

# College of Health Sciences Newsletter



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## *Message from the Associate Dean*

During the month of February, the College of Health Sciences will hold our Spring Advisory Committee Meeting, our Chairs Retreat and our Faculty Retreat. These recurring events have been planned with input from all of those involved to have the best format and discussions. There are many times when the best thing a leader can do is to listen rather than talk. As you may have discovered, I am a rather gregarious person who talks and smiles easily. However, I am also listening to the spoken and unspoken messages to hear what others are telling me. Here are a few examples. Based on faculty input, we have shortened the Spring Faculty Retreat, which is scheduled from 10am-12:30pm on February 17<sup>th</sup>. I do hope we have a good turnout from our faculty and that you find this time spent is worthwhile. Based on input from the College's Advisory Board, we have added new members and will be responding to inquiries about our graduates when we meet on February 15<sup>th</sup>. The chairs have discussed agenda items for our upcoming chair's retreat, when we will be updating our strategic plan and discussing strategies for increasing the marketing of our college. I will be meeting with our student leaders for the spring luncheon to hear their interests, perspectives, and accomplishments. I have also planned informal "Coffees with the Dean" as a way to get to know our faculty better and discuss issues that are important to our college. I am also planning on attending faculty meetings in the Schools. I have met with many in the community this past month including the leadership of Operation Smile, Physicians for Peace, Operation Blessing, Free Clinics in Chesapeake and Virginia Beach, EVMS, TCC and many others. Through these important and recurring events, along with many of us getting out in the community, the college is continuously engaging our constituency to assure we are sailing on the course we intended.



I am also pleased to report on these activities which go beyond our teaching, service and research: The searches for a Chair of the School of Medical Laboratory and Radiation Sciences and the Director of the Center for Global Health continue to move forward with applications coming in for both. The Chairs Council reviewed the proposal submitted from the Promotion & Tenure Committee proposing a non-tenure faculty track and feedback back will go back to the committee. Two proposals with supporting documents have been submitted from the College's Committee on Faculty Workload last week and I recently provided feedback back to the committee. On behalf of the College, I submitted our budget requests and participated in a budget hearing with the Provost who oversees all of academic affairs. Since I believe in transparency, I provided a summary and discussed the budget requests during a recent Chairs Council meeting. Our needs are many and it was difficult, though necessary, to prioritize. The task force to create a Center for Global Health has developed a strategic plan, budget, overview of centers, funding mechanisms and other documents with appendices such as literary searches. The renovation of the warehouse space has been funded and is moving forward, along with preliminary discussion on new space options. These and many more activities keep our college moving forward to realize our mission, vision, values and goals.

In closing, I strongly believe in our college's values and strive every day to role model integrity, excellence, partnerships and inclusiveness. During this month designated for love and Valentine's Day, I ask that you continue to emulate our values, everywhere, with everyone, every day. I also remind all of us that in our caring for others, we cannot forget ourselves, and encourage that we dedicate effort to our own health (and hearts) by practicing healthy lifestyles and avoiding risky behaviors. It is truly a blessing to be your dean and I am grateful for this opportunity. Happy Valentine's Day!

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## Dean's Seminars Series

The College of Health Sciences hosted a Dean's Seminar featuring two guest speakers on January 19th. LTC David W. Munitz, MD, USAF, MC, Staff Anesthesiologist spoke on **One Doctor's Experience in Afghanistan, Redefining "Thinking Outside the Box"** and CAPT Bruce A. Cohen, MC, USN, Force Surgeon, NECC spoke on **Global Public Health and Global Public Health Diplomacy**.



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## Christianne Fowler Presents on the City of Norfolk "Health Watch"

Christianne Fowler appeared on the caregiver panel presentation on the City of Norfolk "Health Watch" program taped on January 19, 2012 at WHRO. The Norfolk Department of Public Health (NDPH) program Health-Watch is a monthly news and community affairs update that highlights NDPH programs, services, events and activities, while also providing important information on topical health issues facing the nation and impacting Norfolk residents.

The presentation is to air on WHRO, is available to residents of Norfolk on the Norfolk Neighborhood Network TV 48 and will also be online.



L-R: Terrence Afer-Anderson, Health Promotion Educator VDH, Norfolk District, Carol Lafauci, GNP, local representative of the National Family for Caregivers Association, John Skirven, CEO Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia, Dr. Marissa Galcia-Castillo, Geriatrics and Gerontology at EVMS and Dr. Christianne Fowler, Assistant Professor ODU School of Nursing

## Highlights



As part of the School of Nursing Lunch and Learn Series on Community and Global Health, Michele Darby, professor of Dental Hygiene, presented "Working in a Muslim Culture" on January 27, 2012.



## Spotlight on Grants and Presentations

### Grants

**Russell, D. M.** Use of a virtual environment to regulate walking in individuals with Parkinson's disease. Summer Research Fellowship Program, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA, Summer 2012. (\$6,000)

**McCombs, G. & Russell, D. M.** Comparison of handpiece design on forearm muscle activity during dental polishing. Contract with Dentsply International, Troy, PA, June 2011. (\$24,572)

### Presentations

**Russell, D. M.,** Haworth, J. L., Martinez-Garza, C. (2011). Walking at the resonant stride frequency maximizes local dynamic stability. Presented at North American Society for the Psychology of Sport and Physical Activity Annual Conference, Burlington, VT, June 9-11<sup>th</sup>. (Abstract published in *Journal of Sport and Exercise Psychology*, 33, S106).

**Russell, D. M.** Can physics contribute to our understanding of the complexity and variability of human actions? *Penn State University Lehigh Valley Faculty Lecture Series*, Feb. 24, 2011.



# Upcoming Events

## *February*

- 16 CoHS Advisory Board Meeting, 8:30 –11:00 am, BOV Room, Webb Center (members only)
- 16 Dean's Student Advisory Committee Luncheon, 12:30 pm, HS 2114
- 16 Dental Hygiene Information Session, 5:00 pm, HS 2115 A
- 17 Spring Faculty Retreat, 10:00 am-12:30 pm, Ted Convocation Center, Big Blue Room
- 28 Program Directors Luncheon, 12:30-1:30 pm, Location: HS 2113
- 24-26 Winter Continuing Dental Hygiene Education Weekend, Virginia Beach

## *March*

- 5-10 Student's Spring Break
- 7-12 Physical Therapy Study Abroad Trip to the Dominican Republic
- 15 Dental Hygiene Information Session, 5:00 pm, HS 2115A

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