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Student NEWSLETTER

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This month Student Council is revising proposed changes to the Constitution in an effort to keep pace with college program changes and update outdated information contained within the current Constitution. The entire student body will be asked to vote on the matter with a majority vote required to put the changes into effect.

In addition, each program within the College of Health Professions (CHP) is participating in a non-perishable food drive. Boxes for donations are located across campus with donations benefiting the Arkansas Food Pantry. Boxes will be available until November 21st.

The next Student Council meeting will be Monday, November 24th at noon in IDW 105. Please plan to attend!



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THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Returning students will register on December 1 – 3, 2014 in Building 6A. Your department chairman or designated representative should inform you of your on-site registration date and time.

Registration forms for distance students will be mailed to the mailing address we have on file, unless other arrangements have been made with the registrar, Ms. Phyllis Lloyd (501-686-6850).

Full payment of spring tuition and fees is due by the close of business on Friday, January 9, 2015. Your balance will be printed on your registration form and is viewable in the UAMS Student Portal (<https://online-apps.uams.edu/info/Home.aspx>). Credit/debit card payments can be made by calling 501-686-6128. The Bursar's Office is located on the 1st floor of the Administration West Building.

Only new students to the College of Health Professions will register on January 7, 2015.



All UAMS students (**full-time and part-time**) are required to have health insurance coverage at all times. All students must verify health insurance **EACH** semester.

All students are responsible for entering their health insurance into the student insurance portal <https://online-apps.uams.edu/info/Home.aspx>

Spring Verification Process

Please have the following documents nearby before attempting to log into the health insurance portal:

- Insurance card
- Policy Number/Member ID
- Insurance contact information
- Summary of Benefits/Plan Benefits

For questions on the verification process, please contact Mrs. Nakia Dedner, 501-686-6973.

DATES OF IMPORTANCE:

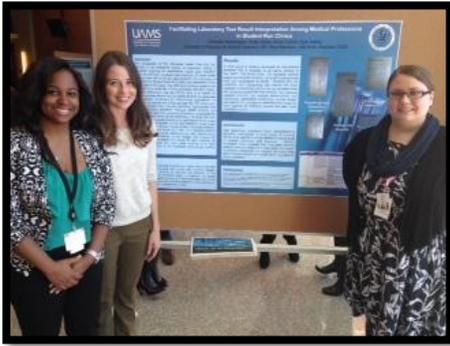
Portal Opens
December 1, 2014

Deactivation Warning
Notice
January 28, 2015

Account Deactivation
February 11, 2015

Lab Sciences Students Display Research

Story written by Jon Parham



Research presenters (from left) Chelsea Washington, Kelly Virbel, Alicia Turner

Students in the Laboratory Sciences programs of the College of Health Professions observed Allied Health Professions Week with a Nov. 6 display of research projects highlighting the varied and critical contributions to patient care by those in clinical laboratories.

Fifteen posters, representing individual and team research projects by 37 students in medical laboratory sciences and cytotechnology, filled the atrium of the Wilson Education Building.

“Every year our students must prepare a research project and this research day offered us a way to showcase their work and celebrate the role of laboratory sciences in the allied health professions,” said Catherine Smith, an instructor in the laboratory sciences program.

The team of Adrian Jones, Hua Yan and Edward McVoy evaluated the value of point-of-care testing, or lab tests that can be performed at a patient’s bedside versus sending samples to the central lab.

“We compared the cost, time and accuracy of point-of-care tests compared to those done at the lab,” said Jones, who started as an undergraduate in engineering before ultimately winding up in the lab sciences. “My best subject was biology and microbiology.”

McVoy noted the career potential for lab scientists: “There are clinical labs everywhere — not just in hospitals.”

Kaleigh Foster, a cytotechnology student whose project examined lung cancer in people who had never smoked, also pointed to an early interest in biology that led her to the program. “I was always interested in biology...always interested in cells and in particular the role of cells in causing cancer.”

Students recognized by a three-judge panel for their projects included:

Jeri Byrd - “Are the current guidelines for cervical cancer screening beneficial for women under 21 or over 65 years old?”

Jennifer Ball, Jesse Jacobs, Felicia Walker - “The role of medical laboratory scientists in interprofessional health care: replacing errors with teamwork”

Adrian Jones, Hua Yan, Edward McVoy – “Evaluating point of care testing as a potential auxiliary to central laboratory testing”

Erin Moore, Hailey Mortenson – “Congenital erythropoietic porphyria: a comparison of treatment by bone marrow transplant and target gene therapy”

Chelsea Washington, Kelly Virbel, Alicia Turner, Kyle Vallely - “Facilitating laboratory test result interpretation among medical professions in student-run clinics”



Research presenters (from left) Rachel Forbes, Jordan Oliver, Sharon Perryman, Ariel Lowery



Research presenters (from left) Adrian Jones, Edward McVoy III, with Associate Dean Dr. Susan Long



Research presenters (from left) Kaleigh Foster, Jeri Bryd, Jon Pardue, Shaima Iskandarani

Pages 3 & 4 stories are also featured on the College of Health Professions’ website: healthprofessions.uams.edu

UAMS Respiratory Care Students Take Top Two Spots in Quiz Contest

Story written by Jon Parham



Members of the two UAMS teams pose with their trophies, including (from left) Moises Ramos, Amanda Mayar, Tianyuan Yao, Debi Abner, Philip String and Jana Ward

When it came down to the final two teams of respiratory care students from programs around Arkansas, competing recently in the annual quiz bowl-style contest known as the Sputum Bowl, the teams almost didn't want to compete for the trophy — both teams were from the UAMS College of Health Professions.

