Welcome, Lyndsay, to the Welcome Center! – The College of Health Professions welcomed Lindsay Johnson on Monday to the Welcome Center as our new student services specialist. Lyndsay will be responsible for academic advising and admissions for several programs: Communication Sciences and Disorders (Master of Science), Cytotechnology, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Dietetics Internship, Health Information Management, Ophthalmic Medical Technology, Physical Therapy, Respiratory Care, and Surgical Technology. Lyndsay assumes some of the responsibilities formerly handled by Phyllis Fields, now assistant dean for student affairs. As assistant dean, Phyllis has taken on more administrative and oversight duties in the Welcome Center.

Lyndsay graduated from the University of Central Arkansas with a bachelor’s degree in Public Relations. And she earned her master’s degree in College Student Personnel from Arkansas Tech University in Russellville. Before coming to the College of Health Professions, Lyndsay served in the Office of Financial Aid and as a Scholarships and Study Abroad Counselor at Philander Smith College. Previously she worked at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock in the Donaghey Scholars Program.

Lyndsay’s office is located in the college’s Welcome Center, third floor of Administration West Building, and she can be reached at 686-5722 or LJohnson4@uams.edu. Please drop by the Welcome Center to welcome Lyndsay.

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Timely Matters

September 17 (Today) – Account deactivation (email, Blackboard, online library resources, etc.) for students who have not verified health insurance coverage

September 18 – Classroom schedules and videoconference requests for spring 2015 due to dean’s office

September 23 – New Faculty Development session – Principles of Effective Teaching, 11:30-1:30, Winters Conference Room, 3rd Floor Administration West Building; all faculty welcome

September 24-26 – Rosh Hashanah (Judaism); for more information, click here

September 29 – College of Health Professions Student Council Meeting, 12:00-1:00, I Dodd Wilson Building Room 105 A/B

September 30 – New Faculty Development session – Active Learning Strategies, 11:30-1:00, Winters Conference Room, 3rd Floor Administration West Building; all faculty welcome

September 30 – Deadline for completing student HIPAA training

October 1 – New student degree plans due in the dean’s office

October 1 – Deadline to submit spring textbook lists to the UAMS Bookstore

October 3-4 – Yom Kippur (Judaism); for more information click here

October 4-7 – Eid al Adha (Islam); for more information click here

October 7 – New Faculty Development session – Informal Assessment of Student Learning, 11:30-1:00, Winters Conference Room, 3rd Floor Administration West Building; all faculty welcome

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