



College of Health Professions

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For Your Information – August 1, 2013

Welcome to two new department chairs – You are invited to join Imaging and Radiation Sciences, Dental Hygiene, and the dean's office to meet the college's two new department chairs – **Jim Bellamy** and **Melissa (Mitzi) Efurd**.

New Chair Welcome Reception
Tuesday, August 6, 3:30-4:30 pm
Administration West Building, 3rd Floor

Meet your colleagues – The College of Health Professions welcomes **Jim Bellamy**, new chair of the Department of Imaging and Radiation Sciences, and **Melissa (Mitzi) Efurd**, new chair of the Department of Dental Hygiene. Jim, who was named department chair on July 1, is a multiple-graduate of UAMS. He graduated from our college in 1998 with a bachelor's degree in Nuclear Medicine Technology, and then he went on to earn his advanced certificate in diagnostic medical sonography the next year – with high honors. His Master of Public Health degree (2006) and his Doctor of Philosophy (2013) were awarded by UAMS's College of Public Health. Besides being department chair, Jim also directs the Nuclear Medicine Advanced Associate.

Mitzi Efurd joined the college as chair of the Department of Dental Hygiene on August 1. Mitzi, too, is a graduate of the College of Health Professions, having earned both her certificate (1977) and bachelor's degree in Dental Hygiene (1979). She went on to earn her Master of Science in Dental Hygiene Education at the University of Missouri-Kansas City (2009), from one of the nation's premier graduate programs in dental hygiene, and her Doctor of Education degree at the University of Arkansas Fayetteville. Mitzi comes to UAMS from the University of Arkansas Fort Smith, where she was the executive director of the dental hygiene education program. While at Fort Smith, Mitzi led the dental hygiene program to establish a Bachelor of Science program.

Timely Matters

August 8 – The Influence of Positive Impressions and Customer Service, 9:00-11:00, employee development workshop. To register for a class [click here](#) for Training Tracker and search by class title

August 9 – Coaching and Positive Feedback, 9:00-12:00, employee development workshop. To register for a class [click here](#) for Training Tracker and search by class title

August 13 – New Student Academic Convocation and Reception, 8:00-10:00. Department chairs, program directors, and deans attend in academic regalia.

August 13 – New Student Registration, Student Study Center (Building 6A), 1:00-3:00 (DH, HIM, CRC, RIS, RA, MLS)

August 14 – New Student Registration, Student Study Center (Building 6A), 8:30-2:00 (AUD, NMIS, D&N, MDOS, OMT, EMS, CYTO, ST, DMS)

August 15 – Dean's Society Grant Application Deadline; [Click here](#) for information and application forms



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