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HEALTH, AND HUMAN SCIENCES



A team of mathematics and science teachers from Claiborne County discuss the progress of their integrated lesson.

## The Tennessee Governor's Academy for Mathematics and Science Hosts Summer STEM Academy

The Tennessee Governor's Academy for Mathematics and Science (TGA) hosted the Tennessee Department of Education's Summer Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Academy June 8-12, 2009, on the campus of the Tennessee School of the Deaf. The Summer STEM Academy used state standardized test item data as the "starting point" for developing alignment of assessment, learning and teaching. Content instruction and field updates were provided by local college faculty led by Dr. Richard Audet, TMSTEC STEM Projects Director. Thirty-one mathematics and science teachers from East Tennessee collaborated to produce integrated STEM lessons for middle and high school classes. Additionally, the teachers were introduced to the use of Podcasting in education. Each participant received an iPod, a formative assessment resource, and a USB flash Drive for their contributions.

## Habitat for Humanity Boutique Sale

The students in **Ann Fairhurst's** RCS 390 Professional Development class worked with Habitat for Humanity in organizing a boutique sale held on Saturday, April 18. The students were responsible for taking an empty storefront on Market Square and turning it into a fashionable boutique. The event was a huge success with sales of \$5014, all going to Habitat for Humanity!

Students work at the RCS 390 Boutique sale to benefit Habitat for Humanity.



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Dr. Gordon Shipley, President, UWI-Mona (Left), Dr. Fritz G. Polite, Director, I-Lead, (Center), and Dr. Neville Ying, Director, Global Development (right), sign MOU Between UWI-Mona and UTK in Jamaica.

## UTK Sports Program signs MOU with UWI-Mona

This spring **Dr. Fritz G. Polite** signed a memorandum of understanding with the University of the West Indies in Mona, Jamaica. The signing of this agreement will help to advance the education of UTK Sports program students in several ways. The first is the exchange of students that will allow for a unique ability to enhance students cultural competency. The other is the exchange of faculty, scholarly activity and more specifically research potential.

Jamaica is a beautiful country with great educational programs along with excellent sports and entertainment value. Likewise, it is envisioned that staff exchanges will be increased through international partnerships, thereby helping to build capacity within academic departments.

**Dr. Polite** says "As UTK seeks to build capacity and international recognition in selected areas of research and innovation, we will need to seek out strategic partners within the global university network and among private enterprises who have complementary expertise and experience and perhaps cutting edge facilities in those areas. Such arrangements can facilitate knowledge transfer, innovation and access to research funding".

## ESLS Faculty Member Advanced to Fellow of the American College of Sports Medicine

In May 2009, Assistant Professor **Dr. Clare Milner** (ESLS), was advanced to Fellow status in the American College of Sports Medicine at the College's Annual Meeting in Seattle, WA. This prestigious distinction recognizes her professional achievement of research in the field of exercise and sports medicine.

Dr. Milner conducts research into the biomechanics of lower extremity injury and rehabilitation, including the quality of walking after knee joint replacement and retraining high-risk landing patterns in female athletes. She teaches applied anatomy and biomechanics in the Exercise Science program.

## Public Health Research Symposium

The combined Comparative Experimental Medicine and Public Health Research Symposium, took place on June 15-16th in the new Plant Biotechnology Building on the UT Institute of Agriculture campus.

**Drs. Hollie Raynor, David Bassett, and Ken Phillips** discussed the grant-writing process, and related scholarly activities (writing abstracts,

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writing for publication, etc.). This lively panel was moderated by **Dr. Jay Whelan**, Head of the Department of Nutrition.

Oral presentations by UT Graduate Students began with their abstracts previously selected by a panel of faculty at UT. Two "Outstanding Presentation" certificates were awarded by the Center of Public Health to **Jessica Bachman** for her presentation, "Eating Frequency and Healthy Weight Status" and to **Dinesh John** for his presentation, "Comparison of Four Actigraph Accelerometers During Walking and Running". The Public Health student presentations were judged by a faculty panel, and awards were presented at the Tuesday (16th) evening finale which featured keynote speaker Bill Landry of "Heartland Tonight" fame.

