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Students representing WKU HOSA chapter bring home awards

Five students representing WKU and South Central AHEC attended the Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) National Leadership Conference in Orlando, Florida in June. Emily Hall (Nicholasville, KY), Matthew Kirk (Livermore, KY/McClem Co.), Victoria Berteke (Reynolds Station, KY/Hancock Co.), DeAnn Wright (Franklin-Simpson), and Ashley Bridgman (Monticello, KY) along with HOSA advisor Amy Winger, took part in educational & social learning activities, the National Competitive Events program, and had an opportunity to meet people from across the United States and Puerto Rico with similar career goals.

DeAnn Wright placed in the top 10 in post secondary Nutrition, and Matthew Kirk and Victoria Bertke won 1st place in the Nation in post secondary CPR/First Aid.



HOSA members Victoria Berteke & Matthew Kirk



HOSA members (l-r) Emily Hall, Victoria Berteke, Matthew Kirk, and Ashley Bridgman (not pictured, DeAnn Wright)

MPH International Health Poster Presentations

On April 27th 2010, the Department of Public Health's MPH International Health class had a poster presentation session in the department's lobby. The class, taught by Dr. Cecilia Watkins, talks about the spectrum of various global health issues and what is evolving in public health addressing those issues.

The class is a mix of both domestic and international students giving it a broader perspective. Student engagement is an important part of this class, and students are asked to bring food that is authentic to their chosen foreign country at specified times during the semester. The class also gets to see documentary videos that focus on health issues in America and around the world.

As a final class project, students were asked to make and present posters focusing on one health issue in a country of their choice. This not only helps students learn about different countries but also develops skills of presenting at professional conferences. The topics for this year's poster presentations ranged from HIV/AIDS to Maternal and Child Health in developing countries like Swaziland and Nepal and lifestyle illnesses such as Cardiovascular Disease in developed countries like Australia.

The poster presentations were judged by the faculty of the Public Health Department, and third semester student Ashish Waghmare's poster titled "Zambia: TB-HIV/AIDS Co-infection" was judged the first place poster. The other winners were: Jeel Shukla (2nd Place), Satej Bahamare (3rd Place) and Bindu Rathod (4th Place).



Public Health Faculty judging student posters

School of Nursing Department Head has article published in journal

Dr. Mary Bennett, School of Nursing Department head, was the corresponding author on an article published in the BioPsychoSocial Medicine journal. The article, titled Immune Function and Health Outcomes in Women with Depression, features research that reports immune function and health outcomes in women with depression as compared with a non-depressed control group. Please click [here](#) to read the article in its entirety.

Congratulations

Dr. Cathy Abell was recently nominated and selected as an evaluator for the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). CCNE is an accrediting agency for baccalaureate and graduate degree programs in nursing. Dr. Abell completed the evaluator training program in Alexandria, VA in June.

Ms. Emily Jernigan (MHA) is one of the two recipients of 2010 KY Hospital Research and Education Foundation Scholarship. The award ceremony was held this morning in Lexington during the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) breakfast. ACHE breakfast was part of the program in the third and last day of the KY Hospital Association 81st Annual Convention at Hyatt Regency.

Dr. Susan Jones was selected to serve as a fellow for the National League for Nursing (NLN). The NLN will induct 19 new fellows representing 17 schools of nursing throughout the United States into the Academy of Nursing Education. The induction will take place during the NLN's Annual Education Summit set for September 29-October 2 in Las Vegas. Selection is competitive, and Fellows are chosen for their sustained and significant contributions to the field of nursing education. For the original news release of this announcement, please click [here](#).

12 CHHS Faculty members graduate from the Master Advisor Certificate Class

The Master Advisor Certificate (MAC) class was held on May 5, 2010. The Master Advisor Certificate program is an initiative that is for faculty only. These faculty members complete four sessions in which they learn more about advising and the policies/practices at WKU with regard to advising. Each session also contains outside speakers, homework assignments, and in-class assignments. For more information on the MAC class of 2010, please click [here](#).

The CHHS graduates of the MAC Class of 2010:

Kathleen Abrahamson-Assistant Professor in Public Health

Scott Arnett- Assistant Professor in Kinesiology, Recreation, & Sport

Jeff Barefoot- Instructor in Communication Disorders

Loretta Bond- Instructor in the School of Nursing

Kathy Croxall- Assistant Professor in Consumer & Family Sciences

Keri Esslinger- Instructor in Kinesiology, Recreation & Sport

Carrie Morgan- Instructor in the School of Nursing

James Navalta- Associate Professor in Kinesiology, Recreation, & Sport

Jan Peeler- Instructor in Social Work

Elizabeth Pyle- Assistant Professor in Kinesiology, Recreation, & Sport

Mark Schafer- Assistant Professor in Kinesiology, Recreation, & Sport

Sharon Whitlock- Assistant Professor in Kinesiology, Recreation, & Sport

