

CHHS March 2010 Newsletter

CHHS Hosts Academic Achievement Recognition Dinner

On the evening of February 6th, 2010, the College of Health and Human Services hosted the sixth annual Academic Achievement Awards Dinner in the Kentucky Room of the Kentucky Library and Museum on the WKU campus. The "Above and Beyond" event honored first-time freshmen and transfer students in CHHS who achieved a GPA of 3.4 or above during their first semester of study. The Dean of the College, Dr. John Bonaguro, recognized the students for their achievement and presented each with a signed certificate. The honorees were encouraged to invite their parents, other family members, or guests to attend, and were joined by representatives from their academic departments, advisors, and administrative staff.

The event was held in conjunction with home games for both the Lady Toppers and Hilltoppers basketball teams. This was especially appropriate because the guest speaker, Dr. Neal Garrison, is a native of Bowling Green with long standing ties to Western Kentucky University as students, graduates, and supporters of the University's programs. Dr. Garrison is currently a Professor of surgery and holds a Designated Scholar position at the University of Louisville in the School of Medicine. A summary of Dr. Garrison's speech follows.

In his address Dr. Garrison encouraged the students in attendance that their future career path in the field of Health and Human Services was exciting and rewarding. This field of serving your fellow man is based on some age-old ideas or values. First and Foremost was the concept of a gift to another individual. This idea results in an uplifting of the donor's spirit more than the monetary value of the gift. The second concept that embodies the human services field was a quest for knowledge. Intellectual curiosity and the idea of learning and mentorship is essential to the process of information exchange for the students success and ultimately the client's benefit. The third foundational concept is specialization within the human services field where an in depth understanding of a particular field is to the benefit of the client. Fourth on the list is the concept of courage and risk taking. Without the ability to overcome personal doubts and fears of failure, the selected career interest will become routine or worst stagnant. Finally, Dr. Garrison noted that the concept of a gathering with colleagues or peers is vitally important for the continued exchange of information. The College of Health and Human Services and the heritage of Western Kentucky University is an example to be emulated in the future careers of those in attendance. He encouraged the students to be true to the Western Kentucky University heritage that "The Spirit Makes the Master."

Dr. Garrison suggested that by being good stewards of their time and talents. They would be prepared to fulfill these lofty expectations that lay ahead in their careers. A focus on personal goals would direct their efforts on fulfillment of these challenges for good stewardship. Setting goals and dreams at a high level will assure that the abilities and talents of the individual will be utilized to the fullest degree. In order to reach these goals Dr. Garrison listed four steps. First was a commitment to excellence. Do not accept mediocrity from yourself or your colleagues. Second, keep score of your efforts. Without quality improvement no progress is possible. Third, have a sound knowledge of the field of interest. Continue to learn and study the new developments in the area of your interest. And finally, develop a strong sense of self-discipline to put your client's needs before your own.

Dr. Garrison related that in following these simple concepts and suggestions, the professional career each had chosen would give them a sense of purpose, accomplishment and fulfillment.



Give the Gift of Style

Fashion Inc., the student-affiliate chapter of ITAA, hosted a holiday clothing drive to aid in replenishing the depleted inventories of children's, women's, and men's apparel at the local Salvation Army. Chapter president, Erin Kirby and publicity chair, Paul Beasley (both are Design, Merchandising and Textiles students) accepted several donations from students, faculty and staff during the clothing drive held on the main floor of Downing University Center (DUC).

Giving the Gift of Style is hoped to become an annual event for the organization. Fashion Inc.'s members are excited to be able to positively contribute to organizations that assist members of the Bowling Green community that may be in need.



Vaccinate the Staff Contest

The L.I.V.E. (Let's Immunize Very Early) Coalition, which includes the Institute for Rural Health Development and Research and the South Central AHEC as well as other community agencies, partnered with the Warren County Public School System by providing and administering seasonal flu vaccines to over 900 faculty and staff in the county's schools. The vaccinate Your Staff Contest was conducted in the schools between October 1 and November 30, 2009. The prizes were cash, and the goal of the contest was to increase the number of faculty and staff who received the seasonal flu vaccine. All who participated in the contest were entered into a drawing for 11 prizes of \$50 each.

While it is difficult to prove that the 47% of those who received the flu shot this year but not last year was a direct result of the contest, it certainly seems that the contest was a factor. And the convenience of the having the vaccines administered on site at each school is another factor in the number of people who participated, according to L.I.V.E. Coalition.

To receive more information about this program and others the Institute for Rural Health Development and Research, contact Lucy Juett, Director of South Central AHEC at 270.745.3325, or Beth Whitfield, the Mobile health Unit Coordinator at the Institute, 270.745-8824.

