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Greetings from the MPH Program!

Dr. Mohamed Kanu, Interim Director of the MPH Program

Welcome to the public health issue of the Health Sciences Herald!

The **Master of Public Health (MPH)** program is barely two years old. Nevertheless, the faculty and students are doing wonderful things that are attracting national and local attention. Since accepting the first cohort of 14 students in the fall of 2009, the program's current enrollment stands at 25. The inaugural class will graduate in May 2011. Applications for admission into the program have steadily increased and efforts at starting our online MPH program (in addition to the traditional, on-ground format) are well underway. We look forward to introducing this expanded program in spring 2012. At the same time, we are steadily moving forward in developing the Ph.D. program that will also focus on cultural competency. Indeed, the future looks bright for the MPH program at Tennessee State University.



The MPH faculty teach not only in the classroom but also in the community. For instance, the faculty provide instruction to the state's current Public Health workforce through the Local Nashville Collaborative, a consortium which consists of Vanderbilt University, Meharry Medical College, Tennessee State University and Metro Nashville Health Department. The members of the consortium provide a series of trainings for the local public health workforce in the Nashville metropolitan area. However, the MPH program does more than just teach. The faculty also provide leadership and engage in research and applied Public Health activities. At the national level, the MPH program is a member of the Consortium of African American Public Health Programs (CAAPHP), a designation received after just 6 months in existence. CAAPHP has been instrumental in supporting faculty members (Drs. Owen Johnson and Mohamed Kanu) and students (Gerald Onuoha, Roxanne Dakers, Krystal Massey and Michael Paul) who attend and present at national conferences. Faculty members are also engaged in applied efforts and research collaborations with colleagues across the country who are focused on health matters that affect the well-being of Tennesseans and individuals throughout the world.

The MPH program has a diverse faculty who are trained in core areas of Public Health, including: Behavioral Science, Social Science and Health Education, Epidemiology, Biostatistics, Health Policy, Environmental Health, Cultural Competency, etc. The information provided in this edition of the Health Science Herald will provide highlights of student and faculty accomplishments in the MPH program and the department. The program manager (Ms. Carolyn Jones) has the energy to drive all these efforts. Although the department is small, we do big things! We look forward to doing even more to protect, promote and ensure the health and well-being of the public. Thank you for your continued support.

Middle Tennessee Represented at COPD Summit



Dr. Bonnie Chakravorty represented Middle Tennessee at the Southeast Regional COPD Summit in Atlanta, Georgia November 15, 2010. The purpose of the Summit was to identify needs for COPD-related prevention, treatment, and research throughout the region. With the encouragement of the National COPD Coalition and the COPD Foundation, Drs. Chakravorty and Dunn are working together to organize a Tennessee State COPD coalition that will focus on COPD-related programming, education, and care for people within the state. Pictured is Dr. Chakravorty with the Honorable John Lewis, United States Representative from Georgia (photo printed with permission of the COPD Foundation). Rep. Lewis is an advocate for people with COPD and has proposed legislation that will improve the lives of COPD affected veterans. Anyone interested in joining this effort, should contact Dr. Chakravorty at bchakravorty@tnstate.edu.

HCAP Students Conduct Service Learning Project at Pearl Cohn High School

The project allowed students to share information on "...risky behaviors that negatively impact the adolescent population..."



Health Care Administration and Planning students conducted a service-learning project by using the knowledge and skills associated with an effective health care manager that was taught in **HCAP 4200 Health Management**. The students applied the basic management functions by planning, organizing, directing, coordinating, and controlling the project from the beginning of the fall 2010 semester until its completion. One hundred fifty (150) seniors participated in the event on December 10th and they received information from the TSU students and community partners from the **Criminal Justice Center** to increase their awareness of risky behaviors that negatively impact the adolescent population. The students were encouraged to make healthy lifestyle choices.

