College of Health Newsletter

Calendar of Events:

16th Annual Recreational Sports Run for Love 5k
Saturday, February 23 | 9 a.m.
Payne Center, Hattiesburg Campus

USM H.E.A.L.T.H. Day
Sponsored by the Department of Nutrition and Food Systems
Saturday, February 23 | 9 a.m.
Payne Center, Hattiesburg Campus

Children Center Highlighted at Lady Eagles Basketball
Sunday, February 24, 2013
Reed Green Coliseum

The Evolution of Health Care
College of Health Spring Forum - presented by Hattiesburg Clinic
Tuesday, March 5, 2013 | 5:30 p.m.
Thad Cochran Center Ballroom I

2nd Annual Conquering Childhood Obesity Conference
Sponsored in part by the College of Health
March 8 - 9, 2013

Friday, March 8, 2013
Children's Center Capitol Day

What is the REAL Cost of Health Care?
College of Health Spring Forum Series - sponsored by Hattiesburg Clinic
Tuesday, April 2, 2013 | 5:30 p.m.
Thad Cochran Center Ballroom I

College of Health Student Awards Night
Tuesday, April 2, 2013 | 6:30 p.m.
Thad Cochran Center Ballroom II

Dean's Blog:

Click [here](#) to see updated posts from Dr. Michael Forster.

College of Health Hosts 2013 Forum Series

By Ryan Kelly

The Southern Miss College of Health will host its spring forum series featuring the topic: Mississippi’s Health, Mississippi’s Future. Sponsored by Hattiesburg Clinic, this series will consist of three events led by a diverse panel of health care professionals.

The first event, titled The Evolution of Health Care, will be held on Tuesday, March 5 at 5:30 p.m. in the Thad Cochran Center and will address the topic of what Mississippi’s health care workforce will look like in the years to come. With changes to hospital and clinic responsibilities and payment methods, the health workforce is evolving to meet the needs of a growing population.

The second event will address the real cost of health care, and will address where this cost is located and how to reduce health care cost. The final event will speak on the baby boom population and how Mississippi will care for its aging citizens. Locations and times are available below.

Admission is free, and refreshments will be provided. All faculty, staff, students, and community members are invited to attend.

For more information, contact the College of Health at 601.266.5253 or health@usm.edu.

College of Health Alumni Spotlight

Dr. Shawn Clinton, ‘01

A well-accomplished laboratory science practitioner, Dr. Shawn Clinton currently serves as the laboratory technical director at Clinical Reference Laboratory in Lenexa, KS. Dr. Clinton graduated from Southern Miss in 2001 with a bachelor’s degree with honors in Medical Technology (now called Medical Laboratory Sciences). He also received a doctorate in 2010 from The University of Tennessee in molecular sciences and conducted his post-doctorate fellowship at The University of Utah’s ARUP Laboratories in Salt Lake City, UT. Dr. Clinton has received several awards, including the 2011 and 2012 Paul E. Stratford Young Investigator Award from the Academy of Clinical Laboratory Physicians and Scientists. He has also published multiple articles and professional papers in addition to his teaching experience at The University of Utah and The University of Tennessee.
Wisconsin Students Visit Southern Miss, Offer Service in Hattiesburg Area
By Traci L. Breland

The Department of Nutrition and Food Systems at The University of Southern Mississippi recently hosted a group of students from St. Norbert College in Green Bay, Wisconsin as part of a service outreach program.

The trip was made possible through St. Norbert’s T.R.I.P.S. (Turning Responsibility into Powerful Service) program. The program is an alternative break service program that gives students the opportunity to put into action their values, convictions, and religious beliefs through service.

St. Norbert sociology major Olivia Poepping noted that the trip focused on preventative health and health-related initiatives of the Hattiesburg area.

“We spent the months leading up to our trip learning about health disparities, social and biological aspects of disease and specifically, the issues of obesity and the epidemic in our nation,” said Poepping. “We chose to come serve with the United Way of Southern Mississippi, specifically because of The University of Southern Mississippi.”

Southern Miss to offer first public master’s degree in dyslexia therapy
By Kathryn McPhail

The statistics are alarming – 78 percent of Mississippi fourth graders perform below proficiency in reading. But as healthcare professionals, you’re likely not surprised by this news and realize that the number of children with diagnosed learning disabilities, especially dyslexia, is more prevalent than ever. Learning disabilities can prevent a child from reaching his or her full potential and are proven to increase the odds of drug and alcohol addiction and incarceration. The key is intervention.

“Most of these children are bright, capable students who must learn in a different way,” said Maureen K. Martin, director of the DuBard School for Language Disorders at The University of Southern Mississippi.

“As educators, it can be frustrating to watch students who you know are smart but they aren’t succeeding. We must allow these students to learn in a way that works for them.”

Now, Southern Miss is offering a new master’s level program that will give educators the tools and skills they need to teach students with dyslexia. In development for more than three years, the Master of Education in Dyslexia Therapy is a collaboration between the DuBard School, the Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences and the Department of Curriculum, Instruction and Special Education.

The program is set to begin in June 2013 and will be the first such degree offered by a Mississippi public university.