## 2009 Chancellor's Banquet

Various faculty, students, staff, as well as individuals from the community were honored at the 2009 Chancellor's Honors banquet. Among the faculty winners from the College of Education, Health and Human Sciences were:

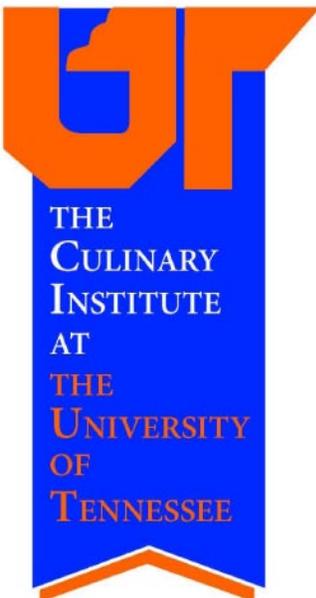
• **Dr. Colleen Gilrane** (TPTE) – UT Alumni Association Outstanding Teacher Award

- **Dr. Christopher Skinner** (EPC) – Research & Creative Achievement Award
- **Dr. Shawn Spurgeon** (EPC) – Chancellor's Office & Teaching Council of the Faculty Senate Excellence in Teaching Award

The following students from the College of Education, Health and Human Sciences were also honored:

- **Natalie Lester** (RHTM) – Extraordinary Campus Leadership
- **Mike Diacin** (ESLS) – Graduate Teaching Award
- **Julie Lynch** (ELPS) – Charles Burchett Extraordinary Contributions To Campus Life
- **Renee Ashley Stancliffe** (NTR) – Top Collegiate Scholar
- **Lauren Carol Leroy** (ESLS) – Outstanding Scholar Athlete
- **Christine Marie Magnuson** (ESLS) – Outstanding Scholar Athlete
- **Danielle E. Vincent** (ESLS) – Outstanding Scholar Athlete
- **Florence M. Ndiaye** (TPTE) – Professional Promise
- **Jessica J. Tarter-Page** (TPTE) – Professional Promise

The Exhibition of Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement is currently on exhibit in the University Center ballroom. CEHHS students have 6 beautiful entries this year.



## Wine and BBQ Classes

Starting this August, The Culinary Institute in the Dept. of Nutrition will be offering a series of wine courses. **John Antun**, founding director of the Culinary Institute, says "the wine program is a natural outgrowth of the culinary program." Aimed at the novice wanting to learn more and increase their appreciation for wine as well as food service professionals wanting to expand their knowledge. Classes will be taught by **Carol Costello**, an International Sommelier Guild Graduate.

Also, planned for October 15-17, the institute will host the first BBQ School. This two-and-a-half day class, instructed by **John Antun** and Billy Bob Billy (legendary 25 year BBQ competitor, instructor and author), will be all hands-on, covering meat selection, preparation, food handling, spices and cooking. Students will learn how to properly cook ribs, pork shoulders and beef brisket.

For more information, contact the Culinary Institute at 865-974-3732 or online at <http://culinary.utk.edu/>.

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## Partners in Sports Scholarship

Partners in Sports held its 11th annual scholarship reception Thursday, April 23, at the East Club in Neyland Stadium. Partners in Sports is the professional preparation program in Sport Management. Partners in Sports encourages the development of leaders for the growing sports industry throughout the world and attempts to elevate the status of the Sport Management program at UT. Partners in Sports particularly focuses on the encouragement of practical experiences and professional development of students. You can view a slideshow of the event at: <http://cehhs.utk.edu/video/PartnersInSports.html>

## Tennessee Public Health Association Annual Conference

**Dr. June Gorski** (Nutrition), introduced **Dr. Joe Johnson**, President Emeritus, as the motivational presenter at the Tennessee Public Health Association Annual Conference, East Tennessee Grand Division, on May 15, 2009. Dr. Johnson's address, "Reflections upon Life in Tennessee: Future Direction", was enthusiastically received by public health employees. His personal accounts of administration at the UT campuses, leadership principles, and involvement with health concerns inspired the audience. June served on the planning committee for the annual meeting and is a life member of TPHA. Two students presented posters, **Kristen Kelly** (MPH student) on media advocacy to effect policy on cell phone use and texting while operating a motor vehicle; and, **Peggy Johnson**, MPH (PhD student) offered her research on unintentional injuries among Tennesseans at different life stages. Kelly won a monetary gift for the best poster presentation.



