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## Bean Nancy Berryman Reese

UCA College of Health and Behavioral Sciences

Here in the UCA College of Health and Behavioral Sciences, we have two very important phrases that guide our behavior. One is our CHBS Mission: "Improving the lives of the people we serve". Two is our brand promise: "We CARE about your future". These are not just words to post on our website – they are words that guide our actions on a daily basis. In CHBS we work hard to bring our mission and promise to life – for our students, for our faculty and staff, and for those in the community who are part of our Community Care Clinic and the outreach programs within that space that continue to grow and develop.

Throughout the SIGNs newsletter, you will see many examples of our mission and promise in action. Student lives are being enriched through their participation in our S-TAP program where they work with individuals with Alzheimer's and related dementia. Children and students are benefitting from the Go Baby Go program that brings new options for mobility to children with movement restrictions. And lives are literally being saved through the education of individuals across the university on the use of Naloxone.

As always, thank you for your continued support of UCA and the College of Health and Behavioral Sciences. I value your interest in the work we do. I'm always interested in your input, so please do email me at nancyr@uca.edu if you have questions, suggestions, or ideas.

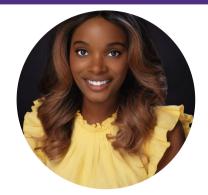
I'd love to hear from you!





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## Morgan Brayton

We have a lot of exciting news from the Division of Advancement, starting with the tenth anniversary of UCA's annual Day of Giving. Last year 1,894 donors gave over \$1.2 million, making it the largest amount raised on Day of Giving in our history. We hope to keep the momentum going, so mark your calendar for March 7, 2024.

Funds raised during the Day of Giving support many needs, including scholarships, state-of-the-art equipment, research, and experiential learning opportunities that prepare students to be leaders in regional and global economies.

Help us make a difference for our students! You can give back directly to the College of Health and Behavioral Sciences, your department, or the fund of your choice. When giving online at uca.edu/dayofgiving, donors can select and give to specific funds among student, campus, and community impact categories.

We are excited to announce that the physical therapy program has received a \$100,000 charitable remainder unitrust from Dr. Sandy '77 and Joyce Quillen. The estate gift will provide for the creation of the endowed William S. and Joyce D. Quillen Physical Therapy Scholarship, in honor of his late wife. This scholarship will provide significant financial support toward the success of a physical therapy student, with preference given to first-generation students demonstrating financial need.

We are also celebrating our occupational therapy program as it marks its 50th year being an accredited program in the state of Arkansas. This landmark occasion demonstrates a sustained history of educating leaders, change agents, scholars, advocates and, most importantly, qualified practitioners who change lives on a daily basis. You can find out more about this year-long celebration by visiting Occupational Therapy's Celebration Calendar at <a href="https://uca.edu/ot/home/50th-anniversary/">https://uca.edu/ot/home/50th-anniversary/</a>.

For more information on how to get involved with the college by giving your time or your financial resources, please feel free to give me a call. I look forward to connecting with you.

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## UCA Community Care Clinic

Elevating Health by Empowering Team-Based Whole-Person Care.

Collaboration and teamwork are often used interchangeably, but they have distinct differences. Collaboration refers to a group of individuals working together towards a common goal, but each person maintains their own responsibilities and decisions. In contrast, teamwork involves a group of individuals working together towards a common goal, and each person shares responsibility, decision-making, and accountability for the outcome.

The UCA Community Care Clinic is empowering providers to adopt a team-based care approach that prioritizes whole-person care. Whole-person care addresses each client's physical, mental, emotional, and social needs. It's inspiring to see this interprofessional group of health and wellness providers coming together to provide personalized care that addresses each client's unique needs and circumstances.

Through this model of care, we are also providing UCA students opportunities to engage in experiential learning that bridges the classroom to client treatment, helping them learn to provide team-based whole-person care. This training will be invaluable to the quality of health and wellness care our graduates provide in future clinical and community settings.