Special Olympics Event Fundraiser

Dr. Tammie Stenger-Ramsey and the WKU Recreation Program Planning Class donated \$900 in December, 2009, to the Bowling Green Special Olympics to assist them in purchasing new cheerleading uniforms for the current season. Brent Belcher, Recreation Division Manager for Bowling Green Parks and Recreation, praised the effort, "Dr. Stenger-Ramsey has been a tremendous supporter of the BG Special Olympics with a variety of different fundraisers. The single most important aspect of any non-profit organization is community support." He went on to say, "Christmas came early for our group, thanks to you."

The money was raised with a Cornhole Tournament planned and executed by the fall REC 306 - Recreation Program Planning class. An additional \$150 was donated to the College Heights Foundation for the JoAnn Verner Scholarship fund. Ms. Verner was a faculty member in the Recreation Administration Program at WKU for over 25 years and the founder of the Area 5 Special Olympics.

HOSA on the Hill

On December 4, 2009, hundreds of Kentucky high school students visited Western Kentucky University to participate in mock competitions in several health care areas to prepare for competition at the national level. HOSA events were medical terminology, medical math, medical photography, rescue breathing, prepared speaking, career health display, extemporaneous writing, job-seeking skills, nursing assisting, a HOSA bowl, and CPR.

Ice and Lights Winter Fashion Show

The DMT 132, Perspectives of Dress, class hosted Ice and Lights, a winter fashion show. The successful event took center stage of DUC's main floor at 12 noon on December 8, 2009. The students of DMT 132 planned the entire event and also served in all the major roles including commentator, music engineer, photographer, and models. The large audience that gathered to watch the nearly 15 minute show included WKU students, faculty, staff and visitors. Audience members had positive comments and were delighted to see such an entertaining and unexpected event in DUC.

Video of the event is available on the CFS webpage. The video was recorded by Dr. Devona L. Dixon, DMT 132 course instructor.

8th Annual Hawaii International Conference on Education

The Department of KRS was very well represented at the 8th Annual International Conference on Education in Honolulu, HI. The KRS Faculty had a total of 13 presentations in several disciplines that included collaboration with 1) KRS students, 2) fellow department faculty, 3) colleagues from another area of CHHS, 4) faculty from other US universities, and 5) faculty from another country.

Poster Presentations

Assessment of Graduate Student versus Professional Peer Reviewers

Navalta, James - Western Kentucky University
Lyons, Scott - Western Kentucky University

Leadership's relationship with Employee Professional Collaboration

Smith, Darren – Western Kentucky University

Shooting Sports Facility Development: A Case Study

Stenger-Ramsey, Tammie – Western Kentucky University
Larson, Bruce – Western Kentucky University
Ramsing, Ron – Western Kentucky University
Gibson, Fred – Western Kentucky University

Economic Impact of Shooting Sports in the United States

Larson, Bruce – Western Kentucky University
Ramsing, Ron – Western Kentucky University
Stenger-Ramsey, Tammie – Western Kentucky University

Economic Impact of Whitewater Parks in the United States

Ramsing, Ron – Western Kentucky University
Larson, Bruce – Western Kentucky University
Stenger-Ramsey, Tammie – Western Kentucky University

Sport Management Curriculum Development in Higher Education

Stenger-Ramsey, Tammie – Western Kentucky University
Larson, Bruce – Western Kentucky University

Gibson, Fred – Western Kentucky University
Ramsing, Ron – Western Kentucky University

Competitive Shooting & the Flow Experience

Larson, Bruce – Western Kentucky University
Stenger-Ramsey, Tammie – Western Kentucky University
Ramsing, Ron – Western Kentucky University

Hosting Shooting Sports Tournaments: A Study on Economic Impact

Ramsing, Ron – Western Kentucky University
Larson, Bruce – Western Kentucky University
Stenger-Ramsey, Tammie – Western Kentucky University

Assessing Graduate Student's Body, Mind Spirit Dimensions: Revisiting the BMS Survey

Hey, Donna – Western Kentucky University
Hey, William – Western Kentucky University
Calderon, Kris – Kennedy Space Center
Hill, Kory – Jacksonville State University
Deere, Lindsey – Western Kentucky University

A Health Promotion Model for Children with Intellectual Disabilities in Turkey

Subasi, Feryal – Yeditepe University Luleci
Emel – Marmara University
Mumcu, Gonca – Marmara University
Leyla, Koksai – Marmara University
Serap, Inal – Yeditepe University
Hey, William – Western Kentucky University

Assessing Selected Quality of Life Factors of Nursing Homes Residents in Turkey

Luleci, Emel – Marmara University
Subasi, Feryal – Yeditepe University
Hey, William – Western Kentucky University

Oral Presentations

Leadership Considerations for Aspiring Higher Education Administrators

Hey, William – Western Kentucky University
Larson, Bruce – Western Kentucky University

Creating Creative Health Education Teaching Strategies

Hey, William – Western Kentucky University
Hey, Donna – Western Kentucky University