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## Alumni 2.0

Last year almost 11,000 alumni from UT campuses across the state participated in a comprehensive survey to aid the University of Tennessee Alumni Association (UTAA) in the development of a strategic plan. Based on that feedback, the UTAA and campus alumni offices are reshaping the way they communicate.

UTHSC alumni will soon have a new online community that can connect them to friends and acquaintances long gone, help them meet new friends in their current area or network with individuals across the world. The network will be part of the redesigned Web site, which will integrate with popular social networking tools, including a new feature that allows alumni to connect their Facebook account with their alumni profile.

"We want to make it easier for alumni to get involved in their local areas, to stay informed about what's happening on campus, and to take advantage of engagement opportunities we will be unveiling later this year," said Kris Phillips, associate vice chancellor for Alumni and Annual Giving. "The change will give our grads better access to network with the more than 325,000 UT alumni across the world."

Keep an eye on your mailbox – and your inbox – for more information including details on how to register with the new online community. If you would like to add your e-mail address to the current database, visit [uthscalumni.com](http://uthscalumni.com) and sign up under "Get Connected."

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# UT Health Science Center

## *A Centennial to Remember*

by: Sheila Champlin and Richard Nollan

Any organization reaching a 100th anniversary mandates a celebration. For UTHSC, knowing how far we have come and how much we have accomplished in our first century imparts a sense of pride mixed with a healthy measure of awe and appreciation. After an inauspicious beginning – think railroad cars full of used medical equipment from closed colleges – the University of Tennessee Health Science Center has grown into a statewide institution with international reach and impact.



Over our first 100 years, UTHSC has educated and trained more than 53,000 health care professionals on campuses in Memphis, founded in 1911, Knoxville, begun in 1991, and Chattanooga, started in 1974. Today, the Health Science Center has more than 100 clinical and educational sites statewide. With our affiliated hospitals, UT health professionals provide more than one million days of inpatient services and more than two million outpatient visits each year.

UTHSC now – with its nearly \$100 million annually in research and sponsored projects funding, shiny new buildings to augment landmark structures, and international reputation for rigorous educational standards – is a far cry from where we began. The UTHSC centennial book – “The Legacy The Future: A Centennial Portrait of The University of Tennessee Health Science Center” – tells our institution’s story honestly, clearly and with profiles of central figures who led us to the present path. Through our connection with UTHSC, each of us has an opportunity to view the history of health care with greater perspective, amazement and insight.

The College of Allied Health Sciences was approved by the Board of Trustees in 1969, but did not organize until 1972 at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, which makes it the youngest of the six UTHSC colleges. Creating the college was the brainchild of then Chancellor Joe Johnson.

Many of the programs within Allied Health began in other departments and some began as many as 50 years earlier at the university. Medical Technology was first taught in 1922 as part of the Department of Pathology, and Dental Hygiene began in 1926 as part of the College of Dentistry. Allied Health Sciences has graduated more than 9,000 professionals, and provides more health care professionals to Tennessee than any other source. The college offers 15 professional degree programs from occupational therapy, physical therapy and speech pathology to health informatics, cytotechnology and a clinical doctorate in audiology.

But it is the names that we remember: Lee Holder, Ralph Hyde, William G. Hinkle, Brenta Davis, Susan Mansfield, William R. Frey, Barbara H. Connolly, T. Paulette Sutton, and Barbara Benstein. These people and many others have set the foundation for the current program. If the past is prolog, then the future of the College of Allied Health Sciences is a bright one.

In an age where transience is the norm and breakthrough gadgets are outdated in a matter of months, the endurance, tenacity and consistent high standards of UT Health Science Center are to be commended. UTHSC has matured into an indispensable anchor in the fabric of an interwoven health care system – in Memphis, across Tennessee, throughout the Mid-South region, and beyond. Over the years, UTHSC has built a network of partnerships that spur research, innovation and reinvestment in the Memphis community. This network is evident in such projects as the Regional Biocontainment Laboratory on the UT-Baptist Research Park, which focuses on fighting infectious diseases and bioterrorism; the Memphis Research Consortium, which recently received a pledge of \$10 million in funding from Gov. Bill Haslam; and the Memphis Coalition for Advanced Networking, which connects local scientists with the supercomputing power at Oak Ridge National Laboratory outside Knoxville.

On September 17, UTHSC celebrated the first 100 years in style by holding the Centennial Gala on the Memphis Campus. There, NASA Astronaut and alumna Rhea Seddon, MD, spoke to the attendees, while local jazz and blues songstress Joyce Cobb entertained the crowd. To learn more about the history of the Health Science Center, special centennial events, and much more, please visit [www.uthsc.edu/100](http://www.uthsc.edu/100).



The University of Tennessee Health Science Center has come a long way in 100 years. At left: Lindsley Hall, UTHSC’s first building at 879 Madison Avenue. In the center: 1950s UTHSC students preparing for an upcoming exam. At right: Present day Allied Health Sciences students studying.



NOMA BENNETT ANDERSON, PHD

It has been an exciting past year for the College of Allied Health Sciences. Strategic pillars for the college this year have been *permanency* and *preparing for the future*. I began my tenure as dean of the college on July 1, 2010, and, four department chairs were selected this year in the Departments of Audiology and Speech Pathology (ASP), Health Informatics and Information Management, Occupational Therapy, and Physical Therapy. You can read about the new chairs and their excellence in their fields on the respective college pages. The Allied Health Faculty Organization also adopted College Bylaws this past year, and leadership of the organization passed from Marcia Sharp to Jon Rose.

Changes in the nation's health care are growing; procedures are being scrutinized more than ever, while others still lack access to quality care. In addition, the nation has a rising Baby Boomer population who need care. The College of Allied Health Sciences is working to evolve with these trends and long-term changes by covering topics such as the benefits of an evidence-based practice and methods for improving the quality of care.

Our programs are expanding and admitting more students so the college can continue to provide the state, region and nation with well-educated and highly competent health care providers who can address the need for a larger health care workforce. The Department of Physical Therapy has begun development of a Clinical Residency Program in Orthopedics and anticipates admitting the first resident in July 2012. The 12-month residency program will be credentialed through the American Physical Therapy Association and will provide an opportunity for a licensed physical therapist to advance his or her skills in a particular area of interest. At the completion of the program, the resident will be qualified to sit for the Orthopedic Certified Specialist exam.

In May 2011, the College of Allied Health Sciences graduated the first class in histotechnology from the Master of Cytopathology Practice Degree Program. This is the first and only program of this type in the nation; one that educates students in the two disciplines of cytotechnology and histotechnology, so that as cross-trained professionals, they will have enhanced employment opportunities. Each graduate has been offered employment in highly prestigious hospital settings.

