We are pleased to present you with the 2011-12 annual report. This report is a snapshot focused on key dimensions of the College of Health over the past fiscal year and will give you an overall picture of the state of the college.

The College of Health experienced strong growth over the past fiscal year, in fact leading the university in student enrollment increases. This performance is testimony to the college’s exceptional faculty and staff, quality programs, and response to professional workforce demands from a health care industry that continues to grow and thrive nationally.

The visibility of the college on the local, state and national level has perhaps never been better. Faculty and staff hold community and professional leadership positions in many areas of health care in the state, region and nation. College programs are increasingly recognized for their quality and innovation. During the report period, the college was home to two of the university’s top fundraising initiatives – the DuBard School 50th Anniversary Campaign and the Nursing Building Campaign. The DuBard School and School of Nursing (as of July 1, 2012, College of Nursing) are programs of outstanding quality with significant impact on both student preparation and community outreach, richly deserving of their fundraising focus.

The college also led efforts for the 2012 Mississippi Health Summit, the second annual event which encourages collaboration of key state actors on challenges facing Mississippi health care. This year’s event focused on issues related to wellness and prevention strategies and the need for an improved plan for health care improvement in Mississippi. These efforts have helped open doors for further research collaboration and innovative thinking about educational and community strategies for moving the state forward.

Although the College of Health experienced excellent growth and recognition throughout fiscal year 2011-12, we also faced significant continuing resource challenges. Prior budget reductions created major strain on the college’s financial resources. Dedicated faculty and staff took on added responsibilities, responding admirably to the challenge of “doing more with less.” Budget constraints loom large as we look to the future and attempt to sustain high enrollments and quality.

I am very proud that the quality of students in the College of Health continues to impress. Many are already exercising some form of professional or campus leadership. Many more rank high on professional national exams. All are committed to graduating with a degree that will allow them to fill critical health care roles in our communities.

We look forward to a new year of continued growth and success. I hope that you enjoy this year’s annual report, and we thank you for your partnership with the Southern Miss College of Health.

Dr. Michael Forster
Dean
THE COLLEGE OF HEALTH LEADERSHIP

1. Dr. Michael Forster
   Dean

2. Dr. Katherine Nugent
   Associate Dean, Director of the School of Nursing

3. Dr. Patsy Anderson
   Associate Dean, Gulf Park Campus

4. Dr. Emmanuel Ahua
   Interim Chair – Department of Community Health Sciences

5. Dr. Steve Cloud
   Chair – Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences

6. Dr. Rick Green
   Director – School of Human Performance and Recreation

7. Dr. Mary Lux
   Chair – Department of Medical Technology

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   Director – School of Social Work

9. Dr. Kathy Yadrick
   Associate Dean and Chair – Department of Nutrition and Food Systems

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   Assistant to the Dean for Academic Advancement and Records

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CENTERS AND INSTITUTES

Center on Aging
Coordinator – Dr. Susan Hubble-Burchell

The Children’s Center for Communication and Development
Interim Director – Dr. Cindy Bivins

Center for Sustainable Health Outreach
Director – Dr. Susan Mayfield-Johnson

Deep South Network for Cancer Control
Director – Freddie White-Johnson

DuBard School for Language Disorders
Director – Dr. Maureen Martin

Family Network Partnership
Director – Laurie Risher

National Food Service Management Institute
Director – Dr. Mary Frances Nettles

South Mississippi Area Health Education Center
Director – Michelle Fields

Speech-Language-Audiology Clinic
Pathology Director – Lynn Boardman
Audiology Director – Virginia Berry

COLLEGE OF HEALTH DEAN’S COUNCIL

The following individuals are members of the college’s esteemed Dean’s Council, which supports the college with advising, advocacy, networking, mentorship and private giving:

Dr. Will Baker
Baker and Graham Dental

Monte Bostwick
Biloxi Regional Medical Center

Dr. Jane Boudreaux
Nutrition Systems Inc.

Hope Braley-Thomley
Independent Consultant

Nebo Carter
Singing River Health Systems

Dr. Beverly Dale
Entrepreneur

Lester Diamond
St. Dominus Hospital

Dr. Thomas Dobbs
Mississippi State Department of Health

Geraldene Dyse
Southeast Mississippi Rural Health Initiative

Lee Giorgio
Select Properties, Ltd., Realty

Doug Higginbotham
South Central Regional Medical Center

Don Hinton
Mississippi High School Activities Association

Dr. Wayne Hughes
Family Practice After Hours Clinic

Ray Humphreys
Anderson Regional Medical Center

Brenda Lambert
RE/MAX Realty

Gary Marchand
Memorial Hospital, Gulfport

Michael Neundorf
Wesley Medical Center

Dr. Jane Parker
Tulane University

Abb Payne III
Camilla Home Health and Hospice

Bill Oliver
Forrest General Healthcare Foundation

Debbie Sanford
Pine Grove Behavioral Health and Addiction Services

Ronnie Shows
R and J Group Inc.

