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FALL 2014



On July 1, the College of Allied Health Sciences became the College of Health Professions!

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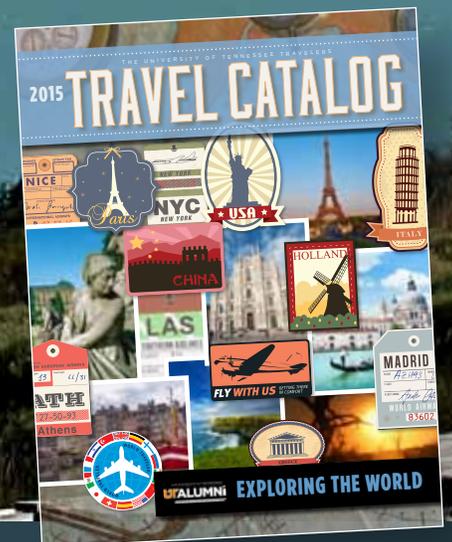
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left, Chancellor Steve Schwab, MD, and Dean Noma Anderson, PhD, at the July 1 celebration of the college's name change.

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Dean Noma Anderson

We've been busy. On July 1, we changed our name to the College of Health Professions. On Aug. 27, we celebrated our new name. Why? Why did we do all this? We want everyone – in the community, in the profession, and beyond – to know who we really are.

We're not allied, or ancillary, or off to the side. We *are* health care – full-fledged members of the team – and when we consider the Audiology and Speech Pathology program, we really are a statewide college.

According to the chancellor, the university is looking to continue to fund the active expansion for all of the college's programs, because there continues to be a huge need in the state for everything that we train.

In fact, in addition to expanding the existing programs, we plan on taking these programs statewide with master's and doctoral-level training in the health professions. Ongoing feasibility studies have been and are being conducted to examine the need for additional health profession programs. The new Physician Assistant Studies Program was developed based upon a favorable feasibility study.

Bottom line: We continue to expect growth in all programs in the College of Health Professions, adding new programs as the need is determined. Our growth as a college would not be possible without the hard work and dedication shown by the faculty, staff and students of the college, and all the tremendous graduates we have.

This name change is a move forward into the future. Lots of colleges are making this change and we're not being left behind. Our name change comes at an exciting time of growth and prosperity for our college. I look forward to updating you on our positive progress.

Thanks to everyone – faculty, staff, students and alumni – for all that you do.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Noma B. Anderson".

Noma Anderson, PhD  
Dean, College of Health Professions

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Allied Health

**1985**

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College of Health  
Professions

It was a pleasure to join in the renaming celebration for the College of Health Professions. The college's alumni, faculty and students represent a diverse, wealth of health care talent and specialization. As Dean Anderson notes, we are currently examining even more avenues to extend the educational and training opportunities in COHP.

As I write this, the footprint of our institution continues to evolve and expand. At our main site in Memphis, construction and renovation efforts valued at more than \$124 million are either under way or in the planning stages.

The new Translational Science Research Building is on track for completion in 2015, connecting its researchers via elevated walkways with the scientists in the adjacent Cancer Research Building. Demolition of Goodman Residence Hall is complete. Following closely on its heels, we razed the Beale and Randolph buildings. The Feurt is next on the demolition list. Removal of these outdated, empty buildings makes way for new, state-of-the-art research and educational facilities that will reposition UTHSC as the competition intensifies to recruit top-tier students, researchers and faculty. The revitalization of our Historic Quadrangle as the focal point of our Memphis site is also on the horizon, with some \$68 million earmarked for the effort.

We look forward to hosting the UT Board of Trustees in Memphis in February 2015, when we plan to share our campus improvements firsthand. Earlier this year, during a UT Board of Trustees meeting, the board approved the UTHSC Strategic Plan for 2014-2018 with priorities that include:

- Educating outstanding graduates who meet the needs of the state and its communities;
- Growing the research portfolio of the institution focusing on targeted areas;
- Strengthening areas of clinical prominence while expanding outreach; and
- Expanding and strengthening key community and statewide partnerships, among others.

Representatives from across our organization have committed to position UTHSC as a national leader in targeted areas of excellence across the institution's missions, colleges and sites by the end of 2018. We are engaging faculty, staff, students and administrators in identifying and implementing a variety of initiatives designed to address the strategic priorities outlined in this plan.

For a brief overview of the UTHSC Strategic Plan and Strategic Priorities, visit [www.uthsc.edu/chancellor/docs/UTHSC-2014-2018-Strategic-Plan-OVERVIEW.pdf](http://www.uthsc.edu/chancellor/docs/UTHSC-2014-2018-Strategic-Plan-OVERVIEW.pdf).

While we all take pride in updated facilities and shiny new buildings, we never lose sight of what truly matters – people like you, who, together with our faculty, staff, students and partners, shape and fuel our organization in the service of those who need our training, compassion and professional help. Thank you for all you do to contribute to the consistent, forward movement of our organization. What we are empowered to achieve would not be possible without your generosity and long-term commitment.

Sincerely,



Steve J. Schwab, MD  
Chancellor, The University of Tennessee Health Science Center



Chancellor Steve Schwab

# Bringing Lessons to Life

*by Peggy Reisser Winburne*

In rooms on the lower level of the 930 Madison Building, faculty members from the Departments of Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy at UTHSC bring their lessons to life.

As part of University Therapists, an outpatient rehabilitation clinic for adults and children, they offer physical therapy and occupational therapy to clients who have musculoskeletal disorders, orthopedic problems, mobility issues, neurological disorders, developmental delays or other conditions that result in challenges with functional abilities or skills needed in the community, workplace or home. The services are available to UTHSC students, faculty, and staff as well as members of the community referred from area agencies and physicians.