The college has also been dedicating more time and resources to community endeavors. In March, the Urban Smiles Project, which is administered by students and faculty in the Department of Dental Hygiene, partnered with the Assisi Foundation of Memphis to provide fun coloring books that educate kids about dental health.

There have been many significant accomplishments occurring within the College of Allied Health Sciences since its establishment in 1972. Today, the college is focusing on important performance metrics, which will be yardsticks used to measure our future successes. Metrics by which we are planning our future as a college and charting our successes include: research funding, first-time board pass rates, graduation rates of our 15 degree programs, net income from our clinical operations, clinical and research contracts, and the number of culturally diverse students graduating from our programs.

This year we are excited to celebrate our past and forge ahead to a bright future.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Noma B. Anderson". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Noma Bennett Anderson, PhD  
Dean, UTHSC College of Allied Health Sciences

UTHSC has begun our centennial celebration commemorating our 100 years on the Memphis campus. The College of Allied Health Sciences is a key part of this celebration. It is fitting that this centennial marks the expansion of Allied Health programs into Speech and Hearing, and Audiology. These new programs lead the College of Allied Health Sciences into the UTHSC multi-campus model by being based on the Knoxville campus. It also marks the one-year anniversary of Dean Anderson who has been a game changer for our college. Expansion plans for many of our programs including PT and OT are under way.

In January, I had the opportunity to spend some time with then Governor-elect Bill Haslam during one of his several pre-inauguration visits to Memphis. Our partners at the Memphis Bioworks Foundation organized a presentation to demonstrate the myriad, local growth opportunities on the horizon in biotechnology. Naturally, the UT-Baptist Research Park, where our Regional Biocontainment Lab and new College of Pharmacy Building are located, was one of the items on the agenda.

Also in January, BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee (BCBST), one of our long-standing health care partners, kicked off our year on an incredibly bright note with the award of a more than \$2.9 million grant. The funds will be used to move our campus forward, at a much more rapid rate, to establish an interdisciplinary simulation center where students from five colleges – Allied Health Sciences, Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing and Pharmacy – can work together to practice team-based clinical care, while sharpening their focus on patient safety. We are incredibly appreciative of this noteworthy gift and we take great pride in counting Vicky Gregg, CEO for BCBST, and her team at the BCBST Foundation as one of our most steadfast and generous partners.

In March, UT Day on the Hill, the annual legislative outreach event that brings representatives from every UT campus to Nashville, highlighted the UTHSC Centennial. Legislators had an opportunity to hear more about how UTHSC affects the lives of people throughout the state, region and beyond. A recent study confirmed the tremendous, statewide economic impact of UTHSC on Tennessee. Our organization's teaching, research and clinical activities have a more than \$2.3 billion economic impact on our state. UTHSC was directly and indirectly responsible for approximately 21,0196 jobs across the state, which, in turn, generated a total of more than \$804 million in earnings.

The UTHSC centennial book continues to be available for purchase online and at our Bookstore in Memphis. During the book signings that Dr. Pat Wall and I participated in at year-end, we found faculty, staff, students and alumni not only thrilled with the centennial book but also pleased to have a copy of the 75th anniversary book, gratis, as a bonus. We hope you will visit our bookstore Web site ([www.uthsc.bncollege.com](http://www.uthsc.bncollege.com) or [http://bit.ly/uthsc\\_100](http://bit.ly/uthsc_100)) to purchase copies of our centennial book for yourself, a friend or colleague. You can also scan the QR code printed at the bottom of this page with your smart phone to make a book purchase.

In sync with the celebration of our first century, UTHSC is also celebrating 50 Years of African-American Achievement throughout 2011 as a way to recognize the accomplishments of African-American alumni and students. This celebration is being held in conjunction with other campuses within the University of Tennessee system.



STEVE J. SCHWAB, MD

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. J. Schwab MD".

Steve J. Schwab, MD  
Chancellor, The UT Health Science Center



## New Leadership Appointed to CAHS



Noma Bennett Anderson, PhD, began serving as the dean of the UTHSC College of Allied Health Sciences in the summer of 2010. She is the immediate past chair in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at Florida International University (FIU) in Miami. She was previously a dean and professor in the School of Health Sciences at FIU for five years. Prior to that, Dr. Anderson was a chair for 10 years and on the faculty for 16 years in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at Howard University in Washington, D.C. She was on the board of directors for the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association for three years and served as president in 2007. Dr. Anderson holds a PhD in speech-language pathology from the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pa., and an MS in speech pathology from Emerson College in Boston, Mass.



Barbara DuBray Benstein, PhD, SCP, was appointed assistant dean for Faculty and Academic Affairs in the College of Allied Health Sciences last year. She is a professor and program director of Cytotechnology and Histotechnology. She has been on the faculty in the Department of Clinical Laboratory Sciences at UTHSC since 1984. Dr. Benstein earned her BS degree from the University of Tennessee and her MS and PhD degrees from the University of Memphis. She is active nationally in numerous cytopathology and cytology associations. Among the many honors and awards earned by Dr. Benstein is the American Society of Cytopathology President's Award in 2008. Dr. Benstein has been a leader at UTHSC where she served as chair of the University Promotion and Tenure Committee, and a member of the Faculty Senate.



Richard Kasser, PhD, PT, holds the position of assistant dean of Student Affairs in the College of Allied Health Sciences. As associate professor in the Department of Physical Therapy, he has held several leadership positions within the department, college and university. Dr. Kasser's research has been published in journals such as *Brain Research*, *Topics in Geriatric Rehabilitation*, and *Pediatric Physical Therapy*. After receiving his BS and MS degrees in physiology from Southern Illinois University, he earned the PhD in physiology from the University of Kansas Medical Center and was a postdoctoral research assistant at the University of Kansas. After having taught at SUNY Stony Brook, Dr. Kasser earned a BS degree in physical therapy from UTHSC and has been on faculty since 1990.



Audrey Zucker-Levin, PhD, PT, GSC, was appointed as assistant dean of Research in the College of Allied Health Sciences in January. Dr. Zucker-Levin is an associate professor of Physical Therapy and holds a secondary appointment in the Department of Neurology in the College of Medicine. She joined the UTHSC faculty in 1999. Dr. Zucker-Levin earned the BS/MS in physical therapy from Long Island University, and her PhD in physical therapy and pathokinesiology from New York University. Additionally, she holds an MBA from the University of Tennessee at Martin. Dr. Zucker-Levin was instrumental in the College of Allied Health Sciences acquiring a state-of-the-art motion analysis laboratory, which aids in multidisciplinary research capabilities.

