



OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY

College of Health Sciences

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ODU College of Health Sciences Welcomes Back Faculty and Staff with Camaraderie and Awards Presentation



On September 12, faculty and staff from Old Dominion University (ODU) College of Health Sciences came together for a Welcome Back and Awards Ceremony. The event began with socializing, providing an opportunity for colleagues to reconnect and share their experiences.

Dean Bonnie van Lunen, PhD, kicked off the event by welcoming Barbara Hargrave, PhD, to deliver a special presentation. The ODU College of Health Sciences was presented with the “Our Students

Matter” award in recognition of the highest percentage of faculty at ODU who completed the Kognito Mental Health Training Unit. This program was designed to equip faculty and staff with skills for identifying and assisting students in distress, addressing issues such as dropouts and suicide prevention.

Dean Van Lunen welcomed University President Brian O. Hemphill, PhD, who delivered an informative presentation on higher education in the country, ODU's enrollment, growth, and potential. He engaged with faculty and staff in a lively Q&A session, fostering insightful discussions.

[Click here to read the full story.](#)

The ODU College of Health Sciences Welcomes Exercise Science and Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology programs



The Exercise Science programs joined the College in Fall 2023. Kyle Davis is the undergraduate program director and Hunter Bennett, PhD, is the graduate program director. You will be hearing more about these programs in the coming months. Please give exercise science faculty and staff a warm welcome. [Click here to read more about the programs.](#)



The Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology programs joined the College in Fall 2023. Kimberly Murphy is the undergraduate program director and Stacie Raymer is the graduate program director. You will be hearing more about these programs in the coming months. Please give Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology faculty and staff a warm welcome. [Click here to read more about the programs.](#)

ODU-EVMS Partnership Streamlines Student Athlete Physicals



Old Dominion University (ODU) and Eastern Virginia Medical School (EVMS) have joined forces to provide sports physicals to student athletes. Bonnie Van Lunen, PhD, Dean of the College of Health Sciences at ODU, recognized the need to streamline the process of providing pre-participation physicals to ODU's student athletes since previous partnerships had been disrupted by the COVID-19

pandemic.

Scott Johnson, Associate Athletic Director for Sports, played a pivotal role in bringing this partnership to fruition, collaborating closely with Greg Bentz, MD, Program Director of the EVMS Sports Medicine Fellowship. Johnson encapsulated the essence of the partnership, saying, "It's a win-win-win."

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Quincy Carr Gives Back to the Community with Laughter



Laughter filled the air as Quincy Carr, a beloved local comedian, once again played host to the annual Crash the Party Comedy Show & Fundraiser. This side-splitting event, held at Hub757 in Suffolk, was a night to remember, featuring the comedic talents of Stuttering Stanley and headlined by the renowned Will E. from Def Comedy Jam. Not only did this event provide an evening of clean adult humor, but it also gave back to the community in a way that was meaningful to the comedians.

Quincy Carr is more than just a comedian—he's a dedicated philanthropist who has been committed to making a positive impact on his community. His journey to hosting the Crash the Party Comedy Show & Fundraiser began on his birthday 15 years ago when he founded Quincy Carr, Inc., and the event is now in its tenth year.

[Click here to read the full story.](#)

Amy Vinarao Shines at the 2023 ASCLS Joint Annual Meeting



Old Dominion University (ODU) undergraduate student Amy Vinarao has emerged as a standout talent at the 2023 American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science (ASCLS) Joint Annual Meeting (JAM). Vinarao, a dedicated Medical Laboratory Science (MLS) student in the College of Health Sciences, made her mark on the national stage during the awards ceremony at this prestigious event.

The 2023 ASCLS JAM offered a diverse range of sessions covering various aspects of laboratory management, education, and practice. In addition to the valuable educational sessions, the conference provided opportunities for networking and socializing, including Trivia Night and the 2023 ASCLS JAM 5K Run. Vinarao found the experience enlightening, saying, "The 2023 ASCLS JAM was a positive, enjoyable experience! By attending the sessions provided throughout the week, I was able to expand my knowledge and have a better understanding of what it means to be a Medical Laboratory Scientist."

[Click here to read the full story.](#)

Happy Nuclear Medicine & Molecular Imaging Week

Celebrated during the first full week of October, Nuclear Medicine & Molecular Imaging Week encourages community members to take pride in their profession.

Please take the time to recognize the faculty in this area this week!

Happy Physical Therapy Month

Every October the American Physical Therapy Association celebrates National Physical Therapy Month to raise awareness about the many benefits of physical therapy. It's also a great opportunity to appreciate what PTs, PTAs, and students do to transform lives.

