

College of Health Sciences Newsletter

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Dean's Message: Autumn Greetings

Greetings to all of the College of Health Sciences family and supporters! The new academic year is the perfect time to start anew as we welcome new faculty, staff and students to our campus, online programs and community. As the football games commence and we greet alumni and supporters, the days are getting shorter. It is clear that autumn is upon us. Mother Nature gives us a spectacular show of colors as leaves turn and fall to the ground, often upswept by a gust of cool air. Ironically, as the school year starts, mother nature fades away in glorious color.

On good days, we notice the beautiful pinks, reds, and oranges in the skyline, taking various shapes of the trees and leaves. Other times we are so absorbed in the work of our important mission, that we hardly notice the sun is setting earlier and earlier each day until suddenly we realize we arrive to our work in the dark and go home in the dark. Just as suddenly it seems that all of the colorful leaves have blown away. As the seasons change, we change too. Change is the only constant in our lives.

The College of Health Sciences too is continuously changing through the seasons as we add new programs, revise curricula, and embark on new strategic initiatives such as interprofessional education, entrepreneurial enterprises and global outreach to our communities. Please see our annual report for a complete review of our accomplishments, finances and priorities. Also, please join us for the grand opening of Monarch Physical Therapy at 10am, September 24, at the Goode Theatre, followed by a reception.

I wish everyone a productive autumn season with continued best wishes for all that you do and care about. Go Monarchs!

Here are excerpts from a poem about autumn to share with you:

Autumn

John Clare (from *The Village Minstrel*, 1821)

...For every leaf, that twirls the breeze,
May useful hints and lessons give;
The falling leaves and fading trees
Will teach and caution us to live...

...Beneath a yellow fading tree,
As red suns light thee, Autumn-morn,
In wildest rapture let me see
The sweets that most thy charms adorn...

O while my eye the landscape views,
What countless beauties are display'd;
What varied tints of nameless hues, —
Shades endless melting into shade...

Sincerely,



Dr. Shelley C. Mishoe, Dean



Center for Global Health Offers Interprofessional Health Education Course

The Center for Global Health will offer an Interprofessional Global Health Education course during the spring 2015 semester. The Interprofessional Global Health Education course will include an integrated and required faculty led study abroad program to Antigua, Guatemala over Spring Break 2015. To participate in Interprofessional Global Health Education course, students must register and pay for the Interprofessional Global Health Education faculty led study abroad program AND the tuition associated with the academic course. The course and study abroad program are open to undergraduate and graduate students from all disciplines of the College of Health Sciences.


The goal of the study abroad program is to connect students with communities thru partnerships, allowing for a reciprocal transformation of perspectives about self, healing, and global citizenship. The study abroad program will offer open discussions with local, Guatemalan leaders on modern issues such as economic, political and legal systems, and how they impact neighboring cities and villages in and around Antigua. Students will learn how health, nutrition and disease related issues are addressed in the local villages.

The cost of the study abroad program to Guatemala is \$2,800/person. The Center for Global Health has provided \$500/student in underwriting for the program for the eligible students participating in this worthwhile learning opportunity. There is also an additional \$400 Dean's Education Abroad Awards available for the first 8 eligible students who register and pay for the study abroad program. Please see the https://odu.studioabroad.com/index.cfm?FuseAction=ProgramAdmin.ProgramEdit&Program_ID=11438 for more information and to register for the program.

If you have







News and Announcements

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Week of Welcome volunteers were positioned at key locations across campus to help students navigate to class.

Health Sciences Volunteers were:

- ◇ **Debbie Bauman**, Assistant Dean
- ◇ **Gianluca De Leo**, Medical Diagnostic & Translational Sciences
 - ◇ **Kate Ferrara**, Advising
 - ◇ **Manisha Harrell**, Major Coordinator
- ◇ **Pam Hilke**, Medical Diagnostic & Translational Sciences
 - ◇ **Denise Isabel**, Nursing
- ◇ **Sunil Joshi**, Medical Diagnostic and Translational Sciences
 - ◇ **Keith Krepcho**, Advising
 - ◇ **Janice Lader**, Nursing
- ◇ **Scott Sechrist**, Medical Diagnostic & Translational Sciences
 - ◇ **Leanne White**, Advising
 - ◇ **Many others who helped too!**



Upcoming Events

September

October