



## College of Health Professions

for your information - news for faculty and staff

For Your Information – September 3, 2013

**What does FERPA have to do with it?** – If you've been working in higher education for even a short time, you've probably heard someone invoke "FERPA" in ominous tones. And if you're like most other faculty and staff, you probably didn't know exactly what they were talking about, to be honest.

FERPA stands for "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act" and it's the federal law and regulations that govern students' access to their records, to whom we can talk about students' grades, whether students have the right to read letters of recommendation, and a host of sticky issues that we all – faculty and staff – need to know about.

Here's your chance to learn more – what FERPA says, what we should and should not do, students' right to privacy, what happens to UAMS if we violate the law, and how to get help if you have questions about FERPA.

**Faculty and FERPA:  
Supporting Institutional Compliance  
Thursday, September 26, 1:00-3:00 pm  
I Dodd Wilson Building 226**

Although the title says "Faculty and FERPA" the content should be applicable to anyone who has contact with students, deals with education records, etc. In the interactive webinar, you will learn how to:

- Gain a concise but practical appreciation of FERPA and student privacy
  - Understand the regulatory definition of student information and disclosure
  - Identify applications of FERPA in and out of the classroom, including implications for grading, student counseling, online learning and communications with students
  - Reference best practices for dealing with parents and other parties requesting information about students
  - Understand FERPA requirements regarding letters of recommendation
- Following the webinar, **Tom Pilgreen**, associate dean for student success will lead a follow-up discussion to address specific concerns and questions.

### Timely Matters

**September 3 (Tuesday), 12:00-1:30 – New Faculty Development Series** Session 1, Winters Conference Room, Admin West Building

**September 4 (Wednesday), 4:00-5:30 – UAMS Showcase of Medical Discoveries-Personalized Medicine**, sponsored by the College of Medicine and the Vice Chancellor for Research, Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute, 10<sup>th</sup> floor

**September 6 (Friday), 12:00 – Service-Learning Scavenger Hunt**; faculty, staff, and students; watch your email for further information

**September 12 (Thursday), 4:00-5:00 – Dietetics and Nutrition Seminar Series**, Surgeon General Joe Thompson will speak about "Accelerating Progress in Obesity Prevention;" Room G/219 College of Public Health

**September 17 (Tuesday) – Deadline for students to confirm health insurance coverage**; students not confirmed will be locked out of network (Blackboard, library, email, etc.)



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