

January 15, 2015

Welcome to 2015!

As we move forward in this new year, I'd like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for the contributions you have made to the success of our students, colleagues, university, and community in the past year. It's clear that due to your collective dedication, our college has taken great strides toward meeting the ambitious goals set forth in our Strategic Plan. Together, we continue to refine and grow our academic programs, accelerate our research profile, improve public health, and graduate the health care leaders of tomorrow.

So much of what we do depends on collaboration within our programs, departments, and college. I am grateful for the hard work you have already done during this time of rapid change and growth for our university. I am proud that Allied Health Sciences is the fastest-growing college at Augusta University, that we continue to expand our clinical offerings to communities, that our research advances scientific knowledge and practical patient care, that our students and faculty are recognized for their leadership on the national and international stages. You continue to move us forward in all these endeavors and more!

Thanks to you, our college is poised for even more exciting adventures in 2015. We will soon have a clinical presence at Roosevelt Warm Springs Rehabilitation Hospital, and are adding stewardship of the Augusta Area Dietetic Program to our portfolio. Student applications are up significantly. Your efforts in leadership, service, and education truly make a difference. I am indebted to each of you. Thank you for sharing your skills, your commitment, and your enthusiasm as we advance our mission. I know that in 2015 we have much success to look forward to!

CLS grad awarded prestigious scholarship

Congratulations to Sydney Knapp, who graduated with honors from our Clinical Laboratory Science program in December, and just received word that she is one of only five recipients of a 2014 American Proficiency Institute national scholarship. Read more [here](#) on the GReport, or check out the Jan. 4 edition of the Columbia County News-Times. We couldn't be more proud of Sydney – already an outstanding CAHS alumnae!

PT research funded by IGP

Two of our esteemed Physical Therapy colleagues have been awarded one-year \$20,000 Pilot Study Research Program grants from the Augusta University Intramural Grants Program. Both projects have great potential for major external research funding that could lead to advances in patient care. Dr. Raymond Chong will study the dose-response effect of niacin supplementation in Parkinson's disease, while Dr. Miriam Cortez-Cooper will examine the sex-specific role of aldosterone in leptin-mediated hypertension. Congratulations to you both!

Support for international OT programs

Dr. Michael Iwama, Chairman of our Department of Occupational Therapy, continues to be a worldwide ambassador of the OT profession and Augusta University. He took his expertise to one of England's newest OT programs in December, speaking to students at the University of Worcester as well as to practicing occupational therapists in the community. His visit was covered in the local media; read more [here](#). Thank you, Michael!

PT faculty receives service award

Dr. Janet Tankersley has received the 2014 Richard P. Nielsen Student Service Award from the Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions, where she is studying for a second doctoral degree. The award is the institution's highest distinguished service honor, and recognizes her leadership at RMUoHP, Augusta University, and the Physical Therapy Association of Georgia, as well as her many pro-bono advocacy projects, including Christ Community Health Services here in Augusta and many mission trips to Haiti. Congratulations, Janet, this is a well-deserved honor!

January 22, 2015

Welcome Dr. Finkelstein!

Please join me in welcoming to Augusta our new Chair of the Department of Health Management and Informatics, Dr. Joseph Finkelstein, who arrived on campus this week. Dr. Finkelstein comes to us from Johns Hopkins University and is an experienced and well-respected researcher in fields ranging from telecommunications to cardiology and psychiatry. It is a great privilege to have him in our College, and I look forward to his leadership as we train more professionals to work in the critical and rapidly changing field of health care management and informatics.

CAHS forms student organization

I am delighted to announce a brand new student organization housed here in the College of Allied Health Sciences – the Health Sciences Organization at Augusta University. The HSO gives students interested in and/or enrolled in health sciences programs a venue for collaboration and networking. Activities will include guest speakers about the health sciences, community service opportunities, mentoring, and leadership development. The club will hold its first meeting soon – stay tuned for news about the date. Congratulations to the organization's first President, Jillian Stringfield, a senior Respiratory Therapy student, and my many thanks to Associate Professor Kitty Hernlen in the Department of Clinical and Environmental Health Sciences for her leadership in the development this exciting project for our students.

A very special invite

Congratulations to Dr. Hannes Devos in our PT department, who has been honored with an invitation to serve on the university's NIH review committee. He is the only CAHS faculty member on the committee. Well done!

Spotlight to shine on DH faculty

RDH Magazine, a national publication for registered dental hygienists, has selected our very own Kandyce A'see to spotlight and be featured on the cover of an upcoming 2015 issue! What fun! This will be a great venue for highlighting one of our college's best and brightest. Congratulations, Kandyce. We'll be sure to order extra copies!

OT student research presentations tomorrow

Please take a moment tomorrow to join our Occupational Therapy Class of 2015 as they present their research and scholarship projects from 1-3:30 p.m. in the atrium of the Health Sciences Building. The students will be on hand with poster presentations to answer questions about their exceptional work.

January 29, 2015

Faculty excellence recognized

I am so pleased to announce that two of our Allied Health Sciences faculty, Drs. Charlotte Chatto and Judith Stallings, have been accepted into Augusta University's Academy of Health Sciences Educators. This is an honor bestowed on just a small number of faculty each year, based on demonstrated excellence in curriculum development, learner performance evaluation, mentoring and advising, or educational administration and leadership in the past five years. Applications are reviewed by current Augusta University Academy members and external reviewers from Academies at other institutions. The 2015 Class will be inducted March 19 during the EII Awards Ceremony. Membership provides a wonderful opportunity to collaborate with fellow excelling educators from many fields. Hearty congratulations to both Charlotte and Judith for this well-deserved recognition and excellent achievement.

A great honor for PT scholar

First-year PT student Lisa Marie Cundey just received stupendous news – she has been selected by the Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Rehabilitation Centers for the prestigious 2015 Rehabilitation Fellowship, one of only two awarded in the country! As an MS Rehabilitation Scholar, Lisa Marie will receive training at the Cleveland Clinic Mellen Center for MS Treatment and Research in late April. She is currently working with mentors Dr. Abiodun Akinwuntan and Hannes Devos on research to better understand the underlying commonalities between risk of falls and unsafe driving in individuals with MS. She is passionate about MS research, and plans an academic and clinical career improving rehabilitation services for MS patients. This wonderful opportunity will certainly expand her skills and knowledge toward that goal. We are very proud to have one of our students chosen for this honor. Congratulations, Lisa Marie!

Spreading vital health information

HMI Assistant Professor Vahé Heboyan was interviewed by WRDW TV-12 for a feature report last Friday on the supposed safety of e-cigarettes. Thank you, Vahé, for your research into this new potentially harmful habit, and for helping get an important health message out to the public.

Two more graduate from HSLP

Congratulations to Kitty Hernlen in Respiratory Therapy and Dr. Tiana Curry-McCoy in CLS for their excellent Special Projects presentations last Wednesday. Their work on our new Health Sciences Organization and expansion of CAHS departmental research websites, respectively, were part of their Health Sciences Leadership Program experience. Thanks also to mentors Drs. Lester Pretlow, Michael Iwama, and Abiodun Akinwuntan, and to Dr. Raymond Chong and Sharron Walls for their website assistance. Well done, Kitty and Tiana. Thank you for your dedication to our College.

Redesigned course brings business acumen to PT students

Dr. Debra Beasley's outstanding efforts to prepare our Physical Therapy students for the realities of the business world were profiled recently in the GReport. It's not an easy task to develop and deliver a comprehensive curriculum on business skills within a compressed, one-class time frame, but Debra has pulled it off with great results! You can read more about the course [here](#).

Guest speakers to share knowledge and experience

My great thanks to Dr. Hannes Devos and the Physical Therapy department for taking the lead in developing departmental seminars of interest to and open to the entire CAHS. Dr. Stacey George from Flinders University in Australia will talk about virtual reality in stroke rehabilitation Feb. 9, and remember, too, that our Dean's Research Seminar returns Feb. 12 with Dr. William Stead from Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Details on both events are in the Calendar below. Please support our colleagues in their efforts to bring exceptional speakers to our College with your attendance. Faculty, staff, and students from other colleges are more than welcome to join us!

February 16, 2015

Farewell and new Chair appointment

A few days ago, Dr. Finkelstein indicated that he has to return to Baltimore to address a significant family situation. In discussing the continuity of leadership and also moving forward, Dr. Gianluca De Leo Associate Professor and Chair of CEH came up prominently. Correspondingly, Dr. De Leo is appointed as Chair of the Department of Health Management and Informatics in addition to serving as Chair of the Department of Community and Environmental Health ultimately bringing the two units together. The HMI Department has a long history of interim leadership that should come to an end. Dr. De Leo's information technology skills would be particularly advantageous for our information management program as accreditation criteria have changed and new requirements emphasize advanced technologies. His appointment brings the various MPH components together in one administrative unit of the College. The freshness of his approach is a particular asset. Please join me in wishing the best to Dr. Finkelstein and offering your support for Dr. De Leo.

Walking for the heart of it

The 2015 Heart Walk Saturday, March 7 at the North Augusta Greenway is a great opportunity for us to support the American Heart Association mission of heart research, some of which is being done right here at Augusta University. Several CAHS departments have already established teams – Clinical and Environmental Sciences, Medical Laboratory, Imaging, and Radiologic Sciences, Physician Assistant, and Physical Therapy. I applaud their participation and encourage everyone in the college to find a team to join or form a team among your colleagues. Click [here](#) for more info.

Chili for a hearty cause

What's better on a cold February day than a chili cook-off? The PA Class of 2016 will sponsor just that Friday, Feb. 27 to raise money for their Heart Walk team (\$5 for all you can eat). If your chili is famous, put it to the test. Sign up [here](#) if you'd like to contribute a pot.

Celebrating half a century of medical informatics

I am privileged to have been invited to give the keynote Reed Gardner address on "The Place of Informatics in Modern Medicine" at the University of Utah. The 50th anniversary of the first medical informatics department in the United States will be celebrated April 18 at the University of Utah with a wonderful program filled with historical archives and fascinating talks. It's a perfect opportunity to not

only talk of emerging trends but to also reflect on the U of Utah's legacy in medical informatics and its influence on subsequent programs such as ours. I am truly honored.

February 5, 2015

Jag20 sneak preview

The official announcement hasn't gone out yet, but I can tell you now that our College has more Jag20 recipients than any other Augusta University college – a full 25 percent of the total! We are delighted to see so many of our young professionals recognized for their achievements by the Augusta University Alumni Association. Hearty cheers to two of our own faculty members – Hannah Beriault (RT '05) and Stevie Redmond (PA '10) – as well as Thomas Cullen (CLS '06), and the husband and wife team of Lauren and Tom Wieme (both PA '08). These five outstanding alumni will be honored at a luncheon during Alumni Weekend in April. Please share your congratulations with our colleagues and alumni when you see them.

Do we have an App for you!

Assistant Professor of Occupational Therapy Jason Hughes has developed a smartphone app sure to be a big hit with OT and PT students and faculty. Developed to be utilized as a teaching tool for Kinesiology, it illustrates range of motion, alignment of the goniometer, and the prime mover responsible for each movement. The free app for Apple devices should be launched the first week of March, but here's a [preview](#). Great job, Jason!

Making a difference at the capital

Last Wednesday, eight of our OT students traveled to Atlanta to participate in the Georgia Occupational Therapy Association's Legislative Day, where students and practicing therapists met with state legislators to discuss issues related to the health and education needs of Georgians and the role of OT in meeting these needs. My appreciation to Class of 2015 members Tonices Alberto, Erin Brownlee, Kelsey Glazer, Marissa Goodman, Amanda Granberg, Amanda Jackson, Chase King, and Megan Turpin, and OT Program Director Pam Kearney, for your initiative in addressing these important legislative issues facing our state.

Next week brings special guests

I hope you will make every effort to join us next week as two esteemed speakers visit our college. First, on Monday, Dr. Stacey George from Flinders University in Australia will talk about virtual reality in stroke rehabilitation as a guest of our Department of Physical Therapy. Her talk on a subject applicable to so many of our related fields is sure to be outstanding. Then we welcome the esteemed Dr. William Stead from Vanderbilt University on Thursday for the latest installment of the Dean's Research Seminar Series. Dr. Stead's influence and perspective on biomedical informatics is unsurpassed. Don't miss this chance to hear more about the direction of personalized care and discovery in health care straight from the horse's mouth. Details are in the calendar below.

