The College of Health

The College of Health 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 in order to help take Southern Miss to the Top!

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Margaret Buttross-Brinegar, right, and speech-language pathologist Lori Burgess work with 3-year-old Mackenzie Samples. (Office of University Communications photo by Steve Rouse)

Burchell Retires from College of Health / HPR
**Article by Ryan Kelly**

Dr. Susan Hubble-Burchell, an associate professor in the Department of Human Performance and Recreation and an associate dean of the College of Health, recently retired with 32 years of service.

Burchell was a leader in the field of recreation, as well as with the College of Health’s Center on Aging. Dr. Michael Forster, dean of the College of Health, quotes, “Dr. Burchell was one of the most capable and conscientious administrators with whom I’ve had the pleasure to work. The dean’s office will manage to carry on, but we’ve lost someone impossible to fully replace.” Burchell retires with a strong following of University and alumni supporters.

Hudson Retires from Medical Technology - Lux Fills Chair
**Article by Ryan Kelly**

Dr. Jane Hudson, professor and chair of the Department of Medical Technology, recently joined the ranks of several retirees at Southern Miss. Dr. Hudson was an extremely dedicated employee at the University, and led the charge for education excellence in medical technology.

On June 30th, the final date of her tenure at Southern Miss, she turned leadership over to Dr. Mary Lux, a current professor in the department. When asked how she feels about the new position, Dr. Lux responded, “I’m very pleased to have the opportunity to take over leadership of the department for Jane Hudson, who served as chair for more than 24 years.”

Children’s Center Director Buttross-Brinegar Says Time is Right to Retire
**Article by Van Arnold**

Margaret Buttross-Brinegar gave The University of Southern Mississippi more than 30 years of unfailing service. Along the way, she gave thousands of developmentally challenged children unwavering support and direction. And now she’s ready to give retirement a try.

Buttross-Brinegar, longtime director of The Children’s Center for Communication and Development at Southern Miss, is retiring at the end of this month noting that “the center and I are ready for a new chapter. This change just feels right.”

One way to measure an employee’s legacy is by examining the footprints he or she leaves behind.

New Website Coming Soon!

The College of Health is in the process of designing new sites for all academic units. The main Website will now change from usm.edu/coh, to usm.edu/health. Completion of the new Website will occur at the end of July.

College of Health Alumni Spotlight

Johnathan Ware, ’94, ’02

Johnathan Ware is a commander in the Medical Service Corps of the United States Navy. Ware is the Department Head of Standardization Management at the Defense Medical Material Program Office. He has two degrees in Medical Technology from Southern Miss, and has previously served as a Laboratory Manager at Navy Hospital in Jacksonville, FL, and Preventative Health Emergency Officer for the Navy’s Southeast U.S. installations. Ware has received numerous awards and recognition for his service.

For more information on alumni groups or to RSVP for meetings, contact Ryan Kelly at 601.266.5103 or health@usm.edu.

Dean’s Blog

Dr. Michael Forster, Dean of the College of Health, posts to a blog with College updates and thoughts about health care. Read his thoughts by clicking on the link below:

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I hope that I will be able to continue to lead the department in the spirit of excellence that we have had over the years."

The Department of Medical Technology is one of seven academic units in the College of Health, and has graduated more than 940 students at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

Community Health Sciences Undergoes New Leadership
Article by Ryan Kelly

Dr. Emmanuel Ahua, assistant professor in the Department of Community Health Sciences, has agreed to serve the department as interim chair, following Dr. Jim McQuire’s recent resignation from his administrative role. Ahua agreed, with the support of faculty, to serve as interim chair until the completion of an external search, scheduled to commence in the fall of 2011. The target date for identifying a new chair is fall of 2012. Ahua comes into the position with more than 17 years of experience in the field.

State Senator McDaniel Spends Time with DuBard School Students
Article by Van Arnold

Mississippi Sen. Chris McDaniel came away impressed following his initial visit to the DuBard School for Language Disorders at The University of Southern Mississippi. McDaniel, a republican representing the 42nd District, spent Thursday morning, June 16, interacting with the DuBard students and learning more about the facility’s mission.

“This is my first time to visit and it’s been a wonderful eye-opening experience for me,” said McDaniel, a Laurel, Miss., native.