Calendar of Events:

National Intercollegiate Athletics Safety and Security Summit
Jan. 28-30, 2014
Hattiesburg campus

DuBard School for Language Disorders
“Multisensory Math: Using Manipulative Objects to Teach the Common Core”
February 6-7, 2014
Lake Terrace Convention Center
Hattiesburg, MS

Department of Medical Laboratory Sciences
2014 Summer Phlebotomy Certificate Program
Application Deadline
March 30, 2014

College of Health Spring Forum
"Hattiesburg's Midtown: Health-Enhancing Economic and Community Development"
April 15, 2014
12 noon - 2 p.m.

Department of Public Health Faculty Member Appointed to Mississippi Rural Health Association Board

The Mississippi Rural Health Association nominated and elected Dr. Ray Newman, Chair and Professor of the Department of Public Health to its board of directors during its annual business meeting in September 2013. Newman and two other new board members were nominated by members of the Association and will serve a three-year term. Their terms officially begin in January 2014. The Association has a 13-member board of directors that governs and oversees all operations.

“As a member of the MRHA board, I will work to help shape public awareness, educate health professionals, and inform policy makers about the vast and complex health concerns of rural communities,” said Newman. “Additionally, I will work through the Association to make sure Southern Miss graduates are known across the state as the well-trained, motivated professionals they are. This appointment will help to strengthen relationships across the state and create new field experience and employment opportunities for our students.”

DuBard School at Southern Miss to Host Multisensory Math Course Feb. 6-7

By Van Arnold

The DuBard School for Language Disorders at The University of Southern Mississippi will host a comprehensive Multisensory Math: Using Manipulative Objects to Teach the Common Core course on Feb. 6-7 at the Lake Terrace Convention Center in Hattiesburg, Miss.

The program is designed for general and special education teachers working with basic math through algebra, speech-language pathologists and academic language therapists. The cost is $275 ($300 after Jan. 24) and lunch is included. Continuing Education Units are available for $24. The course is offered for 1.2 CEUs for educators and speech-language pathologists (intermediate level, professional area).

Department of Medical Laboratory Sciences Sets Application Deadline for Phlebotomy Certificate Program

The application deadline for the 2014 Summer Phlebotomy Certificate Program is March 30, 2014. The first course, MLS 110: Phlebotomy I (one hour), Phase I, is taught online. The second course, MLS 111: Phlebotomy Practicum (one hour), Phase II, provides students with experience in the practice of phlebotomy. Students may enroll for course credit or noncredit. With program approval, advanced placement for MLS 111 is available for students with phlebotomy experience.

The National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Science approved the program in 2008.

Alumni Spotlight

Taylor Morton, BS, MS is embarking on his 14th season in the National Football League and second season with the St. Louis Rams. Morton joined the Rams as Director of College Scouting in 2012 and now serves as the Director of Player Personnel, where he oversees the Rams’ collegiate and professional scouting efforts. Before joining the Rams, Morton served 12 years in the player personnel department for the Atlanta Falcons. Prior to becoming a college scout, Morton served in pro personnel as an advance scout for the Falcons’ opponents, as well as evaluating future free agent prospects for the team. Morton joined the Falcons after coaching eight years in the college ranks including Auburn University, Hinds Community College and Pearl River Community College. He began his coaching career at Southern Miss as a student assistant, earning his B.S. ('93) and M.S. ('96) in Coaching/Sports Administration.
Southern Miss Alum Honored for Work with Students and Community

Southern Miss graduate, Jody Babineaux (Coaching/Sports Administration, ’08) has earned many honors over the years as his efforts have moved from the battlefield to the classroom. His military career and desire to help local students succeed in life recently resulted in Babineaux’s recognition by the Troops to Teachers Program in a special ceremony held in October 2013, when he was presented a $10,000 cash award.

The National Troops to Teacher Program is designed to help recruit quality teachers for schools that serve low-income families throughout America. The program helps relieve teacher shortages, especially in high-need subject areas.

Babineaux is a Math/Social Studies teacher at Power Academy (an alternative school) in the Laurel School District. He is a two-time combat action Operation Iraqi war veteran that is currently serving as the 647th Transportation Company Executive Officer.

“I want my students to know about my military background, that I want to be here, I'm professional, well-educated and that I care about my students. I didn't graduate in the top of my class, but I made smart, strategic decisions and it took some time, but it's paying off. I hope they can see themselves doing the same,” said Babineaux.

Just this month, Babineaux was also honored with the Martin Luther King Jr. Educator of the Year award. Babineaux was selected for efforts above and beyond the call of duty as an educator and his positive influence in his community. He was one of several area citizens recognized for their efforts in the fields of social work, entrepreneurship, youth ministry, public service and education.

DuBard School Professional Development Program Receives Reaccreditation

By Catherine Latt

When it comes to teaching individuals with language disorders, including the written language disorder of dyslexia, the DuBard School for Language Disorders’ phonetic, multisensory teaching-learning strategy, the DuBard Association Method®, has the credentials to back it up.

Recently, the DuBard School for Language Disorders’ professional development program in the DuBard Association Method® at The University of Southern Mississippi received a certificate of reaccreditation from the International Multisensory Structured Language Education Council (IMSLEC). This is the DuBard School’s third continuous accreditation, dating back to 1998 – one of the first of IMSLEC’s accredited programs.

IMSLEC is an internationally recognized accrediting organization that ensures the methods used for intervention for individuals with dyslexia and related disorders are of the highest standards.