Dr. Beverly Smallwood
The Hope Center

Tommy Thornton
Hattiesburg Clinic

Leonette Williams
G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery VA Medical Center

FALL 2011 ENROLLMENT

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   Assistant to the Dean for Contracts and Grants
FACULTY, STAFF AND STUDENTS

Faculty
126
Staff
29

Enrollment
Total
Summer 2011
1,686
Fall 2011
3,702
Spring 2012
3,210

Degrees Awarded
Undergraduate
540
Graduate
263
Doctoral
17

TOTAL FALL ENROLLMENT

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Full Time Equivalents

SUMMER 2011 ENROLLMENT

FALL 2011 ENROLLMENT

SPRING 2012 ENROLLMENT
BY THE NUMBERS

EXTERNALLY FUNDED PROJECTS

Grants Submitted 61
Grants Awarded 37

Agency Awards FY’12
Community Health Sciences $1,555,373
Dean’s Office, College of Health $146,750
Nutrition and Food Systems $1,042,590
Medical Technology $0
Nursing $609,933
Human Performance and Recreation $528,867
Social Work $9,578,905
Speech and Hearing Sciences $3,551,161
Total $17,013,579

FINANCES

The following is a snapshot of the College of Health’s budget and expense accounts:

Hattiesburg Campus FY’12
Salaries $5,177,385
Wages $65,546
Fringe Benefits $1,588,012
Travel $41,503
Contractual Services $110,054
Commodities $139,799
Equipment $9,000
Total $7,131,299

Gulf Park Campus
Salaries $371,345
Wages $-
Fringe Benefits $120,142
Travel $11,048
Contractual Services $5,782
Commodities $5,782
Equipment $-
Total $513,627

FUNDRAISING

The following is a snapshot of funds donated in support of the College of Health and all academic programs:

2012
Total Cash $247,324
Total Pledges $4,231,740
Total Year $4,479,065

Donated funds include monies for student scholarships, student/professional development, seminars, lectures, buildings and infrastructure, and a variety of needs in the college. This also includes funds raised for the Nursing Building Campaign and the DuBard School 50th Anniversary Campaign.
The following are recipients of scholarships in the College of Health over the previous year:

- **ALLENE VADEN SCHOLARSHIP**
  - Melissa Hanes

- **AUSTIN E. AND MAUDE GORDON SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT**
  - Taylor Magee

- **BARBARA BRITT SCHOOL OF NURSING ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**
  - Allan Martin

- **BARBARA PEASE MEMORIAL SOCIAL WORK SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT**
  - Kyle Birdwell

- **BERMA F. AND WILLIE H. CARTER PHYSICAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP**
  - Brooke Eccles

- **BETTY SPENCER SCHOLARSHIP AT SOUTHERN MISS GULF COAST**
  - Jennifer Neher

- **BEULAH ELIZABETH ROBERTS COMPTON SCHOLARSHIP**
  - Yvette Claverie

- **CHERYL GOODWIN MEMORIAL MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP**
  - TiReena Jones

- **COACH WILLIS TERRY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT**
  - William Moore

- **D. C. LEECH SCHOLARSHIP**
  - Benjamin Morgan

- **DABNEY E. WEATHERFORD SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT**
  - Tiffany Duritt

- **DAY/MEHEARG SCHOLARSHIP**
  - Erin Hampton

- **DORIS MILLER NURSING SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT**
  - Corey Gambrell

- **DR. CHARLES BURCHELL RECREATIONAL ADMINISTRATION SCHOLARSHIP**
  - Ty’lesha Jefferson

- **DR. DONALD E. DORE MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**
  - Annie Chu

- **DR. THOMAS AND MILDRED PUCKETT MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY ENDOWMENT**
  - Bradley Newcomer

- **ETOILE DUBARD SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT**
  - Brunna Richardson

- **FERN ROGERS HESSON SCHOLARSHIP**
  - Ashley Bryant

- **FRANCES GANDY SOCIAL WORK SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT**
  - Joseph Keys

- **FRED BARTEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP IN HEALTH ADMINISTRATION**
  - Traci Belrand

- **FREDERICK E. TATUM, M.D. NURSING ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**
  - Katie Anderson

- **GERRY PARISH GRADUATE SOCIAL WORK ENDOWMENT**
  - Danielle Anderson

- **GUFLPORT SCOTTISH RITE ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP**
  - Karen Burns

- **HATTIESBURG PHYSICIANS MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT**
  - Bradley Newcomer

- **JAMES D. AND SARA M. TURNER ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**
  - Erica Anderson

- **JANE BOURDEAUX SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT**
  - Kristy King

- **JANE PARKER SOCIAL WORK ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**
  - Bethany Kent

- **KATHARINE L. GUICE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT**
  - Joseph Keys

- **LETTIE PATE WHITEHEAD SCHOLARSHIP FUND**
  - Cameron Adams

- **LYNN PURNELL HAGAN SCHOOL OF HUMAN PERFORMANCE AND RECREATION SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT**
  - Ty’lesha Jefferson