“Going into the final round, it was still anyone's contest to win and we knew it would be difficult to go against our own, so the victory was bittersweet in that regard,” said student Philip String, a senior in the program who also is the class president.

String and teammates Jana Ward and Tianyuan Yao emerged victorious in the competition, held during the Arkansas Society Respiratory Care October annual meeting. Taking second place was the team of Debi Abner, Amanda Mayer, Moises Ramos, also from the UAMS respiratory care program.

“We expect our students to perform well and they certainly delivered,” said Heather Neal-Rice, M.Ed., director of clinical education and an associate professor in the program. “They were most impressive on some of the complicated application questions and the neonatal-pediatric content.

The two UAMS teams prepare to compete in the Sputum Bowl finals.

Teams from nine of the 10 respiratory care programs in Arkansas responded to questions in content-specific categories by ringing a buzzer. If correct, the team earned a point. If incorrect, the opposing team had an opportunity to answer the question. During the final two-minute penalty phase, teams lost a point for incorrect responses.

The Sputum Bowl is named for the mixture of saliva and mucus coughed up from the respiratory tract. While the competition is friendly and fun, String said the experience does help the students.

“I feel like this event will help me be a better respiratory therapist because it made me think outside the box and learn to rely on my fellow teammates,” he said. “This is crucial in a discipline where someone's life is in your hands, and being able to recognize your strengths as well as your weaknesses is so important.”

String and his first place team plan to compete in the National Sputum Bowl Competition to be held in December at the American Association of Respiratory Care International Congress event.



Allied Health Week

by Lyndsay Johnson

Allied Health Professions week is celebrated nationally to honor the millions health care providers working in more than 80 allied health professions. Constituting approximately 60% of all health care providers and the workforce, allied health practitioners greatly influence health care delivery by supporting, facilitating, and complementing all aspects of patient care. This further emphasizes the strengths of all health professions and enhances the quality of care in this country and abroad.

From November 3rd – 9th Health Professions week was celebrated and recognized on our campus. In addition to the Laboratory Science student presentations, “Donuts with the Deans” gave students the opportunity to enjoy a morning kick start with coffee, juice, and delicious donuts with Deans from the College! Our Fall Lunch and Learn, *Patient and Family Centered Care and the College of Health Professions*, presented by Dr. Erna Boone, Associate Professor and Chair of Respiratory Care, also highlighted the week.

Remember you can stay up-to-date with information and activities such as these by visiting our Facebook page!



STUDENT SERVICES

UAMS Student Success Center

The rigors of health professions education can be demanding, and UAMS is dedicated to providing the resources to assist students meet this challenge. The new Student Success Center opened on October 1st offering expanded academic resources to aid all UAMS students.

Located on the third floor of the UAMS Library, the center offers student-focused services including resources for assessment of academic difficulties and referrals to appropriate support, a new writing and presentation Center, expanded peer tutoring services, assistance with improving study

The Center also provides assistance with laptops and mobile services. Mr. Nicholas Larsen, Student Support/Technology Analyst, is available to assist with various technology issues, from connecting to the wireless network to troubleshooting possible hard drive issues. He is located on the 5th floor of the Library from Sunday through Thursday from 2PM to 10PM. You can stop by or he can assist you remotely. You can contact him at NGLarsen@uams.edu or 501-526-6003 for help with issues on any of the following:

- PC
- Mac
- Linux
- Android
- iPhone
- Windows Phone
- Blackberry

College of Health Professions Disability Support

UAMS and the College of Health Professions make reasonable accommodations for qualified students with disabilities. If you have a disability that may have some impact on your coursework and for which you may need accommodations, please notify Dr. Susan Long, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, located in the CHP Dean's Office on the 3rd floor of the Administration West Building or call 501-686-5730 to set up a meeting to discuss appropriate accommodations. You are encouraged to contact her as soon as possible so that accommodations can be addressed before any test or major projects are due.

Holiday Schedules

Welcome Center

Closed Thursday, November 27th and Friday, November 28th

UAMS Library

Wednesday, November 26th

9:00 am – 6:00 PM

Closed Thursday, November 27th and Friday, November 28th

Student Financial Services

Closed Thursday, November 27th and Friday, November 28th

Inclement Weather

When UAMS announces "Inclement Weather," classes on campus will be cancelled and academic support areas will be closed (department offices, dean's office, registrar, library, etc.).

However, because patient care is paramount, students on clinical rotations and internships must report for duty unless their clinical supervisors excuse them. If students are uncertain whether their clinical facility is open, they should contact their clinical supervisors.

When on-campus classes are cancelled, faculty may require make-up sessions; arrange for additional labs or clinic sessions; and

re-schedule missed examinations, quizzes, or activities.

UAMS will post notices about inclement weather on most local TV channels, so students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to monitor announcements when bad weather is possible. In addition, detailed information will be posted on www.uams.edu, www.uamshhealth.com/weather, www.facebook.com/UAMShealth, and <http://twitter.com/uamshealth>

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