

# *College of Health Professions* **Student Affairs Newsletter** **Spring 2017**

## Spring Events on campus

### **Woman's History Month, March 2017**

Women's History Month, at the University of Akron, celebrates the history, understanding, and empowerment of women and their impact on the campus, community, and world.

Black Male Symposium will be Friday, April 7th

This one day event is designed to equip high school and college students, counselors, administrators and community leaders with tools to better serve Ohio's African-American male students.

For information about this event visit [uakron.edu/](http://uakron.edu/)

**Purple Heart recipient Spencer Stone is giving a lecture on Tuesday, March 21st at 7:30 p.m., E.J. Thomas Performing Arts Hall  
Information and tickets available at <https://www.uakron.edu>**

## Important CHP Dates for ALL!

- 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](http://www.uakron.edu/registrar).

## 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](mailto: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

#### 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!



## School of Social Work

### S.W.I.F.T. AT WAYNE CAMPUS

The student social work organization, S.W.I.F.T., held two separate fundraisers in the fall semester to support their efforts in completing community projects and earned just over \$700. A portion of the proceeds went to support the SSWL organizations efforts to assist a struggling family at Christmas and towards the Sock Drive.

The students have two upcoming events in March. On March 25<sup>th</sup>, S.W.I.F.T. will hold its second annual Backpack Dash, a 5k run/walk to benefit Orrville city schools. Proceeds will be used to purchase school supplies for area students in need.

### MSW PROGRAM AT WAYNE CAMPUS

The University of Akron MSW Program at the Wayne Campus began last year with a cohort of ten students that will be graduating this May! We prepare students for advanced practice social work through a convenient evening program with full-time, part-time, and advanced standing options in both micro and macro practice. We offer smaller class sizes in a comfortable learning environment along with access to state-of-the-art technology and library resources. Students have expressed their satisfaction with the MSW program in Orrville, Ohio, as they do not have to travel to Akron for any of their classes. This has allowed the University to reach students in the more remote areas of Ohio and to provide them a user-friendly way to advance their education. The MSW program is a CSWE-accredited program and applications are coming in now for the next cohort. We are anticipating great things in social work education here at the Wayne Campus!

### BA/BASW PROGRAM AT LAKEWOOD CAMPUS

The opportunity to earn a BA or BASW is available at the UA Lakewood campus. We are a small, intimate campus located in the heart of Lakewood at 14725 Detroit Avenue. The majority of our students transfer from Tri-C or LCCC to complete their four-year degree and a major in social work. We offer all the coursework required to major in social work on our campus. Classes are in the evenings from 4 pm – 9:50 pm. We are only in the second year of offering an undergraduate option in social work at this location. We have grown from 10 students in the first cohort to 20 students in the current cohort. We hope to add options in the future for flexibility in start dates and class times. We are particularly proud of having a diverse group of students who bring enthusiasm and passion to the program!

### UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Ohio's Child Welfare University Partnership Program (UPP) was established in 2002 as a collaboration among the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS), the Institute for Human Services (IHS), the Public Children Services Association of Ohio (PCSAO), and the schools of social work at the participating universities. The program is funded by Title IV E training dollars. Ohio's program follows the design put in place in several states to address the following types of challenges for public child welfare retention: the need to professionalize the workforce, difficulties recruiting and retention, the need to reduce turnover, to minimize expenditures in time and dollars for training new workers. Each year, a minimum of 7 and a maximum of 11 (majority BSW and 2 MSW) may apply for admission to the program. Among the requirements, students must take two child welfare elective courses and complete a year field placement in a public child welfare agency. After successfully graduating from the program, students must obtain employment within 180 days after graduation and commit to work for 1 year in a public child welfare agency. Once hired, students receive up to a \$5,000 work incentive.

