SGNS — Significant and Important Good News

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COLLEGE OF HEALTH & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES



A Message from the Dean

It is time again to report the Significant and Important Good News from the College of Health and Behavioral Sciences. If you are a student, faculty, staff, or alumni let us know what is



happening in your life. It is always rewarding to share the SIGNs that we are a great college.

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Jimmy H. Ishee, Dean

Nabholz Foundation Gift





"The Nabholz Center for Healthcare Simulation will provide a life-like environment where the student performs skills and behaviors without the presence of an instructor and where their performance can be monitored and digitally recorded for evaluation and analysis. This gift will allow UCA to be very competitive with other health profession programs in the region and to be recognized as a leader in interprofessional simulation education. UCA graduates will be more proficient, job-ready, and experienced working with colleagues from various health fields to address healthcare problems of their patients."

> Dr. Barbara Williams, Chair Department of Nursing

The College of Health and Behavioral Sciences has received a \$500,000 gift from The Nabholz Foundation to support The Nabholz Center for Healthcare Simulation. The center will provide interprofessional education opportunities for all departments in the college. Thank you Nabholz Foundation for your support. The funding will support the expansion of training and evaluation simulation experiences in the Doyne Health Science Center and the Physical Therapy Building.

Athletic Training Alum Helps Save a Life



During summer physicals at Keiser University in West Palm Beach, Florida, a security guard collapsed on campus. A student ran to the athletic training room to alert the Athletic Training Staff of Richelle Hammock, MS, ATC, LAT, Lindsay Moccia, ATC, LAT, and team physician Anand Panchal, D.O. They grabbed the AED and ran to the scene. Dr. Panchal and Richelle administered CPR and Lindsay manned the AED, ultimately saving the security guard's life. The security guard came by to thank them a few weeks later. Richelle (Van Waggoner) Hammock is a 2009 graduate of the UCA Athletic Training Program.

"I am not surprised by the swift and appropriate actions taken by Richelle. During her time at UCA, Richelle was a dedicated student, always striving to exceed the high standards set by our faculty in the classroom and clinical setting. It is satisfying to know the education she received at UCA helped prepare her for a medical emergency such as this."

Dr. Steven Tucker, Chair Department of Kinesiology and Physical Education

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Achievements

Dr. Barbara Jones from the Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders has received her certificate of completion for the Social Thinking program. Being a certified Social Thinking therapist, enables her to teach students to provide therapy in social communication using this evidencebased clinical method.

Graduate Programs has posted its Fall 2015 Physical Therapy Program Rankings according to students, enumerating the best graduate programs in the country based solely on ratings and reviews from current or recent graduate students posted on <u>www.graduateprograms.com</u>. The UCA DPT program ranks #3.

Dr. Duston Morris from the Department of Health Sciences has been named to the editorial board for the *Journal of A ddiction Sciences*.

The Arkansas Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics is proud to announce the webmaster position will be filled by Dr. Alicia Landry. Alicia has been a member of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics for more than 10 years and currently serves as a faculty member in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Dean Jimmy H. Ishee was named a Fellow of the National Association for Kinesiology in Higher Education. <u>http://uca.edu/</u> <u>news/uca-dean-inducted-as-kinesiology-</u> <u>association-fellow/</u>

Best Counseling Degrees recently announced their rankings for doctoral programs in School Psychology. The top 50 programs in the US were ranked based on pass rates of the Examination for the Professional Practice of Psychology (EPPP). UCA's School Psychology program was ranked 34th. Complete rankings can be found at

http://www.bestcounselingdegrees.net/best/ doctoral-programs-school-psychology/.

Dr. Julie Meaux of the Depeartment of Nursing, has been selected as an on-site evaluator for the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). She will be a team member participating in the evaluation of baccalaureate and graduate nursing programs seeking accreditation by CCNE.

Awards

Kendra Anderson, a Counseling Psychology doctoral student, has been awarded the Diversity Research Award from the American Psychological Association Division 41 for her dissertation research, "African American Male Inmates and Racial and Ethnic Identity: Risk and Protective Factors." This is a nationally competitive award which includes \$1,000 to fund her study.

Cory Cobb, a Counseling Psychology doctoral student, has been named 1 of the 8 national awardees for the Psi Chi 2015-2016 Graduate Fellowship. This award includes \$3,000.00 to support his graduate education.