Pictured from left to right: Professor Revlon Briggs, Ashley Turner, Rachel Rogers, Shaterica Weaver, Aminika Lott, Larisha Davis, Nickole Barr, and Lauren Green Top row: Robert Horton and Jessica Demonbreun Not pictured: Rozelyn Fields-Jackson and Kayla Hudson

Briggs Selected to Serve on Review Panel for the Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA)

Ms. Revlon Briggs, Assistant Professor in the Department of Health Administration and Health Sciences, was selected to serve as a member of the self-study site review team by AUPHA. The review will take place in Charleston, South Carolina in June 2011. She will serve with two other faculty members from health administration programs at James Madison University, Franklin University, and Kaplan University. Ms. Briggs joined the faculty in the Department of Health Administration and Health Sciences on a full-time basis in August 2005 after serving eight years as adjunct.



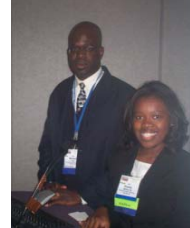
Students Experience Culture and Health Beyond the Four Walls

Elizabeth A. Williams, PhD

Students in the Master of Public Health program experienced how *culture* functions outside the classroom in the **Cultural Competence II** course (fall 2010). The students conducted health-related participatory observations at the **African Street Festival** at Hadley Park; performed health asset mapping and interviewing during the **Celebration of Cultures** at Centennial Park; and conducted health organizational strategic planning by taking pictures and by engaging in dialogue sessions for **Photovoice** assignments, conducted a SWOT analysis, interviewed MPH and MPA students, faculty and staff. The students developed strategic plans for the MPH and MPA programs by emphasizing cultural competence.

MPH Students Present Study Findings at the APHA Annual Conference

Ms. Krystal Massey and **Mr. Michael Paul**, both second year students in the MPH program, represented the MPH program during the **American Public Health Association (APHA)** annual conference by presenting their research which was conducted during the summer of 2010 under the supervision of **Ms. D'Yuanna Allen** from the Nashville Metropolitan Health Department. The study focused on the Youth Public Health Institute and was funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention through the Association of Schools of Public Health.



Department Awarded Federal Grant from the U.S. Department of Labor, Veterans' Employment and Training Service

Operation Stand Down Nashville, Inc., Actus Community Fund Foundation, Tennessee State University, and Fort Campbell Family Housing collaborated on the Veterans Workforce Investment Grant and received \$500,000 for three years. **Dr. Wendelyn Inman**, an advocate and adjunct faculty in the Health Administration program, was instrumental in formulating the partnerships and contributing to the grant proposal. As a result of Dr. Inman's extraordinary grant writing skills, the department received \$50,000 for the first year and is slated to receive \$50,000 for the second and third years of the grant. Project funds were allocated to create a Weatherization Training Center in Tennessee, which serves to provide training and skills building for improved career opportunities for veterans in the "green industry." **Ms. Revlon Briggs** serves as the principal investigator and oversees the day-to-day activities in conjunction with the other partners. **Operation Stand Down** recently awarded the Department of Dental Hygiene a \$35,000 grant to provide dental services to veterans.

The grant will serve to "provide training and skills building for improved career opportunities for veterans in the green industry."

HAHS Students Share the Holiday Spirit



- ⇒ DO YOU HAVE LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL?
- ⇒ ARE YOU INNOVATIVE?
- ⇒ CAN YOU MOTIVATE OTHERS?
- ⇒ ARE YOU A TEAM PLAYER?
- ⇒ DO YOU LIKE TO MAKE THINGS HAPPEN?
- ⇒ ARE YOU MAJORING IN HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING OR HEALTH SCIENCES?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, the HEALTH ADMINISTRATION AND HEALTH SCIENCES STUDENT ASSOCIATION (HAHS-SA) needs you!

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Members of the **Health Administration and Health Sciences (HAHS) Student Association** assisted with a holiday party, DCS Foster Care Children's Christmas Party sponsored by Lighthouse Christian School which was held December 9, 2010 at 1158 Foster Avenue-Center for Adoption Building

Health Administration Program Reaffirmation



The Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA) granted the undergraduate **Health Care Administration and Planning** program recertification until 2016 without citations.