“Our objective is for faculty to retain their skills by working in the clinic and to provide a convenient location for students and faculty who need PT or OT services,” said Judy Clift, PT, DPT, MS, associate professor of physical therapy and practice manager for University Therapists.

“They’re receiving treatment from experts in the field,” Dr. Clift said of the patients who are treated at University Therapists.

Members of University Therapists also work with clients under contract at agencies and health care facilities around town. University Therapists provides PT and OT services for the Tennessee Early Intervention System for children up to age three. All services are competitively priced, insurance is accepted and scheduling is dependent on availability of faculty members.

University Therapists has operated as a faculty practice for more than 30 years at various locations on campus and in Memphis. Sometimes, both departments have participated.

Recently, only PT faculty members have staffed the clinic. Last fall, however, Stephanie Lancaster, OTR/L, ATP, helped resume the OT department’s participation in University Therapists. Her motivation was personal, as well as professional.

The lessons she learned when her father, who lived in Nashville, was diagnosed with brain cancer made her especially interested in facilitating communication between the clinic and the classroom. “What I witnessed firsthand during my dad’s illness has inspired me to set a goal of emphasizing to others in the field the importance of follow-through and follow-up, of compassion and empathy, and of client-based intervention, especially when working with patients with life-changing diagnoses.”

The experience left her wanting to make sure students at UTHSC are trained to treat patients and their families better, something she feels can be accomplished by bringing OT students and faculty together in a clinical setting.

“It made me think, how can I get involved with the education of the fledgling therapists who are going out into the world, and make sure when they set foot in their first job, the first thing they think is that this person is a person first and a patient second,” she said. “They need to find out what’s important to that patient and how they can facilitate that,” she said. It’s a message she hopes will resonate with faculty also, as more move between classroom and clinic.

**“What we’re really looking to do is to create a bridge between what’s going on clinically and what’s being taught to students before they go out into clinics.”**

“Also, we really want to use our clinical opportunities as faculty to do research, and to look at what the research says is the best way to treat different things, and then apply that and make sure the students know how to do that.”

In addition to joining forces with University Therapists to provide services through the clinic at UTHSC, the OT department has established contracts to treat several individuals privately and to deliver OT services through Jewish Family Service and the Regional Intervention Program for children under six years old with behavioral challenges. Participation in the OT Faculty Practice is open to all faculty members and currently includes Lancaster and Anne Zachry, PhD, OTR/L, assistant professor and vice chair of the department.

Lancaster, who holds specialty certification as an Assistive Technology Professional through the Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America, specializes in evaluating and making recommendations for equipment and strategies to improve access to technology and the environment for all ages. Lancaster and Dr. Zachry have extensive experience in providing assessment and intervention services for individuals with challenges related to a sensory processing disorder.

The PT arm of University Therapists has about 10 practicing faculty members providing therapy to clients in the campus clinic, at Campbell Clinic and other locations in and around the Memphis area. PT practitioners hold specialty certifications in orthopedic, pediatric, geriatric and sports physical therapy.

Lani Collins, an associate professor in the Department of Medical Laboratory Science, is one of those clients. She gets physical therapy twice a week for a neurodegenerative condition from Ann Coleman, PT, DPT, MSSW, an assistant professor of PT. They work on balance, gait, core strengthening and mobility.

Collins likes the convenient location of the clinic and feels that the academic setting offers access to the newest methods of treatment. "It does a lot for me," she said.

*University Therapists can be reached at (901) 448-6438.*



*above, Stephanie Lancaster, OTR/L, ATP, with two-year-old Amari Elicia White in the University Therapists clinic.*

*below, Ann Coleman, PT, DPT, MSSW, an assistant professor, assists Lani Collins, an associate professor of Medical Laboratory Science, during a physical therapy session.*



# COHP Leads the Way to Electronic Texts



by Tim Bullard

“Back to school” traditionally meant buying an arm load or two of heavy, expensive textbooks. That may not always be the case, however. Electronic textbooks increasingly are replacing traditional textbooks; the Physician Assistant Studies Program in the College of Health Professions is leading the way.

Paul J. Koltnow, assistant professor in the College of Health Professions, said the Physician Assistant program’s experience with electronic texts has been positive. The PA program has used electronic textbooks exclusively since its creation last year.

“I like it for two reasons,” he said. “First, it is significant cost savings to the student, and second, they can carry around just their laptops, not a load of books.”

He added that he can highlight sections of the text and make margin notes. Students then can subscribe to these notes. “It’s not just holding a book in your hand and reading it,” he said. “It’s more interactive.”

“We’re right out in front,” said Tony Ferrara, UTHSC’s vice chancellor of Finance and Operations. “UTHSC is the first UT location to implement this.”

The technology, however, has been tried and tested. Ingram Content Group, Inc., the company with which UTHSC is working, has been around for more than 16 years.

“They’ve worked out any kinks,” said Gary Carter, who manages the VolShop in the Madison Plaza. “They know what worked and what didn’t, what students liked and didn’t like.”

The entire system is compatible with Apple and Windows machines, he added, so students will not have to purchase any

new technology. They will be able to print out any texts they like, and study from paper copies anytime they want. Once they’ve paid their fee, they own their copies of the texts.

In fact, students using electronic texts will have the freedom to do everything they’ve traditionally done with paper textbooks, and more.

“You can form a study group,” Carter said, “and your study partners will have access to what you’ve written in your margin notes.”

Edward J. DeSchepper, MAEd, DDS, MSD, associate dean in the College of Dentistry, agreed. He added that students may keep their copies of their texts and receive free updates every time these occur for the duration of their careers at UTHSC. Even after they graduate, they may pay an optional fee and continue to receive updates.

“They’re taking how people today are used to reading and learning outside the classroom and bringing it into the classroom,” Carter said. “The idea is engaged learning.”