March 10, 2015

Medical Illustration to host symposium

I am delighted that our campus is the site of this year's O.A. Parkes Symposium & International Student Conference on Medical Illustration March 13-14. This conference will bring to Augusta students, faculty, and professionals in art, science, and business to share the latest in graphic and media techniques related to medical science. It's also a homecoming of sorts, as the conference is named for our own Professor O.A. "Norrie" Parkes, the first Director of what would eventually become the CAHS Department of Medical Illustration. It is indeed an honor to host the significant event this year.

DH students show political acumen and research results

Our senior Dental Hygiene students did us proud when they attended Lobby Day at the Georgia State Capitol. They met with leadership of the Georgia Dental Hygienists Association and State Representatives to discuss issues vital to the profession, including restrictive practice laws and a bill to allow hygienists to use local anesthesia. Thank you, students, for being such excellent representatives of Augusta University on the state level, and to Assistant Professor Kandyce A'see for coordinating the visit.

Our Dental Hygiene students also presented research posters during the Dental College of Georgia's Clinic Day. We are very proud of our DH students, including Victoria Wright and Haleigh Lewis, who were awarded first place; Jaime Clay and Megan Clark in second place; and Missy Fletcher and Karen Rocker in third. They each received a cash award. Great job, everyone!

Dietetic Internship off to the races

Our college's stewardship of the Augusta Area Dietetic Internship is off to a stupendous start, receiving 124 completed applications for just 12 available slots in the Class of 2016. Together with local reviewers, program leadership will select the most promising candidates to be matched in April. Congratulations to Drs. Hardy and De Leo for this excellent beginning!

Partnering in research with UGA

Dr. Hannes Devos, Assistant Director of our Driving Simulation Laboratory, is featured in the latest issue of UGA Research for his collaborative research with Julianne Schmidt, Assistant Professor of kinesiology at the University of Georgia. Their study is the first ever to look at the effect concussion has on the ability to drive. Data collection for this important initiative is underway and may lead to beneficial guidelines for military as well as civilian use.

From Fulbright Scholar to Fulbright Specialist

On the heels of his successful year in Nigeria as a Fulbright Foreign Scholar, Associate Dean for Research Abiodun Akinwuntan just learned that he has been recommended to join the Fulbright Specialist Roster. The Roster matches project requests from academic institutions overseas with eligible experts known as Fulbright Specialists. Congratulations, Abiodun, this is indeed a great honor!

Andrews takes Vesalius Trust role

In other MI news, Program Director Bill Andrews has been elected President of the Vesalius Trust, a national charitable public foundation that supports education and research in visual communications for the health sciences. Congratulations, Bill!

CLS student garners scholarship

We have another very deserving scholarship recipient in our midst! CLS senior Angela Zaki has been selected to receive the 2015 Future Laboratory Leader Scholarship from the Georgia chapter of the Clinical Laboratory Management Association. Congratulations, Angela, on this step toward professional success!

Research seminar attracts university-wide interest

Many colleagues from outside CAHS joined us when our Dean's Research Seminar Series hosted Dr. William Stead from Vanderbilt University for an excellent talk on how we can utilize electronic medical records for improved patient care. I especially want to thank MCG Dean Peter Buckley for his comments on the lecture in his Dean's Diary last week. I am delighted that, here at Augusta University, we make every effort to share the wealth of knowledge around us, and that our college is instrumental in bringing some of the country's brightest medical minds to campus.

It takes a village

And speaking of sharing, we appreciate the Dean's Roundtable conversation led Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Lester Pretlow on bringing compassion and consideration for students, faculty, and staff to our teaching mission. More discussions on this topic will follow.

March 12, 2015

Program reviews a success

The Provost Office recently completed its comprehensive institutional program review for Clinical Laboratory Science (undergraduate and graduate), Master of Public Health, and Radiation Therapy, with great results. My appreciation goes out to Pavani Rangachari, Barbara Kraj, and Lynne Eggert for their hard work and outstanding leadership, and to their colleagues for their dedication to quality education. Thank you!

The app is up: Measuring range of motion

Recently we told you about a new OT/Kinesiology Pro Consult app developed by Jason Hughes in Occupational Therapy. I am delighted to announce that it is now available at the Apple store, [here](#). The app is a resource to learn how to correctly and accurately measure joint range of motion. In just the first week of its release, the app received an outstanding 2,300+ downloads! This is a wonderful example of the expertise in our college being extended to the health care community at large! (PS: I am already downloading my copy.)

Caring for those in need garners award for students

Last year Nicole Mayberry, a first-year Physician Assistant student, joined with fellow students at the Medical College of Georgia to establish the Equality Clinic, which provides health care to Augusta's LGBT community here in our Health Sciences Building. Their extraordinary dedication to this underserved population is fast making the clinic a regional resource and attracting national attention. The team has been awarded the American Medical Student Association/Gay and Lesbian Medical Association's award in recognition of their efforts. Congratulations to Nicole, and medical students Charlotte Ball, Michelle Cohen, Kyle Friez, Caleb King, Justin Neisler, Kevin Robertson, and Lauren Titus. You make us proud!

A note of appreciation from Warm Springs

I received a warm note recently from David Mork, Executive Director and COO at Roosevelt Warm Springs Rehabilitation & Specialty Hospitals, thanking us for the excellent Augusta University Physician Assistant students who were there in January and February. It was most gratifying to hear our students described as “professional, knowledgeable, and hardworking.” Thank you to our PA students for representing us so well, and to the PA faculty and staff for their excellent example of professionalism.

March 18, 2015

SPECIAL EDITION

I just received the message that our PhD in Applied Health Sciences program proposal was approved by the Board of Regents Academic Affairs Committee today. This is a major, historic step forward in serving Georgia and the health professions.

The new collaborative, innovative and applied program offers advanced study and research training opportunities to comprehensively solve health care problems. Our College has a long history of continuously anticipating needs, taking the lead in developing programs that produce exceptional health care workers. PhD graduates will be well prepared for roles in evidence-based practice or as faculty in allied health fields. There are no similar, existing programs in the University System of Georgia.

Let me use this opportunity to express appreciation for the CAHS PhD program planning committee and the leadership of Miriam Cortez-Cooper. The PhD program has been advocated by many faculty colleagues and by many of our predecessors. Now, this effort has come to fruition. The great progress has been achieved thank to the exceptional leadership support of the graduate school and the Provost Office led by Gretchen Caughman Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs. It is obvious that teamwork and collaboration are hallmarks of our College of Allied Health Sciences.

March 20, 2015

Student Advisory Group established

Our new CAHS Student Advisory Group is up and running! The group held its first meeting in February, and will meet with college leadership once per semester to advise on issues pertaining to education and student affairs. Six students serve renewable one-year terms, and I am most grateful for the well-considered input of our wonderful inaugural members – James Blackwell (PT), Kristyn Coogler (RT), Adrienne Grant (RT), Kelsey Riffle (RadT), Justin Williams (OT), all from the Class of 2016, and Angela Zaki (CLS), Class of 2015. The perspective and insights these students have brought to our table is an invaluable tool as we move forward to success. Thank you, each and every one of you.

Dr. Chatto named university fellow

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Charlotte Chatto in our Department of Physical Therapy is one of two Augusta University faculty members selected to serve as 2015-2016 Faculty Development Fellows. Charlotte joins Dr. Molly Quinn from the College of Education on the university's faculty development/teaching excellence team. I'm told the decision process was not an easy one, with many

more applications than were anticipated, so the honor of being invited is doubly impressive. Congratulations, Charlotte!

Academic and service recognition

Congratulations to Dr. Pavani Rangachari, Interim Associate Dean for Practice and Community Health, on the acceptance of her paper on pediatric asthma plans and their association with outpatient revisits at the Academy of Management's 75th annual meeting this August in Vancouver. My appreciation, also, for her continuing service on the federal level as a grant reviewer for the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.

Taking it to D.C.

Three of our CLS graduates rocked at the annual Legislative Symposium in Washington, D.C. this week. Lacey Campbell (MHS '13), Crystal Mino, (BS '13), and Kemorine Roberts (BS '09), addressed legislative issues in the clinical laboratory science profession, such as workforce shortages, and advocated for Medical Device Tax Bill H.R. 160, which would repeal the excise tax on medical device manufacturers and importers. All three of these terrific CAHS alumni hold state or national positions in their professional organization, the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science. We are so proud of their accomplishments!

Time to relax

Just a quick reminder of our Allied Health Sciences Alumni Mixer next Monday, March 23 from 5-7 p.m. at Edgar's Grille on Washington Road at Fury's Ferry. Come enjoy the company of our great alumni!

March 26, 2015

Absolutely outstanding

Congratulations to Dr. Miriam Cortez-Cooper for receiving the Outstanding Faculty Award for our college from the Augusta University University Senate. Miriam not only is dedicated to her students, she has a long history of service to the college, and currently is President of the CAHS Faculty Council. Miriam and her fellow Outstanding Faculty from all Augusta University colleges were recognized March 19 at a campus-wide ceremony. Bravo, Miriam!

Promotions and honors

I am so pleased to announce that Dr. Abiodun Akinwuntan, Associate Dean for Research, and Ana Thompson, Chair of the Department of Dental Hygiene have been named full Professors. Ana and Abiodun are tremendous assets in our college and highly deserving of these promotions. Congratulations to you both!

And more great news: Upon his retirement in May, Dr. Art Taft of the respiratory therapy program will be awarded Emeritus status by Augusta University, recognizing his passion to teaching, research, and service over his long career at the university. Thank you, Art, for your dedication and congratulations on this well-deserved honor!

Dotting the i's

We have received word that the official contract between Augusta University and the Belgian Road

Safety Institute has been signed by our institution. This international research collaboration brings great prestige to our college. My many thanks to Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy Hannes Devos for his hard work bringing this project to fruition, and to Anthony Hightower in Legal Affairs and Sarah White, Associate Vice President for Research, for their dedicated support and assistance.

Recruitment pays off

Our dedicated recruitment efforts, led by Program Directors and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Lester Pretlow, are producing impressive results. Applicants to our college have increased 26 percent over this time last year, and accepted students are up 34 percent! Prospective students are recognizing the need for and value in careers in allied health, as well as Augusta University's ability to provide unmatched education in these fields. My appreciation to everyone for your contributions to CAHS growth!

Drama and PA students unite in learning

A collaboration between drama students from the Summerville campus serving as standardized patients for our Physician Assistant students was featured recently in the [GReport](#). It's a wonderful example of the interdisciplinary junctures now available after consolidation. Many thanks to PA Associate Professor Kathy Dexter and Assistant Professor Stevie Redmond for reaching out to our colleagues in other colleges to expand teaching opportunities for all Augusta University students. Well done!

"Welcome to the Jungle" a roaring success

Congratulations to our colleagues at MCG for another very successful (and raucous!) Match Day. This year's Augusta University class had a very impressive 97.7 percent match rate, with 30 percent remaining in Georgia for their postgrad residencies, and two-thirds of those staying right here at MCG/GRHealth. Congratulations to Dean Peter Buckley and to the MCG Class of 2015!

A legend passes

We have learned with sadness of the death March 19 of Associate Professor Emeritus David Mascaro, one of the acknowledged finest professionals in medical illustration, from cancer. A 1969 alumnus of our program, David joined the medical illustration faculty in 1971 and went on to influence hundreds of students in a 29-year career at Augusta University. He received numerous international awards for his work, including the prestigious Brodel Award for Excellence in Education.

April 23, 2015

Alumni return this weekend

Alumni Weekend starts today! Please join us wherever you can as we welcome our colleagues home. Many exciting events are planned, including our CAHS Alumni Banquet Saturday, where we will honor our 2015 Distinguished Alum, Ron Courson, as well as the Outstanding Alumni from our programs. And just before our banquet, at the Maxwell Theatre, the weekend's Signature Event offers a rare opportunity to meet history face-to-face with Captain Jim Lovell and Gene Kranz from the Apollo 13 mission. A few complimentary tickets are still available for the Signature Event (please contact [CharAnne Powell](#) for one while supply lasts). Click [here](#) for more information on weekend events and check the calendar below for CAHS-specific activities.

Our award winning students

The 31st annual Graduate Research Awards Banquet was held April 15 and I am proud to report that several students from our college were recognized for their outstanding research efforts: James Viebrock (MPH '15), Excellence in Public Health Research Award; Brittany King (Medical Illustration '14), Excellence in Educational Multimedia Award; and Jeremiah Marshall, Olivia Crosby, and Ashley Moore (all from the CLS Class of 2015), CAHS Excellence in Research Award. Congratulations to all! Your talents will serve the future of health care very well, indeed.