MPH Program Represented at Annual Conference

The MPH Program has been in existence for almost two years. Its inaugural class will graduate in May 2011.

The MPH program was well represented at the recent annual conference of the **American Public Health Association**. Faculty members were not only present to publicize the program and network with conference attendees, they also supported students who were presenting at the conference. Pictured are the students and faculty members who attended the conference.



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Program Welcomes New Faculty Members

The Department of Health Administration and Health Sciences along with the MPH Program welcome two recent additions to its cadre of highly qualified faculty members. They are Dr. Michael Dunn and Dr. Elizabeth Williams.



Dr. Michael Dunn is an Associate Professor in the Department of Health Administration and Health Sciences. He holds a BA in psychology and an MS in health with a concentration in Health Education/Health Promotion from the University of North Florida. He received his PhD in Health Education/Health Promotion from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Dr. Dunn has over 10 years of experience in higher education and has taught for Walden University and East Tennessee State University. He has extensive research experience in adolescent substance use and has presented at state, national, and international conferences as well as published his research in national peer reviewed journals. Mike hails from St. Augustine, Florida.

Dr. Elizabeth Williams received her Doctor of Philosophy (2002) and Master of Arts degrees (1998) in the field of Applied Anthropology with an emphasis in Medical Anthropology from the University of Kentucky, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign in 1994. After receiving her doctorate, Dr. Williams served on the faculty in the Department of Anthropology and Geography at Georgia State University. She has also served as the Inaugural Director of Disparity Elimination in the Commissioner' Office, Tennessee Department of Health and as a senior-level administrator with the Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center. Dr. Williams has devoted extensive personal and professional time to cancer survivors among people of color, health disparities, social empowerment and health equity for people of color and the medically underserved.



MPH Faculty and Student Accomplishments

Dr. Mohamed Kanu was recently invited by the Oxford Round Table Educational Organization to deliver a presentation at Lincoln College in the University of Oxford, Oxford, England. The title of the presentation is, *Obesity and the Health of Children in the United States: Case Study of the State of Tennessee*. Dr. Kanu also co-authored a book chapter in a recently published book entitled *Service Delivery for Vulnerable Populations: New Directions in Behavioral Health* (Springer Publishing, 2011. Editors: Steven A. Estrine, Robert T. Hettenbach, Heidi Arthur, Maria Messina).

Dr. Michael Dunn, has had the article *Evaluation of a Community Approach to Address Substance Abuse in Appalachia* published in the International Journal of Community Health Education (2010). This paper was also presented at the American Public Health Association meeting in Denver, Colorado (November 2010). Additionally, Dunn has written the Chapter: *Substance Abuse in Rural Appalachia* for the text *Appalachians: Their Health and Well-Being* which has been accepted by the University of Kentucky Press contingent on the final edits to the text. The Press will meet in mid March 2011 for final approval.

Dr. Elizabeth Williams presented a poster entitled, *Health Watch: Making Health Happen through an Media-Academic Partnership* at the 138th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association in Denver, Colorado in November 2010.

Dr. Elizabeth Williams presented a poster entitled, *Fashioned for Us by Us: Using an African American Cancer Survivorship Calendar to Promote Breast Cancer Awareness* at the 138th Annual Meeting of American Public Health Association in Denver, Colorado in November 2010.

Dr. Elizabeth Williams presented a paper entitled *The Flow Makes all the Difference: Power, Information & the Nashville Communities as Partners in Clinical Trials Project* at the 2010 American Anthropological Association Meetings in New Orleans, Louisiana in November 2010.

Dr. Elizabeth Williams presented (fall 2010) *Infant Mortality, Health Disparities and the Social Determinants of Health* during a web-conference sponsored by the Division of Minority Health and Disparity Elimination, Tennessee Department (TDH). The web-conference is a virtual education tool for public health employees and TDH-funded community-based providers. The web-conference is funded through a grant from the Federal Office of Minority Health.