Dr. John Murphy, Professor of Psychology and Counseling, was honored by the Arkansas Mental Health in Education Association (ARMEA) with the 2016 AR-MEA School Based Mental Health Advocate of the Year Award (recognizing cumulative contributions to the practice of school-based mental health in Arkansas).

Grants

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Charlton and student Kelli Wierzbicki of the Psychology and Counseling Department have been awarded a SURF grant for their project titled: "Get to Work! Encouraging Academic Engagement in Undergraduates".

Cory Cobb, a Counseling Psychology Doctoral Student, was selected as a recipient of the 2015 Mamie Phipps Clark grant from Psi Chi, the International Honor Society of Psychology, for his project titled, "Acculturation, Collective Self-esteem, and Well-being among Undocumented Hispanic Immigrants in the U.S." This grant is specifically for projects that address minority issues.

Drs. Charlotte Yates and Leah Lowe, of the Physical Therapy Department have been awarded a grant to investigate "Comprehensive dynamic movement assessment for concussion management". The award is \$50,000 through NIGMS to the Center for Translational Neuroscience at UAMS.

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Publications

Landry, A. S., Madson, M. B., Thomson, J. L., Zoellner, J. M., Connell, C. L., & Yadrick, K. (2015). "A randomized trial using motivational interviewing for maintenance of blood pressure improvements in a community-engaged lifestyle intervention": HUB City Steps. *Health Education Research*, DOI: 10.1093/her/ cyv058

Huye, H. F., Shoemaker, S., Landry, A., & Connell, C. (2015). "Minority Health Perceptions in the Lower Mississippi Delta: A Grounded Theory Study Using PhotoVoice Methodology." *Online Journal of Rural and Urban Research, 5* (1).<u>http://jsumurc.org/ojs/</u>

Tucker, W. S., Swartz, E. E., & Hornor, S. D. (2016). "Head and Trunk Acceleration during Intermediate Transport on Medical Utility Vehicles". *Clinical Journal of Sport Medicine*. 26(1): 53-58. Morris, D., Marshall, A., & Demers, D. (2016). "Regarding exercise and sexual performance" was recently accepted for publication in the *International Journal of Health Sciences*.

Rich, L. (2016). a graduate of the UCA Athletic Training Program, was featured on THV as part of a story on the Sports Medicine Program at Cabot High School <u>http://www.thv11.com/media/cinematic/</u> <u>video/78711930/sports-medicine-</u> <u>program-at-cabot-high-school-a-success/</u>

Murphy, J. (2016) Professor of Psychology & Counseling, was a featured scholar/ commentator for the cover article, "Rethinking the Notion of Client Resistance", in the January issue of *Counseling Today*, a publication of the American Counseling Association. Link to the article - <u>http://ct.counseling.org/2015/12/</u> <u>scaling-client-walls/</u>

Sarah Barnett Barton, recent UCA Interior Design Graduate, was featured in the Laurel & Wolf Designer Spotlight for her design work on the UCA Sorority houses:

https://www.laurelandwolf.com/blog/ designer-spotlight-sarah-barton/

Watson, M., Simon, J., & Nunnley, L. (2016). "SLD identification: A survey of methods used by school psychologists." *Learning Disabilities: A Multidisciplinary Journal, 21*(1), 57-67.

Urban, L.E., Weber, J.L., Heyman, M.B., Schichtl, R.L., Verstraete, S., Lowery, N.S., & Roberts, S.B. (2016). "Energy contents of frequently ordered restaurant meals and comparison with human energy requirements and US Department of Agriculture database information: A multisite randomized study." *Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics*, available first online. doi.org/10.1016/j.jand.2015.11.009 Link to Time Magazine reference: http://time.com/4187120/restaurantmeals-fast-food-calories

Hendrickson, H., Mitchell, A., Yates, C., & Hall, W. (2016). "Systemic absorption of cyclopentolate and adverse events after Retinopathy of Prematurity exams" has been accepted for publication in *Current Eye Research*.