*right, students at the Aug. 27 luncheon celebrating the college’s new name*



## MCP Students Participate in Oral Cancer Awareness Project

First-year Master of Cytopathology Practice (MCP) students participated in an oral cancer awareness community service project along with students and faculty from other disciplines, including Dentistry, Dental Hygiene and Physician Assistant Studies programs.

MCP students created a poster on the relationship of human papillomaviruses to oral cancer and were available to discuss how oral cytology specimens could be collected to aid in the early diagnosis of oral cancer. The project was conducted in the spring of 2014 at Riverview Community Center in Memphis, located in an area where the population has significant health care needs.

*from left, Erica Brown, Lan Tran, Erica Mays, Christine Niver, Martin Brown and Dr. Barbara DuBray-Benstein.*



## Master of Cytopathology Awards at Graduation 2014



*left, the 2014 Cyrus C. Erickson Award in Cytotechnology was presented to Eric Porter by Dr. Barbara DuBray-Benstein.*



*right, the 2014 Gere Wells-Gourley Award in Histotechnology was presented to Mary Brooke Hooper by Dr. Barbara DuBray-Benstein.*

## Keisha Brooks Assumes ASCT Leadership

Keisha Brooks MS, CT(ASCP) MB<sup>CM</sup>, assistant professor and education coordinator for the Cytotechnology Program, was elected president of the American Society for Cytotechnology (ASCT) at the 2014 annual national meeting held in Charleston, S.C. Brooks will hold this post for a year during which she will be responsible for setting goals and coordinating activities for the committees and regional directors as well as representing ASCT at inter-professional meetings.

*Keisha Brooks*



## Department News

### Kevin Reilly

Kevin Reilly, PhD, joined in August as an assistant professor. Dr. Reilly is interested in the brain's control of speech communication and the different ways this control is disrupted in speakers with neurologic diseases. He investigates how speakers alter their production of sounds and syllables in different speaking conditions to facilitate listeners' perception of speech, and how these listener-oriented changes are integrated in healthy speakers as well as in speakers with motor speech disorders due to basal ganglia (e.g., Parkinson's disease) and cerebellar damage.

Prior to UTHSC, Dr. Reilly was an assistant professor at Northeastern University and completed a postdoctoral fellowship in computational speech neuroscience at Boston University. He and his family look forward to exploring the Smoky Mountains and attending their first game at Neyland Stadium.



*Dr. Kevin Reilly*

### Elena Patten

Elena Patten, PhD, became an assistant professor in August. Dr. Patten's research interests are autism spectrum disorders (ASD) with an emphasis on communication, attention, sensory processing and infant vocal development for early detection of ASD.

She received her PhD from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Prior to UTHSC, she was an assistant professor at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, where she directed the Child Communication Lab and examined the influence of faces (a known processing difficulty in ASD) on audio-visual synchrony detection in children.



*Dr. Elena Patten*

She is investigating symptoms of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder in children with ASD to determine the extent to which symptoms are manifestations of ADHD or unusual features of attention representative of ASD.

### Ilsa Schwarz

Ilsa Schwarz, PhD, who served as head of the department until 2009, has retired. Recently, she spearheaded an innovative joint bachelor's degree in Audiology and Speech Pathology between UTK and UTHSC.

Dr. Schwarz taught numerous courses, served as a mentor, and was principal investigator for a U.S. Department of Education grant directed at training graduate students to improve literacy skills of hearing-impaired children. Prior to joining UTHSC, she served as professor and department head at the University of Canterbury in New Zealand.

In 2005, Dr. Schwarz was appointed a Fellow of the American Speech Language Hearing Association (ASHA), one of the highest honors the association gives. She is also a recipient of ASHA's Editor's Award, having served as associate editor of *Language, Speech and Hearing Services in Schools*, an ASHA peer-reviewed publication. Currently, Dr. Schwarz and husband Allen Cox live in Paso Robles, California, but she hopes to return periodically as a research consultant and visiting professor.

### Nancy Schay

Nancy Schay, AuD, retired in August after 12 years as a clinical associate professor. She specialized in amplification services and electrophysiological and vestibular assessments. During her years with the department, she provided clinical education and served as clinical coordinator of audiology services.

Dr. Schay is an alumna, having received both her MA and AuD degrees from UT. Her retirement plans include traveling, spending more time with family and honing her rowing skills.



*Dr. Ilsa Schwarz*

## Graduation, 2014

Audiology and Speech Pathology held its convocation ceremony on May 8, 2014, in the Alumni Memorial Building on the Knoxville campus. Ashley Harkrider, PhD, department chair, presided over the ceremony, along with Steve Schwab, MD, UTHSC chancellor; Noma Anderson, PhD, dean of the College of Health Professions; and Don Thomason, PhD, dean of Graduate Health Sciences.

Degrees were awarded to 56 undergraduates; 31 students received Master of Science in Speech Pathology degrees, and 10 received Doctor of Audiology degrees. Speakers selected by their classmates were Dylan Davis Harvey for undergrads, William Franklin Smith for audiology, and Sara Elizabeth Haney for speech pathology.

## Sol Adler Conference Plus Alumni and Friends Reception

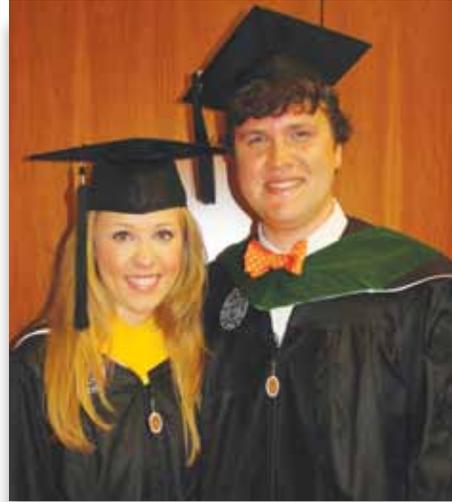
The 20th annual Sol Adler Conference was held April 11 in Knoxville. Nancy Swigert, MA, a graduate of the ASP program, presented “Clinical Management of Pediatric Dysphagia.” Swigert is director of Speech-Language Pathology and Respiratory Care at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky. She is a past president of ASHA and the ASHA Foundation, and served as coordinator for the ASHA Special Interest Division in swallowing and swallowing disorders. Following the conference, alumni, faculty and friends of the department attended a reception and dinner at the Bridgeview Grill at the Boathouse.

