

CHHS June 2011 Newsletter

RN to BSN Students Participate in Service Learning Project

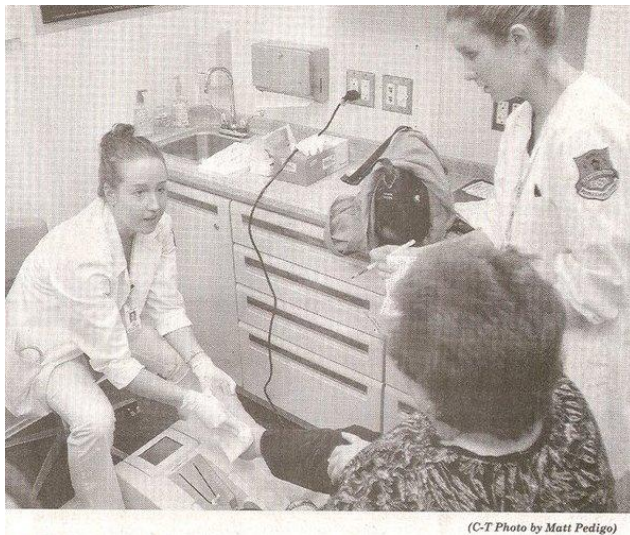
The May '11 class of the WKU RN to BSN students participated in a service project involving donating gift cards to the *Center for Courageous Kids* in Scottsville. The graduating students met at main campus April 28th and brought gift cards that will be taken to the *Center for Courageous Kids*. This is one way that the students can give back to the community. In the picture with the students are Dr. Deborah Williams and Dr. Cathy Abell.



Institute for Rural Health & Development visits Allen County Health Department

From the Allen County-Scottsville Citizen Times

The Allen County Health Department hosted the Western Kentucky University Institute for Rural Health Development and Research Mobile Health lab last Thursday, and 60 local women took advantage of the opportunity for free bone density screening in hopes of combating of detecting osteoporosis. Allen County Medical Reserve Corps volunteers provided educational materials and served calcium-rich foods. Serving the Barren River Area Development District since 2002, the lab program also provides screenings for blood sugar, cholesterol and more. In the pictures, WKU nursing students Erin Wilson, left, and Elizabeth Stewart administer a screening to Scottsville's Clara McClard.



(C-T Photo by Matt Pedigo)

Harvey Wallmann named director of WKU's new physical therapy program

From <http://wkunews.wordpress.com/2011/06/07/wallman/>

Harvey W. Wallmann, director of the physical therapy program at University of Nevada, Las Vegas, has been named director of WKU's new physical therapy program. He will begin at WKU July 15.

Dr. Wallmann is also an associate professor and chair of the Department of Physical Therapy at UNLV, which he started in 1997. The program started as a master's degree and was transitioned to the doctor of physical therapy in 2005.



Dr. Wallmann, who is originally from Indiana, said the chance to start another program and to return to the Midwest were factors that attracted him to WKU.

“When I arrived at UNLV, there was a huge learning curve,” he said. “Now I have experience putting a program together, developing a curriculum and I’ve been through three self studies and two accreditations.”

Dr. Wallmann also said he was impressed by the sense of community he experienced during his visit to WKU. “This feels right to me,” he said.

John Bonaguro, dean of WKU’s College of Health and Human Services, said Dr. Wallmann was selected after a national search.

“He has experience in starting the DPT program at UNLV and taking it to full accreditation by the Council on Accreditation of Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE). He is charged with completing the same task at WKU,” Dr. Bonaguro said. “Dr. Wallmann is highly respected in physical therapy education and understands the challenges of accreditation, faculty recruitment and fund-raising that go along with implementation of a new degree program. We are excited that he is joining our faculty in the college.”

WKU has assessed the need for physical therapists, especially in the western part of Kentucky, Dr. Wallmann said, which also made the program attractive to him. “There is a huge rural contingency and one focus will be to integrate that into the curriculum, maybe by requiring a clinical rotation in a rural area,” he said.

A service component will also be an important part of the program. “I’m a firm believer that you have to embrace the community if you want them to embrace you,” he said.