## Allied Health Faculty Recognized for Dedication, Professionalism



Susan Appling, PhD, PT, associate professor, (right) was presented with the Carol Likens Service Award, by Dr. Likens (left), in recognition of her leadership and contribution to the Tennessee Physical Therapy Association at its Spring 2011 meeting in Nashville.



Leilani Collins, MS, MT, (left) associate professor, Department of Clinical Laboratory Sciences, received the Baptist Memorial Hospital School 2011 Distinguished Alumni Award for her national reputation in the field of clinical laboratory science, her service to the profession, and her excellence in teaching. She has devoted 30 years of service to Baptist Memorial Hospital in the hematology laboratory. Most of the laboratory workforce of the Mid-South has been affected by her continued work in the field.

### Stegman, Reed-Morgan Honored at Student Government Awards



Nan Spicer, student government president for the College of Allied Health Sciences presented the 2011 Student Government Association Executive Council Excellence (SGAEC) in Teaching Award to Elaine Stegman, MDH (left), and Eleta Reed-Morgan, MDH (right), at the SGAEC awards banquet in April.

### Reynolds and McCain Win National Award

Rebecca Reynolds, EdD, associate professor and chair, and Mary McCain, MPA, professor emeritus, both in the Department of Health Informatics and Information Management (HIIM), were honored by the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) with the Legacy Award. The award honors a significant contribution to the knowledge base of the HIIM field through an insightful recent publication.

The award was given to Dr. Reynolds and McCain, along with two colleagues from Ohio State University, for their editorial collaboration on the new textbook, "Fundamentals of Law for Health Informatics and Information Management." The textbook is the first on HIIM legal issues edited by HIIM professionals and is being used by health information management programs throughout the United States.

## *Jennifer McAnally: On the forefront of the state's electronic medical records charge*

By Brad Anderson

As provisions begin to take effect from the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, the health care reform debate remains a hot topic of discussion. The highly charged issue has viewpoints that range from leaving the health care system as it was, to implementing universal coverage for all.

It is unlikely that most Americans have read the nearly 2,500 pages of the PPACA, much less understand how, or even if, the bill will affect them. Yet there is little discussion about one aspect of health care that can, and will, have a vast and direct impact on all of us – electronic medical records (EMR).

Regardless of what side of the health care issue you are on, perhaps one thing that we all have in common is the long wait at the doctor's office, the redundancy of forms to fill out, and a general disconnect between our providers as it relates to our needs and information. The primary reason for these drawbacks, according to Jennifer McAnally (MHIIM '10), director of tnREC, Tennessee's regional extension center for health information technology, is simply due to a health care system that has been based on paper trails and slow adoption of EMRs.

EMR systems can range from outpatient and primary care clinics that integrate front desk and back office functions and scheduling, to large enterprise hospital systems that allow lab reports, discharge summaries, medications and other results to be transferred electronically, internally or to external providers.

"Electronically, through an EMR, all of those involved in your care can participate and document simultaneously, which is harder to do on a paper record that everybody has to share," McAnally said.

She estimates that 35 percent of Tennessee health care practices have adopted EMR systems, which is somewhat below the national average of approximately 45 percent. The federal government under the Obama administration has recognized the lack of EMR use in the industry. Through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), \$1 billion has been awarded through grants to establish 62 extension centers nationwide that will assist primary care providers in the installation, training and support of EMRs.

One such center that was established with a \$7.5 million grant was tnREC. As director of the tnREC, based in Nashville, McAnally oversees the process of assessment, customizing, adoption and implementation of EMRs and other technologies for practices across Tennessee. As an incentive, those practices that adopt will qualify for Medicare and Medicaid (TennCare) reimbursements that will become available in 2011.

McAnally says that the goal is to improve efficiency, enhance patient safety, and ensure providers of care have the appropriate clinical decision support at the time of care. The adoption of health information technology can also help reduce redundancy a paper-based system allows.

"Not only will we be able to have the right information available to providers at the time of care but we will also be able to quickly gather and study data and outcomes of conditions and diseases that affect our communities. Think of the value of having all of that data aggregated across the United States instead of spending weeks and months looking through paper charts," McAnally said. "Establishing best practices for treating different conditions, what works and what doesn't, could take a matter of months instead of the 20 years it takes now."

McAnally's path to the forefront of the nation and the state's EMR conversion crusade almost seemed destined. Her career began 20 years ago in retail department stores while working on an undergraduate degree in business administration.

"I fell into computers quite by accident," McAnally said. "I just always seemed to be the person to call anytime the copier jammed or if there was a problem with a computer system." Due to her long tenure and ability to problem solve, McAnally went from a job "on the floor" to a position in human resources specializing in developing training manuals on how to use the customer service-based information systems. The move set her career path in motion as

she went from retail to the airline industry where she received intensive computer training on a very regulated and complex system.

McAnally's experience in information systems led her to a large Memphis medical group where she began her foray into EMRs. She was involved in a two-year EMR software implementation that was designed for large provider networks. It was the most expensive and largest health care EMR system in the mid 1990s.

"I cut my teeth on the biggest bear there is," McAnally said.

This led to her working on the installation of systems for large provider networks and hospitals, including Baptist Memorial Hospital-Memphis.

McAnally eventually landed at the ARRA grant recipient Qsource, in 2005, where she has assumed her most challenging role yet, to convert 65 percent of the practices in the state that have yet to fully adopt EMRs. Much of Tennessee's low adoption rate has to do with a large rural population where smaller practices have a lower chance of adopting EMR systems. Security of storing and sharing electronic information has also been a source of reluctance by providers and patients.

"The medical community, for the right reasons, has been reluctant to go to EMR," said McAnally while citing privacy and security issues as one of the primary reasons. However, she explained security measures exist like the ones in the banking industry that will protect your health care information.

The bigger issue at hand for patients could be the general disconnect between providers that could affect health outcomes due to a lack of EMRs. According to Russell B. Leftwich, MD, chief medical informatics officer at the State of Tennessee Office of eHealth Initiatives, the array of disconnectedness between providers is related to the inefficiency of sharing information in a paper-based infrastructure.

"Patients often think that their caregivers are readily sharing information and that their specialist or referred provider has all of the needed information," Leftwich said. "They would be astounded about how little information does get from one provider to another. Every provider almost has to start over."

McAnally explained that is the reason we often fill out the same forms and go through the same detail. "When a provider gets a referral, they don't necessarily have all the information, or when a patient is released from the hospital, they don't know what kind of follow up care to perform," McAnally said. "It is often not available to them other than through faxing or mailing."