## Bachelor’s Degree is Back

Undergraduate students are again able to major in Audiology and Speech Pathology and receive a joint degree from UTK and UTHSC. Undergraduate students will take their first three years through the College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences, then transfer to UTHSC for their fourth year during which they will take their major courses from ASP faculty. All classes will be taught on the UTK campus.

## Building Update

Faculty and staff met with architects July 10 and reviewed final plans for the new building, a joint project between UTHSC and the University of Tennessee Medical Center. Undergraduate programs will remain on the UTK campus. The tentative date for completion of the new building is January, 2016.



*left, 2014 graduation speakers Sara Elizabeth Haney, MS, and William Franklin Smith, AuD.*



*below, clinical faculty Members enjoy the Sol Adler Conference dinner and reception. from left, Trish Hedinger, Autumn Saunders, Ashley Irick and Sue Hume.*



*AuD Class of 2014: from left, Nick Bailey, Caroline Wind, Jessica Partin, Erica Thayer, Mary Easterday, Sarah Lindberg, Brittany Mauney, Lydia Dudney and William Smith. Not pictured, Marnie Pomeroy.*

## Beth Bowman Retires



*from left, Worrick Robinson, IV, president of the UT Alumni Association; Beth Bowman; and Lofton Stuart, executive director of the UT National Alumni Association.*

At the end of June, Elizabeth “Beth” Bowman, MPA, RHIA, FAHIMA, retired after 40 years in the Department of Health Informatics and Information Management (HIIM), making significant contributions over four decades to the department, the college, the university and the health informatics discipline.

A graduate of Millsaps College, she was the first faculty member to be hired by Mary “Mamel” McCain. She achieved the rank of full professor in 1996, earning a Master of Public Administration from the University of Memphis.

She served as interim department chair from July 2006 until September 2008. After stepping down from that position, she was instrumental in the transition

of the bachelor’s program to an entry-level master’s program, as well as the transition of that program’s curriculum to an online delivery.

“Beth is a legacy to the University of Tennessee and respected by all who have worked with her,” said Noma Anderson, PhD, dean of the College of Health Professions.

In 2010, Bowman received Fellow status with American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA), one of the association’s highest honors. It is given in recognition of contributions to the discipline. She is a past chair of both AHIMA’s Assembly on Education and its Professional Development Committee, and a past chair of the Commission on Accreditation of Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM), which accredits HIIM programs.

Bowman served on numerous committees for the college and the university, including every committee of the Faculty Senate. As president of the Faculty Senate in the mid-1980s, she oversaw the approval of the first faculty handbook. She has long been a campus and system resource on faculty governance issues, and was named Senator of the Year in 2011.

In recognition of her years spent teaching and serving as a mentor, Bowman received AHIMA’s Educator Award in 1999. She was a charter recipient of the Chancellor’s Distinguished Teaching Award, and received the University of Tennessee Alumni Association’s Outstanding Teacher Award in 2009. Most recently, she earned the University of Tennessee Alumni Association Public Service Award in June.

Following her retirement, Bowman will remain Professor Emeritus, teaching part time and assisting the program with its CAHIIM accreditation.

## Maureen Wheeler Retires



*second from left, Maureen Wheeler.*

Maureen Wheeler, MPA, RHIA, has been affiliated with the UTHSC program since she began supervising students in her position as assistant director of medical records at the City of Memphis Hospital (Now Regional One) in 1971. In 1974 she moved to the Veterans Affairs Hospital to be the chief of Medical Information Services. She mentored many students through directed experience, management affiliation and positions within the department. For many years, Wheeler taught the legal course and a health care administration course, and she continues to serve on the program advisory committee. She retired from the VA in January, 2014.

## McCain-Bowman Scholarship Created

The McCain-Bowman scholarship fund was created as a legacy to two exceptional faculty, Mary “Mamel” McCain and Elizabeth “Beth” Bowman, to support student travel to professional meetings. This fund was announced in the fall of 2013 at the Memphis area meeting, and the local association was the first donor to the fund. For more information or to donate, go to [www.uthsc.edu/health-professions/him/alumni.php](http://www.uthsc.edu/health-professions/him/alumni.php).



*Center, Laritha Boone, RHIA (HIM '08) MHIMA president, presents the first donation to the new scholarship fund to Elizabeth Bowman and Mary McCain.*

## Marcus Rickman is THIMA Outstanding Student

Marcus Rickman, RHIA (MHIM '13) was selected as the THIMA Outstanding Student for 2013. He is an August 2013 graduate of the program and is currently the regional HIM director of National HealthCare Corporation, South Central Region. He is responsible for 14 long-term care/rehab centers in Tennessee and Alabama.

Rickman was previously HIM Director for NHC Dickson, a 205-bed long-term care/rehab center in Dickson, Tennessee. He served as a representative of the Tennessee Health Information Management Association (THIMA) and as a speaker at NTT Data Client Conference 2014 in Nashville regarding Information Governance programs.