Dr. Wallmann received a bachelor’s degree in Movement and Sports Science from Purdue University in 1985, a master’s degree with an emphasis in exercise physiology from Purdue University in 1986, a master’s degree in Physical Therapy from the University of Indianapolis in 1989, and a doctor of science in Physical Therapy from Loma Linda University in 2000.

He has advanced training and skills in manual techniques of the spine and extremities with his primary work experience being in orthopaedics and sports physical therapy. In addition to being a certified athletic trainer (ATC) and a certified strength and conditioning specialist (CSCS), Dr. Wallmann is also a Board Certified Clinical Specialist in Sports Physical Therapy (SCS) and served as the Chair of the Sports Specialty Council under the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties (ABPTS) from 2008-09. Areas of interest include foot and ankle, foot orthotic fabrication, gait training, the effects of stretching on performance, muscle fatigue, sports nutrition, and balance assessment.

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Students in Nonprofit Administration program recognize local organizations

From <http://wkunews.wordpress.com/2011/04/26/nonprofit-awards2011>

Students from WKU's [Nonprofit Administration \(American Humanics\) program](#) recognized the accomplishments of three local organizations at their recent 4th Annual Nonprofit Award Reception and Fundraiser held at Christ Episcopal Church in Bowling Green.



Bluegrass Cellular was awarded the 2011 Philanthropic Business Award at the 4th Annual Nonprofit Award Reception and Fundraiser. From left are Julie Huntsman, Donna Wills and **Lynn Reins**. (WKU photo by Clinton Lewis)

Bluegrass Cellular was awarded the 2011 Philanthropic Business Award. The award, accepted by Donna Wills, was presented by **Lynn Reins**, a senior in the American Humanics Student Association.



Newborns in Need was recognized as the 2011 Emerging Nonprofit Organization Award at the 4th Annual Nonprofit Award Reception and Fundraiser. From left are **Naomi Rowland** and **Alyssa Stephens**. (WKU photo by Clinton Lewis)

Newborns in Need was recognized as the 2011 Emerging Nonprofit Organization Award. The award, accepted by Naomi Rowland, was presented by **Alyssa Stephens**, a senior in the American Humanics Student Association.



HOTEL INC was honored with the 2011 Established Nonprofit Organization Award at the 4th Annual Nonprofit Award Reception and Fundraiser. From left are Charlene Rabold, Karen L. Myers, **Morgan Eklund** and Lynda Love. (WKU photo by Clinton Lewis)

HOTEL INC was honored with the 2011 Established Nonprofit Organization Award. The award, accepted by Karen Myers, was presented by **Morgan Eklund**, a senior in the American Humanics Student Association.

The event was organized by the WKU American Humanics Student Association including **Audrey Sutton** of Memphis, Tenn. (reception coordinator); **Lynn Reins** of Bowling Green; **Alyssa Stephens** of Churchill, Nev.; **Morgan Eklund** of Louisville; **Amanda Fisher** of Bowling Green; **Natalie Walker** of Bowling Green; **Lesley Greenwell** of Versailles; **JaNee Lamb** of Elizabethtown; **Christa Jordan** of Bowling Green; **Kayla Tyson** of Dickson, Tenn.; and **Sarah Kinnicut** of Lexington. Students in REC 220 Introduction to Nonprofit Organizations and REC 482 Fundraising Workshop collected items for the silent auction.

The WKU Nonprofit Administration (American Humanics) program provides opportunities for students to gain valuable education, experience, and networking in the nonprofit sector. The program is housed in the [Department of Kinesiology, Recreation and Sport](#) within the [College of Health and Human Services](#).

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WKU KPHA Raise Money For Relay For Life

The WKU KPHA student chapter participated in their first Relay for Life on Friday, April 29, 2011 at L.T. Smith Stadium. The group consisted of over 30 participants including faculty, students and members of the WKU Kentucky Public Health Association. Their initial fundraising goal was \$500.00, but through word of mouth promotion, they were able to raise over \$1000.



