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July 2018

Mitzi Efurd Leaves UAMS to Accept New Position

Mitzi Efurd, chair and program director of the Department of Dental Hygiene, will be leaving CHP on July 27th to begin a new position as Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs at the Arkansas College of Osteopathic Medicine in Fort Smith. Dr. Efurd arrived at UAMS in 2013 to lead the program through a very successful accreditation site visit and has been integral in leading the department through curriculum revision and improved program outcomes. She has also served the college and the university through her dedication to IPE and the 12th Street Health and Wellness Center. It is with sadness, but also great pride, that we see her leave. Best wishes, Mitzi!



Mitzi Efurd

Stephen Beetstra Receives Endowed Chair

Stephen Beetstra, dental service chief at Arkansas Children's Hospital and Associate Professor in the UAMS Center for Dental Education, has been named as the recipient of the ACH Auxiliary, Frueauff and Windgate Endowed Chair in Pediatric Dentistry. An endowed chair is the highest academic honor that can be bestowed on distinguished faculty and is indicative of his commitment, dedication, and performance. Congratulations on this wonderful honor, Stephen!



Stephen Beetstra

THIS MONTH

July 6 – Early registration for fall semester ends

July 10 – Promotion and/or Tenure candidate credentials due to department chair

July 16 – Deadline for Dean's Society grant applications

July 23-30 – Regular registration for Physician Assistant second-year students

July 23 – August 13 – Regular registration for all other CHP students

July 26-27 – UAMS Teaching with Technology Symposium

July 31 – CHP Scholarship notification letters are mailed out

August 13 – New student academic convocation

Harold Shray Appointed as Chair, Program Director

Congratulations to Harold Shray, who has been appointed as chair and program director of the Department of Emergency Medical Sciences effective June 5. Harold's appointment to the department began in 1998 as an adjunct faculty appointment. In 2008, he was appointment as an Instructor. He was promoted to Assistant Professor in 2018. Harold will lead the Department through an accreditation site visit in October and the EMT and Paramedic programs' transfer of accreditation sponsorship to University of Arkansas—Pulaski Tech. Congratulations, Harold!



Harold Shray

Sherry Muir Selected for Leadership Institute

Sherry Muir, chair and program director of the Department of Occupational Therapy, has been selected to participate in the Academic Leadership Institute sponsored by the American Occupational Therapy Association. The Institute provides active learning opportunities, mentorship experiences, and network activities to engage OT faculty members seeking to advance their skills and knowledge in academic leadership. The Institute consists of a two-day intensive workshop followed by seven monthly online modules and participation in monthly facilitated group mentoring sessions. Congratulations, Sherry!



Sherry Muir

Laboratory Science Students Awarded Scholarships

Marie Reichert, enrolled in the Medical Laboratory Sciences program, and Shanario Whitfield, enrolled in the Cytotechnology program, have been awarded \$1,000 scholarships from the American Society of Clinical Pathology Foundation. The ASCP Foundation Laboratory Student Scholarship assists academically high-achieving laboratory students with expenses related to their education. Congratulations, Marie and Shanario!



Marie Reichert



Shanario Whitfield

Audiology Student Selected for Research Travel Award

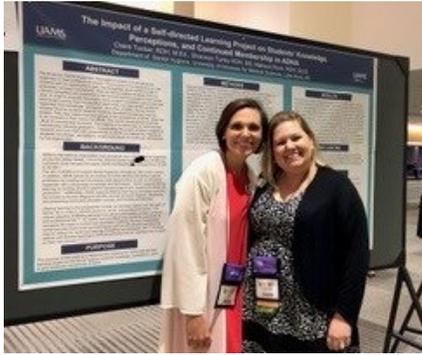
Au.D./Ph.D. student, Evan Finley, in the Department of Audiology and Speech Pathology, recently received a competitive Audiology/Hearing Science Research Travel Award (ARTA) to attend the 2018 American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) convention in November to be held in Boston, MA. Evan will be among a select number of other Au.D. and Ph.D. students and will have opportunities to collaborate and discuss research in the field of audiology. While in attendance, Evan will also participate in a number of educational sessions to improve his understanding of the contemporary mechanisms and strategies used to further research interests. There will also be a number of opportunities for him to network with both fellow students and professionals currently working in the field. Congratulations, Evan!



