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CHBS Mission Statement

“To improve the lives of the people we serve.”



Mrs. Rogers met with our 1st year graduate students before 8am to enjoy some coffee and conversation! The weekly meeting is designed to help graduate students best plan the execution of therapy goals and treatment objectives. They also discussed current issues in the field of speech-language pathology and how to prepare for the transition into the workforce as future SLPs!



Dean Nancy
Berryman Reese

UCA College of Health and Behavioral Sciences

Welcome to the latest edition of the CHBS Newsletter! As I write this, we are in the midst of opening week of the fall semester. I love the excitement and anticipation of the fall, with a new class of 2,000+ freshmen and hundreds of graduate students starting the pursuit of new degrees! The energy on campus is palpable, and the opportunities are endless -opportunities for students to fulfill their dream of becoming a nurse or a psychologist or one of countless other professionals, opportunities to study abroad, to serve those in need, to engage in research alongside a faculty mentor, and to make lifelong friendships.

As I've stated in past editions of this newsletter, the mission of the College of Health and Behavioral Sciences is to improve the lives of the people we serve. Serving students is our lifeblood, and it's the lifeblood of UCA. Serving students is embedded in our culture and in our core values. In CHBS, our faculty members not only serve students, just as importantly they teach our students to serve others. In a society that is becoming increasingly polarized, we are working to help students truly see, hear, and care for all people.

Thank you for your support of UCA, the College of Health and Behavioral Sciences, and the work we do to make student dreams a reality and to improve lives every day!



Morgan Drayton

Director of Development, CHBS

We are thrilled to share updates from the College of Health and Behavioral Sciences, starting with the highlights of our eleventh annual Day of Giving, held on March 13th, 2025. During this event, we raised an impressive total of \$12,844.

In the fiscal year 2024/25, the CHBS has received several generous donations to establish new scholarship programs, including:

- \$30,000 for the Freeman Global Opportunity in Nursing Scholarship, from Sarah and Dr. Darren Freeman.
- \$100,000 for the Sandy K. DeSalvo Nursing Scholarship, from Sandy K. DeSalvo.
- \$25,000 for the Carrie Lichti Minor DPT Memorial Scholarship from Curt, Debrah, Chris, and Kim Fordham.
- \$30,000 for the Judy Jones Psychology Scholarship from Donald G. Jones, Ph.D.

We are incredibly grateful to have received over \$630,000 in planned gifts. This generous support will go directly toward scholarships for nursing, communication sciences and disorders, and exercise and sports sciences, benefiting both students and faculty. A notable contribution came from Dr. James "Jim" Thurman, a former chair of the communication sciences and disorders department, who generously bequeathed \$400,000 from his estate to support departmental initiatives.

We're looking forward to the upcoming scholarship reception on September 25th, where donors will have the opportunity to meet their scholarship recipients. This event provides an opportunity for donors to connect with students and hear inspiring stories about how their scholarships have made a difference in the lives of those recipients.

If you're interested in learning more about how you can get involved with the college—be it through offering your time or providing financial support for faculty development or student scholarships—please don't hesitate to reach out to me. I look forward to connecting with you.



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CHBS Advisory Board Highlight



Gloria Smith Ealy – Retired Educator & Administrator of 33 years

Reading and traveling have always been on my list of things I enjoy doing. While most of my traveling has been domestic, I have found that I could travel world-wide through reading. Some years ago, after matriculating through UCA for a third degree, reading for pleasure was put on hold. Seventeen years ago, retirement brought a pivot in my role as a teacher and administrator after 33 years.

Time can bring about a change though. Now, I have a renewed spirit to read, travel world-wide through my reading, and to actually teach again. A virtual book club found me prior to COVID and we continue to meet on-line on a weekly zoom. Also prominent in my life is a spiritual journey that allows me to read, learn and teach some teens about

Christ. We are all cultivating our relationship with Christ and learning together.

As for traveling, my husband Clifton and I can always revisit a favorite travel spot or find new uncharted territory to add to our travel list.