## The Center for Literacy Studies

The Center for Literacy Studies has been awarded additional funding from The Dollar General Literacy Foundation in the amount of \$203,358, to continue and expand the Equipped for the Future Preparing for Work initiative, a work readiness program for adult learners. The grant will fund the expansion of the Preparing for Work internship program, which is currently placing graduates of the Preparing for Work course from the UT WAVE program in internships in Knox County. The internship program will also be expanded and piloted with partners in Oklahoma. Additional components of the current funding are the development and piloting of online courses in reading and numeracy instruction for adult educators nationwide and the development of additional supplemental activities for adult learners participating in the course. The funding will allow the Center for Literacy Studies to collect and analyze longitudinal data on student outcomes such as GED attainment, transition to post-secondary programs, internship completion and employment rates, as well as tracking changes in instructional methods for adult educators.

The Equipped for the Future (EFF) program at the Center for Literacy Studies also continues to work with states nationwide to develop state adult education standards. EFF recently received funding from Oregon (\$98,985) and Massachusetts (\$24,812) for continued work in assisting these two states in the creation of content standards for their statewide adult education programs.

## Appalachian Spring-Retail, Hospitality & Tourism 2009 Fundraiser

The RHTM annual fundraiser was held Saturday, March 28, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel and was a great success! The nearly 300 attendees enjoyed an outstanding auction and dinner in a very festive atmosphere celebrating an "Appalachian Spring". Net proceeds from the event are approximately \$47,000 with \$20,000 raised through the auction and \$27,000 in sponsorships, ticket sales, and donations. The event truly, was by students. Students in event planning and auction management classes led the effort and more than 80 students worked on every aspect of the event. All proceeds are used directly to support educational enrichment experiences for RHTM majors. You can view a picture gallery of the event at <http://web.utk.edu/~tutsman/RHTM09/>

# Grants and Research

**Dr. Trena Paulus**, Educational Psychology and Counseling, has been selected as one of two Faculty Fellows with the Innovative Technology Center for the 2009-2010 academic year. Dr. Paulus will work with the ITC approximately ten hours a week during the upcoming academic year on instructional technology projects to advance exemplary teaching and enrich the experience of students in their colleges and throughout the campus. Dr. Paulus will also be leading a faculty community of practice that will focus on fostering interaction/collaboration in online environments.

## Awards/Achievements

College of Nutrition student, **Tegan Medico**, received \$2500 from the Fuschia Lucille Johnson Memorial Scholarship through the American Dietetic Association Foundation.

**Dr. Gene Hayes** will be receiving the 2009 Distinguished Service Award from the National Therapeutic Recreation Society. NTRS is a branch of the National Recreation and Park Association, and he will be officially receiving this award at their upcoming meeting in Salt Lake City.

**Karen Wetherall** won the Visionary Award for 2009 from the Eating Disorder Coalition of Tennessee. The award was presented at a Nashville meeting in June. The Visionary Award is given to a new member who jumps in and gets significantly involved with his/her time and talent, personifying the slogan "Don't just belong, get involved."

**Dr. Guoxun Chen** of the Department of Nutrition received a Scientist Development Grant from the American Heart Association for the Spring of 2009 to study the determining mechanism by which retinoids synergize with insulin to induce hepatic Gck expression.

**Dr. Chris Skinner** has received the Chancellor's Award for Creative Research and Scholarship.

**Marinn Pierce**, a Counselor Ed. doctoral student, recently received the Donald Hood Student Research Award from the Association for Assessment in Counseling and Education.

**The Early Learning Center** recently received a \$15,000 gift from an estate to go toward the purchase of new equipment.

Student Experience grants were awarded to five RCS students, **Damon Williams, Melissa Valero, Kelci Brewster, Lacy Waddell, and Ashley Letson**, for a total of \$6,100.

**Hyejune Park**, RCS doctoral student, received the Ida A. Anders Scholarship (\$1,500) and Sadie K. Stanton Ecology Scholarship (\$1,000) for the 2009-2010 academic year.

**Ann Fairhurst** received the 2009 Irma Fitch Giffels Faculty Enrichment Award for \$3,000 from the College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences. She will use the award to continue to develop international student exchange programs in the Netherlands.

**Dr. Michael Zemel and Xiaocun Sun** (NUTR) received a research award from the Takanaski Milk Products, Co. for \$77,400 for "Effects of Milk Fermentation on Energy Metabolism and Inflammatory Stress".

**Dr. Hollie Raynor** received an award for \$21,770 from the American Heart Association - National chapter for "Eating Frequency Prescription for a Behavioral Weight Loss Intervention".

