12th Street Center is open for business – Friday, January 18th marked the opening of the UAMS 12th Street Health and Wellness Center, which will provide free health screenings and information to residents in the neighborhood around the center. The interdisciplinary center includes services by students and faculty across the UAMS colleges of health professions, pharmacy, medicine, public health, nursing, and medicine.

"This effort signifies everything that UAMS is about," UAMS Chancellor Dan Rahn said in a recent news release. "It brings together students and faculty from across campus and offers it directly where it’s needed most in the community." CHP programs participating in the Center include audiology, dental hygiene, dietetics and nutrition, ophthalmic medical technology, physician assistant, respiratory care, and speech pathology. For more information about how you or your department can participate, contact center director Lanita White at LSWhite@uams.edu or (501) 686-5433.

CHP Phone-a-thon plans are shaping up – The annual CHP Phone-a-thon is just over a month away! In an effort to get ahead of the flurry of spring activities, exams, and plans for Commencement, Phone-a-thon will take place on February 25, 26, and 28. With assistance from the College Advancement Committee and the Dean's Office, the 2013 Phone-a-thon will be better than ever! Our goal is to raise $25,000 for scholarships, an increase of $5,000 from last year. Deborah Taylor will soon be contacting department chairs to recruit student volunteers to make calls during one evening shift (5:00 pm - 8:30 pm). Please encourage your students to volunteer for one shift to assist in raising funds for scholarships! Dinner will be provided for all volunteers, and a variety of fun prizes will be awarded to students! This year, additional training will be provided for students before they begin calling.

As always, donors can designate their gift to a specific scholarship or department or to the general scholarship fund. All departments will be represented on the Phone-a-thon pledge form. In mid-February, a special letter will be mailed to alumni and past donors to encourage donations prior to Phone-a-thon. Questions about Phone-a-thon? Contact Brooke Ivy at (501) 686-7203.

One more thing... – This year’s Phone-a-thon travels to the UAMS Northwest campus in Fayetteville on February 19 (tentative) for that campus’s first experience with the scholarship fundraiser.

Timely Matters

February 18 – President’s Day Holiday; no classes and CHP offices will be closed

March 13 – Last day to drop classes with a grade of W; grades of WF (withdraw failing) or WP (withdraw passing) must be assigned after March 13

March 18-22 – Spring Break; no classes but CHP offices will be open

May 9 – Hooding Ceremony for master’s and doctoral graduates, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Stella Boyle Smith Recital Hall, 6:00 pm

May 10 – Last day to withdraw from classes

May 10 – Deadline for sending spring semester grades to the Registrar for graduating students

May 12 – Commencement, Verizon Arena, North Little Rock, Arkansas

May 13-17 – Final Exam Week

May 17 – Deadline for sending spring semester grades to the Registrar for all other students

May 17 – Last day to remove I grades (Incomplete) for fall 2012 classes

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