Southern Miss Associate Professor Named NATA Fellow

By Hanna Knowles

Dr. Bill Holcomb, associate professor and director of the Athletic Training Program at The University of Southern Mississippi School of Human Performance and Recreation, has been awarded Fellowship by the National Athletic Trainer’s Association (NATA).

Fellow status is reserved for NATA members who distinguish themselves in the athletic training profession through quality research, educational contributions and significant service to the profession.

“I have devoted most of my career to the advancement of the Athletic Training profession through research and education. It was a very nice honor to be recognized as a Fellow by the NATA,” said Holcomb.

Recipients are selected by a peer review panel and awarded annually at the NATA annual meeting and symposium.

“Having the chance to work with someone as esteemed as Dr. Holcomb was what brought me to the University of Southern Mississippi,” said Dr. Chris Brown, assistant professor for the Athletic Training Program. “His years of experience and success have established him as one of the premier figures in the athletic training profession and it is a joy to be able to work with him, and learn from him, on a daily basis.”

Southern Miss Alumna Lingsch Receives Award at Conference

By Hanna Knowles

Kelsey Lingsch, a graduate from the Department of Athletic Training, received the Kathleen Stitt Award at Conference for nongovernmental contractors working in, and being evacuated from, Iraq.

Lynn is now an online faculty member for the University of Phoenix ('96) and Recreation ('94) from Southern Miss. Lynn is now an online faculty member for the University of Phoenix. She has established endowments for both social work and recreation scholarships through USM's Foundation and is a life member of the USM Alumni Association.
Southern Miss Department of Nutrition and Food Systems Participates in Pathways2Possibilities

By Hanna Knowles

More than 6,000 eighth grade students from the lower six counties of Mississippi explored different careers, ranging from journalism to engineering, at Pathways2Possibilities. The interactive career fair, held at the Mississippi Coast Convention Center on Nov. 13-14, was designed to help students figure out how to turn their passions into a career path.

The University of Southern Mississippi’s Department of Nutrition and Food Systems was located down the Health Sciences pathway. Representing dietitians, the department demonstrated how they inform the public about healthy eating habits. Their overall message was “Energy In, Energy Out.” Students were able to calculate the amount of time it would take them to burn off a certain amount of calories.

Southern Miss Department Undergoes Administrative Reorganization

By Van Arnold

In an effort to create better synergy, while strengthening the overall administrative structure, the School of Human Performance and Recreation (HP&R) at The University of Southern Mississippi has instituted a significant reorganization plan.

Under the new restructuring, the School will include three assistant directors, three administrative assistants and a coordinator of student services. Previously, the organizational chart featured one director, two assistant directors, two administrative assistants and a coordinator of student services.

Those assuming the roles of assistant directors and their areas of responsibility include:

- Dr. Nancy Speed, student success
- Dr. Gary Krebs, curriculum and assessment
- Dr. Scott Piland, faculty development and research promotion

Southern Miss School of Social Work Fall Colloquium Addresses Social Justice

By Hanna Knowles

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