“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.

Gulf Coast Breaks Ground on Elizabeth Hall, Health Sciences Building
By Charmaine Williams Schmermund
The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast held a groundbreaking ceremony on Wednesday, Dec. 7 for the restoration of Elizabeth Hall and the newly appointed Health Sciences Building on the Gulf Park campus in Long Beach.

Elizabeth Hall and the Health Sciences Building, both heavily damaged by Hurricane Katrina in 2005, are the final two building projects to break ground for the university’s Gulf Park campus this year.

The Health Sciences Building, a $1.5 million project, is under the direction of J.F. Pate and Associates Contractors, Inc. Housing the College of Health, the expected completion date for the Health Sciences Building is July 2012.

Professor Yadrick Named Associate Dean for Research in College of Health
By Van Arnold
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.
Southern Miss Nutrition Students Score 100 Percent on Exam

*Article by Ryan Kelly*

The senior class of 18 students in the Department of Nutrition and Food Systems at The University of Southern Mississippi achieved a 100 percent pass rate on the ServSafe® examination. The exam represents a review of food safety and sanitation practices, and an exam prep course is offered each semester for students by Roxanne Kingston, visiting professor in the Department of Nutrition and Food Systems.

“Each food establishment is required to have at least one employee with ServSafe® certification,” said Kingston. “Passage of this exam helps to make our students more marketable to any career in the food service industry.”

Passage of the exam is a requirement for successful completion of the nutrition and food systems program, and it allows students to obtain possible entry level management positions in the food industry. Fourteen of the 18 Southern Miss students passed the exam with a grade of 90 percent or higher, which is a minimum required to be a registered proctor of the test.

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DuBard School Symposium Scheduled for Feb. 2-3 at Southern Miss

*Article by Van Arnold*

The 16th Annual DuBard Symposium: Dyslexia and Related Disorders is scheduled for Feb. 2-3, 2012 at the Thad Cochran Center on The University of Southern Mississippi campus in Hattiesburg, Miss. The symposium is sponsored by the DuBard School for Language Disorders in partnership with the Office of Professional Development and Educational Outreach at Southern Miss.

Each year, educators, administrators, speech-language pathologists, psychologists, social workers and parents from across the Southeast gather for the DuBard Symposium to gain information, services, products and networking opportunities to assist them in supporting and serving children with dyslexia and related disorders.

The symposium will feature keynote addresses by renowned national experts in language disorders and sessions led by professionals from the DuBard School and beyond. Continuing education units have been approved for speech pathologists, educators and school administrators who attend.

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