Also, the Muslim Student Association, led by our own Asheeba Baksh (DPT '16), has been honored as Augusta University's best new student organization with the Ahoy Award from the Office of Student Life Engagement. Only active since last October, the MSA has already accumulated an impressive list of university and community accomplishments. Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition!

Big news about research in our College

My heartiest congratulations to Associate Professor Mohan Wakade, who has received a letter of intent to award a very competitive 4-year, \$1,058,000 Veterans Administration grant for his research into the role of niacin in Parkinson's disease. This is a substantial achievement, one that significantly bolsters our research mission. Congratulations to Mohan, and to co-investigator Raymond Chong.

And congratulations as well to Dr. Raghavan Raju on the acceptance of his paper, "Resveratrol Improves Survival and Prolongs Life Following Hemorrhagic Shock," for publication in an upcoming issue of Molecular Medicine. His research shows how a small, naturally occurring molecule may have a profound effect on survival rates after severe hemorrhage. The article is available online on PubMed [here](#).

Faculty serving faculty development

Dr. Charlotte Chatto in Physical Therapy has been named a Faculty Development Fellow for the 2015-16 academic year by the Augusta University Office of Faculty Development and Teaching Excellence. In this role, she will provide valuable assistance with faculty ongoing faculty development projects and develop new ones to serve faculty needs throughout the university. Well done!

AADI Class of 2016 chosen

Our first group of students in the Augusta Area Dietetic Internship program has been selected. Twelve outstanding applicants (of more than 120!) will begin the program this summer under the direction of internship director Dr. Dale Hardy. My many thanks and appreciation goes out to Dale Hardy and Gianluca De Leo for their hard work this past year as we successfully transitioned the program to Augusta University from University Hospital. We are eyeing a bright future for our first cohort of AADI interns. Welcome to Augusta University!

Dean's Digest online

I'm happy to tell you that the most recent Dean's Digest as well as archived issues can now be found on our CAHS website. Look for the link under Dean's Office in the main menu. We thank Sharron Walls for this latest web accomplishment, just the latest in the long series of very important upgrades and improvements to our website.

April 30, 2015

10 stars!

Once again, our Physician Assistant program is recognized as one of the best in the country – this time at the very top of the list! The Spring 2015 Physician Assistant rankings generated by graduateprograms.com places Augusta University as the nation's number one PA program. This ranking is especially gratifying because it is based solely on ratings and reviews from current students and recent graduates – those who know first-hand the excellent education we offer. Congratulations to everyone in the department, with my thanks for the excellent work year after year.

OT reaches out to high school students

For the third year, our Occupational Therapy students hosted a group of middle and high-school students from A.R. Johnson Health Science and Engineering Magnet School during their recent assistive technology projects presentation. For over a year now, two groups from our OT classes of 2015 and 2016 have been introducing these bright students to occupational therapy as a possible health career. We are delighted to have had them on our campus. My thanks to Program Director Pam Kearney for coordinating these efforts to bring the next generation of health care professionals under our wing!

Employee dedication recognized

Augusta University recently celebrated long-time employees during a Service Awards breakfast for individuals who have been with the university for 5, 10, and 15 years. From our college, Abiodun Akinwuntan, Associate Dean for Research, and Yoon-Ho Seol, Interim Chair of Medical Laboratory, Imaging, and Radiologic Sciences, celebrated 10 years, while Ana Thomson, Chair of Dental Hygiene, has been with us for 15 years! My sincere thanks to you all for your talent and your commitment to the college. You make us the best!

Graduation around the corner

The frenzy of final exams going on all around us right now is a reminder that graduation is coming up May 8. Faculty, please make every effort to participate in this momentous event in the lives of our wonderful students. Remember to register [here](#) if you will be attending. You may also order regalia at this link if you need it.

April 6, 2015

Capitol news

The 2015 Georgia Legislative Session wrapped up with a flurry of activity, including a bill that hits close to home. HB 505 passed in the Senate by a vote of 46-6, and revises various provisions regarding the licensure and regulation of physical therapists and physical therapy assistants, the granting of licenses, and discipline of licensees.

***GR*research features two of our best**

Have you seen the just-released Spring 2015 issue of *GR*research yet? Two of our faculty members are featured – Dr. Gianluca De Leo, Chair of the Department of Clinical and Environmental Sciences, is

highlighted for his innovative work in bringing technology to health care, and Dr. Charlotte Chatto in our Department of Physical Therapy discusses her successful research collaboration with a Parkinson's patient in an article on "Exercise as Medicine." The work of both colleagues produces practical and useful ways to improve quality-of-life for patients world-wide. Very impressive! Pick up your copy of the magazine today.

Research recognized with continued funding

Dr. Abiodun Akinwuntan, Associate Dean for Research, reports approval of a much-needed supplement budget for an on-going grant sponsored by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. It comes at a critical time for the research in progress, and we are most grateful to the NMSS for its continuing support.

Students meet legislators

Two of our Health Information Administration seniors, Christi Snider and Sandra Menifee, participated in Hill Day activities in Washington, D.C. last week with the American Health Information Management Association. They addressed legislative issues in the health information management profession, such as ICD10 implementation and workforce shortages, and networked with AHIMA professionals and members of the United States Congress to influence the future of the profession. These two exceptional students are off to a great start in their careers!

Medical Illustration honors

Our Medical Illustration students continue to win accolades for their amazing work. Congratulations to Santiago Junca ('16), Josh Klein ('15), and Peter Lawrence ('16), who received special recognition last week at the Augusta University/UGA Student Scientific and Medical Illustration Exhibition in Athens. Josh Klein was presented with the prestigious William J. Stenstrom Award of Excellence, and Santiago and Peter received Awards of Merit. A great deal of work went into these projects and we are very proud of our very talented students. The entire exhibition moves to the Augusta University Greenblatt Library early this month through the end of May. Please stop by and take a look at this amazing alliance of artistry and science.

... and a great loss

While we applaud our medical illustration students' success, we also express sorrow at the recent passing of one of the profession's most influential practitioners and educators, our own Associate Professor Emeritus David Mascaró. A memorial celebration will be held Saturday, April 18 at noon in the Alumni Center Ballroom on 15th Street. I hope you will be able to join us as we honor the life of this remarkable, much-loved gentleman.

April 9, 2015

Our new PhD: celebration, recruitment and leadership

Our new PhD program in Applied Health Sciences has a Director! I would like to express my great appreciation to Professor Raghavan Raju for his enthusiasm in taking this project as program director to the next level. Among other faculty colleagues, he will also work with Drs. Miriam Cortez-Cooper and Vahé Heboyan as we continue to develop this outstanding program opportunity.

Save the date! Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, April 29, and join us as we celebrate this great accomplishment with a continental breakfast from 7:30-9:30 a.m. on the second-floor atrium. At 9 a.m., we will recognize the many contributors who assisted in the development of this program.

Furthermore, program information for interested students will be readily available throughout the day in the building lobby. If you have a prospect you feel would benefit from an applied health sciences doctorate, please do extend a special invitation for them to join us. We hope to have our first cohort of students this fall.

HSLP workshop builds team skills

Our faculty colleagues from the College of Education Department of Counselor Education, Leadership, and Research will present an interactive workshop on teambuilding skills next Wednesday, April 15, as part of our Health Sciences Leadership Program. This is an excellent opportunity to learn from and collaborate with experts in other Augusta University colleges. Space is limited, so please RSVP today at 706-721-3247. The workshop will be held in EC-1208 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Dr. Rangachari named to AHRC study section

Dr. Pavani Rangachari, Interim Associate Dean for Practice and Community Health, has been appointed a standing member of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's HTR study section through 2018. Congratulations, Pavani, and thank you for further bringing our college into the influential national arena.

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Interim Chair of Medical Illustration

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Amanda Behr as Interim Chair of Medical Illustration. A Georgia native, Amanda earned her BFA in Scientific Illustration from the University of Georgia and her master's degree in Medical and Biological Illustration from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. She is a Certified Medical Illustrator and Certified Clinical Anaplastologist, and was previously Director of Medical Illustration for Quality Medical Publishing, Inc. Soon after joining the Augusta University College of Allied Health Sciences, she launched the Clinic for Prosthetic Restoration and was elected President of Georgia Regents Health Professions Associates, Inc., above and beyond her substantial medical illustration teaching responsibilities.

We appreciate the medical illustration program and the relatively small department has much room to grow. We celebrate accomplishments and also notice many opportunities for improvement. In moving forward, medical illustration needs to strengthen support for the tripartite academic mission, develop sustainable models to increase faculty, expand collaboration with other CAHS programs, and develop teamwork in sharing staff support. With Amanda Behr's leadership, the department should advance ambitious measurable goals, reliable communications with alumni, and positive curricular upgrades that also engage more adjunct faculty. I would like to use this opportunity to express appreciation for the leadership of Dr. Michael Iwama as immediate past Interim Chair and also for the continuing service of Program Director Bill Andrews.

CAHS leads the way: 243 graduates this spring

Now that the hustle and bustle of graduation has subsided, you may be interested to know that our College graduated more students, 229, than any other college in the enterprise. That's seven more than even the medical school, plus 14 more graduates from CAHS programs who were counted in The Graduate School, bringing our total to 243. We have a bright and growing future ahead of us in CAHS! Thank you, faculty and staff, for all you do in developing future health science professionals for service in their communities.

Convocation kudos

My sincere gratitude to everyone involved in planning last week's wonderful CAHS Hooding and Honors Ceremony, with particular appreciation to Candace Yates, Program Coordinator extraordinaire in the Dean's Office, and to our Master of Ceremonies Dr. Andrew Mazzoli. Many faculty members were instrumental in making the event proceed smoothly, from guiding students in the right direction, to loaning out their regalia when hoods for some students didn't arrive in time. Great work! Well done everyone, we could not have done it without your strong support. Many, many thanks!

GRHPA practice plan transition

It has been a busy spring season for our faculty practice plan: expanding service lines, negotiating new contracts, and renewing existing ones. My many thanks to Kathy Dexter, who is serving out her term as GRHPA Board of Directors President while navigating her return to full-time teaching in the Physician Assistant Department. I am extremely grateful for Kathy's excellent service, particularly her work in developing a foundation for our new Anaplastology and Low Vision service lines. Dr. Pavani Rangachari, Interim Associate Dean for Practice and Community Health, becomes GRHPA's Chief Administrator and point person; please direct all Request-to-Practice Forms to her. Pavani will soon be supported by a part-time business administrator as our faculty practice plan continues to grow.

DH student recognized by American Dental Association

We've just learned that Virginia Frierson, Dental Hygiene Class of 2016, has received a \$1,000 scholarship from the ADA Foundation. Exciting news, indeed. Congratulations to you, Ginny!

MLIRS professions to be in high demand

Good news for our MLIRS students: according to the recent HRSA National Center for Health Workforce Analysis, by 2025, just 10 short years away, the demand for nuclear medicine and radiation therapy technologists will increase 24 percent, and we'll require 22 percent more medical and clinical laboratory scientists. Our MLIRS students, current and future, will be instrumental in filling these great needs in our health care system.

May 22, 2015

Graduateprograms.com ranks second CAHS program

Congratulations to our Department of Physical Therapy, which joins the Physician Assistant Department in being recognized as one of the very best by Graduateprograms.com! Our PT program ranked 18th in the organization's recently released Spring 2015 rankings for Top Physical Therapy Grad Programs for Career Support, which addresses the quality of career planning support and resources for students during and after graduate school. As these particular rankings are generated by current students and

recent graduates from over 500 PT programs across the country, I am especially gratified to know our students think so highly of our program, faculty, staff, and college. Thank you! Click [here](#) to learn more.

NMT program scores well at annual meeting

Our NMT faculty and students represented made quite the impression at last weekend's annual meeting of the Georgia Society of Nuclear Medicine Technologists in Atlanta. Assistant Professor Krishnan Prabakaran not only gave a presentation on "Opportunities and Challenges with New Cardiac Nuclear Cameras," he was named GSNMT President-Elect, a three-year service commitment to the state professional society. Thank you for taking the leadership role!