"EMRs may not be widely used today but in 10 years we will look back and wonder how we ever got along without them," McAnally said.

From e-prescribing, which allows doctors to electronically send prescriptions to pharmacists, to portals that allow patients to sign in and view their own records, McAnally is on the forefront of a federal initiative that is modernizing and revolutionizing the quality of medical care and how we receive it.



Jennifer McAnally works to improve the availability of patient records at Tennessee's Regional Extension Center for Health Information Technology.

# *The Legacy The Future:*

*A Centennial Portrait of The University of Tennessee Health Science Center*



## **Commemorative Book Now on Sale**

Founded in 1911 at the heart of what is now the Memphis Medical Center, the University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC) is celebrating its centennial anniversary year -- 2011. Since its founding, UTHSC has educated and trained more than 53,000 health care professionals on campuses and in health care facilities across the state. UTHSC and its affiliated teaching hospitals provide more than one million days of inpatient services and more than two million outpatient visits annually.

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## Harkrider Named Chair of ASP

Ashley Harkrider, PhD, was named chair of the Department of Audiology and Speech Pathology in July 2011. She received her master's degree from UT-Knoxville in 1995, and returned to the area after receiving her doctorate from the University of Texas - Austin in 1999. Dr. Harkrider specializes in auditory perception and her work has been featured in publications such as *The Journal of the American Academy of Audiology* and *The Journal of Speech Language Hearing Research*. She also served as interim chair of the Department of Audiology and Speech Pathology prior to becoming chair.



## New Edition to Staff

The Department of Audiology and Speech Pathology is extremely pleased to announce the addition of Devin Casenhiser, PhD, to the faculty. Dr. Casenhiser, specializing in autism and linguistics, brings with him an outstanding track record of scholarly research, teaching and clinical experience in these areas. Prior to coming to UTHSC, Dr. Casenhiser was the head of the Milton and Ethel Harris Research Initiative at York University in Canada. He completed his post-doctoral work at Princeton University, and a research fellowship at the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology. Dr. Casenhiser will be joined in Knoxville by his wife, Christina, and their two children.



## SAA Stays Busy



This past year, the Student Academy of Audiology (SAA) in Knoxville hosted several events, which offered free hearing screenings and information about hearing loss, hearing aids, and hearing protection. In April, the SAA held its second annual golf tournament in order to raise money to purchase hearing aids for Hearing and Speech Center's loaner hearing aid bank. The local University of Tennessee Chapter engages its members in lifelong professional activities that provide services, information, education representation and advocacy for the hearing impaired.



## National Student Speech Language Hearing Association

To encourage professional interest in the study of human communication sciences and disorders, The National Student Speech Language Hearing Association (both graduates and undergraduates) has been actively involved in both departmental and community activities. This past year the students volunteered at many events including the annual Buddy Walk sponsored by the Down Syndrome Association of East Tennessee. They also assisted in landscaping at the Ronald McDonald House.

## Researchers Receive \$433,000 Grant to Investigate Language Outcomes of Infants with Hearing Loss

Deborah von Hapsburg, PhD, and Jessica Hay, PhD, researchers from the Department of Audiology and Speech Pathology and the Psychology Department at UT-Knoxville, received a \$433,000 National Institutes of Health (NIH) grant to conduct a three-year study of canonical babbling in infants with hearing loss, comparing their perception and production skills to those of normally developing infants.

For this study, Drs. von Hapsburg and Hay will focus on understanding how the distributional properties of canonical babbling affect perceptual preferences in infants. The project will improve scientific knowledge in the fields of developmental speech perception and production because it seeks to understand the relationship between perceptual and motor learning in infants. Additionally, this research will have a sustained impact on the field of speech perception, in the area of statistical learning as it will provide an account for how self-generated input from canonical babbling contributes to perceptual preferences in early speech development. Ultimately, the results of this study may contribute to the understanding of habilitation outcomes in children with hearing loss.

## UTHSC to Dispense Hearing Aids Again

After almost 18 years, legislation in the state of Tennessee prohibiting public universities from dispensing hearing aids for profit has been successfully appealed. Led by the University of Tennessee Government Relations staff and Kennard Brown, JD, MPA, PhD, executive vice chancellor and chief operations officer at UTHSC, a campaign ensued to educate legislators about the negative impacts of the prohibition on service to university patients, educational experiences for students, and university revenue potential. As a result, Gov. Bill Haslam signed a new bill into law in May that allows public universities in Tennessee, specifically their audiology clinics, to directly dispense hearing aids to private-pay patients.

## Clinical Laboratory Sciences

### Med Tech, Nursing Students Train in Simulated Blood Bank

Wyenona "Nonie" Hicks, MS, MT, assistant professor for the Department of Clinical Laboratory Sciences, along with Jane Morgan, MT, and Teresa Britt, MSN, RN, coordinated an inter-professional simulation lab with MT students and entry-level nursing students to review blood administration and transfusion reactions. The three-hour experiential learning exercise followed five patient scenarios from the physician order through monitoring the patient during the blood transfusion. Students were engaged and motivated to learn with their professional peers. Plans are in process to repeat this successful learning exercise each year. An abstract poster of the simulation was presented at the 2011 International Nursing Association of Clinical Simulation and Annual Meeting in Orlando, Fla.



## CLS Welcomes New Faculty Member

The UTHSC Department of Clinical Laboratory Sciences is pleased to welcome new faculty member Monica Renee Love, PhD. After serving in the U.S. Army as a medical laboratory specialist for four years, she received her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Memphis, with a major in microbiology and a minor in chemistry. Dr. Love worked in different capacities as a medical technologist until she decided to pursue her master's degree and doctorate in medicinal chemistry at the University of Mississippi, which she completed in 2009.



## MCP Program Graduates First Class Eligible for Dual Certification

The curriculum in the Master of Cytopathology Practice Degree Program was modified two years ago to incorporate training for certification in histotechnology, in addition to cytotechnology. The first class eligible for certification in both of these professions graduated in May. Graduates were quick to find employment and were actually able to begin working in the area of histology prior to graduation.

The program now includes courses in histotechnology theory and practice and, with the support of the local pathology community, provides students with hands-on practical histology experience to develop these critical skills. The program is the only one of its kind in the country that prepares graduates to work in these two interrelated disciplines.

## Graduation and Awards

Barbara Benstein, PhD, SCP, assistant dean of Faculty Affairs and program director of Cytotechnology/Histotechnology, presented awards to the graduates in that program.