Taylor, D., Fletcher, J., Rainey, J., Cade, T., & Bandy, B. (2016) "Time Course of Muscle Strength Changes in Response to Exercise Training in People with Type 2 Diabetes" has been accepted for publication by the *Journal of Cardiopulmonary Physical Therapy*. Mayo, J. (2015). "Carbohydrate



intake for peak performance: Practical guidelines for the endurance athlete." *American Medical Athletic Association Journal.* 28(3), 2-5

Lyons, B., Mayo, J., Thomas, C., & Wax, B. (2015). "Bench press variations: Options for the personal trainer and strength coach." *MAHPERD* Journal. 3(1), 20-26.

Merkel, L. (2016) BS in Psychology 2009. "Reduction in Readmissions", in *Advance Care Networks*, an online publication for nurses. Labray is the Health Coordinator at St. Vincent Infirmary in Little Rock, Arkansas. The article can be found at:

http://nursing.advanceweb.com/ Features/Articles/Reduction-in-Readmissions.aspx

Brannan, K. (2016) UCA Athletic Training alumni. Featured in the article "AT Student Aides Show Value During Emergency Incident" *NATA News*. February 2016.

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Presentations

Rogers-Bosch, P., Combs-Miller, S., Neville-Smith, M., Rowe, V., Miller, K., & Wing, K. (2015) "Translating Meaningful Physical Activity to the Home and Community." Instructional course for the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine (ACRM) 92nd Annual Conference, Progress in Rehabilitation Research, October 26, 2015, Dallas, Texas.

Higgins, G., Williams, E., Bass, C., Price, C., Etherton, R., & Lairamore, C. (2016) "Reliability of the Simi-Aktisys Video Based Motion Analysis System for Measuring Ankle Dorsiflexion Angle During Gait in Patients with Chronic Foot Drop." American Physical Therapy Association Combined Sections Meeting. Anaheim, CA. February.

Dougherty E, Chronister K, McMullen K, Parnell R, Williams L, LairamoreC. "Comparison of clinical measures to determine their responsiveness to tDCS" American Physical

Therapy Association Combined Sections Meeting. Anaheim, CA. February.

Yates, C., Mitchell, A., Huett, E., & Hall, W. (2016) "Neonatal Electrical Stimulation of Acupuncture Points: Can Alternative Therapy Relieve Heel Stick Pain in Neonates?" American Physical Therapy Association Combined Sections Meeting. Anaheim, CA. February.

Yates, C., Mitchell, A., Hood, C., Glendenning, J., Hall, R. W., & Carroll, J. (2016) "Does Infant Positioning Influence Cardiorespiratory Parameters in Preterm Infants?" American Physical Therapy Association Combined Sections Meeting. Anaheim, CA. February.

Huitt, E., Mitchell, A., Leonard, E., Hall, R. W., & Yates, C. (2016) Comparison of outcome measures for assessment of acute pain for term infants. American Physical Therapy Association Combined Sections Meeting. Anaheim, CA. February.

Lowe, L. (2016) Collaborative Role of Physical Therapy in an Occupational Therapy Sensory Integrative Intensive Program" American Physical Therapy Association Combined Sections Meeting. Anaheim, CA. February.

Vanhoose, L. "Boldness, Brass, and Stilettos: Climbing the Career Ladder." American Physical Therapy Association Combined Sections Meeting. Anaheim, CA. February.

Martens, H. (2016) "Solutions for Burnout" National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) Annual Conference New Orleans, LA: Feb 10-13, 2016

Murphy, J., Henley, D. (School Psychology PhD Student). (2016) "Practical Strategies for Building Hope with Students, Teachers, and Parents" National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) Annual Conference New Orleans, LA: Feb 10-13, 2016

Murphy, J. & Minke, K. (2016) "Doing What Works: Solution-Focused Practice for School Psychologists" National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) Annual Conference New Orleans, LA: Feb 10-13, 2016.

Nail, P. R., & Sznajd-Weron, K. (2015, November 5). "The diamond

model of social response within



an agent-based approach." Paper presented at the 8th Polish Symposium on Econo- and Sociophysics, Rzeszow, Poland.

Yang, J., & Fox, R. A. (2016). Duration features of /s/+stop consonant clusters produced by bilingual Mandarin-English children and monolingual English children and adults. The 8th International conference on Second-Language Speech (New Sounds 2016), Aarhus, Denmark, June 10-12.

Shannon Woods, a Doctor of Nursing Practice student, has been selected to present a poster on her DNP Project at the Sigma Theta Tau International meeting in Cape Town, South Africa in Summer 2016. The title of her presentation is *Student-friendly health information portals*.



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