In addition, three of five CAHS student groups that made poster presentations grabbed all three top spots! First place honors went to Rhevon Lewis, Huy Tran, and Tajan Wisdom for "The Growing Popularity of Y-90 Radioembolization for Hepatocellular Carcinoma;" in second place were Brittany Brockelbank, Philip Douglas, and Linda Williams for "The Effectiveness of Xofigo in Prolonging life in Castration-Resistant Prostate Cancer Patients;" and rounding out the podium were Ariel Benton, Hannah Gay, and Chris Ray for "Stress Fractures in Military – The Use of Bone Scans to Detect Stress Fractures in Soldiers." Congratulations, all!

Augusta University to host Alzheimer's Symposium

With Alzheimer's disease increasingly on the rise, Augusta University will hold a free Alzheimer's Symposium Saturday, June 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Harrison Education Commons. This first of what is intended to be an annual event will provide an introduction to memory loss and dementia, review current research, and offer practical pointers for patients, families, and caregivers. Dr. Allen Levey, Director of the Alzheimer's Disease Research Center at Emory University, will be the keynote speaker, and our own Associate Dean for Research, Dr. Abiodun Akinwuntan, will discuss memory loss and driving. Please call 706-721-2798 for more information on this conference, designed to educate and empower our community in coping with this ongoing tragedy.

Student research opportunity

Dr. Craig Albert, Assistant Professor of Political Science and Director of the Augusta University Model United Nations Program, needs volunteer undergraduate research assistants for a project attempting to measure the relationship between ethnic group identity and intensity of violence. It's a great opportunity to students university-wide to gain valuable experience and possible course credit, with the potential for co-authorship. Click here for details and contact information.

May 29, 2015

A surge in CAHS research!

I am delighted to report that in just the first three quarters of our current fiscal year, CAHS has already surpassed all research submission and awards for the entire FY14! With yet another quarter to go, this year's submissions are up by \$2M, to \$9.7M, and we are but a whisper away of reaching our FY15 goal in awards received. My sincere thanks to all research faculty members and staff who have worked so hard to get us to this point. Excellent progress, with, I know, more success to come! Thank you Dr. Akinwuntan, Associate Dean for Research, please keep us informed about further progress.

Welcome to the practice plan

The welcome to Georgia Regents Health Professions Associates, our CAHS faculty practice plan, has been updated on the website. It includes a description of benefits for faculty members, their departments, the college, and clinical sites, along with an updated Request-to-Practice Form. I encourage all faculty members to take a look at the splendid opportunities available. We appreciate the good work of Dr. Pavani Rangachari, GRHPA Chief Administrator and Interim Associate Dean for Practice and Community Health; Kathy Dexter, current GRHPA President; and Amanda Behr, President-elect.

NMT student receives Regent's Presidential Scholarship

Congratulations to Ariel Benton, a Class of 2016 Nuclear Medicine Technology student, who has received a Augusta University Regent's Presidential Scholarship Award. This donor-driven scholarship from the University System of Georgia Foundation is a fine example of the generosity and support given to our finest scholars. Well done, Ariel!

Dean's Roundtable on Education

Sarah White, Associate Vice President for Research, will lead a discussion on "Going for the Big Grants: Project Planning for Success," Tuesday, June 2 at 11 a.m. in the PT Conference room. The roundtable is presented by the Health Sciences Leadership Program.

May 8, 2015

The day we've all been waiting for is here

Congratulations to each and every one of our 243 CAHS students who today at 2 p.m. walk across the stage at the James Brown Arena to receive their diplomas – and step into your futures! You have worked so diligently for this day. The entire faculty and staff who walked with you on this journey to graduation are so proud of your accomplishments! Our whole-hearted best wishes to the Class of 2015, and please do stay in touch through our Alumni Association. You will always be part of the CAHS family.

PA student receives prestigious Beard Award!

Jenny Dickson of the Physician Assistant Class of 2015 was honored last night with highest accolade the university gives to a Health Sciences student – the Augusta University John F. Beard Award for Compassionate Care. It was a wonderful surprise and a marvelous moment when Jenny's name was announced, as the recipient of this esteemed award is the most closely-guarded secret on campus during graduation season. Jenny always has a kindhearted compassion and gentle humor about her, of which her patients, classmates, and faculty attested to in so many glowing letters of recommendation. Jenny is a humble soul, but so very deserving of this distinguished honor. We are grateful to know her. Many best wishes, Jenny; congratulations on your selection, and thank you for all you give.

CAHS faculty honored

Three of our faculty were honored by the Office of Faculty Development and Teaching Excellence during the "Celebrate Faculty" event April 29. Dr. Charlotte Chatto was admitted as one of two incoming Faculty Development Fellows; Associate Professor Kitty Hernlen was recognized for the "Eating to Breathe" class she created for INQR 1000, a first-year experience course designed to develop underclassmen into active learners; and Associate Dean Lester Pretlow was given the "Caught in the Act" Integrity Award for best representing Augusta University values. Bravo to all three of these

remarkable CAHS faculty members. We are proud of your many contributions to our university-wide environment.

The INQR 1000 program, by the way, is looking for faculty interested in teaching classes next year. Please contact [Beth Huggins](#) for more information.

MPH student receives impressive fellowship

Jessica Stewart, MPH student and graduate research assistant, has been selected for the HSHPS Graduate Fellowship Training Program, one of only a handful or two who are chosen each year. She will spend the summer at the VA Pittsburg Healthcare System, all expenses paid, advancing her research and professional skills while developing networking opportunities. Congratulations, Jessica!

DH publication garners media attention

The coloring book created by Dental Hygiene Chair Ana Thompson to help children learn good oral care habits was featured in a story on WJBF last week (click [here](#) to see it). The book, created with the assistance of an American Dental Education Association grant, has attracted the attention of dental programs across the country and is available at the Augusta University Bookstore. Well done, Ana!

Going above and beyond to fill a need

Here's another example of community service provided by CAHS colleagues: Mallory Lanier, Director of our Clinic for Low Vision Rehabilitation, took her lifelong love of dance and created Steps of Grace, an adaptive dance program that provides quality ballet and tap classes to children with special needs. The program has almost quadrupled in just four short years, teaching the joy of dance to kids with Down syndrome, autism, mitochondrial disorder, developmental delays, and other difficulties. Thank you Mallory, we are proud of your dedication to these children!

June 11, 2015

We had a luau!

Thank you for a great turnout last Friday at the CAHS Summer Faculty Assembly and Retreat hosted by the Faculty Council. We appreciated the academic planning update provided by Provost Caughman. Our faculty discussions also generated many good ideas for practice and research. A good time was had by all, and I am grateful for everyone's participation and contribution. When asked, "What are CAHS faculty most thankful for this academic year," you responded with a multitude of blessings. CAHS truly has a wonderful group of faculty, staff, and students!

PA students go above and beyond!

Our students are something special – not only are they bright and dedicated to their studies, they never fail in their generosity to those in need. While in Uganda not long ago on a clinical rotation, three of our Physician Assistant students – Lauren Beatty, Shelby Boggus, and James Torell – met a teenager named Ronald in dire need of surgery to correct a congenital heart defect. They took it upon themselves to get him to a specialist and then raise the \$30,000 needed to fund the life-saving surgery. Yesterday, their goal was met, and Ronald's surgery has already been scheduled for July. What a wonderful outcome! Read more about it in the [GReport](#).

Spanish translators needed

Next month, the Costa Layman Farms in Trenton, S.C. will celebrate the 10th anniversary of its outstanding Health Fair, an event our College happily participates in each year. Volunteer translators are needed for the fair on July 17. If you speak Spanish and would like to join this great event, whether you are faculty, staff, alumni, or a student, please contact Eileen Brandon at 706-825-4779 or ebrandon@augusta.edu.

We'll miss you!

Two of our long-time colleagues will retire at the end of this month. Aft Taft, a man of boundless energy and good cheer, has served many roles in his years with our Respiratory Therapy program, including Interim Department Chair. He will be feted with a farewell party in the lobby June 23. Last week, the Dean's Office had a small gathering to celebrate Melissa Walker, who has so diligently and expertly managed our college's financial affairs for many years as Director of Business Operations/Practice Plan. If you haven't heard, Melissa is a grandmother-to-be of triplets, due in July! The PA department is hosting a baby shower in their third-floor conference room June 19. Please stop by to congratulate both Art and Melissa as we bid them many new adventures!

June 25, 2015

MPH program reaccredited for 7 years

Great news! Our MPH program has been accredited through July 1, 2022, a seven-year term, by the Council on Education for Public Health's Board of Councilors. This is a remarkable achievement for our fast-growing public health program, the result of much hard work and dedication on the part of everyone involved. Congratulations to Interim Associate Dean for Practice and Community Health, Dr. Pavani Rangachari, MPH Program Director, and her faculty and staff colleagues for bringing about this excellent result through their dedicated commitment to expanding our public health education activities.

Dr. Raju joins NIH study section review committee

Based on his many accomplishments, achievements, activities, and honors, Dr. Raghavan Raju has been appointed by the National Institutes of Health to a four-year term on the standing Aging Systems and Geriatrics Study Section in the Center for Scientific Review. Congratulations, Raju, what a wonderful opportunity to contribute to the national biomedical research effort! Our many thanks for your willingness to undertake this major commitment.

Developing news in CAHS research

Dr. Nasrul Hoda is on a roll, receiving great news on several NINDS/NIH projects. He and colleagues Drs. Krishnan Dhandapani, MCG Department of Neurosurgery, and Vibha Kumar, HMI, have received a fundable score on their R21 grant application for their study "Immune Mechanism of Protection by Remote Ischemic Conditioning after Intracerebral Hemorrhage." Dr. Hoda is also collaborating with Dr. David Hess in MCG's Department of Neurology on two projects for which they have received Notices of Intent to fund: "Remote Ischemic Conditioning in Intracerebral Hemorrhage," and "Validation of a

Stroke Therapy Comprised of Synergistic Stem Cell-Derived Factors," a Phase I collaboration with NeuroFx Inc. of Indianapolis. Excellent results!

Congratulations also to the faculty and staff of the Driving Simulation Lab. Their paper, "Agreement between Physician's Recommendation and Fitness-to-Drive Decision in Multiple Sclerosis," has been accepted for publication by the Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. Great teamwork!

Dr. Pavani Rangachari's research into the associations between provider communication of asthma-action plans and return outpatient visits of pediatric asthma patients continues to garner notice. The manuscript has been accepted for publication by the Journal of Hospital Administration, and an abstract has been accepted for poster presentation at the 143rd Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association later this year in Chicago.

OT professor featured in GReport

Dr. Sharon Swift in our Department of Occupational Therapy was featured in the [GReport](#) story about the Augusta University Health Sciences Summer Academy, a program that allows high school students to explore health sciences for possible future careers. Dr. Swift's insights on empathy in health care were well received and much appreciated.

CLS students recognized by national organization

Four of our 2015 CLS graduates – Marisol Betancourt, Shaina McCaskill, Jameeka Parks, and Angela Zaki – have received National Student Honor Awards from the American Society for Clinical Pathology in recognition of their leadership, community service, professional goals, and academic achievement. We are honored to claim each as CAHS alumni!

CAHS student enrollment growth continues

I am happy to report that as of June 15, our college has seen a 22 percent increase in student applicants and an 18 percent increase in acceptances over this same time in 2014. Thank you to all our faculty and staff who work so hard to make this growth possible! Please continue the great work towards the goals of our ambitious strategic plan.

July 29, 2015

New doctorate program fields first class

The first class of our Ph.D. program in Applied Health Sciences is now a reality! Five students have been selected for the Fall 2015 semester just a few short weeks ahead. This beginning is actually the culmination of a great deal of demanding work on the part of the Ph.D.-AHS committee to bring the program on board. My sincere thanks to everyone involved, and to the Selection Committee – Program Director Raghavan Raju, Miriam Cortez-Cooper, Vahe Heboyan and Lester Pretlow – for their outstanding evaluation of applicants. Well done!

Asthma camp highlights fun and safety

Our Respiratory Therapy program held its fourth annual Augusta Area Asthma Camp at Camp Tanglewood in Columbia County last week. This free camp combines asthma education with a complete summer camp experience for local children with asthma. This year's theme was "All-Star Sports," and players from the Augusta Greenjackets stopped by on Wednesday. What an exciting opportunity for the

kids – they were even featured on WJBF News Channel 6! My great thanks to Associate Professor Kitty Hernlen, who organizes this wonderful camp, and all the dedicated Respiratory Therapy faculty, students and alumni who return to help year after year!

