College of Health Professions
Student Affairs Newsletter
Fall 2016

Homecoming 2016

The Adventure Awaits
This weekend is packed with excitement. The theme, Adventure Awaits, says it all. We hope many of you are planning to attend at least one of the activities and voting for the Homecoming Court.

Dance Attendance Competition
Zips Programming is offering a $250 award to the fraternity, sorority or residence hall with the highest attendance at the dance. Support your group!

Free Lunch for Faculty and Staff!
Game tickets and pregame buffet tickets are available at no charge to faculty and staff! Additional buffet tickets can be purchased for $10 at tickets@uakron.edu

Make a Difference Day - October 22nd

Make a Difference Day is approaching. We hope many of you have registered for at least part of the day to lend a helping hand in Akron!

Important UA Dates for ALL!

- Homecoming (Akron vs Miami) October 8th
- Last day to Withdraw October 17th
- Graduation Application Deadline for Grad Students November 1st
- Thesis & Dissertation Deadline November 14th
- Thanksgiving Recess November 23 at 5:00pm - 27th
- Graduation Application Deadline for Undergrads December 1st
- Fall Exam Week December 12th - 18th
- Fall Commencement December 16th/17th
- Holiday closure December 26th - January 1st
- Spring Semester begins January 17th
- Spring Break March 27th - April 2nd
- Spring Exam Week May 8th - 14th
- Spring Commencement May 12th/14th

Remember: The Registrar’s Office sets and maintains the calendar.
Check for the latest information at www.uakron.edu/registrar.
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Student Success Center
Mr. Don Canary, Director

Fall is an exciting time of the year around here, with new faces and a new enthusiasm that each new class brings to their programs. Please take advantage of the resources that are available to you to assure your success. It is time to write your own story through your own Akron Experience. Why not you-why not now! I have worked with students here at The University of Akron for over 20 years and I look forward to working with all the students in the College of Health Professions. Please don’t hesitate to call me if you have any questions or concerns at (330) 972-5103 or email canary@uakron.edu

Premajor Students

Once you are admitted into your program then you will be assigned a faculty adviser who will serve as your mentor/adviser for the remainder of your college career.

Reason to Come to the Student Success Center:

- Review how your classes are going
- If the career choice and major you have selected is working out
- How to get your AP or Bypassed credit posted
- How to read your DARS report
- Review any credits that you may have transferred to The University of Akron
- Or come in with any other concern or questions you might have

Important Info for New Students

- Go to class (this sounds crazy but students feel that if they can get notes from someone else then they will be OK-you will not be OK)
- Go to your professor’s office hours. Professors were all college students once just like you and they do what they do because they enjoy working with students
- Network early. College is over before you know it and it is never too early to talk to everyone about your future career
- Meet new people. Even if you go to The University of Akron with many of your high school friends it is time to branch out and meet new people
- Seek a balance between academics, social activities and work (ask your academic adviser about the 60 hour principle)
- Three hours of quality studying beats a draining, distracted all-nighter any day.
- Keep the embarrassing stuff off of Facebook. Your tolerance for your public image will shift over time, but just trust me; you’ll be better off.
- Finally, I don’t want you to look back at your college experience and have regrets about what you could have done or what you should have

Records Specialist Has Moved!

Ms Tami Staab has moved to the 2nd floor of MGH to be closer to the School of Nursing. See her regular column on the School of Nursing page in this newsletter.

The CHP Student Success Center Welcomes New Adviser

Ms Joan Ogg has recently joined the advising team in MGH 313. She began her career at UA in 1993 as an instructor and joined the main campus advising unit in Simmons Hall in 2007. She is currently advising all Sport Science and Wellness, Nutrition and Dietetics, and Allied Health pre-majors. Stop in and meet your new adviser!

