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CHHS FACS Faculty Awarded the 2016 Outstanding Dietetic Educator of the Year

The Department of Family and Consumer Sciences in the College of Health and Human Services at WKU is proud to announce that Dr. Heather Payne-Emerson, Hospitality Management and Dietetics (HMD) faculty member, was awarded the 2016 Outstanding Dietetic Educator of the Year Award by the Kentucky Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics at the 2016 Annual Nutrition Conference and Exhibits in March. This award is the highest award given to a dietetic educator in the state of Kentucky.

Dr. Payne-Emerson follows Ms. Jane Simmons, HMD faculty member, who was awarded the Outstanding Dietetic Educator of the Year award in 2015. Dr. Payne-Emerson joined WKU in 2012 and is the DPD director for the WKU Dietetics program. Travis Wilson, Family and Consumer Sciences Department Head, said of her, “Dr. Payne-Emerson is a dedicated professional that inspires students to achieve. She believes quality programs lead to quality professionals, which is evident in the graduates of our program.”

Dr. Payne-Emerson came to WKU from Murray State University, where she served as the Director of the Dietetic Internship, and she has also worked at Indiana University as a Research Dietitian. Dr. Payne-Emerson is no stranger to the WKU dietetics program, as she received her bachelor degree in 2003 from WKU before she went on to Barnes-Jewish College in St. Louis, Missouri for her Dietetic Internship and the University of Kentucky for her Ph. D.

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Dr. Heather Payne-Emerson

Two CHHS CSD Faculty Members Elected to State Offices

The Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders in the College of Health and Human Services is proud to announce that two faculty members have been elected to lead the Kentucky Speech-Language-Hearing Association (KSHA). Dr. Janice Carter Smith has been elected President-elect effective August 1, 2016. She will serve in that role for one year, President for one year, and then Past President for one year. That gives the state association three years of outstanding leadership under her skillful direction. Dr. Leigh Anne Roden-Carrier will share her organizational and management skills as Treasurer-elect effective August 1, 2016. She will serve in that role for one year and as Treasurer for one year.

Dr. Smith joined the faculty in 2009 and since that time she has taught a number of undergraduate and graduate courses, served on the faculty senate, worked tirelessly as the department's first research director, and led the department's public information campaign. A recipient of the association's 2015 Johanna B. Hancock Award for outstanding service to the membership, she currently serves as KSHA Publication Chair and is Editor-in-Chief of the KSHA Communicator.



Dr. Janice Carter-Smith

Dr. Roden-Carrier joined the faculty in 2013. The department's nominee for CHHS teaching award, she is dedicated to ensuring all students graduate with strong clinical skills. She is an advisor for the student organization and serves on the CHHS Dean's Coordinating Council. She, too, is deeply involved in the department's public information efforts. Dr. Roden-Carrier presently serves on the KSHA Publications Committee.



Dr. Leigh Anne Roden-Carrier

The mission of KSHA is to enhance the provision of quality services to persons with communication disorders and their families. KSHA accomplishes this by providing broad-based education opportunities, public awareness and policy development initiatives and by supporting professionals in speech-language pathology and audiology by promoting the highest standards for service providers. WKU is honored to share these exceptional and talented leaders with over 1500 professionals across the Commonwealth.

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