A Fulbright invitation

Based on his extensive experience and scholarly contributions, as well as his own recent Fulbright experience in Nigeria, Dr. Abiodun Akinwuntan, associate dean for research, has been invited to be part of a four-member peer review committee that will assess U.S. Fulbright scholar applications for western and central African countries in 2016-17. This is indeed a great honor. Congratulations, Abiodun!

Published!

Great news for Dr. Maud Ranchet, our postdoc in the Driving Simulation Lab, whose article “Comorbidity in Drivers with Parkinson’s Disease” has been accepted for publication in the *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*, with an impact factor of 4.572. The study investigated fitness-to-drive recommendations of both physicians and on-road assessors. It determined that the role of comorbidity in physicians’ recommendations may explain, in part, inconsistencies between providers’ fitness-to-drive recommendations and those of on-road assessors. Co-authors are Drs. Abiodun Akinwuntan and Hannes Devos, and Erin Neal. Congratulations, all!

Costa Layman celebrates 10 years

Faculty and students in our occupational, physical and respiratory therapy programs joined colleagues across the Health Sciences Campus at the annual Costa Layman Farms Health Fair in Trenton, S.C., July 17. From its fledgling start in 2005, this fair has grown into a highly anticipated event for employees of the nursery, while providing an excellent learning opportunity for our students and an important venue for research data collection. We are proud to contribute to such a worthy endeavor, and my highest appreciation to all CAHS participants!

Heboyan receives intramural grant

Dr. Vahé Heboyan’s timely research proposal, “E-cigarette Harm Reduction and Perception Change through Health Literacy and Behavioral Economic Interventions among Young Adults,” has been selected for funding by our CAHS Intramural Grant program. Well done!

Do you see A’see?

Check our famous colleague! Dental Hygiene Assistant Professor Kandyce A’See is featured on the cover of the July issue of [RDH Magazine](#) and is spotlighted on [page 8](#). Congratulations, Kandyce, on being recognized as a role model for your profession and my many thanks for bringing national exposure to our college and university!

High school students explore health at Augusta University summer camp

Rising junior and senior high school students from across Georgia recently took part in two one-week residential camps during the Augusta University Explorers in Health summer program. Several of our CAHS departments were represented, including Medical Illustration, Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy. Faculty members Amanda Behr, Lori Bolgla, Hannes Devos, Jason Hughes, Erin Neal and Sharon Swift led “Hands on Health” activities that proved to be very popular with the students. Great job, everyone, and special thanks to Jason who represented our college on the curriculum planning committee.

Driving Lab expands again

We told you recently that the Driving Simulation Lab had been awarded space on the second floor of the Jennings Building for expansion, and now we've learned that three additional rooms have been added to that allocation. The DSL now occupies about half of the second floor in addition to the lab on the first floor. This provides much needed office and research space as the lab becomes increasingly prominent on a national level.

MI teems with awards

Our Medical Illustration faculty and students are home from the 2015 Association of Medical Illustrators annual meeting in Cleveland, and word is they brought back a slew of awards! Details to follow.

July 3, 2015

Embarking on a long holiday weekend, we celebrate the day when the Continental Congress adopted and John Hancock put his first signature on the Declaration of Independence proudly affirming that we "are created equal...with certain unalienable Rights, among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." Happy Independence Day to all of us and special Thanks to all those who serve! Oorah! Hooah! Hooyah! July 4th, 1776.

Looking around our college, we see much evidence of that same can-do spirit our forefathers embodied. We have all been working diligently and now, with a new president on the way, we can look ahead with renewed anticipation of our continuing success. Here are a few examples that have come across my desk just the last few days. Well done, everyone, and thank you!

New program, course revisions approved

As we this week dot the final i's and cross the final t's on the transfer of the Augusta Area Dietetics Internship Program from University Hospital to our college, I am delighted to share with you news that our proposal for a M.S. in Clinical Nutrition has been approved by the Provost Office Management Team (POMT) and sent on to the registrar for implementation. We have also received similar approval for our Respiratory Therapy program curriculum revisions. My thanks to everyone involved in the Department of Clinical and Environmental Sciences for your exceptional work as we bring these proposals to reality. We should not miss recognizing the good work of Gianluca De Leo, Andrew Mazzoli, Dale Hardy, Lester Pretlow and the entire faculty of the department. Our gratitude and congratulations to all.

Driving Lab gets more room

Our Driving Simulation Laboratory in the Jennings Building has received approval for much-needed additional space on the second floor directly above the lab. This added square footage will provide room for newly arrived equipment, including a Useful Field of View tester, a Keystone vision tester, equipment for monitoring falls, and a Dinamap blood pressure monitor. There is also storage and office space for two additional faculty members in the next year, dependent on expected funding.

MPH growth continues

Enrollment in our Master of Public Health program is expected to increase 27 percent over the same period last year, bringing the estimated total number of Fall 2015 MPH students to 74, with nearly two-thirds opting for the Health Management concentration. Seven applications for Spring 2016 have

already arrived! We are always super excited to hear about the growing interest in public health education and can't thank our MPH faculty enough for their commitment and focus on results.

Colleagues lead the way

For the first time, our college and university has been represented at the annual Distance Learning Administration Conference, a national event held earlier this week at Jekyll Island. Our CAHS Instructional Designer, Georgianna Laws, spoke about online course packs as a convenient way to provide copyright-cleared materials to distance-learning students. The project was a collaboration with Dr. Vahé Heboyan in our Department of Health Management and Informatics and our former embedded CAHS librarian Maryska Connolly-Brown. I am pleased that, as more and more online education opportunities are developed across the board, our college is able to provide working solutions to a national audience. Great work, all!

Top jobs

CareerCast.com has released their report Top 10 "[Best Jobs of 2015](#)," and two of our educational offerings, Dental Hygiene and Occupational Therapy, are on the list! The website ranks the 200 most populous positions based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics on income, job outlook, stress, work environment and other factors. It's interesting to note that all jobs listed come from STEM and Health Sciences disciplines.

July 9, 2015

Welcoming our new president

Yesterday, we received excellent news about the appointment of Brooks Keel, Ph.D. as the next president of Augusta University. He is an accomplished scholar, seasoned academic leader, innovative researcher and enthusiastic supporter of students who will take Augusta University to the next level. We admire his ability to shoulder great challenges and launch major initiatives successfully. The College of Allied Health Sciences looks forward to supporting the new initiatives of President Keel.

Our welcome would not be complete without expressing appreciation for the good work of the Presidential Search Committee and particularly our colleague Lester Pretlow. Well done!

CAHS Department of Clinical and Digital Health Sciences

The departments of Clinical and Environmental Health Sciences and Health Management and Informatics are now officially merged into the Department of Clinical and Digital Health Sciences. The new name emphasizes the clinical programs currently in existence (Respiratory Therapy and Nutrition) and also highlights the health informatics educational programs offered (Health Information Administration). In addition, the department name encapsulates the background and research interests of the faculty, supports college-level public health initiatives and provides vision for research and commercialization opportunities in the health technology arena. While contributing to the education of the next generations of health care and health informatics professionals, the new department will focus on investigating new models and technologies related to personalized, precision medicine. Best wishes to Chairman Gianluca De Leo, the faculty and staff of the Department of Clinical and Digital Health Sciences!

A successful Alzheimer's symposium!

Augusta's first Alzheimer's Symposium, held June 27 on the Augusta University Health Sciences Campus, was a resounding success, attracting 350 participants eager to learn more about research developments and education concerning this perplexing disease. Our own associate dean for research, Dr. Abiodun Akinwuntan was a valued member of the team formed by the GRHealth Memory Disorder Program to develop the conference and gave a presentation on "Memory Loss and Driving" that was very well received. Thank you, Abiodun.

CEHS faculty member receives grant

After a rigorous selection process, Dr. Dale Hardy, program director of the Augusta Area Dietetics Internship, has been chosen by the CHEST Foundation to receive a \$25,000 Minority Investigator Research Grant. Her proposal, *Racial Disparities in Early Palliative Care Within Sociogeographic Regions for Elderly Patients with Lung Cancer*, was recognized for its importance and promise in promoting the foundation's mission to develop resources that champion the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of chest diseases. Congratulations, Dale. Excellent start for the new Department of Clinical and Digital Health Sciences!

Faculty career development opportunities

Augusta University's Education Innovation Institute will present two career development opportunities in September. Career Development 101 on Sept. 10 offers practical suggestions and resources on teaching, promotion and research for health sciences faculty who have primarily clinical and teaching responsibilities. Development 101–Basic Sciences on Sept. 15 will orient junior faculty to the many research resources on campus, provide practical career development strategies and foster connections among research faculty. All CAHS faculty members are encouraged to apply by Aug. 26.

August 13, 2015

New director on board

Joining our team Monday, Aug. 17 is Aubre Keenan, as CAHS Director of Business Operations and Practice. Aubre comes to us after nearly nine years as Business Manager for the Department of Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine and Pain Clinic. In addition to being well-versed in Augusta University systems and policies, her previous professional roles with media, data and accounting firms bring a wealth of experience to our college. Welcome, Aubre!

New course a success for students and faculty

There has been a phenomenal positive reaction from faculty and students regarding Augusta University's new required course in the General Education Core Curriculum, INQR 1000: Fundamentals of Academic Inquiry. In response to feedback on making the experience even more meaningful to faculty who would like to teach the course, the Provost's Office now offers INQR 1000 Professional Development Grants. All faculty are eligible for these \$1,000 professional development grants. Please visit the [INQR 1000 website](#) for more information on the course and this excellent opportunity.

Building bridges to businesses

Dr. Jan Schöler, COO of Xytex Cryo International and an alum of both our legacy institutions, recently visited our college to explore possible collaborative partnerships. He shared with me his extremely positive impression of our facilities, faculty and staff, emphasizing the warm welcome from everyone he met throughout his tour and our collective passion for students. My great appreciation to all who were so gracious to this outstanding supporter of Augusta University, and my thanks to Candice Yates for her excellent work in arranging this visit.

Research collaboration spreads to the Mideast

Dr. Nasrul Hoda and his collaborator Dr. Syed Kashif Zaidi, formerly of Stanford University, have received extended funding support from KACST-NSTIP of Saudi Arabia for their research on remote ischemic conditioning and stroke. Dr. Zaidi is now with the Center of Excellence in Genomic Medicine & Research at King Abdulaziz University in Jeddah. Congratulations, Hoda.

Asthma Camp will be back

Congratulations to Kitty Hernlen and the terrific team that puts on the Augusta Area Asthma Camp each summer for kids in the CSRA with asthma. They've received a \$12,000 grant from the W.G. Raoul Foundation to do it again next year!

CLS student receives recognition

CLS-MS student Ibsa Abdi did very well last month at the ASCLS 2015 Annual Meeting in Atlanta. Her poster, "Design and Validation of a Survey Questionnaire to Assess Physician Transfusion Medicine Knowledge," received top honors in the Graduate Student Poster Competition. Co-authors were Lauren Gagnon, Scott Wise, and Dr. Greg Passmore. Great work, Ibsa!

MI students, alumni pick up multiple AMI awards

Our talented Medical Illustration students and alumni recently brought home over 20 awards from the 70th annual conference of the Association of Medical Illustrators in Cleveland. In the Student Salon, Lauren Halligan ('15) and Megan Llewellyn ('15) received Awards of Excellence, while Josh Klein ('15) picked up an Award of Merit. iSO-FORM, LLC, owned in part by Nick Klein ('09) and Andrew Swift ('99), was honored with the prestigious Dr. Frank H. Netter Award for Special Contributions to Medical Education. Other great Augusta University alumni to receive awards in the Professional Salon include Mary Beth Clough ('96), Jennifer Darcy ('04), Ellen Davis ('14), Mica Duran ('00), Hardy Fowler ('07), Elizabeth Nixon-Shapiro ('14), Tasha Obrin ('14), Michelle Peterson ('08), Brandon Pletsch ('03) and Bob Shepherd ('81). Congratulations to all! To view the work online, click [here](#).

and... MI goes social!

While they were at the AMI conference, Interim Chair Amanda Behr launched the department's social media presence. Check them out on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram at MedArtGRU.

Inaugural MD-MPH student on board

We have our first MD-MPH student! Ian Coe begins the dual-degree program this fall and has selected the Health Informatics concentration. The five-year program integrates medical school and public health course work, community service and field work. Welcome, Ian, we expect more to join you soon!

MPH news in national newsletter

Public Health program director Dr. Pavani Rangachari was featured for her research and her AHRQ

appointment in the [July 24 edition](#) of the Association of Schools & Programs of Public Health. Congratulations Pavani!