Dr. Jim Thurman

Founder of the Department of
Communication Sciences and Disorders

Thurman makes \$400,000 bequest to UCA Communication Sciences and Disorders

University of Central Arkansas Alumnus Dr. Jim Thurman '69, '70 has made a \$400,000 bequest to the UCA Foundation in support of the Department of Communications Sciences and Disorders within the College of Health & Behavioral Sciences. Thurman retired from the department in 2020 after teaching sign language for more than 40 years.

His planned gift will benefit the department's enhancement fund, which provides resources for immediate needs that cannot be funded by the university's budget.

"The department is thankful for Dr. Thurman's generosity because it will provide lasting support for our department, directly benefiting student initiatives, faculty development, and key departmental needs," said Department Chair Dr. Brent Gregg. "The gift will enhance student experiences through funding for research and creative projects. It will also invest in faculty and staff by supporting clinical and research opportunities. Additionally, the gift will contribute to vital facility enhancements, helping to upgrade and expand educational and clinical offerings — all of which strengthen our recruitment efforts and enrich our CSD community for years to come."

Prior to enrolling at UCA in the mid-1960s, Thurman served as a paratrooper in the U.S. Army, and is a Vietnam War Veteran. During the war, he said there was no common language between American soldiers and Vietnamese soldiers and civilians, so he relied on sign language-style communication techniques. This inspired Thurman to study American Sign Language (ASL) formally when he enrolled at UCA.



Dr. Jim Thurman

Founder of the Department of
Communication Sciences and Disorders

After completing his education at UCA, Thurman pursued his Education Specialist degree in speech pathology at the University of Northern Colorado. Soon after, he returned to UCA as a professor and department chair, teaching sign language for more than four decades.

“Dr. Thurman founded our program and was instrumental in shaping the path we proudly follow today,” Gregg explained. “We owe him a great deal for his vision and dedication. His teaching, particularly in his many sections of sign language courses, played a vital role in recruiting students and fostering the growth of our programs.”

For more than 30 years, Thurman has provided private gifts to UCA through the UCA Foundation, with much of that support going to the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders (formerly Speech Pathology). Thurman is being recognized for his generosity through his induction into the Doyne Legacy Society this month. Donors who make a planned gift, such as a bequest, are inducted into this prestigious society and invited to an annual exclusive lunch with President Davis.

If you have questions about how you can make a planned or immediate gift to support your favorite area of UCA, please reach out to Morgan Drayton, senior director of development for the College of Health & Behavioral Sciences, at 501-450-5289 or email mndrayton@uca.edu.



Buddy Bag Project Brings Together UCA Students, Neurodiverse Youth, and Community Partners to Serve Local Children

The UCA Community Care Clinic recently hosted its first annual Buddy Bag Project, a unique service-learning initiative that brought together neurodiverse and neurotypical youth, UCA students, and community partners to support children in need. Organized by Occupational Therapy students as part of their Population and Community-Based Programming course, the project blended community service with skills development and inclusive engagement.

Participants included children in 2nd through 7th grade who developed social skills through structured activities and by packing backpacks with essential school supplies. These younger students were paired with neurodiverse high school students, who earned volunteer hours toward the LEARNS Act service requirements.





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For the high school participants, it was a meaningful and impactful way to contribute to their community. As one parent shared, “He loves to help people and was excited to be able to help other kids during this experience.”

The program also had a powerful impact on the younger children. One parent noted, “This program allowed my daughter to feel like she belonged to a group, which is rare. She was able to actively participate, which built her confidence. I am thankful she had the opportunity to participate ...” Another added, “She was excited about going every day. She had so much fun and learned a lot.”

The backpacks were distributed through the Community Care Clinic and its trusted community partners, including the Conway Ministry Center, Pediatrics Plus, Conway Cradle Care, and the Community Action Program for Central Arkansas (CAPCA). Together, they ensured these vital resources reached families who needed them most.