- **MARGARET MCCARTHY SCHOLARSHIP**
  - Kaela Perissutti

- **MARK C. APPLEWHITE MEMORIAL NURSING SCHOLARSHIP**
  - Danielle Cannon

- **MARK C. APPLEWHITE MEMORIAL NUTRITION SCHOLARSHIP**
  - Jana Mason

- **MARY LOIS BURKETT SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT**
  - Joseph Carranoogh

- **MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY SOUTH MISSISSIPPI AND ALUMNI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT**
  - Brooke Papania

- **NANCY BAKER ENDOWMENT FOR SCHOLARSHIPS**
  - Darren Mages

- **NATIA Z. HUTCHINS EDUCATION OF THE DEAF ENDOWMENT FOR SCHOLARSHIPS**
  - Rani Vogt

- **NELLE B. HUTCHISON SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT**
  - Janice Friar

- **NORMA BROGAN JOHNSTON MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT IN NUTRITION AND FOOD SYSTEMS**
  - Laura Perry

- **PATRICIA D. SWAGER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT**
  - Stephanie West

- **QUAY WEBB CAMP SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT**
  - Brodie Eccles

- **RALPH T. WICKER, M.D. ENDOWMENT**
  - Shannon Chester

- **RAY AND MARYLINDA THOMPSON SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT**
  - James Wells

- **REED GREEN SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT**
  - Michelle Pontiff

- **REGINALD AND SARA SWITZER HEALTH EDUCATION ENDOWMENT**
  - Danielle Anderson

- **RUTH ANN M. BROOME SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT**
  - Caitlin Weiss

- **SARA CALDWELL GRADUATE SOCIAL WORK ENDOWMENT**
  - Brandi Zebert

- **SHELBY PUCKETT AND MAUDE B. PUCKETT SCHOLARSHIP**
  - Kerae Kerr

- **THE MERCHANTS COMPANY NUTRITION AND FOOD SYSTEMS SCHOLARSHIP**
  - Andrea Carter

- **WILLIAM AND RAMONA SAXON SOCIAL WORK ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**
  - Shandre’ Cox
More than 200 key health care professionals from across Mississippi convened at The University of Southern Mississippi on June 29 for the second annual Mississippi Health Summit.

The invitation-only meeting featured discussions about significant health care concerns, opportunities, and needed policy changes related to the state's overall health and wellness.

“This second annual Summit takes another critical step in the direction Mississippi and the entire nation need to go – toward disease prevention and wellness promotion,” said Dr. Michael Forster, dean of the College of Health at Southern Miss. “And there’s no better way to move than through the proven means of evidence-based policy and health literacy.”

The Summit featured keynote speakers Dr. Art Cosby, longtime director of the Mississippi State University Social Science Research Center, and Dr. Luke Lampton, chair of the Mississippi State Board of Health. In addition to the addresses of Cosby and Lampton, three panels of speakers discussed topics of great interest to Mississippi's health care future.

These topics included the following: How Wellness and Prevention Strategies Could Improve Mississippi's Health, Mississippi's Current Plan for Health Care, and Proven Strategies for Successful Health Implementation. Speakers for the Summit were among Mississippi's highest advocates for health education, wellness and effective health policy.

Following each panel discussion, attendees transitioned into breakout sessions where they were able to further discuss topics as they relate to their own respective fields. It is through these breakout sessions that assigned moderators were able to record conversations and significant ideas for health care improvement.

Notes taken during the Summit's collaboration sessions will be compiled into a report. This report will be reviewed by the Summit steering committee and then made available for public use. This report will feature a plan for health care improvement for the state of Mississippi as directed by the recorded collaboration discussions. The report will be completed in September 2012 and distributed to all state-elected officials as well as Summit attendees.

Gov. Phil Bryant noted that the Mississippi Health Summit played a significant role in shaping the future of health care in this state.

“There is no doubt that choosing to live a healthy lifestyle has a positive impact on a person's life,” said Bryant. “As governor, I aim to set a positive example of individual health responsibility and to develop sound health care policy that will improve health outcomes in our state.”

The 2012 Mississippi Health Summit and its corresponding report is sponsored by Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi, the Office of the Governor of the State of Mississippi, The University of Southern Mississippi College of Health, Forrest General Hospital, the Mississippi Insurance Department, the Mississippi Public Health Association, the Mississippi Public Health Institute, the Mississippi Rural Health Association, the William Carey University College of Osteopathic Medicine, the Fannie Lou Hamer Cancer Foundation, Magnolia Health Plan and Novitas Solutions Inc.
Two special supporters were honored recently for their contributions to renovation of the foods laboratory in the Department of Nutrition and Food Systems at The University of Southern Mississippi.

Southern Miss alumni Dale and Janet Shearer were saluted during a reception last month to unveil the new 1,384-square-foot lab located on the first floor of Fritzsche-Gibbs Hall. The lab, which serves as a teaching classroom, provides a functional space for hands-on training of more than 100 students each year.

The laboratory was renovated during the summer of 2011, upgrading its countertops and appliances, including state-of-the-art ventilation hoods with fire-suppressant sprinkler-heads. The Shearers were recognized with a plaque that hangs in the laboratory.

