

College of Health Sciences Newsletter

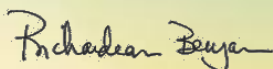
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MESSAGE FROM THE ASSOCIATE DEAN

March is the month of transition and change. According to the Ground Hog who saw its shadow, we can expect to have six more weeks of winter. Never the less, the continuation of winter will not prevent many faculty and students from promoting the values and mission of our College. We look forward to spring arriving with great anticipation, expecting beautiful flowers, longer days and opportunities to celebrate. Also, soon to be announced will be the new and improved version of the Vision of the College of Health Sciences. The faculty and staff were provided the opportunity to provide input to a Vision statement that is sure to resonate with each of us and our constituencies. Clearly the commitment to charting a course for prevention and health promotion locally and internationally is in the wind or in the cards. Destined for success in the international arena has been jumpstarted by the new efforts and programs highlighted in the following pages. Our efforts are more than fantasy Dean Mishoe (Dominican Republic), along with faculty (Dr. Benjamin – Haiti; Ann Campbell – Nepal) Janice Hawkins, Gail Grisetti, Martha Walker and students from both physical therapy and nursing traveled to the Dominican Republic. Also, acknowledgment by the community of the outstanding service provided by the faculty and students of the Hirschfeld School of Dental Hygiene speaks volumes of the value and service to residents of Hampton Roads and beyond. We salute you our service champions.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richardean Benjamin".

Richardean Benjamin, RN, PhD
Associate Dean

Dental Hygiene Care - Old Dominion University School of Dental Hygiene Receives Health Care Heroes Award from *INSIDE BUSINESS*, *The Hampton Roads Business Journal*

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An international pioneer, Old Dominion University's dental hygiene school never overlooks the underserved communities in its own backyard. Founded in 1969, the Gene W. Hirschfeld School of Dental Hygiene developed one of the first graduate programs in the field. Textbooks, peer reviewed articles, and book chapters penned by its award-winning professors are required reading worldwide. The school is home to the only dental hygiene research center in the U.S. The ODU 11/12 Explorer, one of the most familiar and effective instruments in dental hygiene, was designed by professor Deanne Shuman and former assistant professor Linda Wilson. The School recently was recognized as a 2012 Health Care Hero by *INSIDE BUSINESS*, the *Hampton Roads Business Journal*.

"This faculty, they're always one step ahead," said Shelley Mishoe, dean of ODU's College of Health Sciences. "They really are the leaders in dental hygiene internationally." That includes community outreach. Last year, students and faculty donated \$65,480 in free dental hygiene services and education at schools, churches, senior centers, social service agencies and community events. The school recently received a Partner in Education award from Princess Anne High School in Virginia Beach, where students visit special education classes. "They teach the students proper dental hygiene," said special education teacher Maureen Mitchell. "They take a lot of time with each student individually." "It's a win-win situation," Mitchell said. "Our kids get a lot out of it."

At the School of Dental Hygiene's low-cost clinic, the Sofia and David Konikoff Dental Hygiene Care Facility, students use state-of-the-art technology - from digital radiography to electronic dental records - to provide exams, X-rays, non-surgical periodontal therapy and other services to low-income and uninsured patients.

"The people who need dental hygiene care the most are not those in our private practices, but rather those who do not see a regular dentist because of economic, cultural or geographic barriers," said Michele Darby, the school's chair and editor of *Mosby's Comprehensive Review of Dental Hygiene*, a seventh-edition "bible" for the industry, and *Dental Hygiene Theory and Practice*, ed 3, edited with Dr. Margaret Walsh from the University of California at San Francisco. Several of the faculty have chapters in these books too.

The school also serves the global community. By partnering with dental hygiene and dental programs in Germany, Jordan and Nicaragua, it offers study-abroad opportunities. Enrollment now includes students from Pakistan, Russia, Saudi Arabia, China and Venezuela just to mention a few. In partnership with physicians for peace, the group is helping to build a dental hygiene school in Nicaragua - the first of its kind in Central America.

"Dental hygiene is growing worldwide," Darby said. "Countries that never had dental hygienists are realizing that hygienists can play a major role. In dental disease prevention, providing education, preventive interventions and nonsurgical therapies is a very low-tech, cost-effective way to control dental disease and improve quality of life."

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Michele Darby, the school's chair and eminent professor, center, with full time faculty moving clockwise Ann P. Bruhn, Assistant Professor and Continuing Education Coordinator; Margaret Lemaster, Assistant Professor and Clinical Coordinator for Junior Year; Sharon Stull, Lecturer, BSDH-Degree Completion Program Director, Community Outreach Coordinator and Chief Academic Advisor; Tara G. Newcomb, Assistant Professor and BSDH-Entry Level Program Director; W. Lee Melvin, Lecturer and Assessment Coordinator; Joyce Downs, Assistant Professor; and Gayle McCombs, Professor, Dental Hygiene Research Center Director and Graduate Program Director; and Lynn Tolle, Professor and Director of Clinical Affairs is not pictured.

College of Health Sciences Announcements



◆ The College of Health Sciences is proud to present its new College Advisor, Katherine (Katie) Ferrara. Ms. Ferrara earned a BA from Illinois College in Communications in 2003 and a MS in Education from Old Dominion University in 2010. She has acquired college-level advising experience as an hourly advisor in the COHS Advising Center for the last 16 months. Prior to coming to Tidewater, Ms. Ferrara was an admissions counselor for Quincy University in Quincy, IL.

- ◆ The College of Health Sciences would like to thank Jim English for his years of service as the Associate Program Director for the joint EVMS-ODU MPH Program and his involvement with the program since its inception. His expertise, enthusiasm and dedication helped the development of the joint MPH Program, which continues to evolve. The College of Health Sciences recognizes his many contributions, appreciates his continued teaching and extends best wishes for Professor English's health and continued success.



- ◆ The ODU Public Health Organization (PHO) recently held their 1st Annual Community Health Fair Day. The event attracted over 100 students to Webb Center. The health fair included an array of local businesses & vendors (e.g. The VA Co-op Extension, Zumba with Rita Co., and Physicians for Peace). Music Theory Studios provided information on art therapy and other musical techniques to relieve stress. The Tidewater Center for Life Support and The American Heart Association offered an on-site CPR demonstration for students. Also, through sponsorships, PHO

was able to do a public health raffle, and provide free grilled chick fil-a and healthy living gift bags to each student that stopped by. A special thank you to Monarch Dining, ODU School of Dental Hygiene and Dr. John Kordulak.

Health Sciences Student Organizations Presidents

Getting involved is a great way to meet people, enhance leadership skills, find a niche, and make a difference. Student level professional organizations provide multiple opportunities for students to participate in community service, campus activities, fund raising and leadership skills workshops. Organization advisors provide mentoring in leadership and partnering at the state and national levels. These student leaders are making the most of their college experience.



Kyle Vilorio, ADHA Student Chapter, at the ADHA annual session (right) .



Harrison Okin, President of the Student Nurses' Association (SNA).



Dirk Weaver (left), Student National Health Association, ODU Chapter.

Upcoming Events

March

28 & 31 CE Course: Dental Radiation Safety Certification

April

19 Dental Hygiene Information Session,
5:00 pm, Location: HS 2115A

23 Military Appreciation Luncheon
12:00 pm, Location: HS 2000

24 Spring Classes End

26 College of Health Sciences Awards
11:30 am, Location: Ted Convocation Ctr,
Big Blue Room

26 Exams Begin

28 Dental Hygiene Awards and Alumni
Networking Event
6-9 pm, Location: Diehn Fine &
Performing Arts



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