#### Community Care Clinic is open: Monday - Thursday 8:30 - 4:30 and Fridays 8:30 - noon.

Interprofessional - Therapeutic Activities Program for individuals with Alzheimer's and related dementias

- The Student-Led Therapeutic Activity Program (S-TAP): weekly on Friday mornings
- The Resilient Care: Caregiver Support Group: every other week on Wednesdays from 5pm -7 pm

#### Experiential Learning & Community Engagement Activities in the Interprofessional Teaching Center

Go Baby Go

Women's Health Fair: Saturday March 9th from 8am - 1pm

Community Health Fair for seniors: Saturday April 13th from 8am - 12pm

Arkansas Geriatric Education Consortium Lunch and Learn: March 25th and April 22nd 11:30am - 2:30pm





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## CHBS Advisory Board Highlight



Colonel Addie Drake Morris

Our CHBS Advisory Board spotlight is UCA Alumnus Colonel Addie Drake Morris. After twenty-seven years of service, Colonel Addie Drake Morris received the Jeanette P. Grosickii's Nursing Honor Award during her enrollment in the University of Central Arkansas psychiatric nursing graduate program. As a member of the CHBS Advisory Board, Colonel Morris serves as a resource on specific health related issues and fills knowledge gaps in areas of her expertise. As an advocate of underserved communities, Colonel Morris used her nursing acumen to found "Drake Nurse's Charity", which provides health missions and education to areas in the Southern United States and other countries, including Haiti, Jamaica, and the Philippines. She has authored several articles dedicated to the healthcare and treatment of marginalized patients and penned a newspaper column known as "Moments W/Addie." In 2021, Colonel Morris was instrumental in founding "The Hat and Glove Society" which is a social organization dedicated to preserving the social graces of the past while embracing the present and future with hope.



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# CHBS Student Advisory Board Introduction

The College of Health and Behavioral Sciences Student Advisory Committee provides support to the college in meeting strategic goals, communicating events and initiatives, and improving the student experience. Service on the committee requires attending one full board meeting each semester and picking areas of interest among the activities that are planned for the semester to provide leadership and direction for those activities.



My name is Allison Teague, a third year occupational therapy student. I currently work as a Graduate Assistant in the Occupational Therapy Department and at Conway Regional Inpatient Rehabilitation as a therapy technician. I am preparing for my doctoral capstone where I will be working alongside Dr. Jordan to provide workshops for those with dementia and their caregivers through the S-TAP Program on campus.

My name is Nayeli Moreno and I am a first year graduate student in the School Psychology, Ed. S. program. I am from West Texas, where I received my bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education from Texas Tech University, and then worked as a third-grade bilingual/esl teacher. I always knew that I wanted to work in education because school was my absolute favorite place to be as a child. I decided to make the career change from being a classroom teacher to a school psychologist, because I'd like to recreate that same safe and fun learning environment that I had experienced, not just for my students, but for all students.





My name is Anne Moellers and I am a second-year student in the Physical Therapy Doctoral Program at UCA. I am originally from Little Rock, AR, but have lived in Conway for the past 6 years while pursuing my undergraduate and doctoral studies at UCA. I am passionate about studying physical therapy so I can help empower my patients to return to their prior level of function through problem solving, collaboration, and movement.



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My name is Blake Smith. I am a Health Promotion major with special interests in managing non profit healthcare and working to solve health disparities.





My name is Nia Newsome and I am from Dallas, Texas. I am a Junior here at UCA and my major is Communication Sciences and Disorders. I currently work at Pediatrics Plus as a Behavior Technician and hope to become an Audiologist after I obtain my Doctorate in Audiology in grad school.

My name is Cooper Bowman. I am a Junior Nursing major here at the University of Central Arkansas. I am also member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, and I am excited to serve the UCA Nursing Program as it's representative on the Student Advisory Board!





My name is Jackie Barker, I am majoring with a BSE in Family & Consumer Sciences Education with a minor in Teaching & Learning, to become a 8th-12th grade F.A.C.S Teacher in the secondary education field.



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My name is Emily Taylor, and I am a junior health science major with an emphasis in health services administration. I am from Mammoth Spring, AR and graduated from Highland High School in 2022. I plan to eventually get a master's degree in health administration and work in hospital management. I am looking forward to working with my peers to improve the College of Health and Behavioral Sciences on the student advisory board!

My name is Halah Nelson, and I am a 3rd year OTD student and currently work as a GA within the department. This year, I will complete my classes and then begin my capstone project, which will be focused on the program development of an oncology rehabilitation program in Texarkana alongside James Saviers and Christus St. Michael. I am passionate about exploring various practice settings and educating clients in a way that supports their journey.





My name is Kenzie Blanchard. I am a junior Communication Sciences and Disorders major. I am from Corning, AR. I plan to complete graduate school to become a Speech Language Pathologist. I am also involved in Sigma Kappa, Dance Marathon Executive Board, and the National Student Speech Language Hearing Association.