Julie Jeschke (center) was awarded the 2011 Gerre Wells Gourley Award in Histotechnology by Gerre Wells Gourley herself (left) and Dr. Benstein (right).



Tamla Hagan (right) was the recipient of the 2011 Cyrus C. Erickson Award in Cytotechnology for her technical skill, intellectual curiosity, moral character and professionalism.

Medical Technology graduates were presented awards by the Chair of Clinical Laboratory Sciences, Linda Ross, MS.



Rachel Hite (right) received the Francis Guthrie Award for exceptional academic work.



Kushal Shah (right) received the Alice Scott Hitt Award for outstanding professionalism and dedication to the field.

### Scholarship Awarded



Bethany Peel, MT, class of '12, was awarded the Tennessee Association of Blood Banks (TABB) scholarship by Jan Glover (right), coordinator of Education, at the Spring '11 TABB meeting.

## Dental Hygiene Welcomes Susan Daniel



Susan J. Daniel, MS, RDH, recently joined the Department of Dental Hygiene faculty. Originally from North Carolina, she earned an associate degree in dental hygiene from Wayne Community College, a Bachelor of Science in dental auxiliary teacher education from the University of North Carolina, and a Master of Science in education from the University of Kentucky. Daniel has held faculty positions at Georgia Health Science University in Augusta, the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, where she served as department chair, and Guilford Technical Community College in Jamestown, N.C., where she was also department head of dental hygiene.

## Scholarships Awarded

The 28th Annual Dental Hygiene Update was held during the UT College of Dentistry Mid-South Dental Congress meeting in May. Lilia Roman was awarded the Dental Hygiene Update Award, made possible through funds raised by the annual continuing education course. Dental Hygiene student and class president, Kelly Roberts, received the Mary Alice Gaston Award.



Pictured from left to right are Lilia Roman, Cassandra Ballard, EdD, undergraduate program director, and Kelly Roberts.

## Graduation and Awards

Dental Hygiene graduates were presented awards by Susan Crim, PhD, RDH, at the CAHS convocation.



Jennifer Gordon (right) received the Clinical Achievement Award for demonstrating proficiency in the field and sensitivity to patients.



Lauren Brooke Fralix (right) received the Faculty Award for having the highest GPA in her graduating class.

# Dental Hygiene Takes On

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## ADHA CONFERENCE 2011



Tabitha Starnes (BSDH '10) presented the results of her community service project, "Raising Oral Health Awareness in Adolescents."



The Department of Dental Hygiene hosted an alumni reception to welcome back past grads. At left: Among the guests were Kim Whorton and Amanda Richardson (MDH '09). At right: Undergraduate program director Cassandra Holder-Ballard, EdD, (right) welcomes Esther M. Wilkins, BS, DMD, (left) author of "Clinical Practice of the Dental Hygienist."

## Dental Hygiene Wins ADHA Video Contest

UT Dental Hygiene students recently received a \$500 prize, awarded by the American Dental Hygienists' Association, for their entry in the 2011 Video Promotion Contest. Students were asked to submit a video showing why their colleagues should attend the 2011 Center for Lifetime Learning at the 88th Annual Session in Nashville. The prize was used to help students attend the professional association's annual meeting. The video may be viewed on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FPae0tGYdqg>.



## Reynolds Named Chair of HIIM

Rebecca B. Reynolds, EdD (HIIM 1993), who became interim chair of the Department of Health Informatics and Information Management in September 2008, has been named permanent chair of the department.



Dr. Reynolds received a BS in health information management from UTHSC, a Master of healthcare administration and a doctorate in higher education administration from the University of Memphis. Before coming to the UTHSC Department of Health Informatics and Information Management on a full-time basis, Dr. Reynolds taught part time while serving as director of the Health Information Management Department at the University of Tennessee Bowld Hospital and later at the UT Medical Group, the medical practice of the UT College of Medicine faculty.

## Russell Selected Outstanding Student

The Tennessee Health Information Management Association Outstanding Student Award for the BS HIIM class of 2010 was awarded to Jessica Russell. Russell has a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Union University in Jackson, Tenn. She worked in the health information management department of Western State Hospital in Bolivar, Tenn., throughout her tenure in the BS program at UTHSC and was appointed as director of the department prior to her graduation. She completed her management affiliation at Jackson-Madison County General Hospital in Jackson, Tenn.



## Twice the Appreciation: Bowman Recognized for Service

This past June, Beth Bowman, MS (HIIM '72), professor in the Department of Health Informatics and Information Management (HIIM), was awarded the Senator of the Year award for 2010-2011 from the UTHSC Faculty Senate. The award was given for her service as chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee and its work in developing an upward evaluation process for the campus. Bowman has been a senator for 25 of her 37 years at UTHSC. The award comes after Bowman was named Fellow of the American Health Information Management Association in 2010. The Fellows program recognizes sustained contributions in health information management including educational achievements, awards and professional contributions.



## HIIM Graduates Receive National Recognition

Several HIIM graduates have been recognized by the Tennessee Health Information Management Association (THIMA). At the 2011 Annual Meeting of THIMA, Amanda King was awarded the Meritorious Service Award. This award recognizes members who have provided outstanding service to THIMA.

King was recognized for making the THIMA Legal Handbook available online. The handbook provides a central source for laws and regulations affecting HIM practice in Tennessee and was compiled by UTHSC faculty. Rebecca Reynolds, EdD, chair of the Department of Health Informatics and Information Management, is the editor under a contract with THIMA. In the past, the handbook was kept in paper format and was updated at multi-year intervals. With the electronic format, changes and updates can be made at any time rather than waiting for the update interval. This is an important improvement since laws and regulations change frequently and the handbook can now be up to date at all times.

Three HIIM graduates were 2010 award winners from the Tennessee Health Information Management Association. Meg Gordon McGill (HIIM '80) won the THIMA Distinguished Member Award. This is the highest award given to a THIMA member for exemplary service to the association. McGill is a past-president of THIMA and has served in a number of positions within the organization. McGill is currently employed as corporate administrative director of Health Information Management for Methodist Healthcare in Memphis.

Karen Thorpe (HIIM '77) was awarded the Mentor/Educator Award. This award recognizes individuals who have long records of encouraging students or colleagues to become all they can be and who have helped them find ways to achieve their best. Thorpe has mentored many new HIIM professionals in her positions as director of HIM at Magnolia Hospital in Corinth, Miss., at Dyersburg Hospital in Dyersburg, Tenn., and at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis. She has also provided extensive support to the UTHSC Department of Health Informatics and Information Management through her work with students during their management affiliations.

