Alumni Newsletter

The College of Health alumni 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

January 21-22
The DeBord School and the School of Music present "Vocal Arts and Sciences Symposium." Thad Cochran Center.

Tuesday, January 25
Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences presents "Stimulating Spoken Language in Children with Hearing Loss: State of the Art 2011." Jackson Medical Mall.

Thursday, January 27
College of Health Forum Series First of three free forums presented by Hattiesburg Clinic. "Healthy Aging: Options for Quality Care." 5:30 p.m., Thad Cochran Center.

Friday, January 28
Issues on Aging Conference presented by the Center on Aging and the School of Social Work. Jackie Dole Sherrill Community Center, Hattiesburg.

February 3-4
15th Annual DeBord Symposium: Dyslexia and Related Disorders." Thad Cochran Center.

News from Around the College

Social Work Students Host Justice Coffee House to Create Awareness
The Student Association of Social Workers (SASW) invited the community to Justice Coffee House on December 4 for a night of live music, Passionate Harvest Coffee, and desserts. The event was held at Trinity Episcopal Church in Hattiesburg. The Justice Coffee House is designed to create awareness of social justice issues in our community and world.

A Show of Hands Christmas Concert
More than 500 Hattiesburg residents attended a concert performed by "A Show of Hands," on December 10 at the Oak Grove Primary School Performing Arts Center. The group is comprised of students using American Sign Language and is led by Dr. Jerry Buisson, assistant professor in the Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences.

Speech and Hearing Sciences Receives Grants
Dr. Christina Petiole and Dr. Henry Teller, professors in the Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences, received $1.4 million in grant funding for the Early Oral Intervention (EOI) program through the U.S. Department of Education.

ATRA Board Meeting
The School of Human Performance and Recreation hosted the 2010 annual American Therapeutic Recreation Association board meeting. Faculty, students, and local practitioners attended a reception on December 3 in downtown Hattiesburg for the board members, including Dr. Mary Ann Aquaduo, current association president and Southern Miss visiting professor.

CCCD Students Add Decorations to Tree
Students at the Children’s Center for Communication and Development visited with the staff of the Southern Miss Alumni Association at the Oglethorpe Alumni House prior to the holidays. Each student made an ornament for the Alumni Association’s Christmas tree. Senator Chris McDaniel (District 42) joined Santa for a time of holiday fun with the children.

Alumni Spotlight

Jennifer Cofor is the Vice President of Public Policy for the American Lung Association of the Plains-Gulf Region. Cofor holds both a bachelor’s degree in health administration and a master’s degree in health education from Southern Miss. Among her many professional accomplishments, she successfully lobbied for multiple smoke-free cities, increased taxes on tobacco products, and established asthma-friendly policies. She is an active member of the Southern Miss Alumni Association and is a volunteer speaker for many courses in the College of Health.