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My name is Cassidy Fronk. I was originally born in Des Moines, Iowa but my two daughters and I moved to Conway about three years ago and have loved it ever since! I am currently a junior double majoring in the fields of Psychology and Addiction Treatment. My goal is to continue my education with graduate school and pursue a career of using therapeutic techniques to help others overcome their life struggles and be the versions of themselves they strive to be.





Sarah Freeman is a registered nurse with 17 years of varied professional experience, including serving in an administrative, quality improvement role. She will graduate in May 2024 with her Master of Science in Nursing Education. She is an adjunct clinical faculty member for the UCA School of Nursing and is the Nursing Education Support Specialist. Sarah is a long-time Conway resident and serves on the Executive Board of the Faulkner County Agency on Aging and as the Graduate Student Representative of the Evaluation and Quality Assurance Committee for the UCA School of Nursing. She and her husband have a blended family of five children. She enjoys reading, traveling, and watching the kids' activities in her spare time.

My name is Aileen Gonzalez, and I am a sophomore majoring in Exercise Science with hopes to become a Physical Therapist. I am from Rogers, AR, and graduated from Rogers High School in 2022. I am looking forward to working with the CHBS and the Exercise Science Department to benefit our community and college experience.





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## Achievements

The School of Nursing is proud to announce that the Society of Simulation in Healthcare (SSH) has granted the Nabholz Center for Healthcare Simulation- Integrated Health Sciences (NCHS-IHS) provisional accreditation. This process consists of demonstrating the establishment of processes and structure that correspond to both Core Standards and Teaching and Education Standards. The NCHS-IHS plans to apply for full accreditation within two years. The NCHS-IHS is only the second simulation facility in the state to be awarded provisional accreditation.

#### Simulation Lab





From left to right: Tiff Hall, Sarah Luyet, Erin Garrett, Susan Gatto, and Windy Lowder





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## **Achievements**

### **Nutrition and Family Sciences**

Stephanie Alsbrook,
Nutrition and Family
Sciences Clinical
Instructor, has been
appointed to the
National School
Nutrition Association
Nutrition and Research
Committee.



### Nursing

Kelly Van Gundy, Junior Nursing Student, and UCA Women's Soccer player, was named ASUN's Midfielder of the Year and is also on the First Team All-ASUN Conference team.

Clinical Instructor II for the School of Nursing, Mrs. Erin Garrett, MSN, RN, CPN, has earned her Certified Healthcare Simulation Educator (CHSE) credentialing.



Ms. Leslie Blackwell, Clinical Instructor I and UCA's School of Nursing Faculty and Women's Soccer Mentor, was recognized on October 5, 2023 as being a "Most Valuable Professor" for Women's Soccer.

### Nursing

The UCA School of Nursing is proud to announce that Ms. Danielle McKissen, Clinical Instructor I, was honored on October 2, 2023 at the "Great 100 Nurses Celebration of Arkansas."



The School of Nursing
Simulation Operation Specialist
and Nabholz Center for
Healthcare Simulation CoCoordinator, Sarah Luyet, was
highlighted by Intelligent Video
Solutions for her exceptional
work.

Each year, 100 nurses in Arkansas are recognized by the Great 100 Nurses Foundation. This year, as in all past years, several UCA alumni are listed among the honorees. This year, we also have an incoming student on the list - Colin Condit, RN.

School of Nursing Professor Pamela F. Ashcraft, PhD, RN, PHCNS-BC has been elected to the Southern Nursing Research Society (SNRS) Board of Directors as Secretary/Treasurer for 2024 – 2026.

Alicia Luangsisombath, BSN, RN, UCA School of Nursing Student, was the recipient of the Arkansas Nurse Practitioner Association (ANPA) scholarship and was elected as the student representative for the ANPA board.







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## **Achievements**

#### Communication Sciences & Disorders

The multidisciplinary team of Dr. Sun Thao from Communication Sciences and Disorders UCA, Dr. Amy Thompson from Elementary, Literacy, and Special Education, UCA, Dr. Sana Tibi from Florida State University, and Abigail Rains, Aubrey Butler, and Jasmin Martinez, students from UCA Communication Sciences and Disorders, have been accepted to present their proposal on Active Learning at the annual conference of the International Dyslexia Association.

Dr. Natalie Benafield in the Department of Communication Science and Disorders has been appointed to the American Speech-Language Association Committee of Ambassadors (CoA).



