Nutrition students and faculty are 10-for-10 – It’s a clean sweep – students and faculty in the Department of Dietetics and Nutrition recently received word that all 10 of the abstracts they submitted have been accepted for the upcoming meeting of Experimental Biology 2014 in San Diego, April 26-30. Congratulations to the following students, former students, and faculty:

- **Alison Bailey** – Vitamin D intake among adults of varying age, race, and gender. Faculty mentors: Dana Gonzales, Tina Crook, Reza Hakkak
- **JoAnna Hamlin** – Correlation between dietary intake and plasma levels of choline and betaine in children with autism. Faculty mentors: Tina Crook, Jill James, Dana Gonzales, Reza Hakkak
- **Laura Norman** – Evaluation of behavior changes in physical activity after implementation of CATCH Kids Club. Faculty mentors: Dana Gonzales, Tina Crook, Reza Hakkak
- **Elizabeth Drake** – Examination of the knowledge and consumption of fruits and vegetables of 7-11 year old children at the Boys & Girls Club. Faculty mentors: Dana Gonzales, Tina Crook, Reza Hakkak
- **Avigail Rhodes Hereford** – Evaluating face validity of a parent survey used to evaluate a supplemental nutrition assistance program - Education Youth Program in Arkansas. Faculty mentors: Josh Phelps, Rosemary Rodibaugh, Tina Crook, Dana Gonzales, Reza Hakkak
- **Molly Bowden** – Examination of relationships among dietary factors and bone mineral density in adolescents. Faculty mentors: Josh Phelps, Tina Crook, Dana Gonzales, Reza Hakkak
- **Reza Hakkak**, Soheila Korourian, Oleksanda Pavliv, Stepan Melnyk – Serum metabolic profile of the 7, 12-dimethylbenz(a)anthracene (DMBA)-induced mammary tumor in obese Zucker rat model
- **Reza Hakkak**, Soheila Korourian, Steven Foley, Bruce Erickson – Effects of obesity on gut microbiota using the obese Zucker rat model
- **Reza Hakkak**, Soheila Korourian, Oleksanda Pavliv, Stephan Melnyk – Effects of obesity on development of oxidative stress and DNA damages in liver of the obese Zucker rat

Timely Matters

**February 28 (Friday)** – Degree plans due in Registrar’s office – all new students

**March 14 (Friday)** – Last day to drop courses with “W” showing on transcript; afterward only grades of “WF” (Withdraw-Failing) or “WP” (Withdraw-Passing) will be assigned

**March 24-28 (Monday-Friday)** – College of Health Professions Spring Break – no classes

**March 26 (Wednesday)** – Deadline for submitting abstracts for 2014 Student Research Day

**May 2 (Friday)** – Last day to withdraw from classes

**May 9 (Friday)** – Grades due in the Registrar’s office for graduating students

**May 12-16 (Monday-Friday)** – Final examinations

**May 16 (Friday)** – Grades due in the Registrar’s office for all students not graduating in May; Last day to remove grade of “I” earned in fall 2013; Last day to submit outstanding documents for May graduation; End of spring semester

**May 17 (Saturday)** – Commencement, Verizon Arena, 3:00 pm; faculty expected to attend