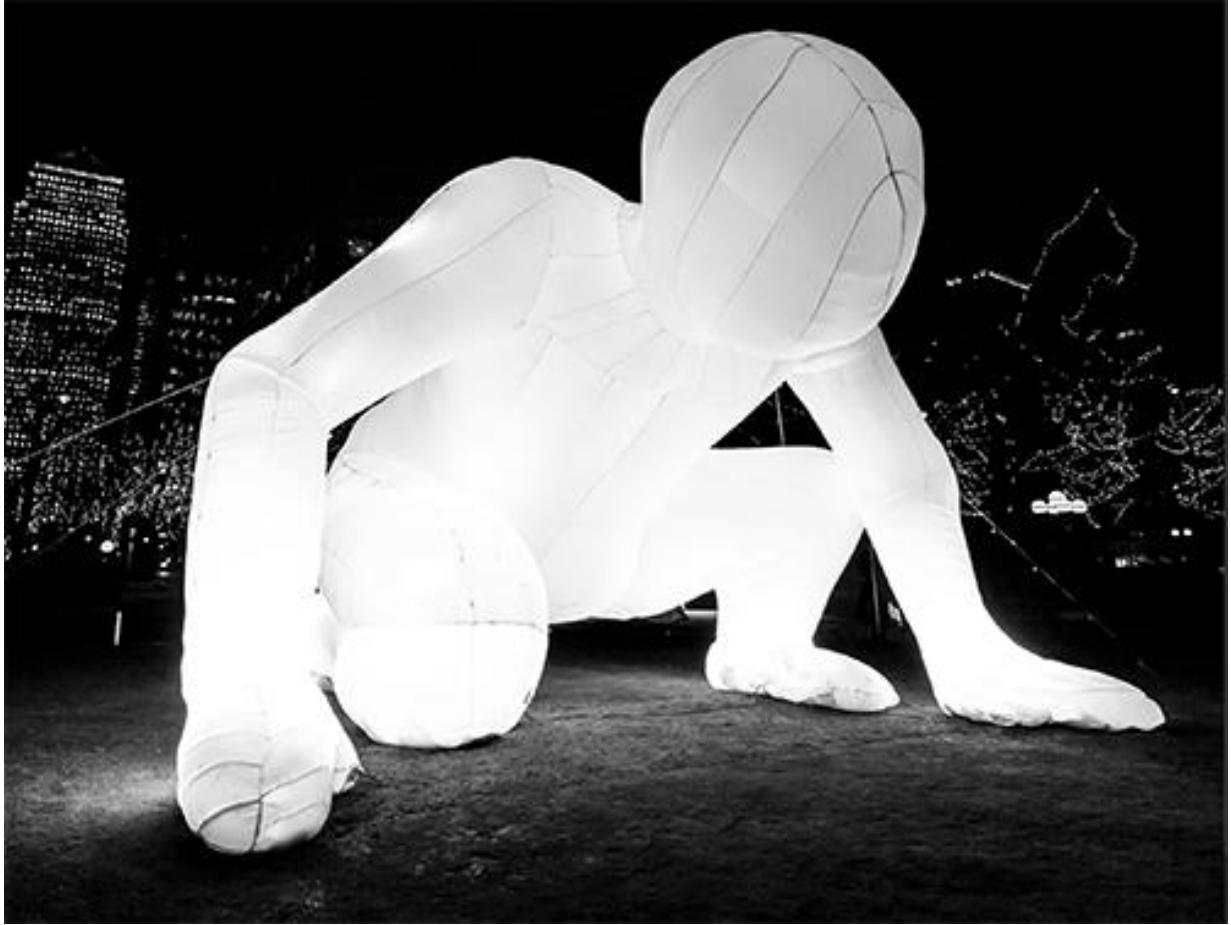
Please take the time to recognize physical therapy faculty this month!

Happy National Dental Hygiene Month

National Dental Hygiene Month is a collaboration between the American Dental Hygienists' Association and Colgate. It is a time to shine a spotlight on the hard work hygienists do and celebrate their dedication to creating healthy smiles.

Please take the time to recognize dental hygiene faculty this month!

The College of Health Sciences is Proud to be an ODU Fantastic Planet Partner



Fantastic Planet, the third annual public arts festival at ODU, will be hosted by the Barry Arts Museum over three nights from October 13 to 15. The ODU College of Health Sciences is proud to be an ODU Fantastic Planet Partner.

Science will meet art where the School of Medical Diagnostic & Translational Sciences and the School of Dental Hygiene will have interactive displays inside the art museum. Stop by to show your support and thank the volunteers.

[Click here to learn more about the festival.](#)

Call for stories

Share your stories about research, grants, teaching success, awards and honors, student success, alumni success, interdisciplinary collaboration, students getting experience in the field, community service, events, and anything else that shows how unique our programs are and how great it is to be a Monarch! If you are featured in the media, please share that as well. ***Deadline to be featured in the next newsletter is November 16***, but the "call for stories" is constant. Please share your story ideas with Erica Howell at ehowell@odu.edu.



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