### **Physical Therapy**

Physical Therapy Professor, Dr. Bill Bandy, has been appointed to the Onsite Review Team for the American Board of Physical Therapy Residency and Fellowship Education (ABPTRFE).

### Health Science



Due to the involvement of the Addiction Studies program director and Assistant Professor for the Department of Health Sciences, Stephanie Rose, in the training and acquisition of Narcan boxes, a UCA student was saved by UCAPD officers in late August of 2023.

The UCA chapter of the Sig Ep fraternity (pictured below) attended a Narcan Training hosted by Addiction Studies Program Director and Assistant Professor for the Department of Health Sciences, Dr. Stephanie Rose.







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## **Achievements**

### Psychology & Counseling

The UCA Psi Chi chapter held their Mental Health Symposium in October 2023. Students involved include Sierra Puckett, Victoria Silva, Parker Hamilton, Cassidy Fronk, and Ashley Hooper, and faculty advisors include Ms. Veda Charlton (left) and Dr. Shawn Charlton (right).





Bianca Airey-Fourie, a recent graduate of UCA's Psychology program, was accepted to King's College and the University of Sheffield in the UK. She is currently attending the University of Sheffield's Systems Neuroscience MS program.

Second-year Mental Health Counseling student, Mei Ishimura, has been awarded the Global Citizens Scholarship for 2023-2024.

UCA Psychology and Counseling Alum, Jon Priest, was appointed to the Arkansas Psychology Board by Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders in November 2023.

### **Awards**

### Psychology & Counseling

Merritt Tate, a 2022 graduate of UCA's school psychology program, was given the Arkansas School Psychology Association's "Rookie of the Year" award at their state convention in September 2023.

### Occupational Therapy



Dr. Brittany Saviers (shown above),
Occupational Therapy Department, was
nominated and awarded the Venus International
Foundation Young Woman Researcher in
Occupational Therapy Award. This award is in
recognition of Dr. Savier's research,
distinguished dedication, and commitment to
global learning and engagement.

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### Grants

#### **Health Sciences**

The Addiction Studies Program was awarded a \$20,000 grant from the State Drug Director's Office, AR Collegiate Network to hold substance-free events on campus. The Addiction Studies Program has partnered with the Health Science Club, Student Wellness, and the Associate Dean of Students to provide a Homecoming Event, as well as a Wellapalooza Event before Spring Break. This event will focus on having a safe, healthy Spring Break.

### **Exercise and Sport Sciences**

Dr. Han Soo Kim, Assistant Professor of Exercise and Sport Sciences, was awarded a University Faculty Travel grant.

Dr. Brittany Tucker, Assistant Professor of Exercise and Sport Sciences, was awarded a University Faculty Development grant.

### Interprofessional

Dr. Kerry Jordan (School of Nursing), Melissa Allen (Physical Therapy Department), and January Schultz (Occupational Therapy Department) recently received a \$115,000 grant from the Blue and You Foundation to fund the maintenance and expansion of the Interprofessional Therapeutic Activity Program (I-TAP) in 2024.

### Communication Sciences & Disorders

Dr. Sunjung Kim Thao, Associate Professor of the Communication Sciences & Disorders department, received a Service learning seed grant from UCA Experimental and Community-Engaged Learning. Dr. Thao and her 34 students in introduction to CSD provided literacy-rich activities and taught diversity to 20 kindergarten children who were in the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program throughout the Fall 2023 semester.

Dr. Stephanie White, Assistant Professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders, received University Research Council (URC) funds to conduct her research titled, Identification of Auditory Processing Deficits in Children with Learning Difficulties. This research will identify and characterize auditory processing deficits, alongside measurements of language processing and cognitive abilities, to create a comprehensive profile that will allow an understanding of this population's unique abilities and needs.

### Psychology & Counseling

The faculty research proposal by Assistant
Professor of Psychology and Counseling, Dr. James
Wages, entitled, "The Influence of Contextual
Features on the Interpretation of and Engagement
with Risk-taking," was awarded funding by the
University Research Council (\$8,550).





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### **Grants**

### Psychology & Counseling

Dr. Yeseul Nam, Assistant Professor of Psychology and Counseling, has received the 2023-24 Professional Development Grants for Teachers of Psychology from Psi Chi for "Empowering Early Career Faculty: Enhancing Teaching through Research Replication and Students' Conference Presentation." This fund will be used to support undergraduate students' presentations at SWPA in 2024.

