

**School of Health and Human Services Newsletter  
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Hello everyone,

It has been an exciting and productive year. At our recent spring commencement, 204 bachelor's and 114 master's degrees were conferred to students from SHHS. We had a wonderful celebration at our hooding ceremony - details below and on our facebook page. Thanks to all of the staff in the Dean's office who worked so hard to make it run seamlessly. Thanks also to all of our faculty who attended and helped with the presentation of the Master's hood. I know that this meant a lot to each of our students and to their families who were in attendance.



At the end of spring semester we said goodbye to Dr. Robert Murphy and Dr. Leeann Jorgensen, both professors of in the Department of Community Psychology, Counseling and Family Therapy. Dr. Murphy is retiring after 43 years of service at SCSU. Dr. Jorgensen is retiring after 13 years at SCSU. In Nursing Science, Dr. Melinda Hiemenz is retiring after 5 years of service. Darlene Copley is retiring after 9 years of service. All of these faculty will be greatly missed. We wish them the best in their retirement.

In closing, I want to thank the faculty, staff, community partners and students who have made this year an exciting and productive one. I wish you all the best for a wonderful summer.

Best wishes,

Monica Devers  
Interim Dean

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## **SHHS Spring Graduate Reception and Hooding Ceremony**

The Graduate Reception and Hooding Ceremony took place on Sunday, May 12th in Ritsche Auditorium; 97 of our 114 Master's graduates attended and were joined on stage by faculty from all departments/programs with a graduate component. Congratulations again to all of our Spring 2013 graduates. More pictures from the event can be found on our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/scsushhs](http://www.facebook.com/scsushhs).



## SHHS Community Partner Appreciation Event

The Community Appreciation Event was held on May 8th in Atwood Memorial Center. Supervisors from various partner sites attended to be recognized for the support they provide our students.

In Spring 2013, the School of Health and Human Services placed 945 students in credit-bearing courses in the community (e.g.: internships, capstone, practicum). In Fall 2012, 826 students were placed in the community. Thank you to all of our partners. Your support of our students is critical to their success.



## Advising and Registration Days (Tuesdays-Fridays; May 21-June 14, and August 13-16)

The Advising Center has teamed up with various faculty and staff from around campus to provide a welcoming experience for our new-entering first-year students (including transfer students) joining the SCSU community in the fall. The Advising Center has hired several SHHS faculty to assist with advising this summer:

- Chaturi Edrisinha- Community Psychology, Counseling, and Family Therapy
- Jan Kircher- Social Work
- Jeremy Frost- Athletics/Kinesiology
- Lori Ulferts- Kinesiology

Faculty advisors, along with a paired student advisor, will lead groups of new students through an academic presentation, provide guidance on course selection, and assist with registration. Christa Hayes, Student Relations Coordinator, will also be welcoming SHHS intended majors by answering program-related questions, helping them navigate placement testing, and promoting the various resources that are available for students at SCSU. We are expecting to see close to 2,000 new students this summer, so some faculty/staff will remain rather busy over the break.



## Cancer Prevention Study-3

The American Cancer Society is seeking 300,000 volunteers to participate in a landmark research study- Cancer Prevention Study-3 (CPS-3). This study will help us better understand the lifestyle and genetic factors that cause or prevent cancer.

Individuals are eligible to participate if they are willing to make a long-term commitment to the study by filling out questionnaires approximately every two years, are between 30 and 65 years of age, and have never been

diagnosed with cancer. It is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to make an impact on this and future generations. Please consider sharing this opportunity with your network (family, friends, neighbors, clubs/organizations you belong to). Those interested in the study who cannot participate themselves due to age or cancer history can instead be instrumental by spreading the word and encouraging others to consider participating.

SCSU will be an enrollment site on Tuesday, June 18th from 11:00-3:00pm located in the Education Building-Room A119.

To schedule your appointment, visit [CPS3CentralMN.org](http://CPS3CentralMN.org). For more information, visit [www.cancer.org/cps3](http://www.cancer.org/cps3).

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## Student News

### *Nursing Science*

The Nursing class of December 2012 had a 100% passing rate on their NCLEX-RN exam (National Council Licensure Exam for Registered Nurses). Congratulations to these graduates and also to the Nursing department for all the work they do to make this a successful outcome for their graduates.

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## Department News

*Congratulations to the 2013 Miller Scholars Award recipients* - Drs. Theresa Estrem (CSD) and Chaturi Edrisinha (CPFT) for their project titled "SCSU Autism Clinic." The Miller Scholars program was established by the generous donation of endowed funds to the SCSU Foundation from James W. and Marion Miller and co-sponsored by SCSU's Office of Academic Affairs. This prestigious program provides recognition and support to faculty members who have established a demonstrated record of motivation, excellence, and leadership in teaching and learning and encourages them to propose a project to take that record to the next level.

*Pat Ellinger* (Medical Laboratory Science) was featured in a news article for The American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) in May. Pat will deliver the Barbara Castleberry Lecture for Laboratory Professionals at ASCP 2013 in Chicago on September 20th. To view the full article, [click here](#).

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## Retirements

Thank you to *Darlene Copley* (Nursing Science), *Melinda Hiemenz* (Nursing Science), *Leeann Jorgensen* (Community Psychology, Counseling, and Family Therapy), and *Robert Murphy* (Community Psychology, Counseling, and Family Therapy) for your many years of service at SCSU. We wish you the best in your retirement!

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## St. Cloud Sertoma Club Helps Secure Grant for SCSU Department

May 1, 2013- St. Cloud University's Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders will be receiving extra financial help -- thanks to a grant arranged for in part by the St. Cloud Area Sertoma Club. This SCSU department receive \$4250 from the national office of Sertoma, Inc as part of the organization's Community Grant Program. The money will help fund the purchase of a Maico MI 44 middle ear analyzer. This instrument will be one more tool for this nationally accredited program to use in its audiology training programs and comprehensive clinical services in speech language pathology and audiology to St. Cloud and the surrounding area.

Sertoma Community Grants are somewhat rare. Only 21 such grants were awarded last year among the roughly 500 different Sertoma clubs throughout North America. Community Grants may only be given to "affiliates" of local Sertoma Clubs. The St. Cloud club has had an affiliation with SCSU's Communication Sciences and Disorders department for years, based on common interests of the two organizations in helping people with speech and hearing difficulties.

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## Health Careers Internship Program (District 742)

In April, the Nursing, CSD, and Medical Lab Science programs hosted a tour for 30 high school seniors from Marcia Handahl's Health Careers class at Apollo High School (District 742). Several students were so pleased and excited that they are going to SCSU, especially after hearing about the great programs and seeing the labs and classrooms.

Thanks to everyone who supported these students this past year, either by offering a tour or allowing students to sit in on your classes. We hope to continue this partnership with District 742 in the future.

On left, Kathy Koepke giving students a tour of the Nursing labs. On right, Jodel Carrigan showing students the CSD Clinical Materials room.

