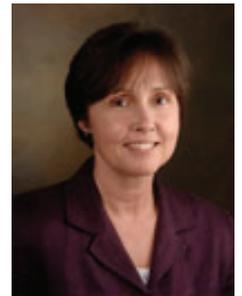


Greetings from the Dean

Welcome to the April edition of our newsletter.

Spring is finally here (I hope!). It is always fun to be on campus and see our students enjoying some warmer weather rather than rushing quickly (often via skyways) to their classes. I love this time of year - not only for the warmer weather but because of all of the wonderful events that occur on campus as we gear towards the end of the semester - awards, scholarship receptions and commencement.



We just held our Student Scholarship and Community Partner recognition event. All of us extend our thanks to everyone who has contributed to our departmental, and Dean's scholarship funds. Without your generosity, we would not have been able to award so many scholarships this year. Each contribution that is made goes directly to our students to support their success. We recognized all of the students who received scholarship this year - it was so fun to meet them and their families at this event. This year, we combined our scholarship reception with our community recognition event. In the last year, we placed over 700 students in our community. Our community partners are critical to this aspect of our curriculum and it was a pleasure to recognize them along with our students and donors at our recognition event. You'll see a few pictures from this wonderful event below. You can also logon to our facebook page to see them all.

I, along with 2 SHHS faculty and one community partner, presented our draft Strategic Plan to the University Strategic Planning committee a few weeks ago. I am pleased to let you know that the plan was approved and now moves forward to President Potter for his review and approval. I anticipate that we will continue to refine the timelines for the work needed to meet our strategic objectives during the summer. A draft of our plan will be posted on our website in the next few weeks.

At our upcoming spring commencement in May, 241 Bachelor's degrees and 126 Master's degrees will be conferred to SHHS students. Thank you to all of the faculty, staff and community partners who have contributed to our student successes. I look forward to meeting our graduates and their families and to congratulating you all on May 11th.

With best wishes,

Monica Devers
Dean

SHHS Scholarship & Community Reception

On April 23rd, the SHHS Dean's Office hosted a Scholarship & Community Reception to recognize students who received a scholarship in the school for the 2013-2014 year and also to recognize our internship supervisors for all the support they have given to our students. There was a total of 31 scholarships awarded in the School of Health and Human Services and 12 of those students were recognized at the event. We also had 11 internship supervisors attend the event, as well as several of their student interns. More pictures can be viewed on our Facebook page.

Dean's Scholarship Winner



**Karlee Kormann with
Monica Devers, Dean**

Colonel & Phyllis Nemec Scholarship Recipient



**Carmen Johnson with
Colonel Nemec**

Olga B. Scholarship Recipients



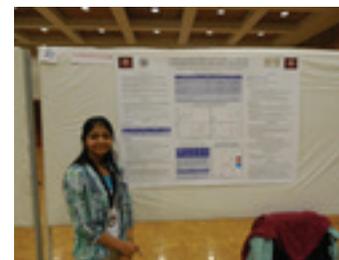
**Victoria Hall with faculty member
Sue Warner (Nursing)**



**Haley Sprenger with faculty member
Rona Karasik (Gerontology)**

Student Research Colloquium

The 17th Annual Student Research Colloquium was held on April 15th in Atwood Memorial Center. 89 SHHS students participated in this event (37 CSD students presented 11 posters, 12 CPCF students presented 11 posters, and 40 Nursing students presented 5 posters). Pictured on right is Varshni Athmacharan, CSD student who received Honorable Mention for her poster on "Language Treatment Outcomes in Aphasia". More photos from the event can be viewed on our Facebook page.



Student and Alumni News

Communication Sciences & Disorders



Jacqui Osnes (pictured on left), is a CSD graduate student completing her clinical practicum at Sauk Rapids/Rice Public Schools. She is featured on their website for her work with preschoolers in the classroom.

As part of the Access Project, a Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation Grant, Teri Estrem (CSD), with graduate student Emily Rodgers and undergraduate Sahur Hussein, held an evening event in March to recruit and inform students about the professions of early childhood and speech-language pathology. Although it was a snowy night, approximately 50 students participated.

The SCSU National Stuttering Association was selected as a recipient of the student organizations “Outstanding Diversity Initiative” award. Sarah Smits-Bandstra (Assistant Professor in CSD) is the advisor of this student organization. The Award Ceremony was held on April 2nd in Atwood Memorial Center.

Kinesiology

On April 23rd, the Community Health students from Teresa Heck’s HLTH 430 class took leadership in organizing the SCSU Wellness Fair in Atwood with over 0 interactive tables. Pictured on right is a community health student working at the event (more pictures can be viewed on our Facebook page.)



