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New Associate Dean for CHHS

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Dr. Danita Kelley has accepted the position as CHHS Associate Dean. Dr. Kelley began her career at WKU in 1994. During this time she has served as Program Director for Dietetics Program, CHHS Assessment Coordinator, and as a faculty member in Family and Consumer Science. She has a passion for excellence in student support services and will be continuing the outstanding efforts of the College in advising and retention. Please welcome Dr. Kelley as Associate Dean. She will begin her new duties on August 1, 2011.

Dental Hygiene Students Participate in "Smiles From The Heart"

First year dental hygiene students and faculty participated in "Smiles From the Heart" on February 4, 2011. This charitable event, sponsored by Chandler Park Dental Care, provided free cleanings, x-rays, fillings and extractions. Students helped in sterilization and room preparation and assisted the dentists who volunteered their time. The event began at 7:00 a.m. but a line formed long before that as over 300 people were able to take advantage of the free services offered. Student Casey Basham said that the event "opened by eyes to how many people don't have access to dental care." Mikell Nelson remarked, "I was blown away by how many people came to have dental work done." It was a wonderful opportunity for students to see how professionals work together to provide care for the underserved in our community.

Congratulations

Public Health Professor Receives Award at KPHA Conference

Dr. Cecilia Watkins, Associate Professor in the Department of Public Health in the College of Health and Human Services at WKU, was awarded the Sara C. Stice Award at the 2011 Kentucky Public Health Association Conference held in Louisville, KY March 9, 2011.

The Sara C. Stice Award honors an individual who has made an outstanding contribution in the field of health education in Kentucky. Sara C. Stice was state Director of Health Education from 1950 until her retirement in 1973. Guidelines: Active in the field of health, and making an exceptional contribution in health education.

WKU KPHA Student Chapter Receives Best Student Chapter Award

Mr. Dennis Chaney, President of KPHA presents the KPHA Best Student Chapter Award in the state of Kentucky to Shailesh Advani, WKU KPHA President. WKU's KPHA student chapter has won this award for the third time in a row, since 2009. KPHA bases their awards to student chapters on their excellence and participation in the community and through volunteer service.

MPH Graduate Student Wins SAFE Award

Congratulations go out to Mr. Shailesh Advani for winning the 2011 SAFE award from the Kentucky Safety and Health Network.

Shailesh is a graduate student in the MPH Program and just got into the PhD program in Epidemiology at University of Texas at Houston.

NACADA Outstanding Award Winner

Congratulations to Lynn Hazlett-Sherry for being selected as a NACADA Outstanding New Advisor Certificate of Merit recipient in the Primary Role category as part of the 2011 Annual Awards Program for Academic Advising. She will be presented with a Certificate of Merit for this award at the special Awards Ceremony and Reception being held at the annual NACADA Conference in Denver this fall.

Design, Merchandising, and Textile Students Competed At FGI Dallas Career Day

Top students from more than 40 colleges and universities across the country competed for more than $30,000 in scholarship prizes from The Fashion Group International (FGI) of Dallas Foundation in partnership with the Texas Department of Agriculture at the 43rd Annual Career Day on Friday, April 1, at The Dallas World Trade Center. Cindy Jones, DMT faculty along with four students, Kristie Moesner, Samantha Wheeler, Johanna Studinski and Tyler Estes traveled to Dallas for the Career Day Competition.

This year, two new design competitions were added in the Bridal category, sponsored by Mon Cheri Bridal, and Best of Show in Needle Arts sponsored by the The National Needle Arts Association (TNNA), and more than 700 student entries were received for the design, as well as merchandising and trend board competitions. **4 students from Western Kentucky University, Design, Merchandising and Textile (DMT) program competed in the Repurposed Denim design competition. All four students' garments were selected to be in the exhibit that was presented for the day and three of the four were included in the Runway show that is held at the end of the day.**

Fashion Group International of Dallas is a global, non-profit association of dynamic professionals of achievement and influences from all areas of the fashion industry – apparel, accessories, beauty and home. FGI's mission is to be the preeminent authority on the business of fashion and design and to help its members become more effective in their careers. Fashion Group provides a high-profile forum to promote the fashion business by hosting events that educate, facilitate the exchange of ideas, and that give back to the community. Visit http://dallas.fgi.org for more information.

School of Nursing Helps RN to BSN Students Attend Medical Reserve Corps Training

Faculty in the School of Nursing and staff at the Barren River District Health Department collaborated to offer the opportunity for students enrolled in the on-line RN to BSN program to attend the Medical Reserve Corps Training. Seventeen students, from areas throughout the state, participated in the training. Those completing the training are now able to become volunteers in their local communities to assist during a disaster. Four faculty members (Cathy Abell, Lisa Proctor, Kathleen Riley, and Deborah Williams) accompanied the students.

RN to BSN Students Attend Kentucky Health Literacy Summit

Twelve RN to BSN students attended the *2nd Annual Kentucky Health Literacy Summit: Health Literacy in Action* March 24-25th. The conference was held at the Sloan Convention Center in Bowling Green. The students heard many speakers addressing topics related to the importance of health literacy. The RN to BSN students were able to attend due to funding from the College of Health and Human Services. Students in the picture are Talitha Winquist, Melissa Potter, Rachel Reece, Natassia Peyton, Chantella Burton, and Marty Nichols.

Dental Hygiene Students Participate and Receive Top Honors in Research Conference

All 29 of the second year dental hygiene students participated in the 2011 Kentucky Dental Hygienists Association's Annual Session's Student Research Conference/Competition held in Louisville, Kentucky on April 8, 2011. There were a total of 94 students from WKU, University of Louisville, Bluegrass Community and Technical College, and Henderson Community College. There were a total of 39 table clinics/posters. WKU students, Johanna Higdon, Elizabeth Henry, and Alyssa Bishop received first place with their poster, "Spit Like A Man: Salivary DNA Analysis."

HOSA Students Compete in Leadership Conference

Eight WKU/AHEC HOSA students competed at the KY State HOSA Leadership Conference March 23-26 in Louisville, KY.

Christine Hanshaw, RN, BSN, CDE, Diabetes Team Leader, Barren River District Health Department spoke to WKU/AHEC HOSA about her career path and shared her passion for being a nurse.

Jason Godsey, Megan Dugard, and Kathleen Smith earned 1st place in Creative Problem Solving

Tegas Sangoi earned 3rd place in Medical Math

Adrienne Beck earned 2nd place in Extemporaneous Health Poster

Candice Coles earned 1st place in Nutrition

These students qualified to compete at the National HOSA Leadership Conference June 22-26, 2011, in Anaheim, CA.