

SIGNS – Significant and Important Good News

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A Message from the Dean

It is always a pleasure to share the accomplishments of alumni, students, faculty and staff. In the College we call these SIGNs of achievement. So enjoy the Significant and Important Good News from the College of Health and Behavioral Sciences. Best wishes always.



Jimmy H. Ishee, Dean



Achievements

Dr. Shawn Charlton has been elected Psi Chi's new Southwestern region Vice President. Psi Chi is the International Honor Society of Psychology.

Dr. Mary Ann Campbell, as a member of the Arkansas Jump\$tart Coalition joined Governor Hutchison as he signed a proclamation promoting financial literacy. April is Financial Literacy Month. The Coalition promotes financial literacy in high schools.

The Communications Sciences and Disorders Department National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association Chapter and their advisor, Candice Robinson, earned Gold-level recognition.

Dr. Susan Gatto has been selected to participate in *American Association of Colleges of Nursing's Leadership for Academic Nursing Program (LANP)*. This competitive fellowship is designed to further develop and enhance leadership skills in new and emerging executive administrators in baccalaureate and graduate nursing programs. The year long LANP program starts with a 5-day seminar in Annapolis, MD addressing important executive leadership topics and provides numerous assessment experiences.

Dr. Mary Harlan will be recognized as a Legend in Family & Consumer Sciences at the 107th Annual Conference and Expo this June in Washington state.

The Department of Occupational Therapy congratulates Veronica Rowe - now Dr. Rowe - for successfully defending her dissertation!

The March issue of the 501 LIFE Magazine features an article written by Sonja Keith on the historic Rialto Theater in Searcy.

The Senior Interior Design students from Mrs. Poole's class worked on the theater this Fall with the

assistance of Dr. Bryan's Historic Preservation class helping with research. We are proud of the wonderful recognition of our talented design students, Mrs. Poole and the Interior Design program. The link to the article:

http://www.501lifemag.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=5952&Itemid=12

In a recent analysis of school psychology research published in *School Psychology Quarterly*, Liu and Oakland (2016) found that an article by UCA professors Dr. Ron Bramlett and Dr. John Murphy was the 17th most cited article in the history of school psychology publications (1907-2014).

Awards

The Department of Physical Therapy has won the Most Creative Fundraiser Award in the 2015-2016 Pittsburgh-Marquette Challenge. The University of Central Arkansas raised a total of \$503 in this year's challenge and students organized a Tacky Christmas Sweater Sale; decorating donated sweaters and selling them to raise funds supporting the Foundation for Physical Therapy.

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Nathan Martz and Alexandria Smith, students in the Athletic Training Program, won

the Student Research Poster Contest at the 2016 Arkansas Athletic Trainers' Association (AATA) Annual Meeting in Little Rock, April 23-24. The students competed against undergraduate and graduate students from across the state. The title of their poster was *Surgical Repair of a Syndesmotomic Sprain through the Tigtrope Procedure: A Case Study*.

The Occupational Therapy Department was highlighted at the Service-Learning Awards Banquet as follows:

Student Award Nominations:

Casey Stewart (winner) - Spirit of Humanity Award (OT Alumni)

Grant Camden (runner-up) - Exceptional Achievement in Service Learning (Current OT student)

Community Partner of the Year Award Nominations:

Faulkner County Juvenile Court - (winner)

ARC Arkansas - (nominee)

ACTS Jr. - (nominee)

Brookdale Memory Center - (nominee)

Faculty Practitioner of the Year Award:

Mrs. Brittany Saviers - (runner-up) (OT faculty)

Other community partners attending the event:

Boys & Girls Club

Community Connections

Conway Cradle Care

Grants

Dr. Lorrie George-Paschal was recently awarded a UCA Foundation Grant in the amount of \$1775.00 for her work with Juvenile Drug Court participants.

Dr. Beula Magimairaj's research proposal entitled *Restoration of Interrupted Speech in Children with and without Specific Language Impairment* has been recommended and approved by the University Research Council for funding (\$10,000).

Melanie Jones, a student in the Mental Health Counseling program, has been awarded a \$6,000 Services for Transition Age Youth (STAY) Fellowship by the American Psychological Association Minority Fellowship Program. This is a nationally competitive program.

Lindsay Hobson received a \$1,500 Psi Chi Undergraduate Research grant for her project titled *Memory for Missing Parts of Witnessed Events*. Eight students (Tyler Ramsey, Lauren Brown, Savannah Cavender, Christina Clark, Emily Hahn, Lindsay Hobson, Sarah Lindeman, and Tiffany Wierzbicki) were selected to receive \$370 in travel funding from Psi Chi for the upcoming SWPA conference. That's just over \$4,000 in support from Psi Chi for our student research.

Luke Sandlin, a student in the Mental Health Counseling program, has been awarded the National Association of Junior Auxiliaries Scholarship.

Brittany Saviers, Visiting Clinical Instructor in OT, was awarded a scholarship from the Arkansas Council for Women in Higher Education. This scholarship is



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granted to women in higher education who are pursuing an advanced degree.