Nursing



On April 3rd, for the seventh consecutive year, the Minnesota Nurses Association (MNA) hosted students from nursing schools throughout the state for a lesson in advocacy that takes them beyond their bedside responsibilities. 350 students and instructors, representing 14 different schools of nursing attended the day-long event that kicked off with a morning meet & greet with MNA member leaders. Read more about this event on the MN Nurses Blog.

Social Work

In March, a group of 30-40 Social Work students (partial group pictured on right) volunteered at Project Homeless Connect at the River’s Edge Convention Center. Project Homeless Connect is an event that offers people within our community the opportunity to access services offered by governmental, non-profit and other agencies.



Incoming MSW student, Judy Hackett has been awarded a \$1,2000 Shirley Schrader Scholarship for 2014-2015. Judy is receiving one of three scholarships from a pool of 89 candidates.

During 3 days in March, approximately 125 students in the graduate and undergraduate Social Work programs attended the Minnesota Social Service Association Annual Training Conference & Expo in downtown Minneapolis. This year's theme was "The Journey Begins Here", which reminded us of our shared mission as health and human service professionals. This Conference is the largest, most comprehensive, cost effective health and human service conference in the nation, offering innovative ways for practitioners to improve the lives of our clients, staff, and agency. The featured speaker was Don Shelby, who spoke about his volunteer work with the Washburn Center for Children. The School of Health & Human Services had a booth in the Expo, which informed about the work being done by our School in the area of health & human services.



On April 7th, the Social Work students attended the 18th Annual Day at the Capitol. Social Work Day at the Capitol is an opportunity for professional social workers, social work students, and social work educators to join together and lobby state lawmakers about matters of social policy that affect our clients, our profession, and the citizens of Minnesota.

On April 12th, 70 people gathered at Barden Park for the "325 in the 320" Rally and March, an event created by a group of Social Work students aimed at raising community awareness about the affects of homelessness in Central MN. After the rally, the group gathered in Ritsche Auditorium to listed to a collection of speakers, including Andre Summey, an SCSU student who began the year as a homeless youth, going to classes and sleeping in the park at night. They concluded the event with Social Work students, Markie Henry and Meghan Morin outlining a call to action. The event was featured in the St Cloud Times.



Community Engagement Celebration



On April 24th, 11 SHHS classes presented at the Community Engagement Celebration in the Atwood Ballroom. This event promotes student research and creative work in the community in collaboration with faculty. There were 4 presentations from CSD, 3 from Gerontology, 1 from Gerontology & Nursing, 2 from Nursing, and 1 from Social Work. In addition, there were 2 presentations from Gerontology clubs on campus. Pictured on right are CSD students from CSD 427/527 (more pictures from the event can be viewed on our Facebook page.

Excellence in Leadership Award Recipients

We were thrilled to see that 8 of the 25 recipients of the 26th Annual Excellence in Leadership Awards are from departments and programs within SHHS. These students were honored at the Excellence in Leadership Banquet on April 27th in the Atwood Ballroom. Please join us in congratulating them.

Arielle Benoit- Athletic Training
Troy Bjerckness- Community Health
Carmen Johnson- Health & Physical Education
Kay Kilpatrick- Community Health
Timothy Lyngen- Health & Physical Education
Chelsea Swiggum- Recreation and Sports Management
Gao Vang- Community Psychology
Amber Weise- Social Work

Department & Faculty News

Communication Sciences and Disorders

G.N. Rangamani was named Faculty Liaison for the Service-Learning position in 2014-2015.



Margery Whites received the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) Convention in Rochester on April 11th. She was nominated by her colleagues and former students. This award recognized Margery for her outstanding clinical, mentoring, and teaching skills, her commitment to helping students understand and learn about language disorders, evidence-based practice, and multi-cultural awareness.

Global Goes Local Conference

On April 8th, Teri Estrem, with graduate students Kate Loberg-Soderup and Amanda Kilpela, and community members Monica Segura-Schwartz, Mayuli Bales, Fadumo Abdikadir, and Florence Orienzi presented “Interactive Collaboration to Serve Young Immigrant Children & Their Parents” in Atwood. They presented information about special education disparities in MN, why we need more speech-language pathologists and early childhood educators working with immigrant families, and what we have done about it.

Community Psychology, Counseling and Family Therapy

Niloufer Merchant has been elected to serve on Governing Council for the American Counseling Association (ACA) as a representative of the Association for Specialists in Group Work (ASGW) a division of ACA. It is a 3 year term beginning Fall 2014 and involves serving on the Board for ASGW as well as the Governing Council (equivalent to the Executive board) for ACA. Dr. Merchant is excited and honored to serve in this capacity.

Tina Sacin was named the recipient of the Presidential Award at the Association for Specialists in Group Work (ASGW) Awards Luncheon at ACA in March.