Dr. Elizabeth Williams presented (fall 2010) *How Does Race & Socioeconomic Status Affect Health?* during a training for practicing Physician Assistants (PA) and PA students at Trevecca Nazarene University. The training workshop was sponsored by Urban Housing Solutions.

Dr. Elizabeth Williams was recognized as a "healthcare leader to watch" by *Nashville Medical News Magazine* in early summer 2010. Acknowledged for her academic and professional efforts to redress health disparities and support community empowerment, Dr. Williams was acknowledged with a plaque during a breakfast awards ceremony hosted by the magazine at Union Station. "Women to Watch in Healthcare" is an annual award presented by *Nashville Medical News* to female professionals making a difference in their chosen vocational areas.

Dr. Elizabeth Williams joined (fall 2010) the editorial board for the *Journal of Adolescent and Young Adult Oncology (JAYAO)*, published by Liebert Publishing, Inc. A multidisciplinary journal dedicated to research, education, communication and clinical issues related to adolescents and young adults affected by cancer (15-39 years), the journal is one of the first to focus on cancer, adolescents and young adults (AYA). The peer-reviewed journal will launch spring 2011.

Dr. Owen Johnson and his colleagues presented scholarly work at the American Public Health Association's (APHA) annual conference in Denver, Colorado (Nov. 2010). Dr. Johnson also received his certification in Public Health from The National Board of Public Health Examiners (NBPHE) in 2010 and was a grant reviewer for the Meharry/Vanderbilt/TSU Cancer Partnership during this time. He reviews for the Journal of Best Practices and The Journal of the National Society of Allied Health. Dr. Johnson also served as a reviewer for the following texts: *Biostatistics: An Applied Introduction for the Public Health Professional, Health Economics and Policy* and *Health Care Ethics*.

The MPH program provides students with the required training for entry-level positions in the broad field of public health, so they can make positive contributions in the field of public health. The faculty members hold terminal degrees in their respective specialty areas within public health; have excellent teaching skills, and are committed to excellence in student learning as demonstrated through the curriculum and student advisement.

*** News Around the College ***

The Health Science Complex

Dr. Rosemary Theriot, Interim Dean, College of Health Sciences



The idea of a Health Science Complex was born out of **Dr. Kathleen McEnerney's** dream of a new building to house all of the academic programs in the College of Health Sciences. At this time, the academic programs in the College are located in three locations on the Main Campus and the Downtown Campus. In 2009, the College of Health Sciences initiated the next steps to make this dream become a reality. A joint meeting was held with Mr. Ron Brooks, Mr. Steve Gillette, Drs. McEnerney, Martin, Looney and Theriot. Mr. Brooks negotiated with the Architect who designed the renovations of the newly renovated Dental Hygiene Clinic to work with the College of Health Sciences and the School of Nursing to identify the requirements for a new proposed Health Science Complex.

After the initial meetings in 2009, a series of follow-up meetings were held with department heads and deans in the College of Health Sciences and the School of Nursing to identify their space requirements. In January and February, the Architect will conduct follow-up meetings to further refine the space requirements for each academic program. Phase two of the planning process is fundraising. The Fundraising Committee will consist of faculty in the College of Health Sciences, School of Nursing, and the College of Health Sciences Advisory Board. Phase three will consist of establishing a Multidisciplinary Faculty Practice Plan. The ultimate goal is to coordinate a variety of services which will be offered for a fee to the University Community, University Stakeholders and the general public. The ultimate goal is to become a revenue generator for Tennessee State University.