*left, Marcus Rickman accepts the THIMA Outstanding Student Award.*

*below, May 2014 graduation.*



# Medical Laboratory Science

## Student Lab Coats and UTHSC Patches

*For the first time, all of the on-campus CLS students donned “the white lab coat” as a class. Students wore this attire around campus and on clinical rotations.*



## May 2014 Graduation



*Desiree Evans, BS, MLS received the Alice Scott Hitt Faculty Award.*



*Stephanie Stafford, BS, MLS, received the Frances Guthrie Outstanding Student Award.*



*Jennifer Collins, BS, MLS, received the Frances Guthrie Outstanding Student Award.*

*JB Williams, Jr., Stacy Johnson and Anita Dickey were the very first graduates of the online MLT to MLS program. All three were able to come to campus and meet one another face-to-face for the first time at graduation in May. The program is an intense 17-month period that ends with a Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Science. Graduates then are eligible to sit for the ASCP certification exam and for licensure in Tennessee.*



*left, Scott Aikey, president of Alpha Mu Tau fraternity, and Kimaria Baker, who has earned numerous scholarships from professional organizations – ASCLS-TN, TABB, ASCLS Alpha Mu Tau – in the amount of \$3,500.*



## Golden Graduates



*UTHSC Golden Graduates Dianne Steen, '57, center, and Patricia Guthrie, '62, to her left, returned to campus to see all of the changes that have taken place in Memphis and to share some of their professional experience and wisdom with current MLS students and members of the CLS faculty.*

## Ann Bell Endowed Scholarship

Each year the Medical Laboratory Science Program selects the recipients of the Ann Bell Scholarship. This scholarship honors the amazing contributions of the late Ann Bell to hematology in the practice of medical laboratory science. She has been a significant contributor to the quintessential Diggs Manual, and she was the first person to identify S-S and S-C crystals. If you would like help honor her memory and accomplishments, please consider making a donation to the Ann Bell Scholarship Fund. For more information, contact [cls@uthsc.edu](mailto:cls@uthsc.edu).

*below, students, faculty and staff at the celebration on Aug. 27 in the Student-Alumni Center. The event celebrated the college's name change to the College of Health Professions.*



## Anne Zachry Writes the Book on Babies



Anne Zachry, PhD

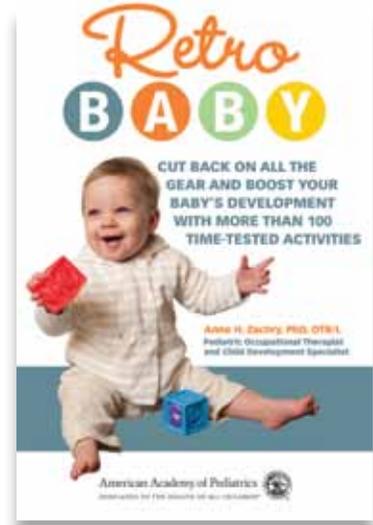
Anne Zachry, PhD, OTR/L, an assistant professor in the Department of Occupational Therapy at UTHSC, recently became vice chair of the department. She is the author of, “Retro Baby,” which was published by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) in 2013.

Dr. Zachry graduated with a BA in political science from UT Knoxville in 1988, a BS in occupational therapy from UTHSC in 1992 and a PhD in educational psychology in 2010 from the University of Memphis.

The book discusses how an infant’s brain develops

and offers suggestions for no-tech activities that promote motor skills.

The book received a Gold Award in the parenting category of the Independent Book Publishers Association’s 2014 Benjamin Franklin Awards and an honorable mention in the American Medical Writers Association’s 2014 awards in the public or health care consumers category.



## OT to be Gold Level Sponsor at AOTA

The American Occupational Therapy Association will hold its 95th Annual Conference and Expo in Nashville from April 16-19, 2015. More than 5,500 occupational therapy professionals and more than 350 exhibitors are expected to attend. The Department of Occupational Therapy at UTHSC will have a booth at the conference expo.

In addition, UTHSC will host an Alumni Night at the conference on Friday, April 18.

For more information, “Like” the program’s page on Facebook. Alumni are encouraged to update their contact information on the UTHSC alumni webpage at <http://uthscalumni.com>.

## OT Students Learn With Nursing Students

*Second-year MOT students participated in a variety of simulated clinical learning experiences in collaboration with the nursing students, practicing a variety of skills, that included: bed mobility, range of motion, reading electronic medical charts and using a Hoyer lift for transfers.*



## Rosemary Batorski Retires

Rosemary Batorski, professor of Occupational Therapy and founding faculty member of the program at UTHSC, retired in June of 2014.

“During her time at UTHSC, she demonstrated a true commitment to her profession, students and colleagues,” said Noma Anderson, PhD, dean of the College of Health Professions.

Batorski holds a Bachelor of Arts in psychology from Westfield State College, a Master of Education in vocational rehabilitation counseling from Memphis State University, and a Master of Occupational Therapy from Texas Woman’s University. Batorski worked as the academic fieldwork coordinator and taught

a variety of courses. She also served at the state and national levels as president of the Tennessee Occupational Therapy Association and as a member of the Representative Assembly for the American Occupational Therapy Association.

Batorski inspired students to volunteer through the MIFA Meals on Wheels Program by providing education to nursing home ombudsmen, knitting scarves and crocheting blankets for those in homeless shelters, and providing information about the Americans with Disabilities Act to those on the UTHSC campus.



*Rosemary Ellen Batorski, MEd., MOT, OTR/L*

## May 2013 Graduation Awards



*left, the Awards of Service and Leadership were presented to Todd Sanders, MOT Class President. right, Hannah Oakes received the Achievement Award for outstanding academic and clinical achievement.*

*More than \$50,000 in scholarships were awarded to the following MOT students: Alexandria Harris, Kirsten Fausko, Iveta Kancs, Rachael Conklin, Selina Oelberg, and Gina Kim.*



## Thinking Globally

Interim Academic Fieldwork Coordinator Jami Flick has been named the fieldwork program developer for the first bachelor’s degree program for Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy in Leogone, Haiti. Flick is working to create a curriculum and establish clinical sites in accordance with World Federation of Occupational Therapy and World Confederation of Physical Therapy guidelines.