### CBT INITIATIVE

Following a semester of learning the basics of Cognitive Behavior Therapy (CBT), graduate students interested in clinical social work began a second semester of study in an advanced CBT course that focuses on transdiagnostic mechanisms and interventions as well as third-wave CBTs, with an emphasis on mindfulness. The School of Social Work field liaisons ensure that students have an opportunity to apply what they are learning in class through collaboration with the field instructors at the clinical sites who have expertise in these evidence-based treatments. Due to the school's presence on three campuses (Akron, Lakewood, and Wayne), students have an opportunity to choose from placements in a five-county area. This CBT Initiative is in part sponsored through a grant with NEOMED.

### CUYAHOGA COUNTY CONFERENCE

The MSW Social Welfare Policy II students will be attending the Cuyahoga County Conference on Social Welfare on May 16, 2017.

<http://www.naswoh.org/?page=cuyahogaconference>

Akron, Ohio has long been known as the birthplace of recovery as Alcoholics Anonymous was founded in this very city back in 1935. Our University campus serves as the annual venue for “AA Founders Weekend” in June. In keeping with the recovery tradition, the School of Social Work has developed a robust Addictions Curriculum at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. The goal is two-fold:

- Ensure students can develop a well-rounded and scholarly background in how to identify, advocate for, and treat persons with substance use issues.
- Ensure students graduate with the kind of marketable skills that are much needed across our communities.

Undergrad options offer students the opportunity to augment their degree with a Basic Addictions Services Certificate, an Advanced Addictions Services Certificate, or even a Minor in Addictions Studies. Our graduate program has recently received accreditation by the Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals Board. Only three Ohio Institutions have this distinction. For more

## School of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

### Suicide Prevention Campus Walk

The National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association (NSSLHA), in conjunction with the American Foundation of Suicide Prevention (AFSP), is hosting the university’s 4<sup>th</sup> Annual “Out of the Darkness” Campus Walk. This event will be held on May 7<sup>th</sup>, starting with registration at 4:00pm at the Stile Field House. The Opening Ceremony begins at 5:00pm. Other student groups, fraternities, and sororities across the university have volunteered to help at this year’s walk. “Rhythm and Roos” will again delight us with their musical acapella talents while the UA ROTC will bring in the colors during the opening ceremony. More is being planned, too!

There is no fee to participate, so please sign up. If you want to create a team, the more the merrier! This year’s walk is focused on an evening of healing and bringing the light out in the world. For more information and to register to walk, please visit the following website:

<http://afsp.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=4629>

Also check out the walk on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/AkronCampusWalk/>

If you would like to volunteer or get involved, please contact:

Scott Palasik: [scottpalasik.uakronwalk@gmail.com](mailto:scottpalasik.uakronwalk@gmail.com)

## Patient Centered Care at the School of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology



Left to Right: Charles Carlin, PhD; Kristine Sonstrom, AuD, PhD;  
Katie Boarman, MA; Cindy Wisesser, Occupational Therapist

***Interprofessional Practice:*** In an effort to improve patient outcomes and the quality of services, a team of professionals in The School of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology created an interprofessional clinic designed to serve individuals with complex communication needs. The patients are diagnosed with an array of neurogenic and/or developmental disabilities, e.g., Down syndrome, autism, cerebral palsy, aphasia, and apraxia, and these disabilities negatively affect their ability to communicate independently. The clinic enables a team of professionals to work together to address patients' communication, fine motor skills, and audiological needs, and then develop an individualized plan of care.

***Interprofessional Education:*** Graduate students in speech-language pathology and audiology participate in this clinic, learning from each other about communication disorders and hearing loss. They also learn from the occupational therapist about fine motor difficulties and how these difficulties affect the patients. Over time, graduate students see firsthand how a team of professionals work together to provide high-quality care to an underserved population.

***Outcomes:*** Through this clinic, we have been able to diagnosis previously unknown hearing loss and procure state of the art speech-generating devices for patients. Graduate students learn assessment techniques from the speech-language pathologist, audiologist, and occupational therapist. Students learn to function as a team, develop leadership skills, and collaborate with professionals to ensure goal-driven and effective patient outcomes.