More than just a clinic, the UCA Community Care Clinic is committed to whole-person care—addressing not only physical and mental health needs, but also the social drivers of health that impact long-term wellness. The Buddy Bag Project reflects this mission and exemplifies the power of community collaboration. We hope to see the Buddy Bag Project continue and grow in the years ahead. It’s a simple but powerful way to support kids, build community, and give students a chance to help others. Those interested in supporting future efforts—through donations or partnerships—are welcome to reach out to the Community Care Clinic.

Go Baby Go 2025: A Showcase of Student Leadership and Interprofessional Collaboration

This past March, the Go Baby Go 2025 event was a resounding success! Led by Morgan Brown (CSD) as “Crew Chief,” with support from Madelyn Tankersley (PT) and Tori Buerer (OT), this year’s leadership team modeled interprofessional excellence from start to finish.

Together, they guided the “Pit Crew,” a group of committed students who spent six months planning the event—managing everything from patient-centered care to logistics and fundraising. Their combined efforts fostered a powerful spirit of collaboration and community service. This team raised over \$7,500, modified 8 ride-on cars for children in need, and coordinated efforts from more than 80 volunteers, including students from CSD, OT, PT, UAMS medical students, clinicians, engineers, electricians, and physicians.

Additionally, 9 CSD students generously served on the Saturday build crews: Gracie Weidman, Madelyn Pinkerton, Isabelle Shackelford, Hannah Warren, Dani Hardaway, Anna Lee, Sydney Winter, Hayden Partain, and Abby Elliott. Their selfless work and teamwork were instrumental to the success of the day. We are incredibly proud of all our students whose professionalism, compassion, and collaboration exemplify the core values of our college—and the meaningful impact we can have when we come together in service to others.





Achievements

Psychology and Counseling

Congratulations to Anna Achter on successfully defending her dissertation entitled “Childhood Disorders and Parental Self-Stigma, Self-Compassion, and Depression” on June 6th, 2025.

Dr. Yeseul Nam, PhD, and Dr. Christina Jeffrey, PhD, received the recognition of achievement in the Teaching Excellence Track through the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Academic Leadership (CETAL). This recognition is for the intentional pursuit of teaching excellence through purposeful engagement in faculty development

Congratulations to Dr. Deanna Rumble, PhD, on their selection to the 2025–2026 cohort of the UCA LEAD (Lead, Engage, Act, Discover) Program! This professional development program is designed to build leadership capacity, foster cross-campus collaboration, and deepen participants’ understanding of higher education operations.



Congratulations to Loren Cruse on successfully defending her honors thesis entitled “You must be tripping: Motivations and outcomes related to repeated use of psychedelics.”

Congratulations to recent UCA graduate Madison Yarbrough on receiving four prestigious offers for PhD graduate studies from Michigan Biomedical Sciences, Wisconsin Neurosciences, Stanford Neuroscience, and Vanderbilt Quantitative and Chemical Biology (QCB) Program. Madison has chosen to continue their journey at Vanderbilt University this fall!

Congratulations to Elwyn Howerton on defending her honors thesis entitled “Unmelting the mind: Making cutting-edge material on free will and consciousness understandable to the unspecialized.”

Congratulations to Zoe Camille Francis for successfully defending her Honors College Thesis, “Intergenerational Childhood Trauma & Foster Care Placements.”

Congratulations to UCA graduating seniors Sa’yee Brown, Robbi Jones, Alexandria O’Neill, & Julia Trantham for being honored as 2024-2025 Career Services Merit Fellow Graduates!

UCA’s Online Bachelors in Counseling program was recognized as one of the top programs in the nation for 2025, coming in at #2!
Congratulations!



Congratulations to Dr. Charlton, the newly elected SWPA President! Way to go!



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Achievements

Physical Therapy

Congratulations to Dr. Leah Lowe, PT, PhD, PCS, Dr. Brian Odom, PT, PhD, CWS, Dr. Charlotte Yates, PT, PhD, PCS, as well as Erin Garrett, MSN, RN, CPN, CHSE, and Sarah Luyet, BS, CHSOS, on the publication of their successful simulation entitled “Assessment of a Chronic Wound” in the American Council of Academic Physical Therapy (ACAPT) Simulation Scenario Library.