## Lori Malloy Scholarship

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## New Faculty

### **Penny Head**

Penny Head, PT, MS, SCS, ATC, joined the college in January, coming from Arkansas State University, where she taught in their DPT program for five years. Her clinical expertise is in orthopedics and sports medicine. Prior to beginning her academic career at ASU, Penny was the clinical director of Sports Medicine at Baptist Rehab Germantown and director of Physical Therapy at Campbell Clinic. She is working toward a PhD in orthopedics and sports science at Rocky Mountain University.

### **Myra Meekins**

Myra Meekins, PT, DPT, OCS, FAAOMPT, graduated from TSU in 1996 and received her DPT degree from Regis University. She completed a fellowship in orthopedic manual therapy at the Manual Therapy Institute in Austin, Texas, and a fellowship in clinical movement science at Washington University, and is working toward a PhD in orthopedics and sports science at Rocky Mountain University.



*Penny Head*



*Myra Meekins*



*Shannon Hughes*



*Jacque Barnes Bradford*

### **Shannon Hughes**

Shannon Hughes, PT, DPT, OCS, MTC, graduated from UTHSC and has 13 years of experience in outpatient orthopedic manual therapy with a certification in dry needling. She has been a guest lecturer and lab assistant in our entry-level DPT program for six years. She is enrolled in the EdD program at the University of Memphis with a research interest in continuing education.

### **Jacque Barnes Bradford**

Jacque Barnes Bradford, PT, DPT, MS, received her DPT from UTHSC in 2009 and has clinical experience in a variety of settings including women's health, outpatient orthopedics and acute care. She will be assisting the director of Clinical Education and teaching in the entry-level DPT program.

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## Faculty News

**Pam Ritzline**, PT, EdD, has taken a position at Walsh University in North Canton, Ohio.

**Ruth Mulvany**, PT, DPT, MS, retired from UTHSC in June after 38 years of teaching. She plans to continue with consulting, participating in medical missions and speaking engagements, and hopes to relocate to Asheville, North Carolina.

**Susan Appling**, PT, DPT, PhD, has moved with her family to Columbus, Ohio, after 22 years of service to UTHSC. She will continue to serve as adjunct faculty.

The following faculty received awards this spring:

- **Susan Appling**, PT, DPT, PhD, MTC, OCS, received the APTA Lucy Blair Service Award.
- **Judy Clift**, PT, DPT, MS, received the UT Alumni Association Outstanding Teacher Award.
- **Ruth Mulvany**, PT, DPT, MS, was inducted into the TPTA Hall of Fame.
- **Barbara Connolly**, PT, DPT, MEd, BS, FAPTA, received the APTA Marilyn Moffett Leadership Award.

## May 2014 Graduation Awards



*Anthony Mancini received the Faculty Award.*



*The Outstanding Student Award was presented to Susan Kosko.*



*Kathleen Goldberg received the Margaret and Perry Ayers Award.*

## White Coat Ceremony



*left, the Department of Physical Therapy's first White Coat Ceremony was held May 17, 2014 for the PT Class of 2016.*

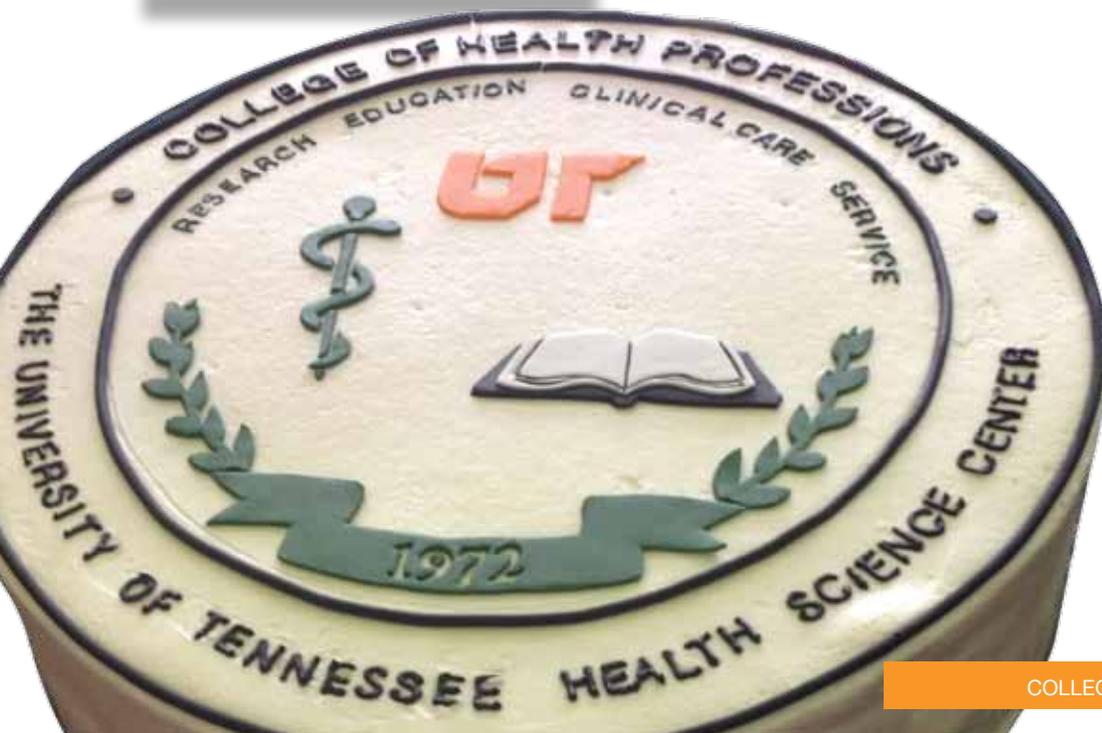
*below, the college's new seal was unveiled July 1. At the celebration, the new seal was used to decorate the cake!*

## Mitzi Zeno Scholarship

Contribute to the Mitzi Zeno Endowment by going to [www.uthscalumni.com/zeno](http://www.uthscalumni.com/zeno) or send a check to:

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Please write "Mitzi Zeno" on the memo line to honor her 27 years of service to the department.