Dale Shearer graduated from Southern Miss in 1987 with a bachelor's degree in English, and currently serves as an attorney with Copeland, Cook, Taylor and Bush in Ridgeland, Mississippi. He is involved with the university as a member of the Golden Eagle Advocacy Network, and the Southern Miss Alumni Association's board of directors, including his current role as president-elect.

Janet Shearer earned her master's degree in home economics with an emphasis in food and nutrition in 1990 from Southern Miss. She has served Mississippi as a registered dietitian, making important contributions regarding insurance coverage for nutrition care as well as in identifying special nutrition needs such as the assessment of home care patients and nutrition related to HIV. She is also an accomplished oil painter.

By Ryan Kelly

As health care management continues to rank as an important element in the world of health, University of Southern Mississippi graduates are excelling in the field with innovation and leadership.

One such alumnus is Nathan Tudor, CEO of Otto Kaiser Memorial Hospital in Kennedy, Texas. Tudor's position at the 25-bed, 140-employee Otto Kaiser Memorial is significant, but his roles with health management are equally important as he owns a track record of success and leadership.

Tudor has also caught the attention of his health care colleagues with his recent honor as the Becker's Hospital Review's 25 Healthcare Leaders Under Age 40 award. This award is given to 25 men and women who, before the age of 40, have come to hold executive positions within their hospital or health system in the United States and have shown exceptional leadership and promise.

"It is a wonderful honor for not only myself, but to my hospital, community, board of directors, employees and physicians to be recognized by a national publication as one of the top 25 CEO's in the country under the age of 40," said Tudor. "It is also a tribute to the education I received while at Southern Miss, and that makes me very proud."

Before coming to Otto Kaiser Hospital, Tudor served as CEO of Stonewall Memorial Hospital in Aspermont, Texas, and earlier served as director of Hospital Support Services and Physician Clinics for Bedford County Regional Medical Center in Shelbyville, Tenn.

Perhaps, more impressively, Tudor is a relatively young graduate. Tudor graduated from The University of Southern Mississippi in 2004 with a Master of Public Health (MPH). This degree, housed in the Department of Community Health Sciences in the College of Health, is a gateway for allowing graduates to obtain leadership and management roles in health care.

Tudor has shown great success by increasing hospital quality score indicators up to 95% and doubling hospital net revenue while decreasing cost. In addition, Tudor and his staff initiated new inpatient services including orthopedic, OB/GYN, podiatry, and urology services, and implemented a new electronic health record system, among other accomplishments.


By Van Arnold

The Mississippi Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning (IHL) approved a proposal to restore the School of Nursing at The University of Southern Mississippi to college status during its monthly meeting April 19, in Jackson. The change becomes official on July 1.

The program’s college designation was changed to School of Nursing in 2003 by then-President Shelby Thames as part of a reorganization plan. With a return to college status, Nursing joins Arts and Letters, Business, Education and Psychology, Health and Science and Technology as the university’s degree-granting colleges.

Since taking over as the program’s director eight years ago, Dr. Katherine Nugent has campaigned tirelessly to restore the School of Nursing to college status. Nugent said the designation of a college will increase the visibility of an already successful quality program potentially impacting recruitment of students and faculty.

“The designation of a College of Nursing will substantially enhance the university’s commitment to engage members of the Southern Miss family and their areas of interest to invest in transforming lives and communities through the promotion of health, dissemination of research, and the education of health care providers,” said Nugent.

The Southern Miss Nursing Program has been riding a wave of good news thus far in 2012. In January the Southern Miss Foundation announced a fundraising campaign to construct a new nursing building on campus. The campaign began with a $4 million commitment from the Asbury Foundation for the building, which will be named Asbury Hall.

And earlier this month plans were announced to offer the state’s first Nurse Anesthesia Program. The new program, set to begin in January of 2013, will include 36 consecutive months of study and award a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree.

“A College of Nursing strengthens all the disciplines dedicated to health and wellness promotion, highlighting their critical importance,” said Dr. Michael Forster, dean of the College of Health at Southern Miss. “In addition it advances the university’s strategic leadership role in the state and the region.”
Representatives from the Butler, Snow, O’Mara, Stevens & Cannada (Butler Snow) Foundation presented a check for $25,751 to The University of Southern Mississippi Children’s Center for Communication and Development on Monday, April 23, to be used for its project focusing on Early Intervention, Literacy and School Readiness for Young Children with Significant Disabilities.

“We are grateful to the Butler Snow Foundation for this generous gift,” said Southern Miss President Martha D. Saunders. “Their contribution will enable The Children’s Center for Communication and Development to continue to make a difference in the lives of children and their families.”

The funds provided by Butler Snow will be used in part to purchase a variety of high-tech therapy and classroom devices to support language development, fine and gross motor skills and to support behavioral and social development. In addition to technology devices, funds will be used to purchase valuable testing and assessment tools.

Foundation member Lucien Bourgeois made the official check presentation to Saunders. “We’re a small foundation with limited resources, so we try to be very selective with our grant recipients,” said Bourgeois. “Over time we came to realize that The Children’s Center is exactly the kind of program our foundation supports by providing service and training that will benefit children and their families for many years to come.”