CHP Students Say Thanks!-September 9th

In recognition of the importance of donations in maintaining student financial assistance, the Department of Development held the University’s first “Thank-A-Donor Day” September 9th in the Student Union. Our nursing students (right) were more than happy to participate in thanking our generous College of Health Professions scholarship donors!
New Grads!
The School of Counseling is proud to announce that they have graduated 5 doctoral students this summer: two from Counseling Psychology and three from Marriage and Family Therapy. One graduate from the Counseling Psychology Program, we are proud to say, has been given a Harvard University Post-Doctoral Fellowship.

Reaccreditation Visit for Marriage and Family Therapy
The Marriage and Family Therapy Program has just gone through reaccreditation and was told that they have done very well. The site team was very positive, which is especially important for the master’s and doctoral programs, as the program coordinator died very unexpectedly 4 years ago, but through commitment and resiliency, the program not only continued but thrived. As soon as we hear from the accreditation body, we can move from having an interim program director to the two programs being overseen by two junior faculty members who are ready and eager to take these programs over.

Reaccreditation Prep for Counseling
The School of Counseling is now preparing for CACREP reaccreditation at the beginning of next year. Stay tuned for more information!

Sock Drive
Delta Kappa Lambda and Chi Sigma Iota, two student honor societies in the School of Counseling, are engaging in a joint sock drive during the months of October. Drop off donations at the Chima Building or the Dean’s Office in MGH.

Recent Orientations
The School of Counseling had two well attended New Student Orientations this year. We had a social prior to our doctoral orientation for students in all of our programs (new and returning).

Student Advisory Board In the Works
Dr. Jordan is putting another student advisory board together. This was very successful last year and served to communicate student needs to Dr. Jordan.

School of Allied Health

Congratulations!
The Surgical Technology Class of 2016 had 100% pass rate on their national certification exam. The benchmark is 70%.
Introducing
Kristine E. Sonstrom, Au.D., Ph.D.
Assistant Professor, School of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

Dr. Kristine Sonstrom started her position as an Assistant Professor for the School of Speech Language Pathology and Audiology in the fall 2015. She was born and raised in Connecticut where she completed a Bachelor and Master degree in Animal Science and Bioacoustics. Dr. Sonstrom graduated with a dual doctorate in Audiology and Philosophy in 2015 at The University of Cincinnati. She is a board certified and licensed audiologist and holds a certificate in animal audiology. Her interests include neuro-audiology, electrophysiology, vestibular assessment and management and animal audiology.

FETCHLAB
Secondary to teaching, Dr. Sonstrom extended her efforts this past year into the opening of FETCHLAB™ Akron. The Facility for Education and Testing of Canine Hearing and the Laboratory for Animal Bioacoustics (FETCHLAB™) is dedicated to the evaluation and management of canine hearing disorders and the study of hearing and vocalizations among animals. There are three collaborating Universities: University of Cincinnati (founder), University of Northern Colorado and University of Akron. Our mission focuses on education, research and collaboration. Assessments used to test canine hearing are the same used in human audiology, thus, FETCHLAB™ introduces a unique and innovative opportunity for our doctoral audiology students. Research interests include the development of comprehensive diagnostic protocols for hearing testing in dogs, including police and service working dogs and their handlers subject to high noise environments. Dr. Sonstrom’s recently accepted article “Is noise reactivity reflected in auditory response variables, including those that measure cognition, in dogs?” will be published in the Journal of Veterinary Behavior: Clinical Applications and Research at the end of the year. The animal audiology clinic is open to the university and local community; Dr. Sonstrom welcomes local breeders and clients that wish to have their dogs hearing tested to FETCHLAB™ Akron!
**Nutrition and Dietetics Journal Club**

The Nutrition and Dietetics Journal Club is now underway! Under the joint effort of Kathy Schupp from the Nutrition Center and Marilia Antunez, the Life and Allied Health Science Librarian this club was formed to assist students in:

- analyzing scientific literature
- using electronic resources to locate and organize scientific articles
- and to design and present an oral critique in a traditional journal club format.