DPT Students Promote Cancer Awareness

Dr. Ronald Barredo, Interim Chair, Department of Physical Therapy

The faculty and students in the Doctor of Physical Therapy program participated in the Child Cancer Awareness month September 2010. The event was spearheaded by the **DPT Class of 2012**. The faculty and students lit candles as a symbolic show of support for victims and families of children with cancer. According to the American Childhood Cancer Organization, each year in the U.S., there are approximately 12,400 children between birth and 19 years of age who are diagnosed with cancer. About one in 300 boys and one in 333 girls will develop cancer before their 20th birthday.

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Attending the AHIMA National Convention

Mrs. Elizabeth Kunnu, Chair, Department of Health Information Management

The 82nd Annual **American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA)** national convention was held September 25-30, 2010 in Orlando, Florida. The theme of the conference was *Prosper Through Change: Global Transformation – Historic Opportunities*. The conference emphasized the unprecedented simultaneous changes and developments in the global and national healthcare landscape. The convergence of HIPAA, ARRA, HITECH, 5010 compliance, ICD-10 transition, EHR incentives has made this the most challenging period in the history of our profession. AHIMA's desire is that the convention would educate, empower and inspire HIM practitioners to rise up to meet these challenges. The roster of featured speakers included the U.S. Surgeon General, Regina Benjamin, Alison Levine, team captain of the first women's expedition to Mount Everest, and the new AHIMA CEO, Allen Dowling. Topics in the daily break-out sessions were varied and robust. They covered virtually every facet and specialty area of Health Information Management.



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The main exhibition floor featured booths and exhibits from a wide variety of vendors who provided goods and services to the HIM industry from the biggest names (3M, Ingenix, McKesson, etc.) to smaller, regional firms. HIM educators and networking opportunities abounded. There was also a job fair in the north corner of the exhibit floor where prospective graduates could meet with employers and contracting firms and present their resume. Another excellent resource for students was the Student Academy which was held on the first day. It was designed precisely to address the needs, questions and expectations of HIM students embarking on their professional journey. I highly recommend that every student begin saving now to attend the 2011 convention in Salt Lake City. According to Michael Gregory, an HIM student, "I have already been contacted by two employers who spoke with me at the convention and expressed an interest in talking to me near graduation in May, so the investment in the convention has already started to pay dividends."

DPT Students Provide Service at the Buddy Walk

Students in the doctoral program in physical therapy at Tennessee State University, under the direction of Associate Professor **Dr. Natalie Housel**, provided a community service by assisting with the 2010 Buddy Walk in Centennial Park on Saturday, October 23, 2010. The Buddy Walk is a yearly event organized by the **Down Syndrome Association of Middle Tennessee**.



People with Down Syndrome are honored as they walk around the park with family and friends in a one mile awareness walk. This year's event, coordinated by Teri Edmonson, brought together approximately 2000 people. Housel, along with 36 students, volunteered to help set up tables, display signs, welcome visitors, and provide supervision for various activities. They also provided a warm-up routine for those getting ready for the walk, along with the **Wannabeatles** who played, *From Me to You*. Dr. Edilberto Raynes, Assistant Professor in the Department of Physical Therapy and Dr. Ronald Barredo, Assistant Dean of the College of Health Sciences were also there to offer a helping hand.

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What You Didn't Know About the New Dental Hygiene Clinic

Dr. Marian Patton, Chair, Department of Dental Hygiene

The Dental Hygiene program at Tennessee State University provides comprehensive dental hygiene care in its newly renovated state-of-the-art facility in Clement Hall. The clinic is open during the fall and spring semesters, and also during the first summer session. Dental services are available to students, faculty, and staff and the local community. The goal of the Dental Hygiene Clinic is to provide access to quality oral health care services and to assist individuals in eliminating and preventing oral diseases. Here are some more facts that you probably didn't know about the clinic:

- The total renovation cost was \$2.5 million. The newly renovated, technically advanced clinic has 34 patient operatories.
- New computers are found at each operatory chair for instant patient education visuals. The clinic has new computerized, state-of-the-art practice management technology that creates efficiency where the patient can move smoothly and quickly through the clinical process.
- The clinic offers new digital radiography which not only decreases the amount of radiation exposure to the patient over the traditional method, but also creates efficiency where patients can have their x-rays e-mailed securely to their dental office to eliminate duplicate radiation exposure to the patient.
- Quality dental hygiene services that range from an exam to periodontal scaling and root debridement therapy are offered at an extremely affordable cost.
- The grand opening of the newly renovated facility is scheduled in Fall 2011.

