Dr. Andrew Balas, Dean and Professor
College of Allied Health Sciences

Dr. Balas joined our campus on June 15, 2011 and has begun leading the College of Allied Health Sciences. A drop-in breakfast, hosted by the Provost, was held June 21 to welcome the new dean.

Message from Dr. Keskula

The month of June is when the CAHS will complete its transition to new leadership. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff and faculty for their hard work and support in advancing our college, our professions, and especially our students throughout this time of change and uncertainty.

Dr. Andrew Balas became the fourth dean in the history of our college on June 15, 2011. Dr. Balas has said “serving as dean of the GHSU College of Allied Health Sciences is a tremendous privilege. I look forward to working with very talented and accomplished colleagues. A focus on mission and good teamwork will greatly advance education, research and service to the community.” We look forward to working with Dr. Balas to insure the successful advancement of our college within the new GHSU enterprise.

While there are exciting opportunities ahead, change can be challenging to work through. I’ll close by sharing a saying that seems quite pertinent for these times, and one that I firmly believe in; “change is inevitable, growth is optional.” Looking forward to growing with you in the upcoming year!

Welcome to Dr. Balas and thank you to Drs. Guion and Keskula!

Ms. Sue Ward, Assistant Professor, Department of Dental Hygiene, was recently awarded the CAHS Distinguished Alumnus Award at the CAHS Homecoming Dinner held on April 16.

Ms. Ward joined the GHSU faculty as an instructor in 1989 after working in an Augusta private practice. She is President of the university’s Allied Health Sciences Practice Group and is Past President and Alternate Departmental Representative for the College’s Alumni Association. She serves on the College of Dental Medicine’s Patient and Family Centered Care Committee and is the Facilities Coordinator for the college’s Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc.

She has co-coordinated the college’s National Give Kids a Smile Day since 2004 and works with the university’s Ryan White Outreach Team to provide dental hygiene screenings to HIV-positive individuals.
2011 CAHS FACULTY AWARDS RECIPIENTS

• CAHS Outstanding Faculty Award: Lori Bolgla, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Physical Therapy

  (Left: Drs. Art Taft and Lori Bolgla)

• CAHS Distinguished Service Award: Malorie Novak, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Physical Therapy

  (Left: Drs. Art Taft and Malorie Novak)

• CAHS Outstanding Clinical Educator Award: Joshua Pniewski, D.P.T., Instructor, Department of Physical Therapy

• CAHS Faculty Research Award: Raymond Chong, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Physical Therapy

• Shah Foundation Scholarship Winners: The following three CAHS students, Alison Ryan, Devon Williams, and Glory Perkins were selected as 2011 Shah Foundation Scholarship recipients; they received $700 each.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL 2011 FACULTY AND STUDENT AWARD RECIPIENTS!

Welcome

Dr. Andrew Balas
Dean and Professor
College of Allied Health Sciences (6/15/11)

Mr. Michael Jensen
Assistant Professor,
Medical Illustration (4/1/11)

Ms. Leah Taylor
Technical/Paraprofessional,
Occupational Therapy part-time, temporary (5/4/11)

HOMECOMING SPOTLIGHT

The College of Allied Health Sciences hosted faculty, staff, and alumni in the GHSU Cancer Center April 16. The Homecoming program included dinner, a tour of the HSB and the presentation of scholarships and distinguished alumnus award.

GRADUATION HIGHLIGHTS

Mr. Jim Condon, President of the Alpha Eta Society, spoke at the hooding ceremony for the College of Allied Health Sciences.

Graduate LaShauna Hunt was photographed receiving her hood.
Farewell

Dr. Kathy Bradley, Professor, Department of Occupational Therapy, will retire June 30th with 30 years of service.

Ms. Joette Stokes, Office Manager, Department of Respiratory Therapy, retired March 1, 2011 with 23 years of service.

Congratulations and best wishes!

Department News

Department of Medical Laboratory, Imaging, and Radiologic Sciences

• Clinical Laboratory Science Program: Two faculty have co-authored textbook publications.

• Diagnostic Medical Sonography: Ms. Vivian G. Dicks, MPH, RDAS, FASE, completes Doctorate in Public Health degree.

• Nuclear Medicine: Senior Patrick Jackson selected University System of GA Outstanding Scholar.

• Radiation Therapy: Grads challenge ARRT exam.

• Other MLRS News
Dr. Elizabeth Leibach has accepted a full time position at CDC in the Laboratory Medicine Best Practices (LMBP) Group (Division of Laboratory Science and Standards in the Laboratory Science, Policy & Practice Program Office within the Office of Surveillance, Epidemiology, and Laboratory Services).