We encourage professionals from other disciplines to offer support if their area(s) of expertise may provide additional benefit for this patient population. For inquiries related to our interprofessional clinic, please email Dr. Sonstrom at [ksonstrom@uakron.edu](mailto:ksonstrom@uakron.edu). For patient referrals or inquiries, please email Mrs. Boarman at [kboarman@uakron.edu](mailto:kboarman@uakron.edu).

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## School of Nutrition & Dietetics

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:nutritioncenter@uakron.edu)



# School of Nursing



**Dear Students,**

The 2016-2017 academic year has gone by quickly. Only 8 more weeks left!

**Sophomores,** this is a time to review your academic plan for next year. Please remember to check your DARs to make sure you are working towards completing your general education requirements as well as your nursing courses.

**Juniors,** please remember that if you have not taken the Kaplan Integrated Comprehensive Med/Surg Exam you are required to take it by the end of finals week. You will receive information via e-mail regarding date and times. Finally 75 minutes of remediation is required before beginning your senior year.

**Seniors,** as you complete your final nursing courses please remember that your Kaplan NCLEX review will be May 15-18th from 8am-4 pm in MGH 111. Also please remember that you must turn in your Summa badge after completing your last clinical at Summa. They can be turned into Sheryl Stuck in office 201Z or my office.

**Ohio Board of Nursing**

In November of 2017 the Ohio Board of Nursing will be at the School of Nursing for our 5 year survey visit. We will be asking for students to meet with our site visitor. You will get more information in the fall.

**Celebrating 50 years in Nursing Education**

Finally, this year the School of Nursing is celebrating it's 50th anniversary. During the rest of this semester we will be putting up information on the school's history.

**Did you know: On July 1, 1967 the Department of Nursing at the University of Akron was elevated to the College of Nursing. Dr. Estelle Naes was appointed Dean of the new college. In the first 4 months more than 80 students enrolled in the 4 year program.**

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## Important Dates for Nursing



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual May Pinning Ceremony</li> <li>• Kaplan On-Site Review for May Grads:</li> <li>• August Pinning Ceremony</li> </ul> | <p><b>May 11, 2017</b></p> <p><b>May 15-18, 2017 9a-4p Location TBA</b></p> <p><b>August 24th, 2017 Time and location TBA</b></p> |
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**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. Please contact the Student Success office regarding any discrepancies.

**Seniors! Graduation!**

If you are a December 2017 grad but have NOT applied for graduation, you must see me immediately for a Late Graduation Application. E-mail me ASAP!

December graduating seniors need to apply for graduation by July 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.**

**Immunitrax for Nursing Students**

Please remember that the following must be completed:

- BCI/FBI Background check (Repeat yearly)
- Urine Screen (Repeat yearly)
- TB test (Repeat Yearly)
- Fall flu vaccine due by Nov 1st (Repeat Yearly)
- Updated CPR (Every 2 years)

**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:

<http://www.uakron.edu/transferstudents/transferring-to-ua/transfer-guides.dot>.

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.

# School of Sport Science & Wellness Education

## Exercise Science Club

The Exercise Science Club is organizing the UA 5K Glow Run on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017. The Run will take place at Lee Jackson Field and will begin at 9:00 p.m. Pre-registration is \$20 and can be purchased online at [uaglowrun.weebly.com](http://uaglowrun.weebly.com).

Also, University of Akron Quiz Bowl team finished 6th overall at the Midwest American College of Sports Medicine Annual Meeting in Fort Wayne, IN.

Three Exercise Science majors joined together to compete against a total of 20 schools at this annual competition. Our Zips made it to the final round, but fell short in Final Jeopardy to receive an overall 6th place. Pictured from left to right are: Ilsa Jones, Amanda Montemayor and Lauren Gentner.