Four faculty members in the College of Health at The University of Southern Mississippi have been honored as Health Care Heroes for 2011 by the Mississippi Business Journal.

Dr. Bonnie Harbaugh, associate professor in the School of Nursing; Dr. Jerome Kolbo, professor in the School of Social Work; Dr. Amal Mitra, professor in the Department of Community Health Sciences; and Dr. Kathy Yadrick, chair of the Department of Nutrition and Food Systems were part of a class of 30 honored by the magazine.

Recipients were honored based upon their long-term excellence in academia and in benefiting the health profession through research and outreach for the betterment of Mississippi residents. The Southern Miss College of Health was the only business/organization to have as many as four recipients of the award.
Students throughout the University of Southern Mississippi’s College of Health are constantly seeking internship and training opportunities in their fields of choice. For students in the School of Human Performance and Recreation, these opportunities often materialize close to home.

Zack Gatwood stepped across the stage at spring Commencement last month having made a major impact on Southern Miss athletics, and did so while preparing for a career in sport management.

Gatwood, a Petal, Miss, native, has been interested in sport management since his high school days. He worked as an equipment manager for the Petal Panthers and came to Southern Miss with the dream of continuing that type of service as a career.

As an undergraduate student at Southern Miss, Gatwood fought hard to balance his classwork with the rigors of a demanding position as a student manager on the Golden Eagle football team. As a manager, he worked hours before and after practices and games for setup, drills and breakdown, among other responsibilities.

The amount of time that Gatwood spent with the team, including the preparation for practices and games, challenged him to become a very efficient, productive student. After graduating with an undergraduate degree in sports administration, he continued to follow his dream as he enrolled in the master’s program in sport management and took a graduate assistantship with equipment management.

The assistantship not only helped Gatwood gain valuable experience, but also saw him develop important leadership skills. “As you take on more leadership roles on the team, you realize that more people depend on you,” he said. “You must have a great balance of time in order to be successful.”

As a graduate assistant, Gatwood learned under the tutelage of Patrick Stewart, assistant athletics director for equipment operations at Southern Miss. Gatwood praised Stewart as a “mentor for equipment management and one of the best teachers of equipment management that I have ever met.”

For graduate students, the role of equipment manager is more intense than usual. Gatwood found himself in charge of all student workers as well as running practice and game “loops” for the players and preparing travel bags.

“Zack has been an integral part of Southern Miss athletics since stepping on this campus,” said Stewart. “He has always been a hard worker and done everything that is asked of him, both on and off the field.

Due to Gatwood’s success, Stewart helped secure an internship position for him with the Jacksonville Jaguars professional football team during the summer of 2011.

Despite the large amount of time dedicated to his assistantship, Gatwood continued to meet the educational demands of the classroom. “Anyone who gets the privilege of meeting Zack immediately recognizes that he possesses great zeal and passion,” said Scott Piland, associate professor and assistant director for the School of Human Performance and Recreation. “He consistently demonstrated poise and professionalism throughout his academic career, successfully navigating the challenges often associated with his time-intensive pursuits.”

Gatwood was able to show this academic-athletic link not only through his activity as a student manager, but also through research. The Golden Eagle football team field-tested with a new “Schutt Vengeance” football helmet during spring practice of 2012. As part of the research component of his graduate work, Gatwood developed a survey, collected player feedback, and evaluated his findings to determine their experience and preference between the old and new helmet types.

Students like Zack Gatwood are part of the new age of professionals that are emerging from the Southern Miss College of Health. His dedicated efforts, character and attitude were recently recognized by the HPR faculty as Zack was unanimously named the School’s Outstanding Master’s Student for 2012.
Dr. Michael Forster, dean of the College of Health at The University of Southern Mississippi, has been selected as one of the top 100 Awesome Deans of Public Health by the online publication MPHProgramsList.com.

Forster, now in his fifth year as a Southern Miss dean, deferred credit for his inclusion to the standards set forth by students, faculty and staff of the college.

“I note from the organization’s website that the educational program’s reputation is part of the selection process, so the listing says as much, or more, about the program as about me as dean,” said Forster.

The list is designed as a guide for students interested in pursuing a Master of Public Health degree. Criteria used to compile the list included the reputation of the institution along with the personal achievements of each dean.

Forster notes that the Southern Miss program is driven by “a dedicated and research-active faculty, a strong commitment to public health and well-being generally, strong connections to both the public and private health sectors, a variety of instructional formats – including an innovative executive format.”

Dr. Kathy Yadrick, professor and chair of the Department of Nutrition and Food Systems at The University of Southern Mississippi, has assumed additional duties as part-time associate dean for research in the College of Health.

An accomplished principal investigator and research project director, Yadrick will focus on mentoring junior faculty in the research process and on developing multidisciplinary proposals with significant external funding potential. Yadrick joins Jennifer Downey, director of research support, and Howard Fromkin, grants and contracts coordinator, to extend the College of Health’s capacity for increased external funding and scholarly production.