CAHS research analyst to present at Obesity Week 2015

Research analyst Marlo Vernon's abstract, "Post-Partum Parenting Stress & Depressive Symptoms Influenced by Weight in First-Time Mothers," has been accepted for poster presentation at The Obesity Society Annual Meeting in Los Angeles this November. Marlo works with the Dean's Office and is in the first class of our new doctorate program in Applied Health Sciences. Great start. Congratulations, Marlo.

Data analysis with the CDC

CAHS faculty with experience working with national data sets are invited to join IPPH faculty for a secondary data analysis workshop with Dr. William Thompson of the Centers for Disease Control. The event will take place in the IPPH Conference Room (CJ-2322) at noon Thursday, Aug. 20. Lunch is included. If you would like to participate in this exceptional opportunity, you must RSVP to Faith Kinard at 706-721-4065 by 5 p.m. Aug. 18.

Faculty Club gears up for another great year

Don't miss the first of this year's "After Hours" social gathering hosted by the Augusta University Faculty Club. Stop by Mi Rancho Mexican Restaurant on Washington Road Friday, Sept. 11, at 5:30 p.m. for drinks, snacks and great company. Mark your calendars, too, for the following Friday, Sept. 18 at 5:30 p.m. in the Harrison Commons Building for the official welcome reception for all new and returning Augusta University faculty.

August 22, 2015

GRHPA and GRMC reach agreement

We have successfully reached a major milestone in our faculty practice plan! Georgia Regents Health Professions Associates and Georgia Regents Medical Center have signed a mutually beneficial agreement for scheduling and billing services for the Low Vision Rehabilitation Clinic. This will provide streamlined patient services and ensure the college receives maximum reimbursement for the good care provided by clinic director Mallory Lanier in the Department of Occupational Therapy.

CAHS gives!

At last week's IGRU Kickoff Campaign, our college stepped up and delivered! My many thanks to everyone who contributed or pledged to the university's annual employee campaign, especially our Dental Hygiene and Physician Assistant departments with their 100 percent participation! Truly impressive results! There is still time to join. Please consider supporting the IGRU campaign!

DH tradition continues

The Department of Dental Hygiene hosted yet another successful Dental Hygiene Symposium in Savannah last month, with nearly 362 registered attendees for this long-running national event. Many thanks to department Chair Ana Thompson and the entire DH team for their dedicated work in bringing the event to fruition each year!

PA students shine

Our Physician Assistant students wowed the crowd in Hilton Head in July, coming in second in the Georgia Association of Physician Assistants Challenge Bowl. Congratulations to the team and to Rebecca Rote, their faculty advisor!

Faculty notes

Amanda Barefield recently served as a reviewer of conference proposals for the 2016 Health Information Management and System Society annual meeting in February. She will also serve as a mentor to one HIMSS presenter.

Sharon Chestnut has been appointed vice chair of the Medical Dosimetry Chapter of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists House of Delegates for the 2015-16 session. She currently serves on the Practice Standards Council Medical Dosimetry Subcommittee.

Barbara Kraj is serving on the social committee for the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Sciences honor scholarship fraternity Alpha Mu Tau, which raises funds for undergraduate, graduate and professional scholarships.

Congratulations all, and thank you for your service on behalf of our college.

August 29, 2015

Service recognition

Congratulations to our wonderful CAHS faculty and staff members who were acknowledged Wednesday morning during the Augusta University Service Recognition Breakfast at Christenberry Fieldhouse, which honored employees' years of service with the university. With 15 years of service – Peggy Jeffcoat and Sara Haddow-Liebel; with 10 years – Lori Bolgla, Miriam Cortez-Cooper and Yoon Ho Seol; and with five years – Eric Bradley, Kathy Dexter, Lynne Eggert, Rebecca Rote and April Weaver. Many, many thanks to all for your service and dedication to our college!

HIA alumna visits CSRA

Earlier this week, our Health Information Administration program hosted the quarterly Augusta-Area Health Information Management Association meeting on our campus. Lynne Thomas-Gordon, CEO of the American Health Information Management Association and our own 2014 Augusta University Presidential and CAHS Distinguished Alumna, spoke to HIA professionals from across the CSRA on AHIMA's five strategic initiatives for this year: information governance, informatics, innovation, leadership and public good.

MI art exhibit crosses the street

Our talented second-year Medical Illustration students will display their art in the Health Sciences Building Sept. 26 during Family Day. Step up to the second-floor atrium to view these amazing works, and join the MI students and faculty for a reception with light refreshments from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Plans are to keep the exhibit up for two weeks, so do take advantage of this opportunity to see these wonderful works of medical art!

Day of Service approaches

If you have not yet signed up for Augusta University's Day of Service on Saturday, Sept. 12, please visit gru.edu/dayofservice soon! This important partnership between our university and our community continues to add new service opportunities each year, so take a look and see where you can help. Volunteers receive free barbecue, admission to Jazz at the G, and tickets to the Jan. 9 basketball game against Lander University.

Welcome, students!

I hope you were able to join us as we welcomed our latest group of bright young minds during New Student Orientation last Friday. If not, check out the video recording of the event [here](#) and fast forward to the beginning at the 29:00 minute mark. Enjoy!

Greenblatt Library names CAHS librarian

Ansley Stuart in the Greenblatt Library is the newly appointed Allied Health Librarian, beginning Sept. 1. She has a master's degree in information science degree from the University of Albany, State University of New York, and comes to Augusta University from the Schaffer Library of Health Sciences at Albany Medical College. Welcome, Ansley! We look forward to working with you.

September 11, 2015

Kinesiology Pro-Consult app: 6,000 downloads in 25 countries

We celebrate innovation in the College of Health Sciences. The Kinesiology Pro-Consult app created by OT Assistant Professor Jason Hughes has been a bit hit, with 6,000 downloads in 25 countries in the first five months of its release! It's so good, it has been shortlisted for the 2015 Design100 App Award. The decision is made by a panel of industry experts but also depends on public ratings. Faculty colleagues: Read about, rate and download the app [here](#). Excellent work, Jason. We appreciate your creativity, focus and elegant results. You are setting an impressive new standard with this innovation success. Thank you!

Can your students hack it?

The USG Board of Regents is launching an exciting health IT initiative. Here's a great opportunity for Augusta University students with a wide range of programming skills – the first annual H.I.T. Hackathon, beginning Sept. 23. This is a team competition, designed to develop a software project that could transform the future of health informatics. Finalists will present their projects Nov. 3 at the Health IT Leadership Summit in Atlanta. Please spread the word to your students, and ask those interested to contact Dr. Gianluca De Leo, chair of Clinical and Digital Health Sciences, by Sept. 20.

Ad hoc committee for new faculty and staff awards

In an effort to improve and expand our recognition of CAHS faculty and staff, an ad hoc awards committee is being formed to address gaps our colleagues brought up in the last engagement survey. If you would like to serve on this worthy committee, please let me know. Your input is invaluable.

Jag20 / Distinguished Alumni deadlines

Next spring's awards season may seem far away, but submission deadlines are fast approaching.

Nominations for Jag20 Awards are due Oct. 1, just three weeks away. Please propose one or more of our many worthy alumni under 40 for this prestigious honor. The deadline for the university's Distinguished Alumni awards will also be earlier this year; details coming soon.

HIA update

Our Health Information Administration program had a good showing last week at the Georgia Health Information Management Association's Annual Meeting at Jekyll Island. Amanda Barefield and Lori Prince, along with GHIMA president-elect and Augusta University HIA alumnus Annette Baker, presented on "Developing the Health Information Management Workforce: Now and in the Future." Lori also presented an ICD-10 Coding Roundtable for the conference. In addition, two of our alumni were honored: Christi Snider ('15) received the New Graduate Award and Annette Baker ('13) was given the Distinguished Service Award, while current student Kayla Guilfoyle ('16) was awarded the GHIMA Scholarship.

Success in the melting pot

Occupational Therapy Chair Michael Iwama and his brothers have been featured in a recent alumni publication of their alma mater, the University of British Columbia in Vancouver. With so much in the news about world-wide migration, the story is an excellent example of contributions made by people from diverse cultures, in this case Japanese Americans. Many in our college share similar stories of transformative travels, to both their benefit and ours. CAHS is very fortunate to have such remarkable people among us, making us a very special melting pot indeed!

Sharing knowledge

November 11-15 is International Education Week. I am happy to report that two of our CAHS colleagues will participate in Augusta University's on campus activities. Sachiko Takeuchi, a visiting research scholar in the Department of Occupational Therapy, will discuss the Japanese culture, society and health care system, while Dr. Abiodun Akinwuntan, associate dean for research, will share his experience as a Fulbright Scholar and offer tips on preparing a successful application. Stay tuned for details.

September 21, 2015

Looking ahead – Augusta University

Please join me in welcoming the new name Augusta University! The College of Allied Health Sciences is looking forward to many more community partnerships and continued academic success. The new name reflects the historic and important connection between our institution and our community. This change will practically happen gradually over a period of time. The Division of Communications and Marketing has already released guidelines for transitioning university social media accounts. In the coming days, we will prepare for the opportunities and formulate transition strategies specific to our College that will be synchronized with the university's action plan. Please continue your excellent support of our students, faculty and staff as we work out the details. Together, we will continue our journey to becoming the next great research university!

Praise from the Provost

I am pleased to share with you remarks from Provost Gretchen Caughman following the BOR-mandated reviews of our public health and clinical laboratory sciences programs, and a special review of the radiation therapy program, during the last academic year. While noting the unique challenges of each program, she added, "...I am proud of their accomplishments in the face of [such] challenges, particularly with regard to their quality, as demonstrated by specialized accreditation, diversity among faculty and students, and community service." I could not agree more! Our colleagues, Pavani Rangachari, Lynn Eggert and Barbara Kraj, program leaders, should be very pleased with the results. Thank you to our faculty and staff in each program – well done.

Nuclear medicine + military = success

My many thanks to Dr. Greg Passmore, NMT program director, for his work with the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board to ensure a pathway for military-trained technologists to sit for the certification exam. This, along with our offering of a bachelor's degree specifically designed for military-trained NMTs and our use of the nuclear medicine clinic at Eisenhower Army Medical Center on Ft. Gordon as an affiliated clinical site, we continue to strengthen our partnership with the military and provide valued learning opportunities for our students!

Say cheese!

A reminder that "Professional Photo Days" for faculty and staff on the Health Sciences Campus are underway. These photos will be used by the institution for many purposes, including the new faculty directory, an initiative sponsored by the Provost's Office. If you have not yet had your institutional professional photo (not the JagCard photo) taken, please do so Tuesday Sept. 22 from 1-5 p.m. or Tuesday, Sept. 29 from 8-11 a.m. in the Professional Building (15th and Laney-Walker), First Floor, Suite 1100. Please come professionally dressed. No appointment required.

September 3, 2015

Schöler joins Advisory Board

I am delighted to report that a recent guest to our college, Dr. Jan Schöler, COO of Xytex Cryo International, has enthusiastically agreed to serve on the CAHS Advisory Board. Xytex is an outstanding biotechnology company in our area with significant international outreach. Dr. Schöler joins a growing list of business leaders from around the CSRA who work with us to develop partnership opportunities in community health care, research and service. Welcome aboard, Jan!

Research Seminar Series returns; Dr. Fagan

We are very fortunate to have as our next guest in the Dean's Research Seminar Series Dr. Susan Fagan, professor of pharmacy at UGA and adjunct professor of neurology here at Augusta campus. Dr. Fagan is founding director of the MCG Center for Pharmacy and Experimental Therapeutics and is internationally recognized for her research in stroke. Details will follow, but mark your calendars now for Oct. 22 at noon!

State of the College

And while you're saving dates, be sure to reserve Tuesday, Sept. 29 at noon for the State of the College

Address in EC-1222. We have many good things to report about our college's ongoing success! Please mark your calendar, join the review of our progress and plans for the coming academic year.

Swift speaks at Professionalism Forum

If you missed the Augusta University Professionalism Forum a couple of weeks ago, here's a [YouTube link](#) provided by the Office of the Dean of Students. Our very own Sharon Swift, assistant professor in the Department of Occupational Therapy, was a featured speaker, talking about having a passion for service (fast forward to 1:19:30). Thank you, Sharon, for your valuable contribution to this important university event! Our College was very well represented.