Congratulations to Victor Prati, PT, DPT, on graduating with his PhD in Physical Therapy in May 2025.

Congratulations to Dr. Bill Bandy, PT, PhD, SCS, FAPTA, on being inducted in the UCA Sports Hall of Fame!

Health Science

Congratulations to the Addiction Studies department on being rated in the top 10 national bachelors programs not once, but twice!

Exercise and Sports Science

Congratulations to Dr. Brittany Allman-Tucker, PhD, CSCS, EP-C, and Kim Eskola, MS, ACSM-EP, for their intentional pursuit of teaching excellence through CETAL activities.

Congratulations to graduate EXSS student Carolyn Jordan on being featured in the Sigma Kappa Sorority National Magazine to talk about how her sorority skills equipped her for her graduate program and profession!

Congratulations to Brittany Tucker for having her abstract accepted for the ACSM National Conference in Atlanta!

School of Nursing

Congratulations to Dr. Susan Gatto, PhD, RN, on being interviewed by Arkansas Money and Politics about the emerging specialties in nursing.

Occupational Therapy

Congratulations to Dr. Brittany Saviers, PhD, OTR/L, on recognition for her achievements in Global Learning at the UCA Excellence in Teaching and Community & Global Engagement Recognition Reception.

Congratulations to Dr. Gaither-Davis, EdD, OTR/L, on her appointment as the Arkansas Ambassador for the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy Ambassador Program.

Nutrition and Family Sciences

Congratulations to Tiffanie Snyder, MS, RDN, LDN, Melissa Carver, MS, Khandra Faulkner, MS, RDN, and Kimberly Sartain, EdD, EdS, MAT, BSE, NBCT, for being recognized by the senior student athletes in Softball and Baseball as their Most Valuable Professors (MVPs).



Awards

Physical Therapy

Dr. Lara Davis, PT, PhD, NCS, has been awarded a Walmart Spark Good grant for \$1000 to support the Anatomy Outreach Program for 2025-2026.

Nutrition and Family Sciences

Congratulations to Stephanie Alsbrook, MS, RD, LD, for being elected as the Nominating Committee Chair-Elect for 2025-2026 of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, Public Health & Community Nutrition Dietetics Practice Group.

Congratulations to Rebekah Luong, MS, CFCS, on being named a 2025 UCA CETAL Insider of the Year for her work with the Early Career Coaching Circle.



Congratulations to the following students for passing their ServSafe Certified Manager Examination: Sequoya Prentice, Katie Duran, Shiori Enomoto, Mackenzie Espinosa, Mackenzie Fresneda, Emilee Geater, Emily Kreps, Hana Lovett, Zachary Lunk, Austin Sublett, and Elizabeth Ward. Way to go!

Dr Kimberly Sartain was named the 2025 Postsecondary Teacher of the Year by the Arkansas Association of Teachers of Family & consumer Sciences (AATFCS) at their 2025 annual conference.

Psychology and Counseling

Congratulations to UCA Psychology and Counseling alumnus Dr. Lauren Geier, PhD, LPC-S, CPM, on being named the Statewide Behavioral Health Administrator within the Arkansas Administrative Office of the Courts.

Congratulations to Dr. Vincent Medina, PhD, for winning the Griffith Memorial Award, a \$500 prize for the best psychology talk by an early career academic at the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology annual conference. He was also chair of the Science and Research Methodology session.

Dr. Seungyeon Lee, PhD, in collaboration with Dr. Yeseul Nam, PhD, and Dr. James Wages, PhD, was awarded the 2025 Society for Teaching Psychology Instructional Resource Grant for their innovative project, "Facilitating Active Learning in Psychology Education: The Role of AI Chatbots."

This project aims to bridge gaps in psychology education by developing and testing an AI chatbot designed to enhance active learning in psychology courses. Upon completion, the findings and a replicable teaching resource will be shared with the Society for Teaching Psychology community through Best Practices in Teaching and Learning and the Society's Office of Teaching Resources in Psychology (OTRP).