Dr. Chad Lairamore was awarded an INBRE (IDeA Networks of Biomedical Research Excellence) grant: *Lower Extremity Transcranial Direct Current Stimulation: Effect of Montage and Medium on Cortical Excitability* in the amount of \$45,911 for the period 9/1/16 - 4/30/17.

Gardiner Sanders, a Psychology and Counseling student (undergraduate; BS), was selected to receive a \$5,000 Psi Chi Summer Research Grant for his project: *Collective Self-Esteem and the Rejection-Identification Model among African American Adults: A Moderated Mediation Analysis*. Dr. Charlton is the faculty sponsor for the project. These are exceptionally competitive grants and it speaks highly of Gardiner's proposal that he was selected as a recipient.

Kim Gentry, a fourth year doctoral student in the School Psychology program, is the recipient of the UCA Foundation's Charles and Nadine Baum Scholarship.

Karrie Butler, an April 2016 graduate of the UCA Athletic Training Program, was awarded the National Athletic Trainers' Association Gail Weldon Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship provides \$2,300 for graduate education.

Publications

AETN explores concussions in new film 'Bell Ringer' premiering April 7

<http://www.aetn.org/pressroom/>

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The list of people featured in the film is long...but two have close ties to UCA.

Jason Cates, head athletic trainer, Cabot Public School District, is a UCA Preceptor for the Athletic Training Program.

Chad Williams, certified athletic trainer and physical therapist, North Little Rock High School, is a graduate of the UCA Athletic Training Program and DPT.

Filming of 'Bell Ringer' took place at Ouachita Baptist University, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, University of Central Arkansas, North Little Rock High School, Hall High School, West Memphis High School and Cabot High School. The film was produced by Justin Blake Crum of AETN.

Lammers, W. J., Davis, S., Davidson, O., & Hogue, K. (2016). Impact of positive, negative, and no personality descriptors on the attractiveness halo effect. *Psi Chi Journal of Psychological Research*, 21, 29-34.

HR Lee, JE Resch, TK Han, JD Miles, MS Ferrara. (2016). Sport-Related Concussion Knowledge and Occurrence: A Survey of High School and College Athletes in South Korea. *International Journal of Athletic Therapy & Training*. 2016; 21:2.

Presentations

Sheri Cook-Cunningham, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Music, and Natalie Benafield, Au.D., Clinical Instructor, Communication Sciences and Disorders, have had their abstract titled, *Sound Doses of University Students during a Typical Week of Study* accepted for presentation at the 2016 Performing Arts Medicine Association International Symposium in New York City in July of 2016. This study is one component of a partnership between the UCA Departments of Music and Communication Sciences and Disorders, in which hearing conservation and vocal hygiene measures are integrated into the music curriculum through presentations and clinical evaluations performed by CSD graduate clinicians.

UCA Dietetic Intern, Vincent Suha, has been accepted to present his research at the Food and Nutrition Conference and Expo Poster Session in Boston, MA, October 2016. His research title: *Perceptions of Binge Eating Disorder: Differences between the Genders*.

Forty-nine students (15 graduate and 34 undergraduates) and 12 faculty presented papers or posters at the Southwestern Psychological Association (SWPA) conference in Dallas, TX in April 2016. SWPA is the regional psychological association and is composed of members from 9 states.

In addition, 4 UCA students were finalists in the SWPA Research Competition.

SWPA Undergraduate Research Competition

1. Memory for missing parts of witnessed events (SWPA)

Lindsay Hobson

Emily Gates

(Advisor: Dr. Ken Sobel)

2. Do People Remember the Judgments They Make? (SWPA)

Tori Nicole Francis

Savannah Sloane Nolan

K. Brooke Schichtl

(Advisor: Dr. Ken Sobel)

3. The Effects of Image Priming and BMI on Food and Monetary Discounting (SWPA)

Shelby Kait Nichols

(Advisor: Dr. Shawn Charlton)

SWPA Graduate Research Competition

1. Sex Differences in Jealousy: Twenty Years Later (SWPA)

Tiffany Marie Wierzbicki

(Advisor: Dr. Shawn Charlton)



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Dr. Magimairaj was invited to present a lecture on *Working memory mechanisms in school-age children: Implications for children with Specific Language Impairment* at a two day National Seminar on Advances in the Assessment of Management of Childhood Language Disorders organized and hosted by the JSS Institute of Speech and Hearing, Mysore, INDIA - March 21, 22, 2016.

Magimairaj, B. (2016). *Working memory mechanisms in school-age children: Implications for children with Specific Language Impairment*. Presentation at the National Seminar on Advances in the Assessment of Management of Childhood Language Disorders held in Mysore, India.

Dr. Lorrie George-Paschal, Dr. Tina Mankey, Kerrie Bollinger, Emily Ratcliff, Taylor Johnson, and Lauren Tannahill (OT students) presented at the Parent Advisory Council's Family Bistro Conference on Friday, April 15th. The 90 minute presentation included providing suggestions for incorporating soft tech, low tech, and hard technologies to increase occupational performance in the home, school, community and to ease transitions.



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