Dr. Villareal's Social Work Students Collect Donations

Dr. Villareal's SWRK 381 Practice III student group collected donations in Bowling Green and surrounding areas for various causes such as the Pregnancy Support Center, Butler County High School Service Center, and Barren River Area Safe Space (B.R.A.S.S.)



SWRK 381 Practice III students collecting donations for the Pregnancy Support Center pictured left to right – Tisha Blakeley, Bethann Daughtery, Tiffany Ligon, & Peter Aquadro



SWRK 381 Practice III students collecting donations for the Butler County High School Service Center pictured left to right – Terri Petzold, Amy Belcher, Loren Ward, & Julie Griffin.



SWRK 381 Practice III students collecting donations for Barren River Area Safe Space (B.R.A.S.S.) at Kroger pictured left to right –Cindy Watson, Sophie Routt, & Marly Johnson, not pictured Lindsey Porter.

Congratulations

Donna Blackburn was the recipient of the 2011 University Faculty Award for Public Service and **Deanna Hanson** was the recipient of the 2011 University Faculty Award for Student Advisement.

Dr. Donna Blackburn (Nursing) - Public Service Award

Service to public and professional organizations has been the cornerstone of Dr. Blackburn's career. She has served on the Board of Directors of the Medical Center at Bowling Green, the Leadership Council of the local chapter of the American Cancer Society (ACS), Board of Directors of Christian Care Communities, Inc., a member of the Parish Nurse Ministry at First Christian Church, and the Editorial Board of *The Kentucky Nurse*. Dr. Blackburn continually strives to make a difference to individuals and organizations that she serves.

Ms. Deanna Hanson (Nursing) - Student Advisement Award

Ms. Hanson's stated in her portfolio on Student Advisement, "My heart is in advising." She received the WKU Student Government Association (SGA) Advisor of the Year (2008), and received Master Advisor Certificate (2008), sponsored by the Academic Advising and Retention Center (AARC). She advises pre-nursing students and students who are currently admitted in the nursing program. She constantly communicates with her advisees throughout the semester on such important topics such as midterm encouragement, tutoring options, reminders to make appointments, new classes available, and information about employment and volunteer opportunities, career choices, and scholarships.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Betsey Berman**. In her first year at the University of Utah, she received the Catherine Moon Hickman endowed scholarship award. Betsey is an alumni from the Recreation Administration program. She is currently working on her Master's Degree in Recreation at Utah.

CHHS Faculty and Students Featured in ALIVE Center Publication

Dr. Sherry Lovan, School of Nursing Faculty, Christine Serafini, MSW graduate, and Hilda Owusu, MPH student, will be featured in the ALIVE Center's March 2011 edition of "Progression Through Partnerships". Please visit <http://www.wku.edu/alive/publications/march2011newsletter.pdf> to read the article.

To learn more about the ALIVE Center, please visit <http://www.wku.edu/alive/mediacenter.html>.

Beta Delta Chapter Professional Project Recognized as National Runner-Up

The Beta Delta chapter of Phi Upsilon Omicron recently submitted a Professional Project to the organization's National Council; this project was recognized as **the National Runner-Up**. Phi Upsilon Omicron is a national honor society sponsored by the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences. The Professional Project details the chapter's service-based activities throughout the school year. The Beta Delta chapter's project had the following theme: "ENGAGE in Servant Leadership for a Better Community." The word "Engage" is an acronym representing ways to engage in leadership, specifically by Educating, Networking, Giving, Advocating, Granting, and Empowering. Servant leadership is a concept developed by Robert Greenleaf that allows and encourages leaders to prioritize the needs of those he/she is serving.

The Beta Delta chapter members actively volunteered their time in a variety of ways in order to better their community. These projects ranged from donating gifts to children through the Salvation Army's annual Angel Tree project to raising money and promoting awareness for heart disease research, treatment, and prevention. The chapter's major project of the year was to develop and present basic nutrition and cooking education to parents attending Community Action of Southern Kentucky's monthly parent meeting. The Beta Delta chapter purchased groceries, prepared a meal, and calculated the cost per serving for the meal, and provided samples and recipes to the parents that attended the meeting. This and all of their activities were a huge success, and the Beta Delta chapter has high hopes and expectations for next year's Professional Project.