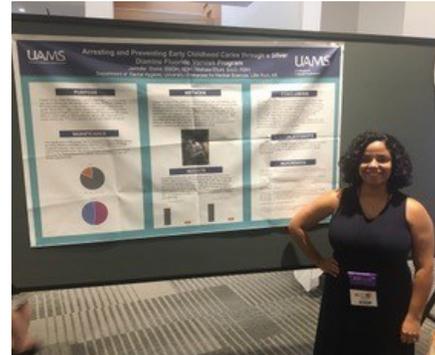
Evan Finley

First-Time to Present Nationally for Two Dental Hygiene Faculty

Jennifer Stane, Claire Tucker, Shannon Turley, and Mitzi Efurd attended the annual session of the American Dental Hygienists' Association in Columbus, Ohio, June 21st – 24th. Jennifer Stane and Shannon Turley, both instructors in the Department of Dental Hygiene, presented their first posters at a national meeting. Also attending and presenting were Mitzi Efurd, Associate Professor, and Claire Tucker, Assistant Professor. Shannon and Claire also attended as Arkansas delegates to the House of Delegates of the American Dental Hygienists' Association. Congratulations, Jennifer, Shannon, Claire, and Mitzi!



Claire Tucker and Shannon Turley



Jennifer Stane

Reza Hakkak Interviewed on TheHealthHub Podcast

Reza Hakkak, chair of the Department of Dietetics and Nutrition, was interviewed for TheHealthHub podcast on May 29, 2018. TheHealthHub is based in Toronto, Canada. During this one-hour interview, Dr. Hakkak discussed the effects of nutrition and diet on cancer prevention and promotion; the effects of obesity on promotion of several chronic diseases such as colorectal cancer and breast cancer; and the role of the microbiome in the development of disease and how to promote a healthy microbiome. You can listen to the podcast at: <https://soundcloud.com/thehealthhub/the-influence-of-diet-and-nutrition-on-the-prevention-of-chronic-diseases-with-dr-reza-hakkak>



Reza Hakkak

Nathan Johnson Recognized as a Leadership Expert

Nathan Johnson, chair of the Laboratory Sciences program, has been invited to speak at a unique new event where the top 30 pathology residents in the United States and Canada will receive leadership, management and business training. The event is called *JUST SAY KNOW! From Mentoring to High Performance* and is jointly sponsored by the American Society for Clinical Pathology and the US and Canadian Academy of Pathology. It will be held in Palm Springs, California, in December. Dr. Johnson has identified this as a unique opportunity to incorporate interprofessional collaboration practice ideals as these young pathologists will be leading medical labs for the next 30-40 years. His presentation, entitled “*Change Management Skills and Transformation Insights*,” aims to develop strategic and change management skills that include positive effect on personnel. He will also co-lead a Change Panel Q&A session. Congratulations, Nathan!



Nathan Johnson

CJ Carrell Assists HOD with Cereal Drive

Thanks for donating to the Summer Cereal Drive (Arkansas Food Bank) through the UAMS House of Delegates (HOD). The cereal drive is for children and families in Central Arkansas who would otherwise go without the most important meal of the day – breakfast.

The HOD’s goal this year was \$5,000 or 5,000 boxes of non-perishable breakfast items/cereal. This year, cash/online donations outnumbered the cereal donations as each dollar donated counted as one box of cereal. We don’t have the total count over all, but CHP placed second with \$375!! UAMS Procurement placed first with College of Medicine placing third.



CJ Carrell with HOD Members

Five CHP Faculty Hold “Master IPE Facilitator” Certification

Lisa Rhoden and Layla Simmons are the newest CHP faculty to have earned the status of “Master Facilitator.” They join the ranks of Erna Boone, Mitzi Efurd, and Tiffany Lepard-Tassin who have also earned this certification.

