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.
Results from UAMS Day of Giving at CHP

The Day of Giving was a huge success for UAMS as a whole, but most especially for the College of Health Professions. We are very grateful to our CHP Advisory Board for supporting us not only in personal financial contributions, but in overall philanthropic development within the community. A heartfelt thank you to all of the CHP faculty and staff for the team spirit and excitement you all showed on October 2. See the results of what we can all do when we come together as a team.

- Our goal for the Day of Giving was $20,000 - CHP raised just over $30,000 in just one day!!
- For UAMS Day of Giving 2018 CHP raised MORE THAN double raised in UAMS Day of Giving 2017
- $5,000 of that total was a PRIZE won for receiving 100% board participation
- CHP gained more than 40 NEW donors and 5 NEW Dean’s Society members
- 100% participation from all departments
- Most departments met or exceeded the $1,000 department challenge

CHP also gained the attention of other colleges and leaders campus-wide for our extraordinary effort and overall performance on the UAMS Day of Giving. It was truly a victory all-around for our college.

Congratulations! We would also like to recognize the college's Alumni Advancement Committee and Program Ambassadors, who helped spread the word and raise awareness throughout CHP: Katy Warren, Christi Arthur, Alicia Baird, CJ Carrell, Mark Zoeller, Ashley McCrary, Mary Ellen Nevins, Sheena Joyner, John Callaway, Catherine Smith, Nathan Johnson, Tom Jones, Tammy
For more information on next steps or to learn more about how you can play an active role in development for your college please contact Christine Gronwald at cgronwald@uams.edu.

UAMS Participates in ASAHP

The Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions Conference was held in St. Petersburg, Florida on October 10-12. Attendees from the UAMS College of Health Professions included Dean Susan Long, Amber Teigen (Physician Assistant Studies) and Cherika Robertson (Department of Laboratory Sciences). During the awards ceremony at the conference, UAMS was recognized as a Program of Merit in Interprofessional Education (IPE). In an effort to showcase these IPE activities, Amber, Lisa Rhoden (Radiologic Imaging Sciences), Layla Simmons (Diagnostic Medical Sonography), and Melissa Clark (Physician Assistant Studies) created a poster describing the UAMS IPE student curriculum, and the IPE faculty development process. Amber Teigen presented the poster at the Poster Session, held Thursday evening.

The conference also consisted of several educational sessions. Amber Teigen, Cherika Robertson, and Letycia Nunez Argote (from the University of Kansas Medical Center) presented a concurrent session titled Building an Interprofessional Experience for In-Person and Online Learners: The STRICE Simulation, which detailed the launch of a developed simulation activity into an online pilot simulation experience for distant learners.

Photo on left: Amber Teigen
Photo on right, from left to right: Amber Teigen, Cherika Robertson, and Letycia Nunez Argote
CJ Carrell attended the World Woman Summit 2018 (2nd Edition) on October 11-12, 2018 at the Clinton Presidential Center. This summit was sponsored by the World Woman Foundation and their goal is Mentoring One Million Women by 2030 and is a Global Movement for Accelerating Women’s Leadership and Advancing Gender Harmony that’s about Dignity, Equality, and Choice. Some of the topics were Women Driving the Future of Food, Healthcare, Entrepreneurship, Sustainability, Global Economy, and Technology.

World Woman Foundation's launch of the Mentoring One Million Women by 2030 platform is a significant step to empower ordinary women to do extraordinary things. With a little support, they will more easily find their purpose, maximize their potential, and build stronger communities.

Photo: Sharanda Williams and CJ Carrell

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**STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

**National Student Speech Language Hearing Association**

Graduate students in the Communication Sciences and Disorders Program in the Department of Audiology and Speech Pathology participated in a number of community events during the month of October. The campus chapter of the national organization, National Student Speech Language Hearing Association (NSSLHA) is advised by Dr. Dana Moser, who assists the organization in...
On October 6, a group of students assisted in the Autism Speaks Walk, the world’s largest autism fundraising event dedicated to improving the lives of people with autism. Powered by parents, grandparents, siblings, friends, relatives, and supporters, the funds raised help ensure people of all abilities have access to the tools needed to lead “their best lives.”

At the Resource booth for the Autism Speaks Walk, pictured from left to right, back row, graduate students in the Speech Pathology Program, Kim Norton, Raweya Filat, Alexa Milan, Talyn Floerchinger, Megan Alkire, Li Xin-Smith, undergraduate Erica Pruitt, and graduate student Jared Holt.

Front row from left to right, is graduate student Elizabeth Kratz, undergraduate student Saniya Hamirani, and graduate students Shayne Brown and Alexis Weber.

On October 20, two students offered voice screenings at the Little Rock Pride Fest in cooperation with the UAMS Rainbow Health Coalition. This event celebrated the history and culture of the LGBTQ community through pride events and programs to inspire and strengthen its members.

Graduate students at the Little Rock Pride Fest on October 20; on left is Jared Holt and on the right is Raweya Filat.
National Physician Assistant Week

This year’s National Physician Assistant (PA) Week, which recognizes the PA profession and its contributions to the nation’s health, was October 6-12. There are currently 413 certified PAs in Arkansas, and approximately 123,000 certified PAs nationally.