Augusta University Calendar improvements

Have you clicked on the [Campus Calendar](#) recently? It's been made more user-friendly, with simple navigation to entries packed with useful information. It's actually now two calendars; one for academics and one for events, which makes finding and scheduling easier than ever. Anyone, not just web publishers, may submit items, so we are all encouraged to use it (submissions to the academic calendar must go to registrar@augusta.edu.) Check it out and please contribute to make this a robust, go-to resource for all!

October 18, 2015

Southern Deans visit Augusta University

It was our College's great honor and my personal pleasure to welcome the Southern Association of Allied Health Deans Conference on our campus last week. This influential conference brings together chief allied health officers from academic health centers in the U.S. and Puerto Rico to discuss educational, research and clinical issues related to allied health professions. At my invitation, Victor Dzau, president of the National Academy of Medicine (formerly Institute of Medicine) also joined part of the meeting via telephone. My great appreciation goes to Provost Gretchen Caughman for her visit with conference members, and to all CAHS faculty and staff who were instrumental in making this a outstandingly successful event.

Stallings named PA program director

I am pleased to announce that Judith Stallings, EdD, MHE, PA-C, has accepted the position of program director for the Physician Assistant program. Dr. Stallings, associate professor and the program's associate admissions director, has long been an inspiring asset to our college with her willingness to serve in many capacities. Among her many accomplishments is the development of the CAHS Health Sciences Leadership Program, which she serves as director. Congratulations, Judith, and thank you for taking on this vital role as the program continues the great progress.

Best job in America? PA!

Great news for our PA students: Glassdoor.com has released their 2015 list of the Best Jobs in America, determined by combining three key factors: number of job openings, earning potential and career opportunities rating. Physician assistant is ranked #1, with an overall job score of 4.8 (on a five-point scale). Physical Therapy also made the list at #19. Read more [here](#).

Best rankings? Our university!

The latest rankings from GraduatePrograms.com are out as well, with outstanding results for our College. Over 75,000 students and recent graduates in more than 1,600 programs across the country ranked Augusta University's [physician assistant](#) program #3 and our [physical therapy](#) program #17. These consistent results are impressive, as they mean our students continue to recognize the excellent education we offer them.

Public health research takes center stage

Our Inaugural MPH Research Day will take place Wednesday, Oct. 28 from 10 a.m. to noon in the lobby of Health Sciences Building. Please stop by to view poster presentations by our MPH capstone students and faculty members.

October 3, 2015

State of the College Address

Thank you for joining the annual State of the College Address. There is much good news to share about our remarkable progress! As reported, we launched new programs, grew our enrollment, increased funded research, and expanded our practice plan. The results speak volumes about effective teamwork in our college. The full text of the address will be available on the web in the coming days. President Brooks Keel sent me a note "I also want to thank you and your faculty for a wonderful visit to your college yesterday. You have much to be proud of!" The message from Provost Caughman said: "thank you for all you and your college do." The College of Allied Health Sciences is bringing people together and getting the job done.

Innovative app takes the gold

Congratulations again to OT Assistant Professor Jason Hughes! The Kinesiology Pro-Consult app he created to help students quickly learn range of motion and more won the Golden Award in the Education Technology category of the 2015 USA App Design competition from Design100 – an outstanding achievement! It's now been downloaded nearly 7,000 times worldwide. Read more [here](#). Thank you, Jason, for your creativity and inspiration.

Scholarships increase

We are grateful for the support of the Lettie Pate Whitehead Foundation, which each year provides financial assistance for female students in need. This year, \$253,800 in scholarship monies will be distributed to 192 deserving CAHS and CON students in amounts up to \$2,000. That's a significant jump from the 108 scholarships awarded in 2014, and we are hopeful that this upward trend will continue in the years ahead.

Stepping up to service

Four of our HIA students have been named to the Georgia Health Information Management Association's 2015-16 Student Advisory Council, quadrupling Augusta University's student representation over last year. Congratulations to seniors Kayla Guilfoyle and Adrienne Job, as well as juniors Komal Patel and Tyler Schumann, with many thanks for your willingness to be leaders on the state level in your professional organization.

How to manage the weight of learning

Our OT students pitched in to save the backs of local students from the earliest grades to college during Backpack Awareness Day Sept. 16. As part of the American Occupational Therapy Association's national initiative, they took community education programs to Windsor Springs Elementary, Harlem Middle School, and our own Summerville Campus. The Augusta Chronicle reported on it [here](#). Well done, everyone!

Celebrating alumni!

With much to applaud at our university, please mark your calendars for next Friday, Oct. 9 from 5:30-8:30 p.m., as we celebrate with the Annual Augusta University Alumni Barbecue. This event is open to the public, so gather your friends and family, especially alumni of our legacy institutions, and let's join President Keel at the Barnard Amphitheatre on the Summerville campus. Enjoy Sconyers Bar-B-Que, live music, games and inflatables in the Kid's Zone, and spectacular fireworks at dusk. Buy tickets online at www.gualumni.com/bbq or call 706-737-1759.

November 11, 2015

Saluting our veterans

Today, Americans thank the service and sacrifice of the men and women in our Armed Forces. On Veterans Day, and every day, let's take the opportunity to recognize their commitment to freedom and democracy and give them the honor they have earned. We are particularly proud to salute the veterans who learn and work with us as students, faculty and staff colleagues.

Recruitment – we all represent CAHS

I'd like to express my thanks to everyone involved in the hands-on recruitment of prospective students for CAHS. The scope and quality of our activities has been greatly elevated this year with the participation of many. For example, Dr. Scott Hasson, chair of the Department of Physical Therapy, visits the University of Georgia, USC Aiken and Georgia Southern annually, promoting not only his department but all our programs. Respiratory Therapy faculty have expanded their recruitment schedule to include our Summerville Campus, Georgia Perimeter College in Atlanta, Aiken Tech, Augusta Tech, Georgia Military College, and now Gordon College and East Georgia State College. Dean's Office staff members Candice Yates and Leslie Bell represent us at many statewide recruitment fairs, including a visit just last week to the College of Coastal Georgia in Brunswick. Under the direction of Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Lester Pretlow, our recruitment tactics have become quite robust. Please know that everyone's excellent efforts in this area are much appreciated.

Respiratory Therapy improvements boost enrollment

A revamped Respiratory Therapy curriculum went into effect this fall, consolidating smaller credit hour courses and reducing the number of courses significantly, among other improvements. Streamlining the program in this way improves functionality for our faculty and gives our students a more focused clinical approach to their studies. In addition, the web-based completion program now offers full- and part-time options. The program has accepted a full class of 25 from 66 applicants for the Class of 2017.

A worldwide collaboration

Dr. Nasrul Hoda is co-author on an article accepted for December publication in *Nature Reviews Neurology* (impact factor 15.36), "Remote Ischemic Conditioning- A New Paradigm of Self-Protection in the Brain." He and lead author Dr. David Hess, chair of the Augusta University Department of Neurology, worked with colleagues from Wayne State University in Detroit, Aarhus University in Denmark and Beijing Capitol University in China. An excellent example of international partnership!

YoungStroke appoints Akinwuntan to Board

Dr. Abiodun Akinwuntan has been named to the International Medical Advisory Board of YoungStroke, a non-profit patient advocacy organization. He will help advise the organization's Board of Directors on strategic objectives and opportunities to advance its mission in research and education on behalf of young adult stroke survivors and their caregivers.

November 19, 2015

A great review!

The university has just received its SACSCOC Off-Site Review Committee report, with excellent results! The review, which focused on compliance with 94 Principles of Accreditation, cited us on just nine. To put that in perspective, in 2014 the average number of Principles cited per SACSCOC institution was 16.5. In our legacy institutions' last reaffirmations, each was found non-compliant at the off-site review on 22 Principles. Excellent improvement, thanks to the dedicated work of our Office of Institutional Effectiveness team and faculty and staff campus wide who rolled up their sleeves and dug in to get the work done. Responses to most of the citations are fairly straightforward and already underway. We anticipate full compliance during the SACSCOC on-site visit March 22-24.

Developing interprofessional education for our students

With the help of department chairs and program directors, we recently compiled an inventory of our current efforts to meet the important goal of interprofessional education in our college. We identified several instances of collaboration among our programs and with medical and dental students. For example, our occupational therapy students completed an ergonomics lab in the dental hygiene clinic, where they assessed our DH students and provided written evaluation feedback – a true win-win for both programs. Several classes, such as ethics and health care delivery, are already compiled of students from multiple disciplines. Looking ahead, our medical illustration program is exploring the idea of collaborating with theater students to provide voice-over talent for our MI students' animation projects. Opportunities abound, and we are just getting started!

An outstanding, well-earned honor!

Wholehearted congratulations to Kelsey Morgan and Chris Toney, both of the Clinical Laboratory Science Class of 2015, who will have the great distinction of being inducted into Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest, largest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society, on Dec. 11 in a 5:30 p.m. ceremony in the Health Sciences Building, with a reception following. Standards for election to Phi Kappa Phi are quite high and membership is by invitation only. Kelsey and Chris both maintained an excellent record of scholarly achievement leading to this recognition, and we are extremely proud of

them both. We are indeed honored to have had them as our students, and look forward to their accomplishments as our alumni!

HPSA back in action

Three of our MPH students recently took the initiative to revive the Health Profession Student Organization, which had been inactive for some years. The application has now been approved by Student Life. Samantha Murdaugh ('16) will serve as president, Terrill Flakes ('16) as vice president, and Jessica Stewart ('16) as treasurer. Thank you to these students, for taking the lead in reinstating an organization that facilitates public health solidarity across campus by encouraging active participation in community and institutional events.

PT students pitch in

Physical Therapy students Chase Pendley and Will Jackson, both in the Class of 2018, do a much appreciated job in supporting medical education. As part of an Education Innovation Institute initiative, they served as anatomy lab tutors, lending their knowledge in the thoracic wall, cavity and lungs to fellow students. Well done! Another example of great student participation in our College.

Kawa Model highlighted

As you know, we are the international headquarters for the Kawa Model of Occupational Therapy, developed by department Chair Michael Iwama. An excellent story about Michael's inspiration for this game-changing paradigm was recently featured in Jagwire. Check it out [here](#)!

A valuable education for a do-able price

Our MPH program has been named the 13th most affordable program in the U.S. by Healthcare Administration Degree Programs.net, using data provided by the National Center for Education Statistics' College Navigator. Not only do our public health students get a superior education, they can afford to pay the rent, too! Read more about it [here](#).

Honoring public health heroes

Next Monday, Nov. 23, is Public Health Thank You Day, which recognizes public health professionals committed to preventing the spread of disease, combating superbugs, addressing the obesity epidemic and protecting us from environmental hazards and other health threats. Please join me in thanking the everyday heroes among us who work tirelessly to keep our communities and nation healthy and safe!

Time to celebrate and give thanks

Be sure to mark your calendars for the CAHS Faculty and Staff Holiday Party Dec. 14. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the Health Center Credit Union for their generous funding support in recent years for this event, as well as for our annual New Student Orientation. HCCU sponsors and contributes to many charitable events at our university, including the Share the Love campaign, Stomp Out Sickle Cell 5K Run/Walk, food drives and much more. They also offer faculty and staff many banking and investment opportunities plus numerous member benefits, such as reduced ticket prices to attractions like Six Flags and River Banks Zoo, movies and more. Take a look [here](#).

November 26, 2015

Giving thanks

Let me use this special opportunity of the year to highlight the significance of your hard work, creative ideas and generosity. Without your dedication and initiatives, we would not be able to reach, educate and mentor so many promising students, future health professionals. To all my colleagues in our impressive college, whether you are travelling this week to share the holiday with family and friends, or hosting right here at home, have a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving!

TCM certificate program approved

Thanks to the leadership of Scott Hasson and Wenxin Zhou, a Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) graduate certificate program proposal has been developed. We just got the message from the Provost Office that the program has been approved. Until now, no USG institution has been offering such a certificate. For those less familiar with TCM, it should be mentioned that this year's Nobel Prize winner in Physiology and Medicine was Youyou Tu, a scholar of Traditional Chinese Medicine. The intended audience of our certificate program consists primarily of (but is not limited to) physical therapy students. We have a terrific PT faculty team, Confucius Institute supporters and great collaborators. Congratulations to all!

De Leo joins prestigious research support group

Dr. Gianluca De Leo has been invited by Swiss National Science Foundation to assess research proposals in the organization's Biology and Medicine Division. As a member of SNSF's National Research Council, Gianluca joins a limited number of distinguished researchers who review proposals and award funding for fellowships and special grants to young investigators. Another impressive example of the international inroads made by our college's expert faculty!