## Alan Haun

Alan Haun, volunteer coordinator for the inaugural class of Physician Assistants at UTHSC, contacted Le Bonheur Children's Hospital and arranged for the PA class to adopt a floor at the facility. While members of the class aren't involved in clinical responsibilities, they have all enjoyed their interactions with staff and patients. "It has also been personally rewarding," said Haun. "The positive outlook that the children exude is one of the most inspiring things I get to see over there. It is an uplifting experience just to be around someone who can maintain such a positive outlook, but especially when they are so young."

## Joshua Mann

For Joshua Mann, another member of the inaugural class, his decision to become a PA was one based on opportunity, not only for himself but for serving others as well.

Mann served as an EMT with the Memphis Fire Department for eight years. Talking with a fellow

EMT, he discovered the career of a physician assistant and became intrigued. This was not an easy decision for him to make as he is married with three small children and his job provided the benefits for his family. His wife, however, who lived in Africa for most of her childhood, told him that if they were to go to Africa to do mission work, he could make more of a contribution as a PA than as an EMT. She is now working full time while he becomes a PA.

"I see physician assistants improving access to health care by providing inroads, interactions, and educational options to the patients

who need them most," Mann said when asked about his insights as an EMT veteran. "The system could really benefit from PAs being used by nonprofit organizations, like the Church Health Center, by having more providers available for those that need them."



Joshua Mann

## Community Outreach

Integrating into the system, both at UTHSC and the community at large, is important to the Physician Assistant Studies Program. Learning opportunities occur across a wide array of experiences. Recently, the PA class along with students from other departments in the College of Health Professions and the College of Dentistry participated in an oral cancer health screening in the River View Community Center located in an area that Methodist Hospital identified as one with an excessive rate of return emergency room visits as well as significant rates of chronic illnesses. The PA students worked side by side with their peers in an inter-professional experience that, for most of the students, was a first-time in an inter-professional activity. The PA students were also able to participate in a simulation alongside students from the College of Medicine and College of Nursing. These joint ventures help not only the PA students but all UTHSC students to be better prepared for their careers in health care.

## Bright Future for PAs

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Physician Assistant employment opportunities are expected to grow by 38 percent by 2022. It is no secret that the United States is facing a shortage of qualified medical providers and medical schools are not able to keep pace with the need. Currently, there are 187 accredited programs in the United States with the number expected to increase to 246 by 2017.

## Faculty

Johnna Tanner, MSPAS, has accepted a full-time position at St. Francis Hospital.

## The Josephine Circle

The Josephine Circle, Inc., awards annual scholarships to the UTHSC College of Health Professions. For more information, visit [www.josephinecircle.com](http://www.josephinecircle.com). To learn how you can help students, contact Adele Hixon Day at [chixon@utfi.org](mailto:chixon@utfi.org) or (901) 448-2076.

## PA Program Has a New Chair

Linda Reed, EdD, PA, has been named chair of the Department of Physician Assistant Studies at UTHSC, joining the College of Health Professions on July 1, the day the college's name changed.

The Physician Assistant (PA) Studies Program at UTHSC, the only such program in the state associated with a public university, welcomed its first class of 26 students in January 2014. The mission of the program is to provide highly trained health care practitioners to work with physicians in treating illnesses, ordering lab tests, prescribing medications and making rounds at hospitals and nursing homes. The PA profession evolved in response to the shortage of primary care physicians.

Dr. Reed joined UTHSC in July, coming from Baptist College of Health Sciences, where she was a professor and dean of the Division of Allied Health. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in the Physician Associate Program at the University of Oklahoma Health Science Center in Oklahoma City, a Master of Education degree from the University of Oklahoma, and an EdD in higher education administration from the University of North Texas.

"I felt very strongly there needs to be a PA program in West Tennessee, and that UTHSC is

the best place to have one," Dr. Reed said. "I made the move because I wanted to help the program."

Prior to working at Baptist College of Health Sciences, Dr. Reed spent 10 years at the University of North Texas Health Science Center in Fort Worth, where she was an assistant professor in the Department of Physician Assistant

Studies, while also serving as the PA program's associate director and academic coordinator. Before that, she was director and admissions coordinator for the Physician Assistant Program and chair of the Medical Science Department at Alderson-Broaddus College in West Virginia.

One of her first goals at UTHSC will be to move the program from provisional accreditation to the regular continuing accreditation afforded established programs.



*Linda Reed, EdD, PA*

## PA Program Has a New Medical Director

Dr. David Maness is the new medical director for the Physician Assistant Studies Department at UTHSC. While continuing as Family Medicine chair, he will also be responsible for ensuring the PA educational program meets medical practice standards. He will be a key player in Dr. Reed's effort to move the program from provisional to continuing accreditation.

Dr. Maness attended the University of Tennessee at Martin, graduating in 1976 with a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry. In 1980, he graduated from the College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery in Des Moines, Iowa.

He completed his family medicine residency at Dwight David Eisenhower Army Medical Center

and a Faculty Development Fellowship at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. Dr. Maness obtained a Master of Strategic Studies degree from the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. He served in many academic, administrative, clinical and leadership roles during his military career.

In his final military assignment, Dr. Maness served as the dean of the United States Army Medical Department Center and School in San Antonio, Texas.