The UAMS PA program celebrated with several activities that week. Governor ASA Hutchinson met with the UAMS and Harding PA Programs to honor PA’s by signing a proclamation recognizing National PA Week in Arkansas. The students also hosted their 5th annual Heroes Against Hunger 5K race at Murray park. It was their largest 5K event to date, with 244 runners. The purpose of the 5K is to raise awareness about the PA profession and give back to the local community. Every year, proceeds from fundraising and the race are donated to the Arkansas Food Bank. Preliminary numbers estimate a $9,500 donation this year! With $1 providing food for 5 kids, this is a tremendous amount of support to local Arkansans. Finally, on October 11th, UAMS PA students and faculty visited three Little Rock High schools and met with 155 students to talk about the PA profession as a career choice.
Catherine Smith was approved to be a reviewer for the Journal of Allied Health that is the official publication of the Association of Schools for Allied Health Professions (ASAHP). The Journal is the only interdisciplinary allied health periodical, publishing scholarly works related to research and development, feature articles, research abstracts and book reviews. Readers of The Journal are comprised of allied health leaders, educators, faculty and students.

Catherine Smith was invited to serve as an editorial board member for the Journal of Cytology and Tissue Biology.
Catherine Smith and Cherika Robertson have been accepted into the UAMS Teaching Scholars Program Class of 2019.

Department of Audiology and Speech Pathology

On October 12th, Greg Robinson was awarded the prestigious Frank Kleffner Clinical Career Award at the 2018 Arkansas Speech and Hearing Association Convention held in downtown Little Rock. This award is given to a distinguished Speech Language Pathologist or Audiologist who exhibits outstanding clinical service and/or training. Greg received this award for his groundbreaking work with the transgender community in Arkansas. Congratulations, Greg!

The Arkansas Speech and Hearing Association (ArkSHA) hosts its annual conference to give Arkansas speech-language pathologists and audiologists an opportunity to obtain required continuing education units; this year, the ArkSHA convention provided 28 lecturers from around the country. Of those lecturers, three ASP faculty members represented the department. Greg Robinson presented *Transgender Voice and Communication Therapy*. Dana Moser presented *Aphasia Book Club: Exploring the Impact of Group Participation*. Elizabeth Cleveland, clinical supervisor and PhD student, presented *Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders: From a Therapist’s Perspective*.

Additional faculty representation at the conference included Cliff Franklin, Connie Bracy, Betholyn Gentry, and Mary Ellen Nevins. Students in the Communication Sciences and Disorders program were also in attendance as part of their induction into the larger professional community in the state.
Department of Dietetics and Nutrition

Christi Arthur and Sabrina Spencer, graduate student in the Clinical Nutrition program, have joined Tina Pilgreen and Alan Faulkner from the UAMS Center for Distance Health to develop and implement the nutrition education component of a Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) $1.2 million grant-funded program [School Telemedicine in Arkansas (STAR)]. HealthyNOW! is one piece of the STAR program. Christi and Sabrina are registered dietitians who will develop and deliver the nutrition education and are funded for $15,000 to complete this portion of the project. Through social media and telemedicine, they will provide the nutrition education and weekly healthy eating tips to adolescents in four selected school districts in Arkansas.

The STAR HealthyNOW! program was launched in 2016 as a collaborative partnership with UAMS, the Arkansas Department of Education, and the University of Central Arkansas Exercise Science Program. The grant-funded program focuses on behavioral health, wellness, and teledentistry.

“Diet and education is an extremely important part to our program. The one take away we had from last year’s pilot program was how much the kids retained related to healthy eating” said Alan Faulkner, Program Director. “Christi and Sabrina’s efforts will make a huge impact as we engage the kids to be more active and mobile.” For more information on the program or to utilize the free modules, visit https://sites.uams.edu/star/ or follow the program on Facebook or Instagram.

Sabrina Spencer teaching healthy eating behaviors in Malvern, AR
Save the Date!

Introductory Grant-Writing Series

Four sessions in November with successful UAMS grant writers!

11/02: Grant Writing for Community Based-Research
Taren Swindle, PhD, Family & Preventative Medicine

11/09: Grant Writing for Clinical Research
Josh Kennedy, MD, Allergy & Immunology

11/16: Grant Writing for Education Research
TBA

11/30: Grant Writing for Basic Science Research
Craig Forrest, PhD, Microbiology & Immunology

Review of successful grant to include:

- Defining the idea (literature search & hypothesis development)
- Goal and specific aim setting
- Methods (collaborative process to address methodology)
- Statistics (methodological design and power)
- Why is this innovative?
- Time table and future direction
- Pitfalls

12:00—1:00 pm
UAMS Campus: RAHN 8240 auditorium
NW Campus: PT Conference Room

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November 6, 2018
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CONTENT: Identify basic manuscript development and structure of a peer-reviewed scientific article. Title selection and outline development. Select the right journal and determine readiness to publish. Overview of the electronic submission process. Promoting published papers.

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TO REGISTER: Contact Michelle Peters at 501-686-6343 OR e-mail
MLPeters@uams.edu

Upcoming Events
November 1-30 – UAMS Open Enrollment

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

November 5 – Courtyard Cookout, 11:30 am -1:00 pm

November 8 – Scholarship Recognition Reception, 5:00 pm

November 12 – Veterans Day Holiday

November 14 – UAMS Benefits Fair

November 14 – Ruth Allen Concert Series, 4:30 pm, Hospital Lobby Gallery

November 22 – Thanksgiving Day

December 3-7 – Final Exam Week

December 6 – (Tentative) University-Wide Holiday Party

December 14 – End of fall semester

December 21 – Fall Semester Ends

December 24-25 – Christmas Eve and Christmas Holidays

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