**Dr. Sharon Barkdoll** received an award for \$225,000 from the Tennessee Department of Education Training & Professional Dev for the Become a Special Educator in Tennessee Teaching Program (BASE-TN).

**Connie L. White**, of the Center for Literacy Studies, received an award for \$110,000 from the TN Department of Education - Division of Special Education for the Technical Assistance and Training to State Improvement Grant (SIG).

# Publications & Presentations

## Published Book

**Dick Allington** (TPTE) has a new book, "What really matters in response to intervention?", published by AllynBacon. In addition he just completed a 3 day workshop on RTI at Kutztown State University on RTI design and implementation.

## Published Articles

McEntee, M.F., Ziegler, C.C., Reel, D., Tomer, K., Shoieb, A., Ray, M., Li, X., Nielsen, N., O'Rourke, D. and **Whelan, J.** "Dietary Polyunsaturated Fatty Acids Modulate the Response of Androgen-Dependent Prostate Cancer to Hormone Ablation and Progression to Androgen-Independent Growth.", *M. J. Pathol.* 173:229-41, 2008

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**Whelan, J.** "(n-6) and (n-3) Polyunsaturated Fatty Acids and the Aging Brain: Food for Thought", *J. Nutr.* 138: 2521-2522, 2008

**Whelan, J.** "Health Implications of Changing Linoleic Acid Intakes.", *Prostaglandins Leukot Essent Fatty Acids* 79, 165-167

**Whelan, J.** "Dietary Stearidonic Acid is a Long Chain Omega-3 Polyunsaturated Fatty Acid with Potential Health Benefits.", *J. Nutr.* 139: 5-10, 2009

**Tricia McClam, Joel Diambra and Allison Anders**, Received a "Best Paper"

award and acceptance for publication in "Selected Papers" for their paper entitled, "Student Engagement: Examples of the Community as Classroom" at the International Conference on College Teaching and Learning.

**Wanda M. Costen's** paper, "The Value of Staying Connected with Technology: An Analysis Exploring the Impact of using a Course Management System on Student Learning", was accepted by the *Journal of Hospitality, Leisure, Sport, and Tourism Education*. It will be published in October 2009.

**Rod Runyan** coauthored the research article, "Sports Celebrity Endorsements and Retailing: Can Athletes Provide a Competitive Advantage?", published in *International Journal of Retail and Distribution Management*, 37(4) 308-321, with Karen E. Lear.

**Rod Runyan** coauthored the research article, "Small Business Recovery from a Natural Disaster: Lessons from Katrina," published in (Robin P. Malloy, ed.) *Law and Recovery from Disaster: Hurricane Katrina*, Ashgate, Burlington, VT: 127-140, with Patricia Huddleston.

## Presentations

**Jay Pfaffman** presented "Why be a Wikipedian," at the Computer Supported Collaborative Learning Conference in Rhodes, Greece. The paper, nominated for the Best Student Paper Award, was coauthored by his now-former student, **Hoda Baytiyeh**. Hoda has accepted a job at the American University of Beirut.

**Dr. Fritz G. Polite**, Clinical Professor and Director-Institute for Leadership, Ethics and Diversity, presented at the IV Congress on Economics : Social Responsibility and Sustainability in Sports in Gijon, Spain (May 8, 2009). Dr. Polite was one of 12 selected scholars from around the world to present at this International Congress. The Congress was presented and translated in five languages. The Congress Proceedings will be published in the forthcoming *Journal of Sport Economics*.

**Dr. Polite and Dr. Steven N. Waller** also presented, "University and Community Partnerships: A Platform for Social and Educational Reform", at the Inaugural ICHPER-SD Regional Caribbean Congress & Exposition in

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Trinidad and Tobago (May 27th) sponsored by the Academy of Sports and Leisure Studies.

**Craig Wrisberg** (Exercise, Sport, and Leisure Studies) gave a keynote address entitled "Encouraging the Self-regulation of Sport Performers: Research and Application" at the 12th World Congress of Sport Psychology in Marrakech, Morocco, June 17-21.

**John Antun** presented "A Quasi Experimental Study of Culinary Skills Attainment and Student/Employee Self Esteem Measures" at the American Institute of Higher Education Conference in Nashville, TN on May 1.

**John Antun** gave presentations about the UT Culinary Institute to the Tennessee Restaurant Association and the Knoxville Tourism Association on April 2 and to the CEHHS Board of Visitors on April 17.

