College of Health Newsletter

The College of Health e-newsletter contains news and events from our schools, departments, and centers to keep you informed and engaged with the College. Health care continues to be a crucial element in the development of our nation, and Southern Miss is leading the way. Please continue to stay involved with the College of Health and your respective academic program to help take Southern Miss to the Top!

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Upcoming Events

Thursday, February 24
College of Health Forum Series
Second of three free forums presented by Hattiesburg Clinic. "Perspectives on Health Care Reform – Which Way Forward?" 5:30 p.m., Thad Cochran Center, Hattiesburg campus.

Thursday, March 3
College of Health meet & greet Forrest General Hospital, Hattiesburg. 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Thursday, March 24
Regional Social Work Conference Alumni Reception Ola Tavern on George Street Jackson.

Thursday, March 31
College of Health Forum Series
Final of three free forums presented by Hattiesburg Clinic. "Does Health Care Have an Electronic Frontier?" 5:30 p.m., Thad Cochran Center, Hattiesburg campus.

Thursday, April 7
2011 College of Health Student Awards Presentations and Reception 6:30 p.m., Trent Lott Center, Hattiesburg campus.

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News from Around the College

Georgann Mire (left), a keynote speaker for the DuBard School’s annual symposium on dyslexia and related disorders, and Lynne Rhodes play with a Discovery Toy glove designed for story telling with children.

DuBard School Hosts 15th Annual Dyslexia Symposium

The DuBard School for Language Disorders hosted its annual symposium on February 3-4 in the Thad Cochran Center on the Hattiesburg campus. The event featured two keynote speakers, Suzanne Carreker, vice president of Neuhaus Education Center in Houston, and Georgann Mire, an educational consultant from Baton Rouge, La.

Attendees ranging from speech-language pathologists to special education teachers enjoyed the two-day presentation to expand their understanding of issues facing individuals with dyslexia and other related disorders.

Health Fair Held at Gulf Park Campus

The College of Health hosted a Health Fair on Thursday, January 20, in the Fleming Education Center on the Gulf Park campus. The fair included participation from 27 health-related exhibitors and was open for students, faculty, staff, and community members. The College also led a wellness program for the Gulf Park campus called WOW (Working on Wellness) which encourages faculty, staff, and students to create healthier lifestyles.

Forum Focused on Healthy Aging

The Southern Miss College of Health hosted a forum titled, “Healthy Aging: Options for Quality Care,” on Thursday, January 27, in the Thad Cochran Center on the Hattiesburg campus. The forum, sponsored by Hattiesburg Clinic, featured a panel of speakers who spoke on the continuum of care for aging populations to a crowd of more than 150 students, faculty, staff, and community members.

The forum series will continue on Thursday, February 24, with "Perspectives on Health Care Reform: Which Way Forward?" All community members are invited to attend.

Issues on Aging Conference Impacts Boomers

More than 100 health professionals, educators and students from across South Mississippi gathered to discuss the topic of aging during the 10th Annual Issues on Aging Conference on Friday, January 28 at the Jackie Dole Sherrill Community Center in downtown Hattiesburg. This event was sponsored by the Center on Aging, the School of Social Work and the Pinebelt Association for Families.

Book Donation Made to Children’s Center

As part of a community service project, representatives from the Hattiesburg Noonday Optimist Club delivered a basket of books to the Children’s Center for Communication and Development at The University of Southern Mississippi on Monday, Jan. 31.

Wanted: College of Health Alumni Involvement

We value all of our College of Health alumni, and want to further our partnership with you. We are increasing our communication efforts so that you know all of the great things that are going on at Southern Miss. To assist with communication, we are gathering updated contact and career information from our alumni, and are beginning the formation of College of Health alumni groups. If you are interested in assisting with the creation of an alumni group for your academic discipline, now is the time. Let us hear from you! Contact us anytime to send updates or get more involved at 601.266.5253 or health@usm.edu.

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