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!

**November, 2011**

**Upcoming Events**

**Thursday, November 3**
Public Health Symposium
Fleming Education Center Auditorium - Gulf Park campus

**November 3 - 4, 2011**
DuBard School Workshop: Missing Links in Academics
DuBard School, Hattiesburg campus

**Friday, November 4**
Nutrition Forum - From Farm to Fork: Where Does Our Food Come From?
Thad Cochran Center Ballroom, Hattiesburg campus

**Friday, November 11**
Social Work Colloquium - Thad Cochran Center Ballroom, Hattiesburg campus

**Dean’s Blog**
Click here to see updated blog posts from the dean, Dr. Michael Forster.

**College of Health Alumni Spotlight**
Deena Crawford is the director for student counseling services at The University of Southern Mississippi. She received her masters degree in Social Work (MSW) from Southern Miss in 1998, and is currently pursuing her LSCW certification. She has been the principle investigator of a grant to establish a campus-wide suicide prevention program, and helped establish the CARE System.

Medicine; Jim Craig, director of health protection for the Mississippi State Department of Health; and Jerry Coleman, instructor of geography at Southern Miss Gulf Coast.

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**2nd Annual Current Topics Seminar to Focus on Food Origins**
Article by Van Arnold

The Department of Nutrition and Food Systems at The University of Southern Mississippi will host the 2nd Annual Current Topics Seminar on Friday, Nov. 4 in Room 216 of the Thad Cochran Center.

The seminar, scheduled from 12:30-3:30 p.m., will follow the theme: “From Farm to Fork: Where Does Our Food Come From?” The seminar is free and open to the general public.

Seminar objectives include the following:
- Explain the consequences of a dwindling food supply
- Explore the realities of organic farming
- Describe the importance of localizing food supply chains for perishable food products
- Describe the process of getting food from farm to table
- Discuss benefits and barriers to buying local

Guest speakers include Jay Mahaffy, manager of the Scott Learning Center for Monsanto; Butch Smith, operator of Country Girls Creamery; Melanie Dale, owner of Wee Three Bees Apiary and Beelicious Honey and Jeremy Noffke, chef de cuisine/kitchen operations manager at Purple Parrot Café.

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Southern Miss Professor Helps Launch Campaign to Fight Kidney Disease

Dr. Rowena Elliott, associate professor of nursing at The University of Southern Mississippi, is taking an active role in the fight against kidney disease.

Elliott, national president of the American Nephrology Nurses Association (ANNA), recently returned from a trip to New York City where she participated in the launch of “Pair Up,” a national awareness campaign addressing kidney disease. The event, held in Times Square, included celebrity spokesperson Laila Ali, daughter of boxing legend Muhammad Ali.

Through Elliott’s leadership, the ANNA joined four other organizations as partners with the American Kidney Fund to launch the nationwide program. The other organizations include the American Society of Hypertension; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.; American Association of Diabetes Educators and the U.S. Office on Women’s Health.

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The idea (was) to allow recreation therapy majors and recreation administration majors to bring what they learn in the classroom into practical action. Seniors in the Recreation Department (led) the juniors in different activities that promote team building and communication in an enjoyable, learning environment.

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Recreation administration by definition is designed to prepare students for professional employment in a variety of recreational settings such as campus recreation, church recreation, commercial recreation, outdoor recreation and park management.

DuBard School Workshop to Focus on Building Reading, Comprehension Skills

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The workshop, geared toward second through eighth grade teachers, reading specialists and speech-language pathologists, will explore multisensory techniques and advanced coding skills for teaching the National Reading Panel five areas of reading. Attendees will learn and demonstrate ways of building reading fluency and explore ways of teaching comprehension strategies.

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