“Kathy is an essential addition to our team,” said Dr. Michael Forster, dean of the College of Health at Southern Miss. “The College of Health, like the rest of the university, took huge hits over years of budget cuts and faculty losses. We need to move now to build back so we can take advantage of current and future opportunities in health-related research. With her extensive experience and leadership skills, no one in the college is better suited to the rebuilding task than Kathy.”

Yadrick’s record of achievement is extensive. In addition to serving as principal investigator for multi-million dollar projects funded by the National Institutes of Health and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, she is a university Distinguished Professor, a IHL HEADWAE award winner, and recipient of numerous university citations for teaching, research and service.
As the DuBard School for Language Disorders at The University of Southern Mississippi celebrates 50 years of service, they look ahead to a day when all children receive the opportunity to learn and reach their full potential. In preparation for that future, the DuBard School is currently amidst their largest fundraising campaign, with a goal of $2 million by the close of 2013.

The public campaign kicked off in March 2012 with a gala that hosted more than 150 guests and set the precedent for continued celebration and fundraising. The school continues to plan events and gatherings to honor the special anniversary.

The money generated from the campaign will ensure that students at the DuBard School continue to receive critical language, speech and academic therapy and that university students and professionals who are training in the areas of speech-language pathology, audiology, education of the deaf and specialized reading instruction have a place to learn and excel.

More than 150 professionals from across the nation undergo training in the DuBard Association Method® annually. The school also serves as a teaching and practicum site for dozens of university students studying speech-language pathology, audiology, deaf education, science education, human performance and recreation, music, social work and other academic areas.

The success of the campaign will allow the school to offer more services to children not only in our region but also across the nation and world.

“The next step is to teach more and more professionals how to use the DuBard Association Method® so that all children with communication disorders, including the written language disorder of dyslexia, can benefit from specialized multisensory therapy that’s proven to be successful,” said Dr. Maureen Martin, director of the DuBard School. “The gift of communication—including speaking, listening, reading and writing—gives hope to children and their families and helps them reach their full potential.”
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA OF THE YEAR

The 2012 College of Health Distinguished Alumna of the Year is Maureen K. Martin, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, CED, CALT, QI, class of 1975 and 1976. Dr. Martin currently serves as director of the DuBard School for Language Disorders at The University of Southern Mississippi and as adjunct instructor in the Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences. Dr. Martin has previously served the Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences as supervisor of clinical practicum, as a speech-language pathologist/educator of the deaf, and as assistant director and acting director of the School for Children with Language Disorders.

Dr. Martin is very accomplished in her professional career, having prepared and produced multiple peer-reviewed presentations and publications as well as authored two text books. Among her many professional awards are the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Award for Continuing Education, the Area Development Partnership's Leaders for a New Century Award, and the Innovator Award from the International Multisensory Structured Language Education Council. Dr. Martin was a 2001 inductee in the Southern Miss Alumni Association's Hall of Fame.

COLLEGE OF HEALTH SPOTLIGHT

The College of Health honors one alumnus each month for excellence and contribution to their respective disciplines. The following represent those outstanding alumni highlighted during the previous year:

JOHNATHAN WARE ’94, ’02

Johnathan Ware is a commander in the Medical Service Corps of the United States Navy. Ware is the department head of Standardization Management at the Defense Medical Material Program office. He has two degrees in medical technology from Southern Miss, and has previously served as a laboratory manager at Navy Hospital in Jacksonville, Fla., and preventative health emergency officer for the Navy's Southeast U.S. installations. Ware has received numerous awards and recognition for his service.

RICHARD FAIL ’10

Richard Fail is a lieutenant in the United States Navy and currently serves as a department head for Operating Management. Lt. Fail graduated from the Department of Community Health Sciences in the Executive MPH class of 2010. He was president of his MPH cohort, was the student founder and president of the Health Administration Student Association (HASA), and received the Alton B. Cobb Outstanding MPH Student Award while at Southern Miss.

SCOTT HERRIN ’75, ’76

Scott Herrin is the new associate dean for athletics at Cuyamaca College. He previously served as director of college development at MiraCosta College and as the associate athletics director at Portland State University. Scott has a B.S. and M.S. from Southern Miss in coaching and sport administration and is currently completing requirements for his Ph.D. in educational leadership at San Diego State University.

DEENA CRAWFORD ’92, ’98

Deena Crawford is the director for Student Counseling Services at The University of Southern Mississippi. She received her master's degree in social work (M.S.W.) from Southern Miss in 1998 and is currently pursuing her LSCW certification. She has been the principle investigator of a grant to establish a campus-wide suicide prevention program and helped establish the CARE System.

DWAYNE REDMAN ’85, ’87

Dwayne Redman, CCC-A, currently serves as the chief of audiology and speech pathology for Overton Brooks VA Medical Center in Shreveport, La. Mr. Redman has worked in the VA system for 26 years. In addition, he is the pastor of Egypt Hill Baptist Church in Plain Dealing, La. Mr. Redman has two degrees from Southern Miss: a B.S. in audiology in 1985 and an M.S. in audiology in 1987.
MARY HILL ’78, ’80
Mary Hill currently serves as the executive director of food services for the Jackson (Miss.) Public School System. She obtained a B.S. in home economics in 1978 and an M.S. in home economics and secondary education in 1980, both from Southern Miss. She also teaches specialized nutrition courses for Holmes Community College in Ridgeland, Miss. Among many leadership roles, Mary has served as president of the School Nutrition Foundation and currently serves as the chair of the board of directors for the Mississippi Food Network.

