Physician Assistant Studies gets $20,000 grant – The Verizon Foundation recently awarded a $20,000 grant to the Department of Physician Assistant Studies to develop curriculum materials on domestic violence awareness and prevention for health professionals. Trish Kelly, chair of the department, is the principal investigator for the grant. The grant application was written and submitted by Trish and Brooke Ivy, development officer for the College of Health Professions.

Welcome, new colleagues! – Three new colleagues have come to the college through the Center for Dental Education as we gear up to open the UAMS Oral Health Clinic. Toshua Thomas (left) graduated with a bachelor’s degree from our Dental Hygiene program in 2012. Toshua was a dental assistant before she became a dental hygienist. Erica Toots (middle) and Tiffany London (right) are our new dental assistants. They graduated from Eastern College’s dental assisting program and are experienced in both general dentistry and endodontic dentistry, as well as dental office administration. We are planning an open house event for the Oral Health Clinic on Friday, January 4, and grand opening on Monday, January 7.

Get help with that grant application – UAMS’s Office of Grants and Scientific Publications (OSGP) can assist faculty with writing grant proposals and manuscripts for publication. OSGP’s science writers and editors can help to make your manuscripts more publishable and your grant proposals more competitive. For more information go to the OSGP website. You can also get more information by visiting OSGP’s Facebook page: www.facebook.com/UAMSOGSP (click on “Like.”)

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Timely Matters

December 11 (Tuesday), 8:30-12:30 – Performance Management. For information about UAMS employee development workshops go to 2012 Training Schedule or contact Michelle Phillips (mwphillips2@uams.edu).

December 14 – Last day for students to drop courses or withdraw

December 18 – Grades for graduating students due in the Registrar’s office

December 21 – Grades for all other students due in Registrar’s office

December 21 – Fall semester ends

December 22 – Official graduation date for fall semester; degrees awarded

December 24 and 25 – Christmas holiday observance; no classes, and CHP offices will be closed

January 4 – Open House for the Oral Health Clinic

January 7 – Grand Opening of the Oral Health Clinic

January 9 – Registration and first day of classes for Spring semester