The Rising Star Award was given to Jana Gallemore (HIIM '03). The award is given to the new professional who has shown exceptional promise in the health information management profession. Gallemore is currently the director of Health Information Management at Methodist University Hospital in Memphis.

## OT Department Welcomes New Chair



Christine O. Peters, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA, became chair in the Department of Occupational Therapy in the spring. After working as an administrator in two California hospitals, Dr. Peters was appointed to her first teaching position in upstate New York where she decided to pursue her doctorate at New York University. There, she received her PhD and later a postdoc in psychiatric rehabilitation. She has always valued working in interdisciplinary teams and chose to remain in academia as she has “a great belief in the next generation of OTs.”

Dr. Peters has been an American Occupational Therapy Association conference reviewer. She is a member of the National Board of Occupational Therapy and sat on the program director’s advisory board. In 2009, she received the AOTA/AOTF Leadership Fellowship in Recognition of Exemplary Commitment to Academic Leadership. In 2011, she was named Fellow of AOTA. Dr. Peters has a forthcoming chapter in a new text by Brown & Stoffel.

## Graduation and Awards



At the Commencement Ceremony in May, Lawrence Faulkner, PhD, OT/L (middle), presented the Achievement Award in Occupational Therapy to Mistie Ann Hanks (left) for outstanding academic and clinical achievements and the Leadership Award in Occupational Therapy to Stacey Lynn Trent (right) for demonstration of outstanding leadership.



On April 7, 2011, OT students took the night off from studying to attend “UT Night with the Redbirds,” where they were treated to catered bar-b-que, refreshments and desserts. Jake Smith, UT Pharmacy SGA president, threw out the first pitch at opening day of the Memphis Redbirds, a triple-A affiliate of the St. Louis Cardinals. The annual event was sponsored by the UTHSC Office of Student Life.

## New Faculty Appointments



Carol Counts Likens, PhD, PT, was named chair of the Department of Physical Therapy in September 2010. She has been a member of the faculty since 1991, and served as a member for the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education, and president of the Tennessee Physical Therapy Association (TPTA) from 1985-1995. In 1995, TPTA established the Carol Likens Service Award to honor her years of service and leadership to the state organization. She earned here undergraduate degree in biology from Baylor University and her para-professional baccalaureate certificate in Physical Therapy at Southwestern, now Rhodes College in Memphis.



This past April, Laura Eison, DPT, PT, joined the faculty as the new director of Clinical Education for the Department of Physical Therapy. Dr. Eison received her MSPT at Sacred Heart University and her DPT at Temple University in Philadelphia. She has more than 10 years of clinical experience in the areas of acute care, rehab and pediatrics. Having been in Memphis since 2008, she was previously on the physical therapy staff at the Regional Medical Center.



Pam Ritzline, EdD, PT, was named director of the Graduate Program in the Department of Physical Therapy in October 2010. Dr. Ritzline has been a faculty member since January 2007 and served as interim associate dean of Student and Academic Affairs of the College of Allied Health Sciences from June 2009 to June 2010.

## Graduation and Awards

Dr. Carol Likens presented the awards of merit to physical therapy graduates at the commencement ceremony.



Jasen Abraham (right) received one of the two Outstanding Student awards.



Lori Featherston (right) received the Faculty Award.



Mary O'Bryan (right) received the Outstanding Student Award. She also received a plaque for her service as DPT class president.



Kristen Zulli (right) received the Margaret and Perry Ayers Scholarship Award.

## 1970s

Bobbie Wear Beckmann (MA SLP '75) is chief manager/owner of Speech Pathology Services of East Tennessee in Maryville, Tenn.

Charles Clardy's (PT '71) son, Carlos, and Larry Burks' (PT '79) son, Nathan, both received their DPT degree from UTHSC in May 2011.

Bernice Chin Lee (HIIM '77) has participated in the Senior Olympics in Memphis in bowling, pickleball, horseshoes, shuffleboard and ping-pong. She regularly participates in several bowling leagues. Bernice is retired from the Veterans Affairs Medical Center at Memphis.

## 1980s

Donna Murphy Andrews (HIIM '80) is a legal specialist at Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare in Memphis.

Alicia Dino Fitzhugh (BS DH '82) is working in private practice after being a clinical instructor for 15 years. One of her sons is a second-year dental student at UTHSC, and her other son attends the University of Alabama.

Dr. Nancy Martino (MA, SLP '85) is currently a faculty member in the Department of Communications, Xavier University of Louisiana in New Orleans.

Betsy McPherson (MA, SLP '82) retired in June 2011 as a consultant for Knox County Schools Speech and Hearing Services in Knoxville.

Alan Meade (PT '87) presented his research findings to UTHSC faculty and students in May 2011 as part of his requirements as a graduate student in the ScDPT program.

Sherry Powell (HIIM '83) completed her Master of Science in Health Information Management from the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, Minn.

Dr. Debbie L. Smith (MA, Aud. '82) is a parent-infant specialist for the deaf/hard of hearing at Boys Town National Research Hospital in Omaha, Neb.

Lisa Williams Taylor (MT '87) has been promoted to vice-president of Technical Services at the Mid-South Regional Blood Center after serving as laboratory director.

## 1990s

Rene' Dixon Canfield (MA, SLP '94) is a speech pathologist with Children's Special Services, Tennessee Department of Health, Upper Cumberland Regional Office in Cookeville, Tenn.

Dr. Lisa L. Cunningham (MA, Aud. '91) is assistant professor and coordinator of Graduate Studies, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Medical University of South Carolina.

Stacy Jowers Dorris (HIIM '99) had a baby girl, Isabelle Alden, in March. Dorris works for QSource in Memphis and is serving as incoming president of the Tennessee Health Information Management Association.

Dr. Kristy Thompson Hoffecker (MA, Aud. '95) has joined the University of Tennessee Medical Center, Department of Rehabilitation Services as a clinical audiologist. She previously worked as the clinical supervisor of speech pathology and audiology for North Oaks Health System in Louisiana.

Dr. Richard Neeley (PhD, SLP '90) serves as professor and chair, Communication Disorders Department, Arkansas State University in Jonesboro.

Jim and Renee Edwards Nelson (OT '98) have been married for 12 years and reside in Milan, Tenn. They have three children, two sons and a daughter. Renee has been working in the school system in Milan for the past three years. Jim is the outpatient therapy manager with the Therapy & Learning Center in Jackson, Tenn.

Will Northern (PT '98) is currently employed at Trinity Medical Center in Birmingham, Ala. He was deployed with the Army Reserve from April 2010 to April 2011 to Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo, to provide medical support to U.S. and NATO forces stationed there.