**Steve Morse** presented "Update on Tourist Spending in Pigeon Forge" to area tourism professionals April 8. Steve Morse presented "Economic Trends and Forecast" to the Sevierville Chamber of Commerce April 30.

**Trena Paulus**, Educational Psychology and Counseling, presented two papers at the Computer-Supported Collaborative Learning conference in Rhodes, Greece in June 2009. One paper, "Knowledge and Learning Claims in Blog Conversations: A Discourse Analysis in Social Psychology Perspective", was co-authored by **Dr. Marsha Spence** and graduate students **Jessica Lester, Kathy Evans, Olivia Halic** and **Jonathan Taylor**. Another paper, "Positioning Theory as Analytic Tool for Understanding Intersubjective Meaning Making", was co-authored by graduate students **Patti Long, Heather Stewart** and **Anton Reece**.



Trena Paulus, presented two papers at the CSCL Conference in Rhodes, Greece in June 2009.

## From the Editor

This e-newsletter was created to let everyone in the College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences know about the many activities that are taking place in our college. If you have events, announcements, or news that you would like to share, you can submit it online, or by mail, and we will do our best to make sure that your information will be seen by everyone at UTK - CEHHS.

## CEHHS Connection/Alumni Activities Submissions

You can submit your CEHHS related events and news via email to Jay Cabler directly at [jcabler@utk.edu](mailto:jcabler@utk.edu) or you can submit your information online at the following links:

**Alumni:** [http://cehhs.utk.edu/app/Connection/Alumni/Conn\\_AlumAct\\_Add.php](http://cehhs.utk.edu/app/Connection/Alumni/Conn_AlumAct_Add.php)

**CEHHS Events:** [http://cehhs.utk.edu/app/Events\\_Calendar/Events\\_Add.php](http://cehhs.utk.edu/app/Events_Calendar/Events_Add.php)

**CEHHS News:** [http://cehhs.utk.edu/app/news/News\\_Add.php](http://cehhs.utk.edu/app/news/News_Add.php)

If you prefer, you can send a hard copy of your news to Jay Cabler, 424 Claxton Complex, Campus 3444 or 1122 Volunteer Boulevard, Knoxville, Tennessee 37996.

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## New Gift Annuities Available to CEHHS Donors!

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- Partially tax-free income
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- The satisfaction of making a significant gift

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Contact Blue Dean at 865-974-3968 or [bluedean@utk.edu](mailto:bluedean@utk.edu) if you would like more information about making gifts through annuities, bequests, or trusts.

## Donor gives \$3.5 Million Dollar Gift to College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences

The CEHHS has received a \$3.5 million dollar bequest to benefit the Department of Nutrition. Ms. Mary Helen Byers' generosity will benefit future faculty members of the Department of Nutrition for years to come. As a 1968 graduate of the College of Human Ecology, Ms. Byers felt that it was important to invest in our faculty. Faculty members propel the work of our college. They are the professors who prepare students for success, the researchers who create new knowledge in important fields, and the translators who provide useful, research-based information to practitioners and the public.

The College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences is driven by purpose: we enhance quality of life through research, outreach, and practice. By investing in our college during The Campaign for

Tennessee, Mary Helen Byers has supported this critical purpose and moved the College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences closer to our \$20 million campaign goal.

## Alumni Activities

**Jon Salge**, A graduate of the University of Tennessee with a degree in Sport Management, is now working for the Tennessee Titans Pro Football Team. Jon served as an intern at UT's football recruiting department prior to completing his studies. You can read more about Jon on the Titans web site at <http://www.titansonline.com/team/staff/jon-salge/2d16ab24-89cd-4fc5-b38c-515f9fd68880>

**Takara A. Clay**, Sports Management major, has been accepted to the graduate school at Glion Institute of Higher Education in Bulle, Switzerland to pursue a Masters of Business Administration in Hospitality, Tourism, and Services Industry Leadership. Glion is ranked as the one of the top three hospitality management schools in the world.

The Facebook logo, consisting of the word "facebook" in white lowercase letters on a blue rectangular background.

## CEHHS Alumni and Friends are now on Facebook

The College of Education, Health and Human Sciences has created a facebook group for it's alumni and friends of the college. Now you can find other college alumni who share similar interests or old classmates that you have not heard from in a while. We will also be posting college related news and events to our new facebook group.

Just go to facebook and do a search for CEHHS or you can go directly to our group page at <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=104704903600>

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