

School of Health and Human Services Newsletter
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Greetings from the Dean

Hello everyone,

Our mission in the School of Health and Human Services is to "prepare our students to be leaders, scholars, and professionals in promoting and providing lifelong optimal health and wellness".

As we approach the end of spring semester, it becomes very obvious how hard our students, faculty and staff have worked all year. April was filled with events showcasing the quality of all of our work in SHHS as we live our mission. We are so proud of all that our students have accomplished.

Thank you to everyone who has supported their success.

With best wishes,

Monica Devers
Interim Dean



Student News

Communication Sciences and Disorders

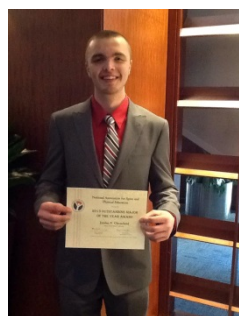
Rose Fisher, graduate student in Communication Sciences and Disorders, traveled to Arizona in April to accept the CAPCAD Master's Award for her leadership within the Communication Sciences and Disorders department at SCSU. During her trip, she attended discussions and presentations on current CSD practices, specifically the effectiveness of tele-practice therapy for children with autism. Congratulations Rose!

Community Psychology, Counseling, and Family Therapy

Emmanuel Oppong, a part-time student in Community Counseling, was selected by our University President, Dr. Earl Potter, to receive the prestigious Minnesota Campus Compact Presidents' Awards on April 1st.

Kristin Fiedler, also a part-time Community Counseling student, received a Presidential Recognition Award by the current Association for Specialists in Group Work (ASGW) President Dr. Becky Schumacher, at the ASGW Awards Luncheon at ACA, for her outstanding work on the membership committee for ASGW.

Please join us in congratulating both of them on their outstanding accomplishments!



Kinesiology

On April 19th, the University Honors Program held its First-Year Seminar Research Colloquium and Awards Banquet. Congratulations to Erik Franke (Recreation and Sports Management) for being one of five students who was awarded "Best in Show".

Jordan Olmscheid, (pictured at left) Health and Physical Education/Developmental Adaptive Physical Education (HPE/DAPE), received the NASPE (National Association of Sport and Physical Education) Major of the Year Award at our AAHPERD (American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance) National Convention in Charlotte, NC on April 25th.

Megan McCollom and Peter Hayes (both HPE/DAPE students, pictured at right) received an award from the National Society of Leadership and Success on April 27th.



Social Work

On April 8th, over 80 BSW students participated in the Annual Social Work Day at the Capitol. These students were among over 700 other students and Social Work professionals who visited the Capitol to meet with legislators regarding various social issues. Social Work faculty received positive support from the legislators that these students met with.



Department News

Communication Sciences and Disorders

The SCSU Communication Sciences and Disorders Department, in partnership with St. Cloud Sertoma club, received a Community Grant for \$4,250. The department will use this funding to purchase equipment essential for assessing auditory acuity in children and adults. The SCSU Speech-Language and Hearing Clinic performs auditory evaluations on approximately 500 community members each academic year. The audiology clinics include Effective Listening screenings, International Noise Awareness Day, CentraCare Cleft Craniofacial Clinic, Latino community hearing screening outreach, Cold Spring Elementary hearing screening (Early Childhood hearing screenings), Hearing Aid Bank and Buildings and Grounds hearing health assessments.

Dr. Theresa Estrem received the Spirit of MSHA award at the Minnesota Speech-Language-Hearing Association (MSHA) Spring Convention on April 12th. Congratulations Teri!

In April, the International Medical School, Tianjin Medical University, Tianjin, People's Republic of China visited the Communication Sciences and Disorders and Nursing departments.



Kinesiology

The Student Technology Fee committee recently contributed \$4,725 to help fund "Emerging Instructional Technology in a Kinesiology Classroom" for the Department of Kinesiology.

Sue Tarr received an Excellence in Teaching Award from the National Society of Leadership and Success on April 27th. Congratulations Sue!

Medical Laboratory Science

The National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Science (NAACLS) recently awarded the Medical Lab Science program Initial Accreditation for 5 years!

Pat Ellinger has been elected to the Board of Directors of NAACLS as a member representing the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP). Her four-year term began in September 2012 and will continue through September 2016. Congratulations Pat!

Nursing

Evidence of our community engagement and active/applied learning was demonstrated this spring by Nursing students who screened 1265 students and clocked 382 hours at Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose Schools. This is just one school of the three school districts they assisted.

Social Work

Dr. Tracy Ore, department chair, is the grant recipient of the American Sociological Association's Carla B. Howery Teaching Enhancement Fund. This fund supports teaching projects that advance the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) within the discipline of sociology. Principal criteria for the award are: the project advances the teaching and learning of sociology, serves as a seed project that will continue to have an impact over time, and will be systemic in its impact. Dr. Ore will use the \$2,000 grant for her project "The Use of Peer Learning Assistants in the Large Introductory Sociology Classroom to Support Student Learning."