For more information contact: Kathy Schupp - x5548, kschupp@uakron.edu

**Breastfeeding Room - SHS 210**

Please be aware that a breastfeeding room has been made available for students, faculty and staff. It is located in the Nutrition Center, 210 Shrank Hall South. A refrigerator is available for breastmilk storage as well. For more information contact the Nutrition Center – x2836, nutritioncenter@uakron.edu

**Wellness Retreat - October 29th**

The Nutrition Center will be presenting a Wellness Retreat on Saturday, October 29th from 8am - 1pm for CHP faculty and staff. The retreat will include yoga, oils for stress relief, a vegetarian lunch and food demo.

The cost will be $30. Limited to twenty participants. For more information contact: Katie Logsdon – x7319, logsdon@uakron.edu

**Silent Auction and Dinner**

The Nutrition and Dietetics Advisory Board will be hosting a Silent Auction and Dinner on Thursday, November 3, 2016 from 6:30-8:30 pm at 111 Bistro. Cost is $50.00 per person. All proceeds benefit the Advisory Board Scholarship Fund. For more information, contact Katie Logsdon logsdon@uakron.edu.
Welcome Back Nursing Students!
I hope your semester is going well! We welcome our new Accelerated and Sophomore classes as they are the first group of students to wear the new School of Nursing Uniform.

Accreditation
As you may recall, the fall of 2016 we had an accreditation visit from AACN and I am happy to announce the School of Nursing is fully accredited through 2026. Thank you to all the students who were available to talk to the accreditation team last fall.

Kaplan
This is the second year that Kaplan has been threaded throughout our curriculum. We have had 3 groups of senior students who have completed an on-site Kaplan NCLEX review after taking the N401 Transitions course. I have received positive feedback from students stating that the review was helpful in guiding them as they prepare to take the NCLEX exam. Below are the dates for the December and May Kaplan NCLEX Reviews. Please note that all Kaplan reviews will be held on campus and attendance is mandatory.

Getting Involved
You will be receiving e-mails from the SNA President, Sarah Tochinsky on how you can become involved. Also look for information from the Men in Nursing Club and your class representatives. A list of class representatives is available on Springboard. Juniors, soon your class reps will be asking you to choose a faculty advisor.

Summa Badges
Finally, there is a new policy at Summa that when you complete the Nursing program or if you withdraw from the School of Nursing you must turn in your SUMMA badge. So please do not destroy or lose it. You can bring the badge to my office in 202.

Important Dates for Nursing

- 15th Annual Cameos of Caring Gala: October 15th
- Kaplan On-Site Review for December Grads: January 3-6, 2017 9a-4p Location TBA
- Annual Pinning Ceremony: May 11, 2017
- Kaplan On-Site Review for May Grads: May 15-18, 2017 9a-4p Location TBA

Again, Welcome Back!
Dr. Enlow
Assistant Director, Undergraduate Programs
Office: 202
Phone: 330-972-5938
New Office—MGH 201B!
My office has been moved to MGH 201B where your nursing faculty are located. If you need to see me try to remember to come to the 2nd floor instead of the 3rd.

DARS
All student should be running their DARS reports at the end of the semester to make sure all requirements and co-requisites are accounted for and complete. Any discrepancies should be brought to my attention ASAP!

Seniors! Graduation!
If you are a December 2016 grad but have NOT applied for graduation, you must see me immediately for a Late Graduation Application. E-mail me ASAP!

Spring graduating seniors need to apply for graduation by December 1st. Do this online by going to:
• My Akron Student Center
• My Academics
• Apply for Graduation.
If you’re not sure if you have already applied, run your DARS report. Your graduation date will be filled in on the top right hand side of the audit.

E-Mail
All nursing students should be checking your e-mails frequently for important messages regarding medical requirements, holds, and deadlines.

Proof of Flu Immunization
Receipt of the flu vaccine is due November 1st in Immunitrax. Keep a copy with you.

Sophomore and Junior Registration
Be certain that you are enrolled in and complete your co-requisite classes in the spring. You may not move on to the next level nursing courses if your co-requisites aren’t complete. Run a DARS so you can be certain you are on track to progress to the next level.

