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WKU Hosts Zumba for a Cure

The student chapter of the Kentucky Public Health Association (KPHA) helped organize WKU's Zumba for a Cure event. The event, which is a national one but the first for WKU, was hosted in part by the Preston Center and Fitness Lab. Ines Dugandzija, KPHA Treasurer, was the committee chair and coordinator of the event.

There was no charge to participate in the event, but the coordinators did ask for donations and were able to raise \$200 to donate toward breast cancer awareness and research. The full story covering the event can be read [here](#) in the College Heights Herald.

Public Health Graduate Receives Award

Mr. Shailesh Advani received the Outstanding Student of the Year Award from the Committee on Affiliates (CoA). This award is designed to recognize outstanding involvement of an undergraduate or graduate student in a state, regional and/or national public health association.

Shailesh is a 2011 graduate student in the MPH Program and is currently a student in the PhD program in Epidemiology at the University of Texas at Houston.

The CoA Awards Ceremony and Reception was held at the American Public Health Association's 139th Annual Meeting and Exposition in Washington, DC on October 29.

“I am really thankful to the department of Public Health, CHHS and Kentucky Public Health Association for making me what I am today” said Advani.

“I am really happy that I have been a part of WKU and contributed to public health in state of Kentucky. I am especially thankful to Dr.Nagy who nominated for this position, and I am very confident that graduates from our MPH program will achieve in great success wherever they go”.



Institute for Rural Health and Development Celebrates 10 Years

This fall, the Institute for Rural Health Development and Research (IRHDR) celebrated 10 years of bringing dental services to rural areas of Kentucky.

The mission of the Mobile Health and Wellness Unit is to provide medical and dental services to residents living within WKU's regional service area and to provide educational experiences for the students of Western Kentucky University.

In September, IRHDR was featured on "View from the Hill", a weekly segment highlighting the programs, people and happenings that make WKU a leading American university with international reach. To view this segment, please visit click [here](#) to be taken to the View from the Hill archive site (a transcript of the segment is also available at this address) or [here](#) to watch the segment on YouTube.

Fruit of the Loom Supports FACS Alumni Association Quilt Show



Fruit of the Loom presented a check supports Juried Quilt Show and Retrospective Celebrating 100 years of the Western Kentucky University Department of Family and Consumer Sciences. Pat Chapman (right center front to right), Melissa Martin, and Jamie Page Sona of Fruit of the Loom (representatives of more than 30 graduates of the FACS Department working at Fruit of the Loom) presented a check for \$1000 to Martha Jenkins (left center front to left), Romanza Johnson, Sherry Buda (all co-chairs), and Palma Milliman, representing the Family and Consumer Sciences Alumni Association. The event will feature historic vignettes highlighting important events during the 1911-2011 history of the Family and Consumer Sciences Department, as well as appraisers, vendors, merchandise sales, and quilt-related programming during the Juried Quilt Show and Retrospective at the Kentucky Museum on the WKU campus from October 21-December 10, 2011.

Communication Disorders Students Work International Aphasia Movement

Communication Disorders students in the NYC/UFT cohort at St. Luke's had the opportunity to work with clients with aphasia through the International Aphasia Movement in New York City.



Students pictured are: Marie Gallo, Marcella Fernandez, Keira Stewart, and Leslie Rivera