Congratulations to Franchelsa Francisco for winning the Psi Chi Regional Research Award at SWPA for her project entitled "Effects of adverse generational educational life experiences on first-generation minority college students"



Awards

School of Nursing

Congratulations to Dr. Pamela Ashcraft, PhD, RN, PHCNS-BC, on her recognition as a finalist for the 2025 Shumaker-Wright Mentorship Award at the 72nd Annual Faculty and Staff Recognition Celebration.

Congratulations to Sarah Freeman, MSN, RN, an alumna and School of Nursing Academic Success Coach, who has successfully earned her Certified Nurse Educator (CNE®) certification

Congratulations to Dr. Kerry Jordan, PhD, RN, CNS, CNL-BC, on being recognized as a finalist for the 2025 Public Service Award at the 72nd Annual Faculty and Staff Recognition Celebration.

Exercise and Sports Science

Congratulations to Exercise and Sport Science (pre-PT) student, Shelby Drumwright, for receiving the Scholastic Achievement Certificate from Phi Epsilon Kappa Honors Fraternity. PEK is the Honors Fraternity for the Exercise and Sport Science program. Shelby has been accepted into two physical therapy schools (waitlisted for a third) and will pursue her passion of physical therapy this fall.

Health Science

Congratulations to Dr. Stephanie Rose on being chosen to receive the 2025 Social Worker of the Year Award!



Grants

Nutrition and Family Sciences

Congratulations to Kathryn Carroll, PhD, CFCS, CPFFE, and Rebekah Luong, MS, CFCS, on receiving the 2025 Ruth O'Brien Project Grant through the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Congratulations to Cheryl Massey on receiving a service-learning grant to fund a project in her Family and Consumer Science class "Aging & the Family"

Congratulations to Kathryn Carroll, PhD, CFCS, CPFFE, and Rebekah Luong, MS, CFCS, on their award of \$700 for the new Faculty Senate Research Empowerment Grant program to present at the 2025 American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Annual Conference in Kansas City.

Interprofessional Education

Congratulations to Dr. Brent Gregg, Jenniffer Simpson, MS, CCC-SLP, and Dr. Seungyeon Lee, PhD, on being awarded the Faculty Senate Research Empowerment Grant for 2025.

Health Science

Congratulations to Tisha Jenkins, LCSW, Addiction Studies faculty, for obtaining a Narcan Hero Grant for Hot Springs County, AR! She took note of the high rates of overdose in that county and is now able to help the population. Way to go!



Presentations

Psychology

Congratulations to Dr. Sunjung Thao, PhD, CCC-SLP, Dr. Yeseul Nam, PhD, Dr. Lesley Graybeal, PhD, students Emma Pasierb and Abigail Bone, and Reuel Shepherd from UCA Outreach and Community Engagement on their presentation entitled “Transforming SLP Training: How Service-Learning Builds Cultural Competence and Language Skills” at this year's ASHA Convention!



Congratulations to Dr. Sunjung Thao, PhD, CCC-SLP, and colleagues in their presentation entitled “Using Fully Immersive Virtual Reality in Reading Intervention for Adults with Mild Intellectual Disabilities” at this year's ASHA Convention.

Congratulations to Dr. Sunjung Thao, PhD, CCC-SLP, and colleagues in their presentation entitled “Exploring Virtual Reality for Language Sampling: Feasibility and User Experience” at this year's ASHA Convention.

Congratulations to psychology student Avery Ballany on successfully defending her Honors Capstone research entitled “Investigating the Relationship Between Types of Anxiety, Big Five Personality Traits, and Academic Major.”

Congratulations to UCA Psi Chi Officers and Advisors on their presentation entitled “Driven to Lead: Motivation to Serve in Psi Chi Leadership” at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association in New York.

Congratulations to Dr. Shawn Charlton and Marlene Sheehan in their presentation entitled “Different Views: Faculty and Students Perceptions on Belonging” at the Eastern Psychological Association annual meeting in New York.