He served as a physician in the United States Army for 27 years, achieving the rank of colonel before retiring early to accept the Family Medicine position in the UTHSC College of Medicine.

## ***Audiology & Speech Pathology***

**Charlotte Hubbard (PhD '85)** is an assistant professor of speech pathology at Eastern Kentucky University.

**Ashley Irick (MA '10)** is a clinical instructor in Child Hearing Services.

**Helmar Menz (MA '13)** is a speech pathologist in Wilsonville, Oregon.

**Robert E. Moore (PhD '00)** chairs the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology at the University of South Alabama.

**Melinda Richards (PhD '01)** is an associate professor in communication disorders at Middle Tennessee State University.

**Carol Sheridan (MA '72)** retired in the spring of 2013 from the Department of Audiology and Speech Pathology.

**Nancy Swigert (MA '78)** presented "Clinical Management of Pediatric Dysphagia" at the 20th annual Sol Adler Conference on April 11 in Knoxville.

## ***Clinical Laboratory Sciences (Cytotechnology/ Histotechnology & Medical Laboratory Science)***

**John Bandura ('04)** is hematology technical specialist at Le Bonheur Children's Hospital.

**Veda Duncan ('01)** is a blood bank manager at St. Francis Hospital.

**Jonathan Hardy ('08)** is a laboratory informatics analyst at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

**Rebecca Rogers ('04)** is the evening shift supervisor at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

**Charles Remaklus (Cyto '70)** retired in June from Doctors' Anatomic Pathology Services of Jonesboro, Arkansas after practicing for 44 years.

## ***Health Informatics & Information Management***

**Laritha D. Boone (HIM '09)** was promoted to Senior Data Integrity Specialist at Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare Corporate HIM in Memphis.

**Jana Gallamore Crawford** gave birth to twins Jace Walker and Jackson Davis on Oct. 26, 2013.

## ***In Memoriam***

**Martha D. Mayo ('56)** graduated with a degree in Medical Technology, working first in clinics and later as public information officer as well as being active in Kiwanis, Red Cross and United Way.

**Irma Fortune Rube** was the founding director for the cytotechnology program, a position she held for nearly 35 years until her retirement in 1985. She passed away on Feb. 22, 2012 at the age of 87.

**Karen A. Thorpe (HIIM '77)** retired in the spring of 2013 from St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis and passed away this past year.

**Lindsay Forbess Green (HIM '06)** was promoted to System HIM Manager and was recently married.

**Crystal Jones Harris (MHIM '13)** is a systems analyst at Children's Hospital of Alabama.

**Hannah Jackson (MHIM '13)** is the assistant director of HIM at the University of North Carolina Hospital in Chapel Hill.

**Keisha Jones (HIIM '96)** is a chart auditor for Blue Cross of Tennessee.

**Michele Mitcheff (MHIM '14)** received the AHIMA Linda Kloss Honorary Endowed Scholarship. This is awarded to students whose careers illustrate leadership and vision, and who possess a dedication to lifelong learning.

**Jace Morganti (HIM '87)** is the corporate clinical documentation improvement director for Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare in Memphis.

**Andrea Perkins (MHIM '13)** was selected to serve on the AHIMA Consumer Engagement Practice Council through Dec. 31, 2014.

## ***Occupational Therapy***

**Kristen Griffith Lowrance ('92)** is a certified hand therapist at Campbell Clinic. She has been there for 20 years and is the therapy manager.

**Shelley Smith Seratt ('01)** works for Sport Plus Rehab Center (West Tennessee Health Care) in Dyersburg. Her specialty is pediatrics. Prior to Sports Plus, she worked at Health South Cane Creek Rehab Center.

## ***Physical Therapy***

**Rocky Escajadillo ('12)** and **Buffy Stephany ('13)** were married Feb. 15. Escajadillo works for Tabor Orthopedics; Stephany works for Memphis Physical Therapy.

**Sarah Lynn Johnson ('01)** works for Results Physiotherapy in Southaven, Mississippi, and teaches in the DPT program at UTHSC.

**Mary O'Bryan ('11)** is the lead therapist at Results Physiotherapy in Midtown Memphis.

**Matthew Webb ('13)** successfully completed his residency program at UTHSC.

**Donald T. Upton** passed away in March. He was a pioneer in cytotechnology and served as clinical instructor during the early days of the program at UTHSC.

**Dr. William W. Wilder ('46)** was an ophthalmologist in Germantown, Tennessee (and a U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force veteran) who earned his bachelor's degree from UT.

**Carol G. Wilson ('94)** Occupational Therapy

The UT Health Science Center Office of Development and Alumni Affairs is pleased to announce the 1911 Society charter membership roll as of June 30, 2014. Named for the year of the Health Science Center's founding, the 1911 Society recognizes and celebrates total giving by donors throughout each fiscal year. "From recent graduates, to alumni, friends, faculty and staff, we are honored to extend 1911 Society membership to our annual donors," said Randy Farmer, Vice Chancellor for Development and Alumni Affairs. "The gifts we receive go a long way toward helping our students, faculty, programs and facilities. To each of you who has given, thank you."

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<b>Special Invitations to Campus Events</b>			•	•	•	•
<b>1911 Society Lapel Pin</b>				•	•	•
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Clinical Laboratory Sciences (MSCLS)	14
Cytopathology Practice (MCP)	12
Health Informatics & Information MGMNT (Certificate)	2
Health informatics & information MGMNT (MHIIM)	57
Medical Laboratory Science (BSMLS)	29
Occupational Therapy (MOT)	61
Physical Therapy (DPT)	175
Physical Therapy (ScDPT)	1
Physician Assistant (MMSPA)	25
Speech-Language Pathology (MSSLP)	84
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>514</b>
Female	386 (75%)
Male	128 (25%)