Phone-a-Thon total passes $15,000 – College of Health Professions students raised almost $10,000 in pledges for scholarships at the annual Phone-a-Thon on Tuesday evening. That brings the total for the 2014 scholarship-raising event to $15,150 so far.

Over 80 students, faculty, and staff from 5 departments called hundreds of alumni and friends of the college and asked them to contribute to the college’s scholarship funds. The Department of Imaging and Radiation Sciences led the way, again, by raising $2350 in pledges. Other participating departments were:

- Audiology and Speech Pathology – $595
- Dental Hygiene - $1890
- Dietetics and Nutrition - $770
- Genetic Counseling - $420
- Health Information Management – $445
- Ophthalmic Medical Technology - $2120
- Respiratory and Surgical Technologies – $1065

Total pledges for Monday and Tuesday are:

- Audiology and Speech Pathology – $1795
- Dental Hygiene - $1890
- Dietetics and Nutrition - $770
- Genetic Counseling - $420
- Health Information Management – $825
- Imaging and Radiation Sciences - $4105
- Laboratory Sciences – $1390
- Ophthalmic Medical Technologies - $2120
- Respiratory and Surgical Technologies – $1835

Special guest for last night’s session was Craig Gilliam, director of prevention and control at Arkansas Children’s Hospital and alumnus of our Medical Laboratory Sciences program. Mr. Gilliam, who is a member of the College of Health Professions’ Advisory Board, was impressed that so many students were calling alumni and friends. He said that in the past when he received Phone-a-Thon calls, he imagined that there were 4 or 5 students in a room making the calls. He was surprised that upwards of 200 students and many faculty and staff members participate in Phone-a-Thon each year.

Special thanks to Verizon for donating the use of cell phones for the phones and to Catering to You for casserole, salad, garlic bread, and cookies. And thanks and congratulations to College of Health Professions students who help our alumni and friends stay in touch with our college.

The Phone-a-Thon continues Thursday night this week. We expect about 75 more students to help reach our goal of raising

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March 14 (Friday) – Last day to drop courses with “W” showing on transcript; afterward only grades of “WF” (Withdrawn-Failing) or “WP” (Withdrawn-Passing) will be assigned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
$25,000 to assist students with their educational expenses next year.

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