Congratulations to psychology student Kendal Peyton on successfully defending her honors thesis entitled “Prevalence of Lower Back Pain in College Students and Possible Prevention Methods.”

Health Sciences



Congratulations to Millie Goins, Collegiate Recovery and Prevention Specialist, and UCA students on presenting at the National SMART Recovery Conference.



Presentations

Congratulations to Blake Smith, Dr. Stephanie Rose, and Millie Goins on their presentation at the Arkansas Student Affairs Conference!

Occupational Therapy

Congratulations to Dr. Lynne Hollaway, PhD, OTR/L, on recent acceptance of her dissertation research entitled "Caregiver in-session engagement in occupational therapy using Ayres Sensory Integration approach for children with autism: A feasibility study" for a presentation at the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine Conference.

On April 12, 2025, Madalynn Odom, OTS, Olivia Breazeale, OTS, Alysia Cashion, OTS, and Claire Wallin, OTS, in collaboration with Dr. Lynne Hollaway, PhD, OTR/L, delivered a sensory processing training to the University of Central Arkansas's Student Orientation Staff

Congratulations to Dr. Brittany Saviers, PhD, OTR/L, and Dr. Deborah Gangluff, ScD, OTR/L, for their presentation entitled "Expanding horizons: Integrating international fieldwork into occupational therapy curriculum" at the American Occupational Therapy Association national conference in Philadelphia.

Congratulations to Dr. Brittany Saviers, PhD, OTR/L, Dr. Deborah Gangluff, ScD, OTR/L, and colleague Cruz Alvarenga for their presentation entitled "Perspectives on effective and sustainable international partnerships: A case study in occupational therapy fieldwork" at the American Occupational Therapy Association national conference in Philadelphia.

Congratulations to Dr. Gaither-Davis, EdD, OTR/L, on her presentation at the Women's Leadership Symposium in Little Rock.

Exercise and Sports Science

Congratulations to EXSS students Kobi and Caitlin on their presentation entitled "Platelet-Rich Plasma Use to Treat Grade 3 Anterior Talofibular Ligament, Calcaneofibular Ligament, and Grade 2 Deltoid Ligament Sprain" at the Arkansas Athletic Trainers Association (AATA) Annual Meeting in Hot Springs.

Congratulations to EXSS students Andrew Epping and Sarah Ferrell on their presentation entitled "Paget-Schroetter Syndrome in a Division I Baseball Player" at the Arkansas Athletic Trainers Association (AATA) Annual Meeting in Hot Springs.



Presentations

Congratulations to EXSS student Anniston Taylor on her presentation on The Effect of Prenatal Exercise Training on Post Exercise Metabolites at the American College of Sports Medicine Central States Chapter Conference in Fayetteville.

Congratulations to EXSS student Abby Fulbright on her presentation on The Effect of the Ketogenic Diet in Combination With Resistance Training on Exercise Performance and Total Testosterone at the American College of Sports Medicine Central States Chapter Conference in Fayetteville.

Nutrition and Family Sciences

Congratulations to graduate students Nathan McElwrath, Litzi Martinez Olvera, and Vincent Guyette, as well as professors Dr. JJ Mayo, PhD, RDN, Meredith Mannix, MS, RD, LD, and Dr. Kathryn Carroll, PhD, CFCS, CPFFE, in their presentation entitled "Exploring Health-Focused Students and the Need for Campus-Based Health Promotion Initiatives" at the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics 2025 Food and Nutrition Conference and Expo.

Congratulations to graduate students Ella Austin and Carolyn Oseguera, and professors Meredith Mannix, MS, RD, LD, Kathryn Carroll, PhD, CFCS, CPFFE, and Khandra Faulkner, MS, RDN, on their presentation entitled "Utilizing Just-In-Time Education to Address Food Safety Concerns in a Teaching Kitchen" at the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics 2025 Food and Nutrition Conference and Expo.