IPE Facilitator Certification requires training in evidence-based IPE educational methods including a half-day workshop, online training materials, live observation of IPE teaching activities with debriefing, and co-leading an IPE event with structured feedback. IPE Master Facilitator Certification requires the above Facilitator training plus additional training to be an IPE Facilitator in three or more IPE events with consistent demonstration of excellence in facilitation skills across events and a commitment to IPE education at UAMS.



Lisa Rhoden and Layla Simmons

MASTER FACILITATORS

Erna Boone	Cardio-Respiratory Care
Mitzi Efurd	Dental Hygiene
Tiffany Lepard-Tassin	Genetic Counseling
Lisa Rhoden	Radiologic Imaging Sciences
Layla Simmons	Diagnostic Medical Sonography

CERTIFIED FACILITATORS

Deziree Arnett	Radiologic Imaging Sciences	Susan Long	Dean’s Office
Alicia Baird	Ophthalmic Medical Technology	Karen Smith	Health Information Management
Melissa Clark	Physician Assistant Studies	Jennifer Stane	Dental Hygiene
Tonya Cook	Cardio-Respiratory Care	Amber Teigen	Physician Assistant Studies
Theresa Gramlich	Cardio-Respiratory Care	Kathy Trawick	Health Information Management
Angel Holland	Physical Therapy	Claire Tucker	Dental Hygiene
Jason Key	Medical Laboratory Sciences	Shannon Turley	Dental Hygiene

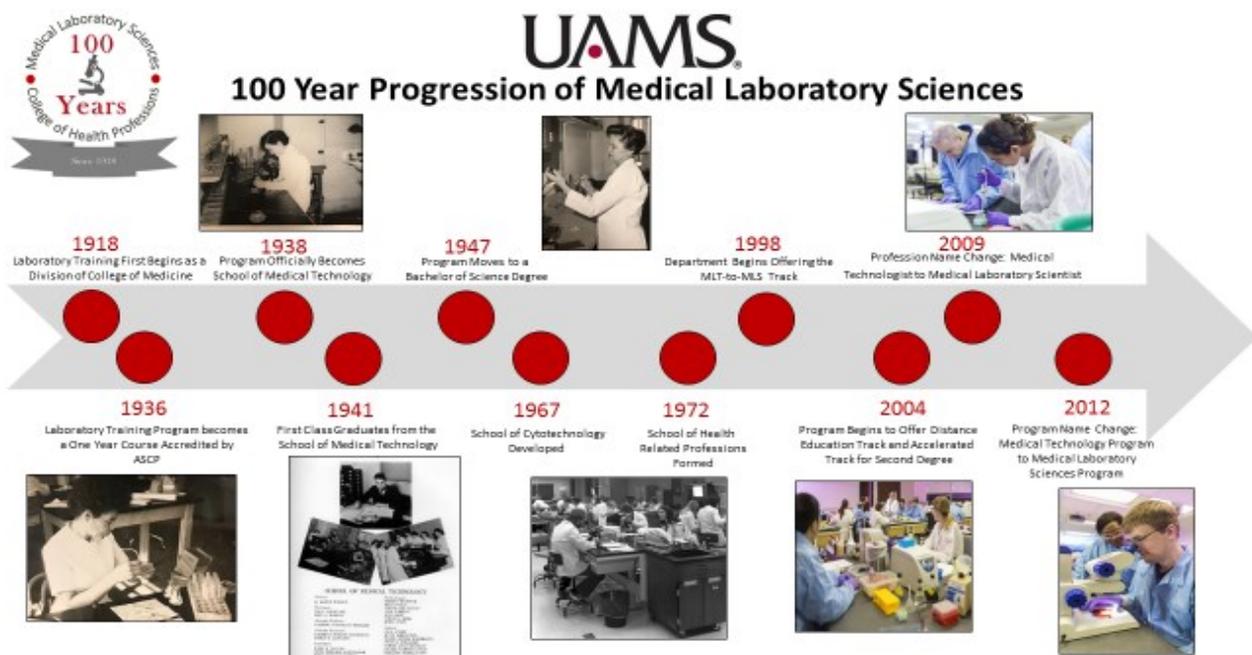
Medical Laboratory Sciences Plans 100 Year Anniversary Celebration

