DuBard School Professional Development Receives International Recognition

By Catherine Lott

The DuBard School for Language Disorders at The University of Southern Mississippi has received yet another international recognition for professional development programs, this one from the International Dyslexia Association (IDA).

The International Dyslexia Association is an international organization that provides a range of information and services to professionals, individuals diagnosed with dyslexia, and their families. In 2010, IDA developed the Knowledge and Practice Standards for Teachers of Reading to define the necessary skills for teaching individuals who are diagnosed with dyslexia.

This month, the DuBard School received this recognition for its professional development programs in the DuBard Association Method®. The DuBard Association Method® is a phonetic, multisensory teaching-learning strategy that has been utilized by the DuBard School for more than 50 years.

The DuBard School professional development program has been accredited by the International Multisensory Language Education Council (IMSLEC) since 1998 and is an American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)-approved continuing education provider.

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School of Social Work Presented $5,000 for Betty Spencer Scholarship

By Charmaine Williams Schmermund

Celebrating a legacy of social work was the focus of the Third Annual Betty Spencer Memorial Social Work Luncheon where The University of Southern Mississippi School of Social Work was presented a $5,000 gift to increase the total endowment of the Betty Spencer Memorial Scholarship. Adrienne Spencer, fourth from left, daughter of Betty Spencer, along with Virginia Adolph, far left, president-elect for the Gulf Coast Program Unit of the Mississippi Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, presented the gift to Southern Miss administrators. On hand to receive the donation are, from left to right, College of Health Dean Michael Forster, Gulf Coast Vice President and Campus Executive Officer Frances Lucas, President Rodney Bennett and School of Social Work Director Tim Rehner. (Photo by Steve Linhoss)

The luncheon also featured the recognition of Dr. Raymond M. Scurfield, professor emeritus of social work at Southern Miss Gulf Coast, as the 2013 NASW Lifetime Achievement Award recipient. According to the NASW, Scurfield was selected for his extraordinary contributions to the social work profession and society in his 45-year career. His research and career spans posttraumatic stress disorder as a clinician, innovative therapy and program developer, educator, and researcher publishing on topics such as the Vietnam War and other war-related trauma, post-disaster interventions, race-related trauma, and exposure and experientially-based therapy.

Hattiesburg Rotary Club Presents Check to Southern Miss Children’s Center

By Van Arnold

The Children’s Center for Communication and Development at The University of Southern Mississippi has received a donation of $11,050 from the Rotary Club of Hattiesburg, which represents proceeds from the organization’s annual “Night in Italy” benefit dinner.

This marks the ninth year that Rotary of Hattiesburg has supported and partnered with The Children’s Center, bringing the donation total to $111,045.

Industrial Audiometry and Hearing Certification Offered at Southern Miss

By Vanessa Maldon

The University of Southern Mississippi Office of Professional Development and Educational Outreach will host the Industrial Audiometry and Hearing Certification Workshop on Aug. 5–7 from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. on the Southern Miss Hattiesburg campus.