The mission of UAMS is to improve the health, health care and well-being of Arkansans and of others in the region, nation and the world by Educating current and future health professionals and the public; Providing high quality, innovative health care and also providing specialty expertise not routinely available in community settings; and Advancing knowledge in areas of human health and disease and translating and accelerating discoveries into health improvements.

The College of Health Professions (CHP) serves the state of Arkansas as the primary arm of the University of Arkansas in offering programs that provide education, service, and research in the allied health professions.
UAMS Day of Giving

On Tuesday, October 2nd, UAMS will hold its second annual Day of Giving. This 24-hour challenge is meant to inspire increased support for patient care, student education, and vital research conducted at UAMS every day. With so many loyal and caring alumni, patients, families, employees and friends, we are confident we can raise $400,000 to further the UAMS mission. Donors can choose any area to support. The College of Health Professions will have a table set up near the Administration West Building to encourage participation and team spirit throughout the day. Volunteers are welcome to join the CHP Ambassadors for the Day of Giving to help make this day especially successful for all CHP programs. Please contact Christine Gronwald, Associate Director of Annual Giving at cgronwald@uams.edu for more information on how you can help. And, be sure to mark your calendar to join us on October 2nd beginning at 6am for 24 hours of philanthropy.

Everyone is encouraged to add the graphic below to their email signature to help get the word out for the UAMS Day of Giving.

Medical Laboratory Sciences Faculty Members
Receive Awards at National Meeting
The American Society of Clinical Laboratory Science held its 86th annual national meeting in Chicago, Illinois, July 29-Aug 3. During the awards ceremony, Cherika Robertson, faculty member in the Department of Laboratory Sciences, was awarded the ASCLS Voices Under 40 designation. The ASCLS Voices Under 40 Spotlight was developed to honor ASCLS members who have shown exceptional commitment to ASCLS, the laboratory profession, and their community at large at a young age in their professional careers. The candidates were selected based on involvement in professional, legislative, and civic arenas. Applications, nomination letters and personal statements were scored and ranked by a group of their peers. The top candidates were selected for 2018 and will be showcased throughout the 2018-19 ASCLS Membership year. Qualifications include age less than 40 years old, proof of boundless enthusiasm for the profession and for ASCLS. The individual is viewed as an ambassador for Medical Laboratory Science and for ASCLS.

Cherika Robertson and Lindsay Gilbert were also presented with the ASCLS Key to the Future Award. This award serves to recognize and reward ASCLS members who have demonstrated their leadership potential to the organization. The Key to the Future Program is administered by the ASCLS Leadership Development Committee and is intended to assist constituent societies in the development of potential leaders to serve at local, state, regional and national levels of the Society. Additionally, the program encourages appointments and nominations of these highly motivated members to positions of responsibility within the organization that will further their leadership development.

Image: Cherika Robertson receives the ASCLS Voices Under 40 Spotlight award during the national meeting Chicago, IL.

Medical Laboratory Sciences Celebrates 100 Years

Laboratory training first began at UAMS in 1918! Medical Laboratory Sciences (MLS) was the featured program from the College of Health Professions during the 2018 Alumni Weekend. The
Dean's Luncheon provided the perfect opportunity to celebrate such an exciting milestone of providing 100 years of quality laboratory education and training. The celebration was held on Saturday, August 18 in the Hospital Lobby Gallery. The event included a catered lunch, followed by a special keynote speaker, Dr. Blair Holladay, the Chief Operating Officer of the American Society for Clinical Pathology. Dr. Holladay’s presentation included a glimpse into the history of laboratory testing, as well as the current laboratory testing and challenges faced by the laboratory.

During the event, several awards were presented to include the MLS Distinguished Alumni Award, the MLS Outstanding Service Award, the MLS Distinguished Military Service Award, and the MLS Distinguished Faculty Service Awards. There were also student composites, historical photobooks, and antique laboratory equipment on display for event attendees to view. Following the luncheon, there was a cake and ice cream social, offering attendees the opportunity to socialize and participate in the interactive photo booth.

