

CHHS March 2011 E-Newsletter

Dr. Josepha Campinha-Bacote To Speak at Conference at Knicely Center March 18

The Continuing Education Committee associated with Western Kentucky University School of Nursing is pleased to announce in conjunction with the Medical Center and the Western Kentucky University Department of Social Work a conference titled:

The Journey Towards Cultural Competence in Healthcare Delivery: A Culturally Conscious Approach to Patient Care by the internationally known theorist **Dr. Josepha Campinha-Bacote**.

The conference will be held at the Carroll Knicely Conference Center on Friday, March 18. Registration is from 8:00 am to 8:30 am. Dr. Campinha-Bacote's presentation begins at 8:30 and will adjourn at 12:00 noon. Registration fee is \$10.00 for WKU students and faculty. This presentation will have very broad appeal: for healthcare providers and anyone who works with diverse populations.

Please click [here](#) for the flier & registration form. The flier also includes instructions, brief presenter biography, and CE information. Please complete the form along with the fee and return as soon as possible. You don't want to miss out on this opportunity!



Graduation Ceremony in New York City

Congratulations to the graduates of the Distance Learning program in Communication Disorders. The speech teachers earned their master's degree in communication disorders while working full time. A graduation ceremony was held at the United Federation of Teachers (UFT) headquarters in New York on January 13.

The distance learning program for UFT students is a collaborative cohort between WKU & the New York City Department of Education (NYCDOE). This program allows those already working for or interested in working for the NYCDOE a way to earn a Master's Degree in Communication Disorders without leaving their teaching positions in the city schools. There is currently a great need for Speech Language Pathologists in the New York City schools and the goal of this program is to assist in offsetting this shortage.

For more information, please contact a member of the UFT Adjunct Faculty by phone- (212) 844-0565 or via email- speech@ufttc.org.



Kingsford Charcoal Employees Earn Certificate in Occupational Safety and Health

A program developed by the Department of Public Health awarded certificates to 18 Kingsford Charcoal employees in February. The program is 15- credit hours and is a career-training program focused on protecting human health from occupational hazards in the built and natural environments.

Dr. Gary English, Department Head for Public Health, Dr. Ritchie Taylor & Dr. Vijay Golla, Associate Professors in Public Health, and Laura Ricke, Director of Cohort Programs, traveled to the Kingsford Charcoal plant in Summer Shade to award the certificate. For more on this story, please click [here](#).

A slideshow of pictures taken at the ceremony by Elizabeth Main, DELO Marketing, is available as well. You can view the pictures at http://www.wku.edu/cohort/kingsford/2011_OHS_grad.htm.



Professor in Social Work Travels to Bangladesh

In January, 2011, Dr. Jay Gabbard, Associate Professor of Social Work, travelled to Dhaka, Bangladesh, to attend the 17th Symposium of the International Consortium for Social Development (ICSD). The conference brought together scholars, institutions, practitioners, and students from all over the world to discuss critical issues of social development in the 21st Century. Dr. Gabbard, who also serves as Associate Secretary General of the ICSD, presented two papers (both coauthored with a former WKU graduate student) and moderated two concurrent sessions at the conference.

Papers Presented:

Gabbard, W. J., Starks, S., & Jagers, J. (2011). Effective strategies for teaching cultural competency to MSW students in a global society. Paper presented at the 17th International Consortium for Social Development, held January 3-7 2011 in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Jagers, J., Gabbard, W. J., & Jagers, S. (2011). Downward assimilation and the impact of welfare use on a sample of second-generation immigrants. Paper presented at the 17th International Consortium for Social Development, held January 3-7, 2011 in Dhaka, Bangladesh.



CHHS Recognizes Outstanding First Year Student Achievement

WKU's College of Health and Human Services recognized students Friday, February 18th, 2011 at the 7th annual Academic Achievement Awards Luncheon. Students were invited who earned a 3.4 GPA or above in their first semester at WKU.

Students and their parents were invited to the event in the Dining Room of Academic Complex. The Academic Center for Excellence staff organized the event for the over 200 eligible students. Both the Dean, Dr. John Bonaguro, and the Interim Associate Dean, Barbara Bush, were in attendance to congratulate the scholars.

Congratulations again to all who were recognized.

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Teaira Timmons of Frankfort, KY receiving her certificate from Interim Associate Dean Barbara Bush.



Jim Gaiko and daughter, Stephanie Gaiko, from Bowling Green, with CHHS Interim Associate Dean Barbara Bush.

Two Interior Design Students Earn Awards for Design Competition

Two students in the Interior Design program earned Honorable Mentions for their entry in the Interior Design Educators Council (IDEC) student design competition. The students were given a two week period to design a hybrid health center in their location. The first week the students were paired up and given the research model. The second week was used to design from their research. Ms. Kristina Coffman's Design Studio VI course used this competition as one of their studio projects. Students, Andrea Staples and Amanda Wilson designed an Alternative Medicine Clinic for Bowling Green, KY.

This year's IDEC competition was created in response to the growing diversity in healthcare treatment and delivery methods. Community health centers have served individuals and families for decades, providing focused and convenient care. Many health centers are utilizing a hybrid approach by combining traditional medicine in addition to contemporary treatments. These non - Western services often provide less invasive, more efficacious and cost-effective treatments while recognizing the diversity in individual communities. A primary part of this competition is to identify the unique needs of your community.

The students were initially judged at the local level by the faculty. The two winners from our school were sent to the regional IDEC chair. The universities in our region come from: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Manitoba, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Saskatchewan. Winners were judged and selected from those entries.

For more information on the Interior Design Program, please contact Sheila Flener at Sheila.flener@wku.edu.