If you will not be completing your level classes until the summer, you may not take any nursing class in the next level during the summer until you complete the co-requisites.

Taking a Class Somewhere Else?
If you are planning to take classes for your level co-requisites as another institution (Transient) please check the website below for transfer guides:
Keep in mind, you may not take any transient classes when you are within your last 30 credits of your degree. E-mail Leslie Tucker (lt13@uakron.edu) PRIOR to enrolling in the class. Include your student ID, the class you are taking, the start and end dates and the UA class name that it is equivalent to. She will create a Transient Permission form for you which the other institution will need to have in order to transfer your grade to UA.

Cameos of Caring Gala
The School of Nursing is hosting their annual Cameos of Caring Gala event on October 15th the Quaker Station Ballroom. Area hospitals are given the opportunity to recognize outstanding nurses who have been nominated by their peers. The money raised at this opulent event goes into an endowment which produces funds for nursing scholarship awards each year. Typically, the students designated to receive the Cameos scholarships are those who stand out in a crowd for their academics as well as their leadership.

The number of recipients varies from year to year and is automatically renewed each year depending on the money available to distribute. Our current Cameos Scholars are seniors Jeffrey Byrne and Ashley Capestrain as well as Sophomores Tyler Blake and Breana Hovest.

Check out the photos of the 2016 Cameos for Caring awardees with their institution noted in the display case outside of the Dean’s Complex. Perhaps someday YOUR photo will be on display in that case.
School of Sport Science & Wellness Education

The School of Sport Science and Wellness Education in collaboration with the Student Recreation and Wellness Center will host the 6th annual UA 5K Homecoming run/walk, Saturday, October 8th.

The UA 5K is a 3.1 mile road race across The University of Akron Campus. The race starts at 8:00am outside InfoCision Stadium.

In-person registration is available for UA students, staff and faculty for just $20 at the Student Recreation & Wellness Center. Online registration is also available for all participants for $25 at http://www.active.com/akron-oh/running/distance-running-races/ua-5k-homecoming-run-walk-event-2016.

For more information check out The University of Akron Student Recreation and Wellness Center on Facebook or http://www.uakron.edu/srws/ua-5k.dot on the UA webpage.

Quiz Bowl Masters!

After winning the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) Midwest Regional Quiz Bowl competition in November, 2015, the UA Exercise Science team qualified for the ACSM National Quiz Bowl in Boston, MA in June, 2016. The participants of the UA quiz bowl team included seniors Iris Javersak, Roxana Buda and Mary Catherine Drockton. The UA team which represented the Midwest region finished 5th out of 12 regions across the United States. Way to go Zips!

June 2016 – Sport Science Academy Youth Sport Camp

The School of Sport Science and Wellness Education celebrated the 6th year of its Sport Science Academy-Youth Sport Camp. The 2016 camp was 2 weeks with over 150 youth sport enthusiast on the UA campus. The Youth Sport Camp was successfully planned, organized, and administered as a service learning project by a group of diligent and hardworking graduate and undergraduate sport management students. These students spent months in preparation for this program success. The Youth Sport Camp is designed to teach sport skill development in youth ages 5-12. Cooperative teachers and coaches provide a positive learning environment in which participants will enjoy learning basic sport skills and rules. Positive coaching will promote learning sport skills in a small group environment. All camp activities and programs have a focus on developing a healthy lifestyle in a positive sport and recreational environment.

December 2016

Sport Studies Career Conference

The 19th Edition of the Sport Studies Career Conference will be held on Friday December 2nd 2016 at InfoCision Stadium. This Sport Management club event will provide UA students with the unique opportunity to listen to a diverse panel of professionals who currently work in the sport industry. Each presenter will talk about their personal career development journey, where they are now, how they got there, and where they want to go in the future. Students will have the opportunity to ask questions, make contacts and join presenters and faculty at a free luncheon. The conference is planned, organized, and administered by Sport Science/Administration graduate students as part of their service learning development program.