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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For more information on College of Health alumni groups and related activities, contact Ryan Kelly, director of external relations, at 601.266.5103 or michael.kelly@usm.edu.

School of Nursing Director Continues Leadership on Regional Board

Article by Ryan Kelly

Dr. Katherine Nugent, director of the Southern Miss School of Nursing, has recently been appointed a second term as vice president of the Council on Collegiate Education for Nursing of the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB).

The Board is a leading advocate for nursing education, and the SREB Council on Collegiate Education for Nursing helps to expand and strengthen schools of nursing at colleges and universities through projects, conferences and an initiative for online learning. The SREB consists of 16 states, and promotes the full spectrum of nursing education.

Nugent has been a part of the SREB for 24 years, and has served on the advisory board, the board of directors, and most recently on the Council on Collegiate Education for Nursing.

Nugent notes that her desire for taking leadership roles in the nursing profession is to “help to fill the void of nurses needed for quality healthcare in the nation.”

The SREB expects that nearly 40,000 new nurses will be needed each year to provide adequate healthcare in hospitals, clinics, and other local health providers.

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College of Health Celebrates Homecoming

By Ryan Kelly

The College of Health will celebrate Homecoming, 2011, with a variety of events for its alumni. Events begin early on Saturday, October 22 as the Athletic Training Alumni Group hosts its 16th annual ATEP 5k Eagle run at 8 a.m. at the Southern Miss Eagle Walk.

Later in the afternoon, the MPH, Nursing, and Nutrition Alumni Groups will host a tailgate on Centennial Green in Shoemaker Square from noon until 6 p.m. All alumni of these programs are invited to attend and reunite with former classmates, enjoy refreshments, and listen to music in a spirited pre-game atmosphere.

In addition to the festivities, Southern Miss Nursing alumnus Raylawni Branch will be inducted into the Alumni Association’s Hall of Fame on Friday, October 21.

College of Health Alumni Spotlight

Scott Herrin ’75, ’76

Scott Herrin is the new Associate Dean for Athletics at Cuyamaca College. He previously served as Director of College Development at MiraCosta College, and as the Associate Athletic Director at Portland State University. Scott has a BS and MS from Southern Miss in Coaching and Sport Administration, and is currently completing requirements for his PhD in Educational Leadership at San Diego State University.

Dean’s Blog

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, October 11
Honors College Forum - Global Health Focus - Bennett Auditorium - Hattiesburg

Wednesday, October 12
Public Health Symposium - Thad Cochran Center ballroom - Hattiesburg campus

October 18 - 20

Saturday, October 21
Homecoming - ATEP 5k, Alumni Group Tailgating

Thursday, November 3
Public Health Symposium - Flemming Education Center Auditorium - Gulf Park 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.

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11th Annual Public Health Symposium Focuses on Global Health Challenges

Article by Ryan Kelly

From environmental changes to emerging diseases, global health presents a major challenge to the world of public health.

This will be the overarching theme of the 11th Annual Public Health Symposium sponsored by the Department of Community Health Sciences and the Southern Mississippi Area Health Education Center (SMAHEC).

This year’s symposium will be held on both the Hattiesburg and Gulf Park campuses. The Hattiesburg campus event is set for 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 12 in the Thad Cochran Center ballroom. The Gulf Park event is scheduled for 8 a.m.-noon on Thursday, Nov. 3 in the Fleming Education Center Auditorium.

The global health discussion will include topics of climate change, food safety, emerging world diseases and the epidemic of bed bugs, among other subjects. The symposium will also feature distinguished speakers covering a wide range of topics.

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Southern Miss College of Health Initiates Visibility Campaign to Spur Enrollment

Article by Ryan Kelly

The University of Southern Mississippi’s College of Health recently began a public relations campaign with the goal of increasing visibility and understanding of the programs and courses offered.

Referred to as the “College of Health Top 20,” the campaign aims to inform students, faculty, staff, and alumni of the top reasons to become part of the College of Health.

Dr. Michael Forster, dean of the College of Health, describes the campaign as, “an important means of showing the enormous success of the College year after year, and a way to invite students to become part of the College family by enrolling in one of our outstanding programs.”

For students, the campaign encourages enrollment in one of the various programs by promoting the continued outlook for growth of healthcare careers and the high percentage of students who have obtained jobs in their respective career field within only months of graduation.

For faculty and staff, the campaign shows the excellence that the college’s researchers and professors maintain through growth in external funding, excellence in education, and a strong advisement and student support platform.

For alumni and friends, promotion of the college’s centers and institutes such as The Children’s Center for Communication and Development, DuBard School for Language Disorders and Family Network Partnership help to show how the college focuses on community partnerships as an outlet for educational training and community support.

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Southern Miss Gulf Coast to Host Therapeutic Recreation Conference

Article by Ryan Kelly

The University of Southern Mississippi is known for its leadership in the area of therapeutic recreation. This leadership will once again be prominent when the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification (NCTRC) Board of Directors presents educational sessions at a conference set for Oct. 20 at the Southern Miss Gulf Park campus in Long Beach, Miss.

The conference will run from 9:15 a.m. until 3:45 p.m. at the Fleming Education Center and is open to anyone interested. Cost for the conference is $10 for the workshop fee (which includes lunch), and an additional $10 for the available continuing education units.

The conference, titled “Coastal Horizons: Networking with the NCTRC,” is a chance for therapeutic recreation professionals and students to meet the board of directors of the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification (NCTRC) Board of Directors presents educational sessions at a conference set for Oct. 20 at the Southern Miss Gulf Park campus in Long Beach, Miss.

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