The Society for the Teaching of Psychology (STP)
Early Career Psychologist Travel Grant Committee
has awarded Assistant Professor of Psychology
and Counseling, Dr. Deanna Rumble, \$500 to
offset expenses for their travel to the 2024
Southeastern Teaching of Psychology Conference
in Atlanta, GA.







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### **Presentations**

Physical Therapy

Drs. Leah Lowe, Brian Odom, and Charlotte Yates of the Physical Therapy Department presented an educational session, "Moving Beyond the Wound Model to Patient Care" at the APTA, CSM conference in Boston in February 2024 in a combined section session (Clinical Electrophysiology & Wound Management and Education).

Drs. Leah Lowe and James P. Fletcher of the Physical Therapy Department were invited to speak at the Arkansas State Orthotic and Prosthetic Association Meeting in Little Rock, Arkansas. On August 18th, 2023, they presented the educational session, "From Muscle Strength to Muscle Length: Assessment and Documentation of Underlying Impairments."

Dr. Melissa Allen presented two posters at the American Physical Therapy Association Combined Section Meeting in Boston, MA Feb 2024. The first poster was an IPE project stemming from the sTAP program with Dr. Kerry Jordan (School of Nursing), Dr. Michael Gallagher (Exercise and Sports Science), Dr. January Schultz (Occupational Therapy), and Dr. Richelle Weese (Communication Sciences and Disorders) in addition to a group of DPT student collaborators. The second poster was a case study that came out of her mentorship of Dr. Josh Landers, who graduated with a PhD in December.

Several UCA Physical Therapy faculty and students to presented research at the 2023 APTA Arkansas Optimize Conference held in Little Rock, AR, Saturday, October 7- Sunday, October 8. The following faculty and students attended and presented at the conference: Brian Odom, PT, PhD, Cayla Bass, SPT, Mallory Fortinberry, SPT, Anne Moellers, SPT, Kendra Pascoe, SPT, Taylor Phillips, SPT, Leah Lowe, DPT, PhD, Charlotte Yates, PT, PhD, Rachel Scott, PT, DPT, CSCS, J. David Taylor, PhD, PT, James P. Fletcher, PhD, PT, Ruth Ann Mathis, PhD, PT, Melissa Allen, PT, PhD, DPT, NCS, Jacquie Rainey, DrPH, MCHES, Margaret McGee, PT, PhD, PCS, Emily Blanchard, SPT, Meredith Bowers, SPT, Lauren English, SPT, Sam Dugas, SPT, Braxton Funk, SPT, Meredith Flowers, DPT, PhD, PCS, Lora Mize PT, DPT, WCS, Haley Campbell SPT, Robert Robertson SPT, Abigail Authment SPT, Ashley Mahan SPT, Peyton Cope SPT, James Fletcher PT, PhD, Chris Driedric PT, DPT, OCS, Amanda Bennett, SPT, Ryan Ozanich, SPT, Kerry Jordan PhD; Michael Gallagher PhD; January Schultz PhD, and Richelle Weese, SLP-CCC.



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### **Presentations**

### Occupational Therapy

Dr. Tina A. Mankey, Dr. Chris Ryan, Keeley Jones, OTDS, & Carol Thompson, OTDS of the Occupational Therapy Department were invited to speak at the Regional Beyond the Borders conference for professional and service providers in the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities.

### **Exercise and Sports Science**



Dr. Han Soo Kim,
Assistant Professor of
Exercise and Sports
Science, was invited to
present two
presentations at the
Sport Marketing
Association (SMA)
Conference on October
25-27, 2023.

### **Health Sciences**

Health Sciences Adjunct Faculty member
Emily Lane presented at the EPA Region 6
Environmental Justice Summit. The
presentation was titled, "Monitoring Air
Pollution in Disadvantaged Arkansas
Communities: Lessons from a Student
Service-Learning Project."

### Occupational Therapy

Occupational therapy students joined faculty in presenting at the 2023 Arkansas
Occupational Therapy Association Motivate
Conference. Please see the following citations:

Bergt, S. and Hollaway, L (2023, July 28-29). Understanding the Child's Lens on Behavioral Interventions. [Poster Session]

Carmack, L., Gangluff, D. (2023, July 28-29).

Haircuts for Children with sensory
processing difficulties. [Poster Session].

Yang, J., Gangluff, D., (2023, July 28-29).

