



College of Health Professions

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For Your Information – November 13, 2013

College of Health Professions awarded \$250,000 in grants

The dean's office received word last Tuesday that the Blue and You Foundation will award almost \$250,000 in grants to two College of Health Professions programs in 2014. The Department of Physician Assistant Studies (PA) will receive \$98,000, and the Center for Dental Education (CDE) will receive \$150,000. The PA grant will be used to promote the physician assistant profession throughout Arkansas and for further program development. The CDE grant will support rotations at UAMS and Arkansas Children's Hospital for approximately 28 senior dentistry students from the University of Tennessee (UT) dental school. UT students will come to Little Rock for two-week rotations where they will participate in enrichment activities ranging from clinical care in our Oral Health Clinic and Arkansas Children's Hospital, clinical scenarios, and seminars with dental professionals. Congratulations to **Trish Kelly**, chair of the Department of Physician Assistant Studies, and **Charles Cranford**, director of the Center for Dental Education for their successful applications.

The Blue and You Foundation is the charitable unit of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arkansas. This year the foundation awarded three grants to UAMS units – two to the College of Health Professions programs and one to UAMS Northwest.

Allied Health Professions Week a big success – Allied Health Professions Week was observed at UAMS last week, November 3-9. The College of Health Professions featured several events for students, faculty, and staff: Donuts with the Dean, Lunch and Learn, Dean's Society Gathering, and Scholarship Reception. Thanks to the individuals and committees – too numerous to list – who planned and hosted all the events with total participation of about 200-250. Thanks, especially, to members of the College's Advisory Board who attended the Dean's Society and the Scholarship Reception on Thursday afternoon and evening: **Judy Sims, Ted Penick, Laura Smith-Olinde, Jenny Teeter, Craig Gilliam, Garbo Hearne, Patty Monoson, and Billy Thomas.**

Timely Matters

November 28-29 (Thursday and Friday) – Thanksgiving Day Holiday. College offices closed; no classes

December 9-13 (Monday-Friday) – Final exam week

December 13 (Friday) – Grades due in registrar's office for graduating students

December 13 (Friday) – Last day to withdraw from fall courses

December 19 (Thursday) – Last day to submit outstanding documents for December graduation

December 19 (Thursday) – Deadline to remove "I" grades earned in summer 2013

December 19 (Thursday) – Grades due in registrar's office for continuing students

December 20 (Friday) – Fall semester ends

December 21 (Saturday) – Fall graduation; no commencement ceremony



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