Anne Hurt Zachry (OT '92) has an OT blog and is working on a book called "Tummy Time."

## *In Memoriam*

Diane Glass Massey (HIIM '74) passed away in December 2010 in Birmingham, Ala.

# 2000s

Stacia Greve Ballew (MT '00) is looking forward to moving back to the Southeast and starting graduate school in the fall. She will be entering the master's program in microbiology at Clemson University in South Carolina.

Ashleigh Bingham (PT '10) completed her geriatric residency through NHC HealthCare in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Yaose Bonami (BS, DH '07) practices dental hygiene at Christ Community Dental Clinic in Memphis and Nicole Moore (BS, DH '07) practices at Kool Smiles Dental Clinic in Pine Bluff, Ark. They credit their decision to work in settings that treat underserved populations to the positive experiences they had with Urban Smiles and the Church Health Center while at UT.

Laritha Boone (HIIM '09) is the enterprise-wide Master Patient Index coordinator for Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare in Memphis.

Sara Edwards Bowman (HIIM '06) has taken a consulting position with Pershing Yoakley and Associates in Knoxville, Tenn. She is working with physician services and clinical compliance.

April Catlett (MDH '07) was an assistant professor at UTHSC prior to being the program director of the dental hygiene program at Central Georgia Technical College in Macon, Ga. She recently co-authored a chapter in "The Professor's Guide to Taming Technology."

Dominique Chaney (HIIM '09) is teaching classes in health information technology at National College in Memphis.

Sharonna Chase (BS, DH '10) is currently working at Memphis Health Center where she enjoys the opportunity to provide dental hygiene care to underserved individuals.

Neal Coke (HIIM '07) is now the health information management director at Maury Regional Medical Center in Columbia, Tenn.

Brian Daniel (HIIM '01) has taken a position as a reimbursement specialist with Advanced BioHealing, which manufactures a biologic skin graft called Dermagraft.

Karen Dobyys (OT '09) spent her first year working at Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute of Rehabilitation in Warm Springs, Ga., in vocational rehabilitation, inpatient rehab, long-term acute care, and two

outpatient clinics. She recently moved back to her hometown of San Diego, Calif., where she works for a private company, SchoolSteps, Inc.

Dr. Steven Doettl (MA, Aud '01; AuD '04) joined the Department of Audiology and Speech Pathology at UTHSC in September 2010 as a clinical assistant professor and director of the Dizziness Clinic. Dr. Doettl, his wife, Leigh, and their two children live in Knoxville.

Jana Gallemore (HIIM '03) is the new director of health information management at Methodist University Hospital in Memphis.

Jason Ghio (MT '07) has completed his first year as a student in the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy.

Jonathan Hardy (MT '08) and his wife Whitney welcomed a baby girl to their family on April 26, 2011. Cadence Marie Hardy weighed 6 lbs and 12 ozs.

Grace Hasting (MA, SLP '07) has recently joined Bill Wilkerson Center at Vanderbilt University as a speech-language pathologist.

Tori Holmes (MT '05) is a pediatric oncology nurse at St. Jude. Holmes is also working as a medical technologist PRN at Baptist Memorial Hospital in DeSoto, Miss.

Dr. Margaret Kedia (PT '05) presented her paper "Is eccentric training an effective intervention for insertional Achilles tendinosis?" at the Combined Sections Meeting of the American Physical Therapy Association in New Orleans, La., in February 2011.

Amanda King (HIIM '04, '09) is now employed with the Regional Extension Center in Tennessee. She is working to help physician offices in West Tennessee plan for and implement electronic health records.

Melissa Land (MA, SLP '09) is employed as a speech-language pathologist at T.C. Children's Hospital in Erlanger Medical Center in Chattanooga.

Melinda Laughter (PT '07) has been named PT manager at the Campbell Clinic Orthopaedics in Memphis.

Dr. Steven G. Madix (PhD '05) is an assistant professor, Department of Speech, Louisiana Tech University in Ruston, La.

Shannon McIvor (PT '10) completed her pediatric residency through the University of Central Arkansas.

# 2000s

Rene Elam Midgett (HIIM '00) has moved from Hawaii to Connecticut where she is a VISN 1 clinical application manager for the Veterans Affairs Hospital.

Melodi Nathan (HIIM '09) is working in admissions at Baptist Memorial Hospital Desoto and is also teaching online for Colorado Technical University.

Marie Poole (HIIM '10) is employed by Health Port at Methodist University Hospital in Memphis, working in Legal Release of Information.

Jordan Richardson (PT '09) is a captain in the United States Air Force and has completed a tour of duty in Afghanistan.

Jessica Russell (HIIM '10) had twin girls – Jayna and Sadie – in January 2011. Russell is the director of Health Information Management at Western State Hospital in Bolivar, Tenn.

Jeaneen Allen Sanders (HIIM '03) is the director of health information management at Methodist Hospital South.

Francine Mills Saul (HIIM '07) had a baby boy.

Vicki L. Sharp (OT '03) resides in West Memphis, Ark., and works full time for Aegis in skilled nursing facilities. Sharp also works for HealthSouth-Memphis North and Delta Rehab at Three Rivers Nursing Center in Marked Tree, Ark.

Sheri Sison (MDH '07) continues to live in Slidell, La., with her husband and three children. She is employed as a teacher at St. Tammany Parish Schools and continues to teach Research and Statistics in the UTHSC Master of Dental Hygiene program. This past July, Sison served as a visiting faculty member for MDH Week, teaching MDH students how to produce podcasts to improve clinical learning and teaching.

Heather Keen Smith, MPT, MTC, (PT '03) is co-owner of Physical Intelligence, a private practice in St. Augustine, Fla., and sole owner of Body Owners Physical Therapy clinic in Key West, Fla. She is currently enrolled in the UTHSC tDPT program.

Tiffany Smith (OT '07) works with students in seven schools of the Memphis City Schools and is engaged to Antonio McCall, a student in the Southwest Tennessee Community College Physical Therapy Assistant program. They plan to be married in March 2012.

Jason Ward (PT '01) and David Grigsby (PT '02) are partners in the private practice Mid-South Ortho-

paedic Rehabilitation in Germantown, Tenn. Ward and Grigsby received the *Journal of Manual & Manipulative Therapy's* John Medeiros Award, given to authors of the single most impactful paper of the year for a study published in December 2010. They have also published an article in *The Journal of Orthopaedic and Sports Physical Therapy*. Both have received MDT credentialing from the McKenzie Institute.

Beth Watwood (HIIM '06) is moving back to Memphis and taking a job in the Tumor Registry at Baptist Memphis.

