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Tuesday, April 23, 2013  |  5:30 p.m.  |  Thad Cochran Center

There is no cost to attend, and refreshments will be served.

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White Coat Ceremony Honors Southern Miss Audiology Doctoral Students

By: Ryan Kelly

Five audiology doctoral students from the Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences at The University of Southern Mississippi recently received the prestigious white coat, signifying their transition from academic studies to clinical health sciences.

The white coat recipients include Amy Bishop of Picayune, Miss.; Noelle Dunbar of Sumrall, Miss.; Ashley Greening of Richmond Hill, Ga.; Catelin Powell of Germantown, Tenn.; and Mr. Matthew Walker of Columbia, Miss.

“I think that I have come to know this group of audiology doctoral students better than any of the others who have matriculated into the program because of their outgoing personalities and because they enjoy ‘hanging out’ around the office,” said Dr. Steven Cloud, chair of the Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences.

“All of them are exceptionally bright, dedicated, motivated, and personable individuals, and they will serve as outstanding representatives to the profession, to the College of Health, and to The University of Southern Mississippi.”

Audiology doctoral graduates include, left to right: Amy Bishop, Ashley Greening, Catelin Powell, Matthew Walker and Noelle Dunbar. (Submitted photo)

Nutrition Department Hosts First Alumni Dinner

By Ryan Kelly

The Department of Nutrition and Food Systems at The University of Southern Mississippi hosted its first Alumni Group Dinner on Wednesday, April 24 at Lake Terrace Convention Center.

The guest speaker for the dinner was Ms. Whitney Miller, Southern Miss alumnus and Fox’s 1st U.S. Masterchef. Miller gave an inspirational talk to the group of nearly 50 students and alumni in attendance by demonstrating how her nutrition and dietetics coursework at Southern Miss well prepared her for victory on Masterchef. Miller also autographed her new cookbook, Modern Hospitality: Simple Recipes with Southern Charm, for guests at the event.

This dinner was not only an opportunity to thank dedicated alumni for their support of the program, but it also allowed senior nutrition students to gain valuable experience in a commercial kitchen by preparing and serving the three course meal. Through the department’s partnership with Lake Terrace, this dinner was designed, prepared and served by the program’s nutrition and dietetics students as…

Alumni Spotlight

Karen Sinclair, ’05

Karen Tankersley Sinclair serves as the head athletic trainer for the Union University athletic programs. Sinclair earned a Master of Arts in Exercise and Sports Science with specialization in athletic training from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. Sinclair received her Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training from the University of Southern Mississippi in 2005, where she graduated cum laude. She was a four-year varsity letter winner as a member of the Southern Mississippi cross country and track and field teams.

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College of Health Honors Faculty, Staff, Students on Founders Day

Each year, The University of Southern Mississippi hosts its Founders Day Ceremony in conjunction with the founding of the University on March 30, 1910. During this ceremony, faculty, staff and students are recognized for their accomplishments and awards are presented to deserving recipients. Exemplifying the excellence demonstrated in the College, several college faculty, staff and students that were recognized during this year's ceremony included:

- Ms. Mary Ann Schaub, Assistant Professor for the Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences, was inducted into the 2013 Centennial Legacy Circle. This prestigious group recognized more than 40 years of continuous service to the University.
- Dr. Scott Piland, Associate Professor for the School of Human Performance and Recreation, received the 2013 Innovation and Multidisciplinary Award.
- Mrs. Jennifer Downey, Director of Research Support for the College of Health, received the Research Advocate Award.
- Ms. Lauren Barrios, exercise science major from Westwego, LA, and Mr. Chad Lyman, exercise science major from Mobile, AL, was inducted into the Student Hall of Fame.
- Ms. Crystal Johnson, health policy and administration major from Edwards, MS, was inducted as treasurer into the Student Government Association.

Southern Miss Doctoral Student Receives Award at Conference

Andrew L. Goldsmith of Easton, Pa., a third-year doctoral student in the School of Human Performance and Recreation at The University of Southern Mississippi, received the Graduate Student Research Award for his paper and presentation titled “Whistleblowing Intention in Sport: The Role of Motives and Cost-Benefit Analysis” at the Ninth Annual Southern Sport Management Conference in Troy, Ala.

The Southern Sport Management Conference attracts sport management scholars, practitioners and students with current knowledge on industry trends and issues using academic and professional presentations.

“Aside from student research grants, there is no better award than to be recognized as the best among your peers,” said Dr. Matthew Walker, assistant professor and Goldsmith’s adviser of two years. “This is an outstanding accomplishment for a Ph.D. student, and Andy should be proud of both his submitted paper and presentation at the conference.”

Southern Miss Senior from Mandeville Receives Scholar-Athlete Award

Caitlin Leumas of Mandeville, La., a senior in the School of Human Performance and Recreation at The University of Southern Mississippi, received the C.L. Dews, Jr. Distinguished Student Scholar Athlete Award based on her athletic, academic and leadership abilities.

The award is given annually to one male and one female senior athlete. Recipients are selected based on academics, leadership, athletic ability and performance.