BETH WHITE ’82, ’05
Beth White is currently the director of laboratory sciences for Memorial Hospital, Gulfport (MHG). Previously, Mrs. White served as the education coordinator in the laboratory of MHG for 16 years. She has also served as a rotation coordinator for Southern Miss medical technology clinical students at MHG. Mrs. White has two degrees from Southern Miss, a B.S. in medical technology in 1982 and an M.S. in medical technology in 2005. Additionally, she is married to a fellow medical technology graduate, Rickey White, and her daughter is a current student at Southern Miss.

DR. SUSAN HUBBLE-BURCHELL ’81
Dr. Susan Hubble-Burchell has served The University of Southern Mississippi in multiple capacities, including the roles of associate dean of the College of Health and associate professor and coordinator of Undergraduate Studies in the School of Human Performance and Recreation, among others. She has held numerous leadership and academic positions with the university and has produced multiple publications and received numerous awards. Her work with the state and national Recreation and Parks Associations has helped to maintain Southern Miss as a leader in recreation.

MR. GARY MARCHAND ’08
Gary Marchand is the president and chief executive officer of Memorial Hospital at Gulfport. Marchand has more than 25 years of health care experience--20 of those years with Memorial Hospital. Marchand received his Master of Public Health from Southern Miss in 2008. He is actively involved in multiple professional organizations, including chairman of the VHA Gulf States Board of Directors, co-chairman of the College of Health Dean’s Council, and a member of the new MPH Alumni Group.

KRISTI R. PLOTNER ’98
Ms. Kristi Plotner, LCSW, is a 1998 Master of Social Work graduate from Southern Miss. She currently serves as the director of policy, planning and development for the Mississippi Division of Medicaid. She implemented the Mississippi Youth Programs Around the Clock (MYPAC) program in 2008 and B2I to demonstrate an institutional level of care transitions for the mentally challenged. She received the 2008 Mississippi Children’s Home Services Public Partner Award and the 2011 Arc of Mississippi Professional of the Year Award, among others. Ms. Plotner also currently serves as the chair of the Mississippi Board of Examiners for Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists.

MS. MARY ANN MACH ’56, ’65, ’73
Ms. Mach is a speech-language pathologist for Nativity BVM School and Our Lady of Fatima Elementary School in Biloxi, Miss., and graduated from The University of Southern Mississippi with three degrees: a B.S. in 1956, an M.S. in 1965 from the Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences and an Ed.S. in 1973 from the Department of Curriculum and Special Instruction. Ms. Mach holds leadership roles with the Mississippi Speech-Language-Hearing Association and was awarded its 2012 Frank R. Kleffner Lifetime Clinical Career Award for advancement of knowledge in clinical practice in speech-language pathology and audiology. Ms. Mach has many years of leadership and service in the field of speech pathology.

RETIREMENTS

Dr. Denise Brown
Department of Nutrition and Food Systems

Ms. Miriam Cabana
School of Nursing

Dr. Vafa Kamali
Department of Community Health Services

Ms. Shellie Myers
Department of Medical Technology
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COLLEGE OF HEALTH AWARD RECIPIENTS

The following were recognized at the 2012 College of Health Awards of Excellence and Retirement Reception on April 26, 2012:

Dr. Charkarra Anderson-Lewis, Department of Community Health Sciences
E.D. Kenna Sr. Award

Dr. Maureen K. Martin, Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences
Distinguished Alumni Award

Dr. Tim Rehner, School of Social Work
Outstanding Faculty Service Award

Dr. Wendy Bounds Stinson, Department of Nutrition and Food Systems
Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Award

Dr. Rowena Elliott, School of Nursing
Distinguished Teaching Award

Dr. Alicia Sample, Department of Nutrition and Food Systems
Emerging Scholar Faculty Award

Dr. Jerome Kolbo, School of Social Work
Distinguished Researcher Award

Ms. Jennifer Downey, College of Health Dean's Office
Outstanding Professional Staff Award

Ms. Martha Resavy, Department of Nutrition and Food Systems
Distinguished Office Professional Award

Ms. Delories Williams, School of Social Work
Distinguished Mentor Award

Ms. Makayla Merritt, School of Human Performance and Recreation
Spirit Award

FACULTY AND STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

Dr. Stacey A. Hall, assistant professor in the School of Human Performance and Recreation, presented at a webinar on Sport Safety and Security Considerations for the Sport Management Professional on December 1, 2011. This was presented by Human Kinetics, the information leader in physical activity and health.

Dr. Charles G. Marx, professor of audiology in the Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences, was chosen as the 2011 recipient of the Mississippi Speech-Language-Hearing Association's Mississippi Clinical Achievement Award. This award recognizes demonstrated contributions to the advancement of knowledge in clinical practice in speech-language pathology and audiology.