Kavindra McKnight White (OT '03) and her husband, Anthony, had a baby boy in January. They reside in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Lia Whitmire (HIIM '09) is manager of the Health Information Management Department at Baptist Rehabilitation Hospital in Germantown, Tenn.

Monica Wiggins (HIIM '08) is a clinical data specialist with the Neuroscience Institute at Le Bonheur Children's Hospital in Memphis.

Crystal Landis Wiles (BSDH '07) lives in Erwin, Tenn., with her husband, Travis (COD '06). In addition to working at her husband's dental practice, Crystal is an adjunct clinical instructor in the dental hygiene program at East Tennessee State University.

## Imhotep Inductees

Kelly Bruce  
 Kyle Compton  
 Lauren Ferguson  
 Mary Garrison  
 Lee Goodloe  
 Erin Green  
 Carmen Hampton  
 Mistie Hanks  
 Eron Hodgins  
 Meghan Huett  
 Heather Ivey  
 Lauren Kozlowski

Jenvara Mahautmr  
 Natalie Marasa  
 Matthew Nash  
 Kathleen Nassal  
 Carolyn Nicholson  
 Ashley Posey  
 Chelsea Roseberry  
 Margaret Roy  
 Kevin Smith  
 Stacey Trent  
 Mallory Turner



# Graduation May 2011

## Clinical Laboratory Sciences

### Bachelor of Medical Technology

Ayuana Cage  
Rachel Hite  
Jenvara Mahautmr  
Lori Mobrak  
Kushal Shah

### Master of Clinical Lab Sciences

Robin Bradshaw

### Master of Cytopathology Practice

Tamla Hagan  
Julie Jeschke

## Dental Hygiene

### Bachelor of Science

Megan Blackburn  
Alanna Bunker  
Mallery Duncan  
Cara Ely  
Melissa Fleming  
Sheena Forde  
Lauren Fralix  
Lee Goodloe  
Jennifer Gordon  
Alice Hu  
Alexandria Hughes  
Lisa Jamison  
Christy Lewis  
Mallory Murray  
Natalie Parker  
Erica Pearson  
Seymone Powell  
Maranda Riley  
Laura Silvestri  
Ashley Simmons  
Lauren Slone  
Jessica Smith  
Tabitha Starnes  
Paula Strickland  
Ashley Sumner  
Tina Wakefield  
Lora Watson  
Kelli Whiteaker  
Anna Wilson

### Master of Dental Hygiene

Ruth Glisson  
Jordan Hufstutter  
Kimberly Myers  
Candace Zarbock

## Health Informatics and Information Management

### Bachelor of Science

Kristi Braxton  
April Clements  
Jacqueline Graham  
Lauren Essex  
April Insko  
John Lafever  
Tiffany Pointer  
Lindsey Volner

### Master of HIIM

Jasmine Agnew  
Shirley Aldridge  
Cathy Clawson  
Ricky Delatte  
Matthew Malinak  
Cynthia Parks  
Delphia Parks  
Daniel Roe  
Shoronda Smith  
Beverly Wilson  
Anita Winkler

## Occupational Therapy

### Master of Occupational Therapy

Kelly Bruce  
Kyle Compton  
Joshua Exline  
Lauren Ferguson

Mary Garrison  
Erin Green  
Carmen Hampton  
Mistie Hanks  
Eron Hodgins  
Meghan Huett  
Heather Ivey  
Lauren Kozlowski  
Natalie Marasa  
Matthew Nash  
Kathleen Nassal  
Carolynicholson  
Mallory Norris  
Mallory Parks  
Ashley Posey  
Chelsea Roseberry  
Margaret Roy  
Kevin Smith  
Stacey Trent

## Physical Therapy

### Doctor of Physical Therapy

Jasen Abraham  
Andrea Bain  
Cameron Barber  
Ashley Bond  
Andrew Braden  
William Bradley  
Jared Britcher  
Nathan Burks  
Carlos Clardy  
David Cox  
Amanda Curry  
Mary Dake  
Jenny Day  
Elizabeth Dee  
Jessica Dickerson  
Amy Dunnivant

Lacey Ellis  
Krystle Emison  
Lori Featherston  
Carl Foxx  
Edric Gaylor  
Rachel Gillespie  
Christy Gurgliolo  
Aaron Hall  
Candace Halvorson  
Alisha Hassell  
Casey Hayes  
Christopher Hoffman  
Shiloh Howell  
Heather Inman  
Lindsey Irwin  
Carrie Joyner  
Megan Lange  
Stephanie Littman  
Sara Litton  
William May  
Brian May  
Mary McGough  
Katie McWatters  
Phillip Mitchell  
Kendra Nelson  
Mary Obryan  
Jena Paine  
Caitlin Palazola  
Jacqueline Paller  
Chemetra Patrick  
Virginia Penner  
Lauren Phillips  
Ross Pope  
Christina Poteet  
Magdalena Reese  
Patrick Reitz  
Tiffany Schroeder  
Mary Sholes  
Karen Taylor  
Hasani Taylor  
Ross Terry  
Elizabeth Tindell  
Carolyn Walker  
Robert Walker  
Kristen Zulli



# Graduation 2011



On May 27, the UT Health Science Center graduated 615 students, including 62 graduates from the College of Allied Health Sciences. Chancellor Steve J. Scwab, MD, presided over the ceremony, and UT President Joe DiPietro gave the commencement address. Left bottom: Amanda King, MHIIM, spoke to graduates on behalf of the UT Alumni Association at the Allied Health Sciences Convocation. Right bottom: Students wait to accept their diplomas.

## 2011 Alpha Eta Inductees

**Master of Cytopathology Practice**  
Julie Jeschke

**Bachelor of Science  
in Dental Hygiene**  
Cara Ely  
Lauren Fralix  
Jennifer Gordon  
Alexandria Hughes  
Maranda Riley

**Master in Dental Hygiene**  
Elizabeth Carr

**Master of Health Informatics  
and Information Management**  
Ricky Delatte  
Lisa Poole  
Jessica Russell

**Bachelor of Science  
in Medical Technology**  
Rachel Hite  
Lori Mobrak

**Master of Occupational Therapy**  
Mistie Hanks  
Matthew Nash  
Stacey Trent

**Doctor of Physical Therapy**  
Jasen Abraham  
Elizabeth Dee  
Lori Featherston  
Christina Harrison  
Shiloh Howell  
Megan Lange  
Caitlin Palazola  
Virginia Penner  
Patrick Reitz  
Elizabeth Tindell  
Carolyn Walker  
Kristen Zulli

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