Outstanding Faculty Honored by University Faculty Senate

Dr. Lori Bolgla, Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy and Graduate Studies, received the 2011 Outstanding Faculty Award from the College of Allied Health Sciences. Dr. Bolgla serves on the Department of Physical Therapy research, student affairs, musculoskeletal content and faculty search committees. She is a member of the College of Graduate Studies Alumni Association Board of Directors and the College of Allied Health Sciences Faculty Council, Promotion and Tenure and University Faculty Council Student Affairs subcommittees. She is a manuscript reviewer for several journals, serves on the editorial board of the Journal of Sport Rehabilitation and co-chairs the Knee Special Interest Group of the American Physical Therapy Association. She is a grant reviewer for the National Athletic Trainers’ Association Research and Education Foundation and a member of the GHSU chapter of Alpha Eta honor society. She has participated in numerous grants, presentations, abstracts, book chapters and publications in refereed journals. Dr. Bolgla received her Ph.D. in rehabilitation services from the University of Kentucky and a bachelor’s degree in physical therapy from GHSU. She also has a master’s degree in accounting and a bachelor’s degree in business administration from the University of Georgia.

Department News Continued …..

Department of Medical Illustration:

• Paul Kim, Class of 2011, received the prestigious William J. Stenstrom Award of Excellence for this illustration, “Viagra and Its Treatment of E.D.”

Department of Respiratory Therapy

• Hardy Golf Tournament

Physician Assistant Department:

• PA received the top five HRSA training Grant applications for FY 2009.

• June’s Publication of Clinical Advisor featured two articles from PA students and faculty. 1) Adult polycystic kidney disease management: Christopher M. Moon, Laura Gunder, DHSc, MHE, PA-C, and Ami R. Steele, MMSc, PA-C. 2) Nutrition therapy for new diabetes patients: Heidi Szerlong, Lisa Daitch, MPAS, PA-C, and Judith Stallings, MHE, PA-C.

• Lisa Daitch, MSPA, PA-C, had another article published with one of her students, Joseph Epperson, PA-S, in this month’s edition of Clinician Reviews (which is peer reviewed). (Read article)

(Please visit CAHS Department News for complete details and see other awards and presentations.)
ANNOUNCEMENTS

• Translational Research Laboratory
If you are conducting research and need of basic chemistry or hematology testing, please contact Dr. Lester Pretlow at ext. 1-7629 or Mr. Scott Wise at ext. 1-7633.

• Revised Extramural Routing Sheet - New Process – Chair/Dean Approvals Eliminated.
The Division of Sponsored Program Administration is currently in the design and build stage of the initiative to automate the grant routing and approval process and hope to have the system available for testing by late summer. In the interim, they have revised the Extramural Grant/Contract Agreement Routing Form to more closely mirror the electronic system. Accordingly, signature lines for chairs directos and deans have been eliminated. The revised "routing sheet" now provides for signatures by PIs, co-investigators and collaborators, and their managers. The revised form may be accessed at [http://www.georgiahealth.edu/SPA/forms/extramural2011-3_1.pdf](http://www.georgiahealth.edu/SPA/forms/extramural2011-3_1.pdf) AND should be USED IMMEDIATELY.

• Student Leadership/Volunteer Hours
Calling all CAHS students! Please don't forget to log your community service hours into One45 as you serve the CSRA community. These hours are vital as they are only recognized through One45 to count towards your scholarships. There are still some departments who are not taking advantage of logging in their hours. Let's try to get 100% participation of the departments in the upcoming months. Thanks for your help!

NEWS FROM ALUMNI AFFAIRS

• Homecoming was held back in April and participant numbers were up across the all colleges. We had over 70 attendees at the CAHS Alumni Dinner and presented 3 student scholarships and the Distinguished Alumni Award, which went to Sue Ward from the Dental Hygiene Department. The Alumni Office has met with each of the Deans' offices for suggestions on Homecoming and will make changes to incorporate more enterprise-wide activities and as well as more family-friendly activities to entice younger alumni.

• Susan Barcus is the new SVP for Advancement and Community Relations and she will begin on June 13th. She will be over all of development, alumni affairs, special events and advancement services. Once Mrs. Barcus is in place, interviews for an Associate VP of Community Relations (which is over Alumni Affairs) should begin. Finally the Alumni Office will be fully staffed after the hire of a 2nd alumni affairs coordinator, which is ongoing now.

• Currently the Alumni Office is finishing the planning stages for next year's Alumni Association calendar and budget. We will be sending out dues reminders in July to encourage alumni to sign up for an annual or lifetime membership and our next event will be a table at CAHS Orientation in August.

Remember to send information for the July/August newsletter to Ramona Aune at raune@georgiahealth.edu no later than August 20th.