The event concluded with a tour of the campus, which allowed attendees to visit the clinical laboratory, the Academic Laboratories located on the 9th floor of the Education II Building, and the wall of plaques featuring alumni names (including those names all the way back from 1918!) on the ground floor of the Education 2 Building. There were 109 total attendees. The attendees included 29 current students and 44 alumni with the remaining attendees comprising former faculty, education coordinators, and friends and supporters of the department and college.

Image: Department of Laboratory Sciences faculty with keynote speaker Blair Holladay at the Department of Laboratory Sciences 100 Year Celebration during the College of Health Professions Dean’s Luncheon, held during UAMS Alumni Weekend on Saturday, August 18, 2018. Pictured are, left to right, Jason Key, Catherine Smith, Dr. Nathan Johnson, Blair Holladay, Cherika Robertson, and Lindsay Gilbert.
2018 CHP Leadership Academy Graduates
On August 3, 2018 Leslie Mosley of Laboratory Sciences, Lacey Haynes of Genetic Counseling, Karen Alford of Emergency Medical Sciences, Lydia Buie of Audiology and Speech Pathology, and Linda Haubenstein of the Physician Assistant Program, all graduated from UAMS’s Leadership Academy. The 6-month program is designed to develop the leadership skills and effectiveness of UAMS leaders, using an interactive, collaborative process of one-on-one, small group, and large group discussions. This CHP group was able to explore and develop a better understanding of themselves as leaders through exploring a variety of leadership topics. They also developed ways to apply their knowledge for everyday work as leaders for increased effectiveness. Congratulations Leslie, Lacey, Karen, Lydia, and Linda and to and to the rest of the 2018 Leadership Academy graduates!!!
Faculty News

Angel Holland
Angel successfully defended her dissertation and completed her Ed.D. The title of her dissertation was *The Impact of a Learning Community on the Perceived Wellness of First Year Doctor of Physical Therapy Students.* Her degree, Doctor of Education in Adult and Lifelong Learning from the University of Arkansas, was conferred on August 3, 2018. Congratulations, Angel!

Tiffany Lepard-Tassin
Tiffany has been appointed as assistant program director of the Genetic Counseling program. She is an assistant professor, appointed in 2012. Tiffany received a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Humboldt State University in Arcata, California, in 2006 where she studied abroad at Macquarie University in Sydney, Australia. She received a Master of Science in Genetic Counseling from UAMS in 2009. Congratulations, Tiffany!

Shannon Turley
Shannon has been accepted to attend the fall 2018 ADEA Leadership Essentials for Allied Dental Educators (LEADE) program. The LEADE program is an eight week course that equips educators with leadership skills as well as promotes professional development. The overall goal is to increase
Jennifer Vincenzo
Jennifer Vincenzo has been appointed to the Governor’s Advisory Council on Aging (GACA) in Arkansas. The purpose of the GACA is to advise the Governor and the Division of Aging and Adult Services about the needs of older Arkansans and the programs that serve them. The GACA is administered by the Division of Aging and Adult Services, Department of Human Services.
Congratulations, Jennifer!

Images, clockwise from top left: Angel Holland, Tiffany Lepard-Tassin, Shannon Turley, Jennifer Vincenzo
Audiology and Speech Pathology White Coat Inductions Ceremony

On Friday, August 17, the CHP Department of Audiology and Speech Pathology held its first annual White Coat Induction Ceremony at the UA Little Rock Stella Boyle Smith Concert Hall. All incoming audiology and speech-language pathology graduate students participated and all upperclassmen (second year M.S. students and second and third year Au.D. students) were invited to join as well.

UAMS Culinary Medicine Program

The Culinary Medicine working group is leading the discussion on how UAMS can build a culinary medicine program starting with the curriculum and courseware from Tulane’s Goldring Center for Culinary Medicine.