Barredo Appointed Chair of the FCCPT Board



Dr. Ronald Barredo, Assistant Dean of the College of Health Sciences and Interim Chair of the Department of Physical Therapy, was appointed to chair the Board of Directors of the **Foreign Credentialing Commission in Physical Therapy (FCCPT)**. The FCCPT is a non-profit organization created to assist the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and the U.S. jurisdiction licensing authorities by evaluating the credentials of foreign educated physical therapists who wish to immigrate and/or work in the United States. FCCPT is one of only two organizations given authority by the USCIS to prescreen FEPTs and to issue qualified healthcare worker certificates for immigration.

Dental Hygiene Students Participate in Huge Volunteer Effort

Dr. Marian Patton, Chair, Department of Dental Hygiene

Students in the Dental Hygiene program participated in the **Remote Area Medical Volunteer Corps** on February 19-20, 2011. The event took place in the gym at McGavock High School where hundreds of health care professionals volunteered to serve between 500 to 700 individuals. The students worked from 4 dental chairs by providing dental hygiene services and assisting dentists with various procedures.

The Remote Area Medical® (RAM) Volunteer Corps is a non-profit, volunteer, airborne relief corps dedicated to serving mankind by providing free health care, dental care, eye care, veterinary services, and technical and educational assistance to people in remote areas of the United States and the world. Founded in 1985, Remote Area Medical® (RAM) is a publicly supported all-volunteer charitable organization. Volunteer doctors, nurses, pilots, veterinarians and support workers participate in expeditions (at their own expense) in some of the world's most exciting places. Medical supplies, medicines, facilities and vehicles are donated. For more information, visit their website at: www.ramusa.org.

Call for Manuscripts and Reviewers: The National Society of Allied Health Journal

The *National Society of Allied Health Journal* is a fully refereed *Journal*. The aim and scope of the *Journal* is to provide educators, students, practitioners, federal and state government officials, and the public with the latest research and trends affecting the health care status of African Americans and economically disadvantaged populations. The *Journal* is devoted to scholarly writing that addresses:

1. Current theory and practice research;
2. Future trends in theory and practice;
3. Current research studies pertaining to African Americans and disadvantaged populations;
4. Identification of sources that critically examine local and national health problems, and
5. A description of programs and services that promote national health initiatives.

All manuscripts are reviewed using a blind peer-review process. Manuscripts are judged based on the significance of the problem, authenticity of the contribution, and whether research claims advance the profession of allied health.

In 2007, the *Journal* entered into a license agreement with EBSCO Publishing Company. EBSCO is the world's largest intermediary between libraries and publishers and one of the most trusted academic publishers. Over 90% of academic institutions worldwide have subscriptions to one or more EBSCO host databases (www.ebscohost.com). EBSCO recently notified the *Journal* that the *NSAH Journal* was chosen to be included in a special database. This decision was based on the *Journal's* content and the quality of the *Journal*. Along with this special acknowledgement is a guaranteed yearly royalty payment. When the agreement expires in three years with Proquest and the Gale Group, EBSCO Publishing Company has agreed to enter into an exclusive agreement to carry the *NSAH Journal*. This agreement carries a guaranteed yearly royalty payment of \$5,000.

In 2008, Proquest Publishing Company signed an agreement to carry the *Journal*. Proquest has been in the secondary publishing business for nearly 70 years and is one of the most respected names in the industry (www.proquest.com).