The CHP Medical Laboratory Sciences Program is excited to celebrate its 100th year! The training of laboratory professionals first began at UAMS in 1918 as a division of the School of Medicine. The program officially became the School of Medical Technology in 1938 with the first graduates of this school in 1941. The program transitioned from offering a one year certificate to a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1947. The School of Medical Technology, together with the School of Cytotechnology, School of Dental Hygiene and the School of X-Ray Technology formed the School of Health Related Professions in 1972. The long running history of the Medical Laboratory Sciences program includes offering an online bridge track to transition those laboratory professionals with an Associate's degree to a Bachelor's degree, implementing a distant education option for learners, and establishing an accelerated track for those students who have already obtained a Bachelor's degree.



There is often confusion regarding the name of the profession. This is primarily due to the profession experiencing a name change, transitioning from medical technology to medical laboratory scientist. The MLS program continues to grow and adapt to new technological advances, taking pride in continuing to train quality laboratory scientists to be valuable members of the health care team, ultimately improving patient care.

The MLS Program will be hosting a 100 year celebration to occur in conjunction with the UAMS Alumni Weekend, scheduled for August 17-18. Events include a luncheon on Saturday, August 18, for program alumni, education coordinators, affiliated hospital professionals, and other community program supporters. Blair Holaday, Chief Executive Officer of the American Society for Clinical Pathology, is the keynote speaker. During the luncheon, awards will also be given: the MLS Distinguished Alumnus Award, the MLS Outstanding Service Award, and MLS Distinguished Faculty Service Award. Following the luncheon, attendees will have the opportunity to tour the academic laboratories on the ninth floor of the Education II Building, visit the hall of alumni names on the ground floor of the Education II Building, and tour the UAMS Clinical Laboratory. An ice cream social hour follows the tour, where attendees will have the opportunity to network and interact with other.



Special Opportunity to Join the CHP Dean's Society

The College of Health Professions Dean's Society was established to enhance and strengthen programs in education, research and service within the college. Since its inception in 2011, the College of Health Professions Dean's Society has made discretionary funds available to be used where they are needed most within the college.

There is a special Dean's Society membership level of \$250 or about \$21/month for all CHP Faculty and Staff. This can be payroll deducted. These funds are critical in propelling our college forward. Please encourage those you know who may have interest in supporting this fund to become a member. Contributions are tax deductible. For more information, please contact Christine Gronwald at cgronwald@uams.edu.

Call for Volunteers – UAMS Day of Giving

The 2nd annual UAMS Day of Giving is set for October 2, 2018, and volunteers are needed to ensure its success. Last year 1,050 donors gave more than \$356,000 to UAMS programs and projects in 24 hours. With your involvement, we can share the UAMS Day of Giving with more people and raise more money for all areas of UAMS.

Who: Any UAMS employee – the Annual Giving Office is looking for representatives all over campus.

What: You will help spread the word about the UAMS Day of Giving. *(You will be provided with all the tools you need.)*

When: You determine your time commitment. *(You are asked to help spread the word before and during the UAMS Day of Giving.)*

How: Email the Annual Giving Office at annualgiving@uams.edu to sign up.

Looking For A Way To Connect with Alumni? Try UAMS UConnect

Join [UAMS Connect](#) for access to an exclusive network with mentors and jobs that fit you best. The platform sits between Facebook and LinkedIn – offering alumni social and professional opportunities you won't find anywhere else. For a more experienced alum, it's a place to network, hear the latest school news and reminisce with old classmates. For our newest alumni, it's a great starting point!

▼ Mentor a student or young professional ▼ Advertise a job or find one ▼ Influence conversations ▼ Join a group ▼ Connect with friends and classmates ▼ Broaden your professional network ▼ Follow others on Facebook and LinkedIn ▼ Promote your own events and register for others ▼ Post your photos from 'back then' and now ▼ See UAMS news and social networks in one place.

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