The discussion included opportunities for UAMS in the area of culinary medicine across education, clinical, research, and community engagement areas. There are many possibilities for introducing culinary medicine to students, patients and the public in ways that might alter diets and improve health in Arkansas.

Plans have been made to establish five subcommittees to dig deeper on applications of the culinary medicine curriculum in medical education, interprofessional education, continuing education, scholarship, and community engagement. These five groups will begin meeting in the weeks ahead to think about the resources needed and develop some rough budgets for how to accomplish those dreams. In about a month, the full group will meet again to hear from those subcommittees.

CHP faculty participating in the group include Christi Arthur, Angel Holland, Reza Hakkak, Tina Maddox, Sherry Muir, Josh Phelps, Candy Salter, and Heather Trudeau.
National Physician Assistant Week in Arkansas and Physician Assistant Heroes Against Hunger 5K

On August 7th, Governor Asa Hutchinson officially declared October 6-12 National PA Week in Arkansas through a proclamation put forward by the UAMS PA Program and the Arkansas Academy of Physician Assistants. There are currently 413 PAs practicing in Arkansas and more than 123,000 PAs practicing nationwide.

PA Week, celebrated every year from October 6-12 by the American Academy of PAs, recognizes the PA profession and its contributions to healthcare. The starting date, October 6, honors the anniversary of the first graduating class of PAs from the Duke University PA program in 1967.

Throughout the week, PAs and PA students will participate in PA Week on social media, hold events in their communities, and work to raise awareness of the profession. The Kelly-Rahn-Turnage Fellowship of PA Students was founded in 2013 by the inaugural class of students of the PA education program of the College of Health Professions at UAMS. The PA students volunteer their time and resources to educate the public about PAs and to promote the importance of the role of PAs in the modern delivery of quality health care.

The PA students are preparing for their annual Heroes Against Hunger 5k, to be held at Murray Park in Little Rock on October 6th. This has been a very successful fundraiser benefiting the Arkansas Food Bank, with $9,812 raised in 2017. With each $1 providing food to five children, this is a tremendous amount of support to local Arkansans. The PA program and students would like to thank AMDPA for their collaboration in this important endeavor. The students have set their highest goal to date, $10,000, for the race this year. Race registration is now open, please help spread the word to those who may like to walk, run, or become a sponsor. Students may use the code “student” to get a $5 off discount on race registration.

The Dean's Society Welcomes Our Newest Member - Dr. Nathan Johnson

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.

CHP Dean’s Society Members
   Mr. Chad Avery
   Mr. Anthony Baker
   Mrs. Brooke Bridges
   Mrs. Lisa Conque
   Mr. Craig Gilliam
   Dr. Susan Long
Dr. Nathan Johnson
Mr. Walter Nunnelly
Dr. Laura Smith Olinde
Mr. John Owens
Mr. Drew Ramey
Mrs. Judy Sims
Ms. Deborah Taylor
Ms. Jenny Teeter

Upcoming Events

September 1-30 – Diversity Month

September 4 – P &/or T candidate applications due to P&T Committee (first Tuesday in September)

September 7 – Deadline for Faculty Excellence Award selection (first Friday in September)

September 11 – College Advisory Board fall meeting (second Tuesday of September)

September 27 – UAMS Faculty Service Center New Faculty Reception, 5:00-7:00 pm, 12th Floor, Jackson T. Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute

September 28 – Fall Faculty Meeting – Faculty Excellence Awards (fourth Friday in September)

October 2 – UAMS Day of Giving

October 6 – Physician Assistant Heroes Against Hunger 5K, 8:00 am, Burns Park

October 15 – CHP flu shot clinic for students, faculty, and staff, 1:00-4:00, IDW second floor

Auditorium 226 and foyer

November 4-10 – Allied Health Professions Week – first full week of November

November 5 – Courtyard Cookout
December 14 – End of fall semester

Please send items for inclusion in next month’s edition of *First Thursday* to Deborah Taylor.