Congratulations to graduate student Faith Hargis and professors Dr. Kathryn Carroll, PhD, CFCS, CPFFE, Rebekah Luong, MS, CFCS, and Meredith Mannix, MS, RD, LD, on their presentation entitled "Impact of AI-Generated Recipes on Food Selection at a Campus Client-Choice Food Pantry" at the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics 2025 Food and Nutrition Conference and Expo

Communication Sciences and Disorders

Congratulations to Dr. Sandra Kemper, EdD, CCC-SLP, on her presentation entitled "Leadership Training Practices in Graduate Communication Sciences and Disorders Programs" at the Council of Academic Programs in Communication Sciences and Disorders Annual Convention.



Congratulations to Dr. Brent Gregg, PhD, CCC-SLP, on presenting three workshops on the treatment of pediatric stuttering to speech-language pathologists at Pediatrics Plus!



Publications

Physical Therapy

Join me in congratulating Dr. Melissa Allen, PT, PhD, NCS, Dr. Ruth Ann Manthis, PT, PhD, and Ashlyn Chambers (DPT) on their publication in the AGEC Winter Newsletter about the Immersive Labs VR simulation they conducted with a research practicum group last fall.

Congratulations to Dr. Leah Lowe, PT, PhD, PCS, Dr. Charlotte Yates, PT, PhD, PCS, and Kim Eskola, MS, ACSM-EP, on their publication entitled "Clinical Assessment of Spatiotemporal Parameters of Gait When Performing a Visuospatial Cognitive task."

Congratulations to PhD in Physical Therapy graduate Victor Prati on his publication in the May issue of the International Journal of Sports Physical Therapy, entitled "Social Determinants of Health and Quadriceps Strength Recovery in Children and Adolescents Following Anterior Cruciate Ligament Reconstruction."

Health Science

Congratulations to Dr. Stephanie Rose, DSW, LCSW, AADC, CS, DCC, and Dr. Shun Ingram, PhD, CHES, as well as former UCA Health Promotion graduate student, Amber Kincade on their publication entitled: "Evidence-Based Strategies: How Arkansas Can Better Address The Interconnected Issues Of Syphilis, HCV, and Substance Use, Improving Health Outcomes For Individuals and Communities" in the International Journal of Research in Education Humanities and Commerce.

Interprofessional Education

Join me in congratulating Dr. Yeseul Nam and Dr. Sunjung Thao, PhD, CCC-SLP, on their collaboration that has been accepted for publication in the Journal of Experiential Education, entitled "Beyond the classroom: Evaluating the impact of community-based clinical practice on speech language pathology undergraduate students through the lens of Fink's Taxonomy."

Congratulations to Kerry Jordan, Deborah Dailey, Traci Eliff, Duston Morris, and Anna Park for their publication in the MedCrave Online Journal of Public Health, entitled "Needs assessment of informal caregivers of people with dementia in Arkansas"

Nutrition and Family Sciences

Congratulations to Dr. Kathryn Carroll, PhD, CFCS, CPFFE, Rebekah Luong, MS, CFCS, and Kimberly Sartain, EdD, MAT, BSE, NBCT, on their publication in the Journal of Family and Consumer Sciences Education, entitled "Family and consumer sciences secondary teacher competencies in Arkansas: Responding to Act 480."

Congratulations to Dr. Kathryn Carroll for her book chapter "Financial Education of Emerging Adults" in Flourishing and Floundering Financially in Emerging Adulthood: A Handbook.



Publications

Psychology and Counseling

Congratulations to Dr. Anna Park, PhD, for the recent acceptance of her article, "Student and Perceived Instructor Big Five Traits as Predictors of Rapport and Course Grades" for publication in the International Journal for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning!

Congratulations to Dr. Deanna Rumble, who co-authored a newly accepted publication in Frontiers of Nutrition, entitled "Factors Associated with the Use of Combined Nutritional Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) Among Southern U.S. Older Adults" Results from the Study of Aging II."

CHBS Shout Out!

Dr. Stephanie Alsbrook, MS, RD, LD, and her nutrition students taught and led a mocktail bar to show students how sober socials can be fun and healthy!





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