Gerontology

The Gerontology program received one of the \$400 awards from the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education to support their Careers in Aging Week activities, held April 7-11. Careers in Aging Week (CIAW) is an annual event intended to bring greater awareness and visibility to the wide-ranging career opportunities in aging and aging research. You can view the latest version of their newsletter at: www.stcloudstate.edu/gerontology

Social Work

The Social Work department was recognized with an honorable mention at this year's Pride Awards and Rainbow Graduation for going above and beyond to include LGBT issues and identities in their work. The awards ceremony was held on April 27th in Atwood.

Provost Action Grants

Recipients of the Provost Action Grants were announced in February. Faculty from departments and programs in the School of Health and Human Services will receive funding for 8 proposals/projects.

Lead Proposer: **Theresa Estrem (CSD)**

Team Member(s): **Rebecca Crowell - (CSD), Steve Hoover (CPCF), Paula Watt (SW), Chaturi Edrisihna (CPCF), Sue Tarr (KIN)**, Mary Beth Noll (SPED) and JoAnn Meerchaert (BIO)

Title: *Developing an Inter-professional Practice and Education (IPE) Course for Autism*

Lead Proposer: **Laura Finch (KINS)**

Team Member(s): **Rebecca Crowell (CSD)**

Title: *Health Related Curricular and Research Initiatives in South Africa*

Lead Proposer: **Phyllis Greenberg (GERO)**

Team Member(s): **Rona Karasik (GERO)**

Title: *Developing Empathy for Working with Elders*

Lead Proposer: **Steve Hoover (CPCF)**

Team Member(s): **Chris Haukos (REC), Hannah Hokanson (SODEXO), Teresa Heck (KIN), Niloufer Merchant (CPCF), Nona Wilson (CPCF), Laura Finch (KIN)**, Corie Beckermann (SHS), John Eggers (SCS), Jeff Allerson (SL&D), **Patricia Bresser (NURS)** and Brent Neilsen (SHS)

Title: *SCSU Peer Wellness Coaching Model Training*

Lead Proposer: **G.N. Rangamani (CSD)**

Team Member(s): **Rebecca Crowell (CSD)**

Title: *Undergraduate Research Experience to Promote Student Recruitment and Community Service*

Lead Proposer: **Sarah Smits-Bandstra (CSD)**

Team Member(s): **Joy McKenzie (CSD), Grama Rangamani (CSD), Rebecca Crowell (CSD), Amy Gilbertson (CSD), Jodel Page (CSD), Margery Whites (CSD), Judi Larsen (CSD) and Theresa Estrem (CSD)**

Title: *Technology for Simulated Client Assessment and Intervention*

Lead Proposer: **Benjamin Witts (CPCF)**

Team Member(s): **Kimberly Schulze (CPCF), Steven Hoover (CPCF) and Dan Macari (University Honors Program, Director)**

Title: *Intensive Research Opportunities to Develop Advanced Undergraduate Scholars*

Lead Proposer:: **Tina Sacin (CPCF)**

Team Member(s): **Niloufer Merchant (CPCF) and the Veteran's Resource Center**

Title: *Veteran Student Progression and Success*

Autism Awareness Month

The seventh annual World Autism Awareness Day was April 2, 2014. Every year, the CSD department celebrates the month with awareness-raising events.

On April 17th, Teri Estrem, Rebecca Crowell, and several CSD graduate students facilitated a book talk for “The Way I See It”, by Temple Grandin. In this innovative book, Dr. Temple Grandin, a highly successful adult who has autism and best-selling author, gets down to the real issues of autism, the ones parents, teachers, and individuals on the autism spectrum face every day.

Other events during the month included 7 autism-related movie viewings and discussions.

Smart \$tart Workshop

The April 5th Smart \$tart workshop hosted by the Women's Center was very successful with student evaluations reflecting high ratings. One student commented, “Thank you for offering this workshop. I really want equal pay and I hope I can use the various tactics that I learned to receive equal pay. I deserve it!” Seven of the 20 attendees were from the School of Health and Human Services.

District 742 Visits/Tours



On April 15th and 16th, we had approximately 100 9th grade students from various District 742 schools come to campus for a tour of School of Health and Human Services. Emily Simon, Experiential Learning & Outreach Coordinator, and Christa Hayes, Student Relations Coordinator, gave a presentation about the School and the programs we offer, followed by a tour from Kathy Koepke of the Nursing department. We will continue to partner with District 742 in the future.

Submit Your Ideas

The School of Health and Human Services is always looking to add speakers and events to the Colloquia. Submit your ideas for speakers and events to Emily Simon, Experiential Learning and Outreach Coordinator, at eesimon@stcloudstate.edu.

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