Development of the Occupational Therapy
Compatibility Test: What Area Best Fits You?

[Poster Session].

Grygus, S., Smith, H., Todd, G., Chenowith, J., Diamond, J., Hollaway, L., Gangluff, D. (2023, July 28-29). Caregiver In-Session Participation Checklist (CIPC): Development and Preliminary Validation of In-Session Caregiver Participation. [Poster Session].

\*\*\* Italicized refers to student presenters





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### Communication Sciences and Disorders

Dr. Brent Gregg, Professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders, gave an invited workshop to Speech Language Pathologists at Pediatrics Plus -Conway on Thursday, November 30th entitled "Treatment for Pediatric Stuttering."



### Interprofessional

Dr. Tina A. Mankey, Occupational Therapy,
Dr. Janet Filer, Elementary, Literacy, and
Special Education, and Dr. Margaret McGee,
Physical Therapy were accepted for two
peer-reviewed presentations with the MidSouth Educational Research Association
and the Interprofessional Education
Cooperative.

Dr. Sun Thao, Communication Sciences and Disorders, UCA, Ms. Jennie Gardner, M.S., Seungyeoun Lee, Psychology & Counseling, UCA, and Audrey Butler, a student from Communication Sciences and Disorders UCA, were accepted to present their proposal on active learning at the annual conference of the Arkansas Speech Language Hearing Association.

\*\*\* Italicized refers to student presenters





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## **Publications**

### Exercise and Sports Science

Associate Professor of Exercise Science, Dr.
Thomas Lowder, published an article entitled,
"A Novel Method of Assessing Balance and
Postural Sway in Patients with Hypermobile
Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome," with several current
UCA Exercise Science students including
Miguel Whitmore, Brittany Barker, Katie
Chudej, Ciarra Goines, Jenna Kester, Hannah
Campbell, Anna Jeffcoat, and Brynn
Castleberry Chudej.

### Health Science

Dr. Dustin Morris, Associate
Professor of health sciences, had
a manuscript accepted for
publication in the upcoming
spring 2024 edition of the SHAPEArkansas Journal. The article,
"Creating Athletes for Life"
explores the impact of youth
sports programs on long-term
health and well-being and
suggests how it may be important
to reconsider the traditional
athletic identity.



### Nutrition and Family Sciences

Drs. Nina Roofe, Kimberly Sartain, and Alicia
Landry, from the Nutrition and Family Sciences
Department, along with former graduate
student *Jolie Jackson*, had an article published
in the Journal of Family and Consumer
Sciences entitled, "Mentoring: Perspectives for
a diverse FCS profession."

Dr. Dustin Morris, Associate Professor of health sciences, recently published "Splash, Spin, Sprint: Triathlon Principles for Elementary Students" which is now available for public purchase and dissemination.

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### Psychology & Counseling

Dr. James Wages, Assistant
Professor of psychology, and
colleagues recently
published "A systemic
approach to the psychology
of racial bias within
individuals and society" in
the Journal Nature
Psychology Reviews.



Dr. Deanna Rumble, Assistant Professor of experimental psychology, and colleagues recently published, "Cortical Mechanisms Underlying Immersive Interactive Virtual Walking Treatment for Amelioration of Neuropathic Pain after Spinal Cord Injury: Findings from a Preliminary Investigation of Thalamic Inhibitory Function" in the Journal of Clinical Medicine. Fun fact, Dr. Rumble's brain was one of the original models used in the calibration of the imaging for this study!

Dr. Seungyeon Lee, Associate Professor of psychology, has authored six encyclopedia entries for the "Marriage and Divorce in America: Issues, Trends, and Controversies" encyclopedia project.

### Psychology & Counseling



Dr. Deanna Rumble,
Assistant Professor of
experimental psychology,
and colleagues had their
manuscript titled: "Greater
socioenvironmental risk
factors and higher chronic
pain stage are associated
with thinner bilateral
temporal lobes" published in
Brain and Behavior.

Ms. Veda Charlton, Clinical Instructor II of psychology, recently had an article published in the winter issue of Eye on PSY CHI entitled, "Expressing Gratitude and Charting a Teaching Conference for Impact."

### Occupational Therapy

Drs. Lorrie George-Paschal, Jacquie Rainey, and N. Krusen published an article entitled, "Exploring first semester allied health students' transition to graduate school through the lens of Occupational Adaptation," in Innovations in Health Science Education along with Occupational Therapy Doctoral research students.



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