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## For Your Information – February 10, 2016

### Dietetics and Nutrition presents at national conferences

– The Department of Dietetics and Nutrition has had a record number of research posters and presentations accepted for national conferences – 14 in all, so far. In fact, every abstract that was submitted, 14 out of 14, has been accepted by peer reviewers. In the list below, department faculty names are in bold type, and students' names are in bold type with an asterisk. Congratulations to these faculty and student scholars!

#### Experimental Biology 2016, San Diego, April 2-6

- Bahram Arjmandi, **Rafaela Feresin**, Sarah Johnson, Arturo Figueroa, Shirin Pourafshar, Jeremiah Campbell, Salvador Jaime, Negin Navaei, Marcus Elam, Stacey Alvarez-Alvarado, Neda Akhavan, Gershon Tenenbaum, Kenneth Brummel-Smith. *Effects of strawberry consumption on vascular parameters in pre- and stage 1-hypertensive postmenopausal women: a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial.*
- \***Elizabeth Delavan, Tina Crook, Josh Phelps, Reza Hakkak**. *Associations between weight-related variable, gender, and age in overweight and obese preadolescents and adolescents.*
- **Rafaela Feresin**, Sarah Johnson, Shirin Pourafshar, Marcus Elam, Negin Navaei, Neda Akhavan, Arturo Figueroa, Gershon Tenenbaum, Kenneth Brummel-Smith, Bahram Arjmandi. *Daily consumption of strawberries for eight weeks increases serum levels of IGF-1 in postmenopausal women.*
- **Reza Hakkak**, \***Andrea Bell**, Soheila Korourian. *Effects of obesity and soy protein diet on feed intake and serum leptin level in female Zucker rats.*
- **Reza Hakkak**, Soheila Korourian, Teresa Evans, Oleksanda Pavliv, Alex Harb, Stepan Melnyk. *Effect of obesity on liver metabolic and morphological profile in Zucker rats.*
- **Reza Hakkak**, Soheila Korourian, Steven Foley, Bruce Erickson. *Effects of obesity and soy diet on gut microbiota using obese Zucker rat model.*
- **Reza Hakkak**, Soheila Korourian, Matthew Niedoba, Andrea Romani. *Effects of obesity on serum and hepatic cations in Zucker rat model.*
- Jingwen Huang, **Rafaela Feresin**, Yitong Zhao, Shirin Pourafshar, Bahram Arjmandi, Gloria Salazar. *Blackberry polyphenol reduce Nox1 function to inhibit senescence in vascular smooth muscle cells.*
- \***Tiffany Hurlimann, Josh Phelps, Tina Crook, Reza Hakkak**. *Current nutrition screening & assessment practices in use according to members of the Texas and Arkansas Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.*

### Timely Matters

For College of Health Professions **Dates to Remember**, bookmark <http://healthprofessions.uams.edu/faculty-and-staff/dates-to-remember/>

**February 10** – Ash Wednesday (Christian)

**February 14** – Valentine's Day

**February 15** – Presidents' Day Holiday – no classes and college offices are closed

**February 16** – New/revised course syllabi and other academic program changes due to Curriculum Committee (15<sup>th</sup> of each month)

**February 18** – Student Council meeting, I. Dodd Wilson Building Room 105, 4:00 pm

**February 22-23** – College of Health Professions Scholarship Phonathon

**March 1** – Promotion and Tenure Committee election

**March 2** – First day of The Nineteen Day Fast (Baha'i); ends March 20

**March 7-8** – Inclement weather alternate date for College of Health Professions Phonathon

**March 8** – Classroom requests for fall semester due in the dean's office

**March 8** – College of Health Professions Advisory Board spring meeting, 11:30-1:00, Winters Conference Room, Administration West Building

**March 8** – Maha Shivaratri (Hindu)

**March 11** – Deadline for submitting nominations for Staff Excellence Awards

- **Josh Phelps**, Lanita White, Stephany Parker. *Community perspectives of health care and education provided through a student-run free clinic in an urban setting.*
- \***Katie Rhodes, Tina Crook, Josh Phelps, Reza Hakkak.** *Effect of food allergies on growth in children.*
- Huawei Zeng, David Taussig, Wen-Hsing Cheng, **Reza Hakkak.** *Butyrate plays differential roles in cellular signaling in cancerous HCT116 and concancerous NCM460 colon cells.*

**2016 National Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) Conference, Arlington, VA, March 13-17**

- Serena Fuller, Mari Wilhelm, **Josh Phelps**, Susan Baker, Linda Boeckner, Hazel Forsythe, Brenda Sheik, Jennifer Walsh. *A multi-state, qualitative study of the group 24-hour recall diet assessment.*

**American Association for Cancer Research, New Orleans  
April 16-20**

- **Reza Hakkak**, Soheila Korourian, Teresa Evans, Oleksandra Pavliv and Stepan Melnyk. *Effects of Dehydroepiandrosterone (DHEA) treatment on serum methylation, oxidative and nitrosative stress biomarkers in DMBA-induced mammary tumors of obese Zucker rats.*

**March 11** – Last day to drop spring courses with a grade of “W”

**March 13** – Daylight Savings Time begins

**March 14** – Promotion and Tenure Committee election – deadline to submit ballots

**March 15** – New/revised course syllabi and other academic program changes due to Curriculum Committee (15<sup>th</sup> of each month)

**March 17** – Student council meeting, 4:00, I. Dodd Wilson Building, Room 105

**March 20** – Last day of The Nineteen Day Fast (Baha’i); began March 2

**March 20** – Naw Ruz (New Year) (Baha’i)



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