November 3, 2015

Proposed CAHS programs submitted to BOR

The university's Academic Program Forecast for FY17 has been recently submitted to the Board of Regents. I am pleased to report that of seven proposed new programs, two belong to our college and were well ranked in priority by Vice President for Academic Affairs Gretchen Caughman – the bachelor's degree in Health Services (second) and master's of health sciences degree with a major in Health Informatics (fourth). We are moving forward with our expansion plans! Many thanks to all our faculty and staff who have worked so hard to bring these plans to this stage.

Akinwuntan accepts new position

Dr. Abiodun Akinwuntan has been named Dean of the School of Health Professions at the University of Kansas, beginning in January. While he will be sorely missed by his colleagues and students, we know this is a wonderful opportunity for him and his family and wish him the very best. We are launching the search for new Associate Dean of Research promptly.

Devos garners research recognition

Congratulations to Dr. Hannes Devos on the acceptance of his paper, "The use of a driving simulator to

improve on-road driving performance and cognition in persons with Parkinson's disease: a pilot study," in the *Australian Occupational Therapy Journal* (impact factor 0.85). Co-authors included physical therapy students Onyeamaechi Arinze, Craig Bogle, Katie Holton, Jonathon Kruse and Sierra Sasser, as well as Drs. Abiodun Akinwuntan and John Morgan. This is a great example of faculty bringing students into their research for the benefit of all!

Drs. Devos and Akinwuntan also presented last week on "Cognitive Motor Interference in Neurodegenerative Diseases: Assessment and Rehabilitation Advances," at the 92nd annual conference of the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine in Dallas.

Rangachari presents asthma research at CHOG

Dr. Pavani Rangachari was the main speaker at a Pediatric Grand Rounds Presentation in early October, reporting on the results of her preliminary asthma study with faculty and providers at Children's Hospital of Georgia. Feedback was quite positive and has helped the research team further refine their future research. What a great example of a collaborative faculty research initiative at our college!

Who's Who, indeed!

Hearty congratulations to each and every CAHS student, **four dozen** in all, that have been named to the 2015 Who's Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges. We are very proud of you and are excited to share in your success!

Mobile app team finalists in Atlanta

Congratulations are in order for the student team of Cora Brown (Medical Illustration), Pranav Mahadevan (MCG), Elena Radici (Clinical and Digital Health Sciences) and Stephanie Reyes (PhD-Applied Health Sciences) for being finalists in this week's H.I.T. Hack competition at the 2015 Health IT Leadership Summit in Atlanta. The contest was open to all public and private post-secondary institutions in Georgia, and to be chosen as a finalist team is a great honor! Well done and good luck!

Growing our own nuclear scientists

On Oct. 20, our college hosted the third annual Nuclear Science Week Education Day, this time in partnership with our friends in the College of Science and Mathematics. We welcomed 75 enthusiastic STEM-oriented and AP students and their teachers from six high schools in Richmond and Aiken counties to our Summerville campus, where they participated in several hands-on activities and were introduced to career opportunities in nuclear medicine and science here in the CSRA. My thanks to Dr. Greg Passmore and Sharron Walls in CAHS and Dr. Joe Newton and Debbie Conley in CSM for pulling the event together, and to our professional colleagues at Savannah River Site, CBI AREVA MOX Services and the Citizens for Nuclear Technology Awareness for bringing their expertise and passion to the next generation of potential Augusta University students!

Germs sunk at Brookwood!

Associate Professor Rebecca Rote and several outstanding physician assistant student volunteers made several trips recently to Brookwood Elementary School in Columbia County, presenting the "Sink Those Germs" program to dozens of delighted second-graders. Our PA students do this every year. It's a wonderfully fun way to introduce good health practices to the youngsters in our area. Well done, all!

Noon arts concert offers great incentive

The Noon Arts Concert, a treasured university event for many years, returns Wednesday to the Lee

Auditorium. Students, faculty and staff from all over the university and health system show their impressive performing talents. The event is free, with light snacks and drinks provided. And, we just learned of a terrific addition – audience members may enter a drawing for two tickets to The Peking Acrobats performance next March at The Maxwell Theatre. Learn more [here](#).

December 10, 2015

Graduation Saturday

Fall 2015 Commencement is almost upon us! Faculty are strongly encouraged to attend the ceremony this Saturday at 2 p.m. in the James Brown Arena. Visit augusta.edu/graduation for more details. Please note that we encourage all faculty members to participate in at least one of the two commencements every year. I look forward to seeing you during the day's events.

Layman family provides scholarship

It is with great pleasure and appreciation that I announce a new scholarship for our students! The Layman Family Scholarship for Allied Health will present an annual award to a respiratory therapy, occupational therapy or physical therapy student as a thank you for the college's support over the past 10 years at the Layman Health Fair. My many thanks to Debbie Layman for this wonderful gesture. Her steadfast commitment to the health of employees at Costa Layman Nurseries and her unwavering support of Augusta University and its students are remarkable. Our college is indeed honored and grateful for this scholarship recognition!

CAHS leads again

A recent comparison of visits to Augusta University's website, as reported by the Division of Communications and Marketing, shows that our CAHS website is visited far more often than every other college but MCG's. This points to the continuing interest in the programs we offer and the growing need for more allied health professionals. We are meeting the challenge!

Faculty community service honored

I recently attended a meeting of Coordinated Health Services, Inc., which is the parent agency of the Good Samaritan Respite Center. This wonderful organization provides care for an often forgotten population: the homeless who are too well to be in a hospital and too sick to go to a shelter. I was pleased to hear one of our colleagues praised for her dedicated volunteer service at the Center. For many years, Dr. Charlotte Chatto (PT) has been answering calls to provide physical therapy for those who need help to get somewhere safe. Thank you, Charlotte, for your generosity and professionalism. You set a splendid example for us all!

Family Tree: Remembering Art and Debbie

For a truly inspiring message, I urge you to take a few minutes to watch [this poignant video](#) prepared by the Division of Communications and Marketing in cooperation with our Department of Respiratory Therapy. You will find yourself much moved by the story it tells of Art Hardy, RT, and Debbie Matthei, RN, two dedicated neonatal caregivers who lost their lives in 1993 in service to a family in need. The video beautifully honors their memory and eloquently expresses the loss still felt today by their colleagues. Please share it with your friends and family. My appreciation to CDHS Chair Gianluca De Leo,

our respiratory therapy faculty members and Digital Media Coordinator Arthur Takahashi for their outstanding work on this project.

CAHS students heading to Peru

In January, many of our occupational therapy, physician assistant and physical therapy students will participate in an overseas medical mission to Lima, Peru, sponsored by Medical Campus Outreach, an interdenominational ministry to health care students at our university. During their nine-day visit, these volunteers will provide care for a patient population with many acute and chronic needs, including two days of clinic in one of the city's poorest slums. International exposure to such issues of global health can be a life-changing experience for our next generation of health professionals, and I am so proud of our students taking part in this excellent opportunity to serve others.

December 17, 2015

MLIRS chair James Burgess

In the next few weeks, professor James D. Burgess, Ph.D., will be joining the leadership team of our college as chair of the Department of Medical Laboratory, Imaging and Radiologic Sciences. He comes to us from the Department of Chemistry at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. His interest and expertise areas include biophysical chemistry, medicinal chemistry, bio-inorganic chemistry, and electrochemistry. He conducts NIH-funded research on electrochemical detection of cholesterol efflux from the cell plasma membrane (in vivo and in vitro) and microfluidic electrochemical sensor platforms. My great appreciation to the search committee led by Gianluca De Leo and Amanda Behr co-chairs for their leadership and professionalism. We also thank Dr. Yoon Ho Seol for his exemplary tenure as interim department chair. Jim was our top candidate for the position and I am delighted to welcome him aboard.

New MPH Program Director

In recent years, our Master of Public Health Program has been on the move with growing enrollment, more concentrations and strengthened accreditation. Today, the public health portfolio includes emerging joint degree programs and a planned certificate program as well. The many accomplishments reflect the talent, dedication and passion of our public health faculty colleagues and the good leadership of Pavani Rangachari, Interim Associate Dean for Practice & Community Health. After 4.5 years of leading progress, Dr. Rangachari indicated her desire to pass the baton and focus on other areas of leadership need as Interim Associate Dean, most notably practice and strategic initiatives. Fortunately, Dr. Yoon Ho Seol who has already been very actively involved with the MPH program admissions, capstones and planning activities, is becoming available as a result of the MLIRS chair hiring. Correspondingly, we are transitioning the MPH leadership to Dr. Seol at the start of the new calendar year. Dr. Rangachari will continue teaching and, as needed, supporting the MPH program. Thank you Pavani and Yoon Ho! We appreciate your many accomplishments and look forward to working with you in the new roles.

New NIH grant received

Congratulations to Dr. Dale Hardy, who is currently serving as program director of the Augusta Area Dietetic Internship, on receiving a mentored K award for her research project titled "Searching for

Missing Heritability for Cardiometabolic Outcomes by Race.” The five-year project is funded by the NIH National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute. A great deal of work went into this grant proposal. Dale and her colleagues should be very proud of this remarkable accomplishments.

Outstanding outreach

The Department of Occupational Therapy’s most recent international outreach trip to Jamaica brought more than students and faculty to the 12 orphanages they support – they also delivered 140 specially-fitted wheelchairs to orphans with disabilities. Dr. Sharon Swift (OT), an expert in assistive technologies, led the effort to collect donated chairs over many months and then customize each one for a specific resident. A cargo container was packed with the wheelchairs and then shipped to Kingston, where each chair was paired with its recipient. This trip also became an inter-college effort as Dr. Beth Pendergraft from our College of Education traveled with the group. Well done, everyone! Thank you for your devoted effort to this worthy cause.

CAHS hoops

Remember to mark your calendar for Saturday, Jan. 16 at Christenberry Fieldhouse! We have a day of fun planned for all CAHS faculty, staff, students and alumni during the 3:30 p.m. basketball game as our Jaguars take on Columbus State University. We’ll have our own CAHS seating area, halftime activity at center court, and refreshments. It’s all free, so please do join us!

December 5, 2015

Update: New educational programs

At the most recent Chairs Council meeting, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Lester Pretlow gave us an update on new academic program planning. We are happy to share that two of our new program proposals are successfully going through the university approval process – an undergraduate degree in Health Services (BSHS) and a certificate program in Traditional Chinese Medicine. Our Faculty Council will begin review of a proposal for a certificate in Public Health in January, and the first draft of a master’s degree in Athletic Training has been completed. The MPH program is developing a draft proposal for a fifth concentration in Epidemiology. In moving toward the next academic year, Occupational Therapy is preparing to resubmit their doctorate degree proposal, Health Information Administration is planning a master’s degree in Health Information Analytics, and we are investigating the feasibility of a graduate certificate in Cyber Security Healthcare.

Exciting things are coming our way! There is much work to be done behind the scenes to bring new programs to fruition; my many thanks to everyone involved for your dedication to advancing educational opportunities for our students!

Seminar success

I’d like to thank Amanda Behr, interim Chair of Medical Illustration, for her part in bringing a fascinating speaker to our Dean’s Research Seminar Series last Tuesday. Juan Velasco, founder and creative director of 5W Infographics and former art director with *National Geographic* and the *New York Times*, delivered a superb message on how to convey difficult-to-understand information with visual graphics. We had a

great turnout, and afterward Juan met with our medical illustration students to impart more of his wisdom in joining beauty with precision. A truly inspiring visit!

De Leo joins leadership program

Congratulations to Dr. Gianluca De Leo, chair of the Department of Clinical and Digital Health Sciences, who has been accepted into Augusta University's 2016 Authentic Leadership Pipeline II program. He joins a diverse class of management professionals representing a broad range of disciplines across our university and health system. Gianluca's continued commitment to leadership in our college and participation at the university level is much appreciated!

Recent alum scores publication

A case study conducted by Shaina McCaskill, a May 2015 graduate of our graduate Clinical Laboratory Science program, has been accepted for publication in the next issue of the *Journal of Immunohematology*. The study concerned an infrequently encountered antibody in transfusion medicine that can cause delayed hemolytic transfusion reactions and hemolytic disease of the fetus and newborn. Shaina was joined by co-authors Scott Wise, CLS associate professor, and Sheila Tinsley, GRHealth blood bank supervisor. Congratulations to all!