In 2009, the *NSAH Journal* signed a three year licensing agreement with the Gale Group, Inc. Publishing Company. Gale is a part of Cengage Learning and a world leader in e-research and educational publishing for libraries, schools and businesses (www.Cengage.com). All of these agreements are significant because it assures researchers that their work will receive maximum exposure nationally and internationally.

The members of the NSAH Editorial Board include:

- Dr. Pamela Burch-Sims (Tennessee State University)
- Dr. Andrew Bond (Retired Dean, Tennessee State University)
- Dr. Anne Jenkins (Winston Salem State University)
- Dr. Angela Davis (Alabama State University)
- Dr. Rosemary Theriot, Editor (Tennessee State University)
- Dr. Mosunmola George-Taylor, Associate Editor (Chattanooga State Community College)
- Dr. Jacqueline Beck (Retired Dean, Florida A&M University)
- Dr. Robin Washington (Governors State University).

For the past four years, the *Journal* has been produced at Tennessee State University in the College of Health Sciences (Howard University was the prior publisher). The *National Society of Allied Health Journal* is published once a year in March and the deadline to submit manuscripts is October 15th.

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JOURNAL OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF ALLIED HEALTH

CALL FOR PAPERS 2011

Edition: Spring/Summer 2012

Deadline for Submitting Manuscripts: October 15, 2011

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The *Journal of the National Society of Allied Health* is a fully refereed scholarly publication of the National Society of Allied Health. The aim and scope of the *Journal* is to provide educators, students, practitioners, federal and state government officials, and the public with the latest research and trends affecting the health care status of African Americans and all disadvantaged populations.

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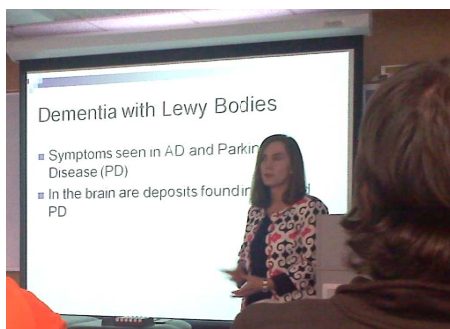
Manuscripts may be e-mailed to the Editor at: rtheriot@tnstate.edu.



Senior Citizen Seminars at Clement Hall

Dr. Natalie House1 is conducting Senior Citizen Seminars for the older adults in the community from February to April 2011. The first seminar entitled *Living with Dementia* was conducted on Friday, February 25 2011. The seminar was presented by Dr. Terri Edwards-Lee (pictured) a neurologist from **Southern Hills Medical Center**.

The **Senior Citizen Seminars** began initially as a project by Dr. House1 when she participated in the TSU President's Fellows Program. For more information about the Senior Citizen Seminars, please email Dr. House1 at nhouse1@tnstate.edu.



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MPH Program on National Target in Cultural Competency

Dr. Elizabeth Brown, Interim Chair, Department of Health Administration and Health Sciences

The inspiration for advancing cultural competence and approaches usually differ depending on the mission and/or goals of the institution. When preparing future health care professionals who will be expected to provide quality health care in the United States and abroad, teaching cultural competence will expose students to a multidimensional learning process that uses cognitive, practical, and affective skills. Here at Tennessee State University, we recruit faculty who have the competency to integrate various cultural dimensions into their teaching so that students' perspectives are broadened. Second, we maintain a curriculum that incorporates various perspectives on culturally competent parameters including sexual orientation, religion, age, gender differences, and other characteristics as they relate to health care.

The Master of Public Health program at Tennessee State University is in sync with other national efforts in touting the importance of cultural competence in the healthcare sector. For example, the current **Health Care Reform Bill** stresses the importance and promotes the integration of cultural competence in various aspects of health care. The MPH program (with a concentration in cultural competency) trains students to utilize competency skills in managed care, the government, academia, and other areas in the field of public health.

Helping to train these future 'experts' in cultural competency represents a significant contribution on the part of a young academic program. Regardless of the age, we are confident that we are growing in the right direction.



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