The Social Work department was nominated for the "Department of the Year Award" at the 13th Annual Pride Awards and Rainbow Graduation celebration on April 28th in Atwood Memorial Center. Several representatives from the Social Work department attended the event and were honored to be nominated. Dr. Tracy Ore was the recipient of the Faculty, Staff, and Administrator Leadership Award at the event.

As a part of celebrating Social Work Month, the Department's Diversity Initiative & Assessment Strategy (DIAS) Committee, with support from the SHHS Dean's Office, hosted a series of events and activities on campus for students, faculty, and staff during the week of April 15th to address racism and encourage everyone to take personal action to end racism and oppression. Included were a film discussion, action pledge booth in Atwood, and a faculty brown bag lunch discussion titled "Processing Racism in the Classroom".

The Children's Law Center of Minnesota hosted training on campus, April 4th, of 6 area attorneys to provide legal representation to local foster care youth. This ongoing partnership with the Center will not only benefit the greater community but will also bring additional training, support, and resources to SCSU students, faculty, and the campus related to protecting the rights of children and youth.

SHHS Scholarship Reception

The SHHS Scholarship Reception was held on April 17th in Atwood Memorial Center. In 2012-2013, SHHS has awarded 43 scholarships. We were joined at the reception by several donors: Colonel Nemec and Greg Nemec, Gary and Linda Zapzalka, Mary Weise, Ruth Nearing, and Cassie Fischer and Sue Severson from North Central Pathology, as well as many students, faculty, and staff. We were thrilled that the donors were able to meet the beneficiaries of their scholarships. Special thanks to all of our donors who have contributed and have made this event successful. We ensure that all money that is donated to SHHS goes back to our students. Below are just a few highlights from the event:

Pictured at right: Carmen Johnson, Sue Olmscheid, Colonel Nemec, and Jordan Olmscheid (Carmen and Jordan were recipients of the Colonel and Phyllis Nemec Scholarship for PE Students)



Pictured at left: Jordan Olmscheid, Linda and Gary Zapzalka (Jordan was a recipient of the Amber Zapzalka Memorial PE Scholarship)

Pictured at right: Carmen Johnson (Dean's Scholarship recipient) and Monica Devers



Community Engagement Celebration

On April 18th, the Community Engagement Event was held in the Atwood Ballroom. This event is designed for students to showcase their posters and other artifacts summarizing their learning and highlighting their community engagement. We are pleased to announce that several SHHS students and faculty were recognized for their excellent work.



Communication Sciences and Disorders 432 was awarded "Best Academic Connection between Community Project and Class Content" at the Community Engagement Celebration in April. Pictured on left: Dr. Sarah Smits-Bandstra, and her students Josh Anderson, Sandra Stenerson, and Arianna Nielson.

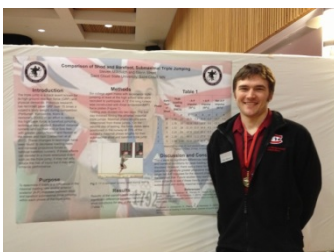
Communication Sciences and Disorders 648 received "Best Internship" for their Talahi Project. Pictured are CSD students, Stacy Regnier, Syrena Bowen, and Jillian Daleidian.



Student Research Colloquium

The Student Research Colloquium was held in Atwood Ballroom on April 16th. This event was designed to promote student research, scholarship and creative work in collaboration with faculty.

95 students and 16 faculty presented 21 poster presentations at the event (10 from CSD, 2 from Counseling, 3 from Kinesiology, and 6 from Nursing) and 1 paper presentation from CSD.



Steven Milkovich (Kinesiology) received "runner-up" for his poster presentation on "Comparison of Barefoot and Shod Running, Sub Maximal Triple Jumping".

Whitney Holman (Communication Sciences and Disorders, pictured at right), sponsored by Dr. Sarah Smits-Bandstra, received "runner up" for her poster presentation on "Speech Planning in Person's with Parkinson's Disease".



Mary Carpenter (Communication Sciences and Disorders), sponsored by Theresa Estrem, received “runner up” for her paper presentation on “(Central) Auditory Processing in Young Adults on the Autism Spectrum”.

25th Annual Excellence in Leadership Awards Banquet

The Excellence in Leadership Awards Banquet was held on April 21st in Atwood Ballroom. Five students from SHHS were acknowledged at the banquet for their award. Congratulations to Rosemary Fisher (not pictured), Tricia Simon, Laura Steinhoff, Ritu Tamang, and Paula Woischke.



Tricia Simon- College Counseling and Student Development



Laura Steinhoff- Communication Sciences and Disorders



Ritu Tamang
Community Health



Paula Woischke
Gerontology

Upcoming Events

SHHS Community Appreciation Event
Wednesday, May 8th, 4:30pm-6:00pm
Atwood Voyageurs

SHHS Graduate Reception and Hooding Ceremony
Sunday, May 12th, 8:15am
Ritsche Auditorium

Cancer Prevention Study-3
Tuesday, June 18, 2013, 11:00am- 3:00pm
Education Building - Room A119
More information on how to sign up is available at CPS3CentralMN.org