and it is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, January 8, 2014. Photographs from this year's event can be found at: <http://www.resourcetraining.com/Pictures/ScienceRocks>

Mark your calendars

SHHS Admitted Student Day

Atwood Ballroom
February 22nd, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

MnSCU Student Symposium

Minnesota State University- Mankato
April 8th, 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Student Research Colloquium

Atwood Memorial Center
April 16th, 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Community Engagement Celebration

Atwood Ballroom
April 18th, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (registration opens at end of February)

Excellence in Leadership Award Banquet

Atwood Ballroom
April 21st, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
* Deadline for the application is Monday, February 4th at 4:30 p.m.

Spring Commencement

Halenbeck Hall
Sunday, May 12th, 10:30 a.m.

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

Thank you,
School of Health and Human Services