Dr. Janie Butts, professor, and Dr. Karen Rich, associate professor, of the School of Nursing received the 2011 American Journal of Nursing's Book of the Year Award. Butts and Rich authored the book titled Philosophies and Theories for Advanced Nursing Practice. This text is primarily used for graduate-level nursing students. The book received the award in the category of Advanced Nursing Practice from the AJN.

Dr. Jerome Kolbo, professor in the School of Social Work; Dr. Elaine Molaison, assistant chair and associate professor in the Department of Nutrition and Food Systems; Dr. Bonnie Harbaugh, professor in the School of Nursing; and Dr. Geoffrey Hudson, assistant professor in the School of Human Performance and Recreation, conducted a series of research studies on the subject of childhood obesity. Research results were presented by Dr. Kolbo at the 2012 Mississippi Health Summit as well as other health-related events throughout Mississippi.

Dr. Matthew Walker, assistant professor in the School of Human Performance and Recreation, was awarded the designation of Research Fellow by both the North American Society for Sport Management (NASSM) and the Research Consortium for the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD).

Ms. Evalyn Weaver, adjunct instructor in the Department of Medical Technology, was awarded ASCLS-MS (American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science - Mississippi) Presidential Service Award as well as the ASCLS Region III Omicron Sigma Award.

Dr. Amal Mitra, professor in the Department of Community Health Sciences, organized a field study program for one week in Bangladesh for Master of Public Health students from the Jockey Club School of Public Health and Primary Care of the Chinese University of Hong Kong.
SPORT-RELATED AND BATTLEFIELD INJURY PREVENTION

Dr. Scott Piland and Dr. Trent Gould of the School of Human Performance and Recreation are conducting a project to work toward the prevention of sport-related and battlefield injuries. This project not only conducts research that evaluates and characterizes existing preventative technologies, but also develops and tests new materials that will serve to mitigate injury. Partnering with colleagues from the School of Polymers and High Performance Materials, these faculty direct students in the Sports and High Performance Materials emphasis. Current research projects involve major sporting goods manufacturers and the military.

COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER SUPPORT - DELTA BLUES BEACON COMMUNITY PROJECT

The goal of the Delta BLUES Beacon Community project is to improve access to care for diabetic patients through the meaningful use of electronic health records (EHRs) and health information exchange (HIE) by primary care providers in the Mississippi Delta. This project will continue assessing the effectiveness of volunteer community health workers in increasing diabetic patient self-monitoring and attendance to diabetic self-monitoring courses. Volunteer community health workers offer home visits to referrals from care transition coaches at local hospitals and provide health education, track treatment adherence and monitoring, and perform home glucose and blood pressure measurement. Dr. Susan Mayfield-Johnson, principal investigator, will work with the Delta Health Alliance in this community outreach effort, helping Delta residents to become meaningful users and participants in their health care in the Mississippi Delta. Funding for this research was provided by the Delta Health Alliance (DHA), a 501©3 non-profit organization and by the Office of the National Coordinator, grant #90BC004/01, 04/01/10– 03/31/13.

MISSISSIPPI MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CAPACITY PROJECT

The Mississippi Mental and Behavioral Health Capacity Project is managed by the School of Social Work and is part of the medical settlement related to the Deep Water Horizon oil spill that funded the Gulf Region Health Outreach Programs. The GRHOP targets the coastal counties in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and western Florida. The Mississippi effort was funded at $8.2 million and is called the Mississippi Integrated Health and Disaster Programs initiative. This project is a five year award that focuses on the three Mississippi coastal counties. The goal of the MIHDP is to integrate behavioral health with primary health care delivery within the FederallyQualified Health Centers (FQHCs). The Mississippi FQHC operator is Coastal Family Health.

AUDIO/VIDEO TRAINING MODULE FOR NURSING STUDENTS FOR COMMUNICATION WITH THOSE WITH HEARING IMPAIRMENTS

The nation’s hospitals are observing an increase in the number of individuals suffering from hearing impairment. The primary method for treating these individuals is through the use of hearing aids and/or assisted listening devices. Health care professionals will need training in hearing aid management and techniques to enhance communication that will serve to enhance the quality of care. Through a collaborative effort between the School of Nursing and the Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences, this project will develop an audio/video training module for Southern Miss nursing students to improve communication with, and care of, hearing-impaired patients.

FARM TO SCHOOL (F2S) LOCAL FOOD PROGRAM

In May 2012, Governor Bryant signed into law House Concurrent Resolution #112 that established the first week in October as Mississippi F2S Week, where Mississippi schools were encouraged to incorporate at least one local food item into the school menu. Serving local products to students in the state’s school systems have numerous benefits related to optimizing child nutrition, enhancing nutrition education, environmental preservation, and local economic development. Faculty and students from the Department of Nutrition and Food Systems participated in F2S Week by educating children about local foods and having farmers visit with elementary school students. Dr. Alicia Landry is working with schools to survey child nutrition directors in the state of Mississippi about their participation in F2S Week and how increased participation can be facilitated in the future.