Governor Haslam Visits Campus

On Wednesday, February 29, just before the full Board Meeting of the University of Tennessee, Governor Bill Haslam and members of the UT Board of Trustees heard presentations from students representing each of the six colleges at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC). The Governor serves as chair of the UT Board.

Each of the students spoke about the path that brought them to UTHSC and the value of their educational experiences during the luncheon on the main campus.

Due to serious health problems that afflicted his parents, Sumeet Vaikunth, a fourth-year College of Medicine student said, “I wanted to be someone who could give hope and care to others suffering from illnesses. The clinical experience we get here at UTHSC is unparalleled with the ability to provide care at hospitals that include The MED, Methodist, St. Francis, the VA and Le Bonheur.”

Talbot Named Dean in College of Nursing

Chancellor Steve J. Schwab, MD, has announced the appointment of Laura A. Talbot, PhD, EdD, RN, GCNS-BC, as the next dean for the UTHSC College of Nursing. In her new role, she will be responsible for leading the college in all four UTHSC missions – education, research, clinical care, and public service.

Dr. Talbot is currently the Dean W. Colvard Distinguished Professor in Nursing, and a professor in the College of Health and Human Services at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte (UNC). She also serves as director of the UNCC Health Services Research PhD Program. Dr. Talbot has extensive administrative, clinical and research experience, much of it gleaned during her more than 30 years of service in the U. S. Air Force, where she rose to the rank of colonel and commanded a medical squadron. Her varied academic achievements culminated in her current positions at UNCC.

“We are pleased to welcome Dr. Talbot to the university community,” Chancellor Schwab said. “Her combination of extensive experience as a practicing and administrative nurse, combined with her substantial research talents and her proven ability to obtain major grant funding are assets that will be of tremendous benefit in her new role.”

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the University of Tennessee Health Science Center is to bring the benefits of the health sciences to the achievement and maintenance of human health, with a focus on the citizens of Tennessee and the region, by pursuing an integrated program of education, research, clinical care, and public service.

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UTHSC Embarks on SACS Accreditation

Since 1999, UTHSC as a university has been accredited as part of the Big Orange University in conjunction with UT Knoxville and their associated institutes. However, the Health Science Center has grown over the past decade, not just in size, but in scope and resources as well. As such, it is time for the institution to stand on its own in the eyes of educational agencies. For the first time ever, UTHSC is seeking independent action from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), set to be completed in 2015.

Accreditation is important to a university for several reasons. First, if an institution is not accredited, then none of the professional programs at the school can be accredited. Second, accreditation is in order for students to receive access to scholarships, financial aid, and other educational benefits.

To begin in this process, an Accreditation Steering Committee has been established with Alicia Dorsey, PhD, at the helm, working along with Cheryl Scheid, PhD, and other appointees. Dr. Dorsey had previously led Texas A&M through the accreditation process before arriving at UTHSC in July 2011.

The steering committee will be tasked with: reviewing findings from internal audits; identifying, and overseeing the implementation of any actions deemed necessary to address potential areas of weakness or noncompliance; monitoring the progress and activities of the accreditation committees and workgroups; and verifying the accuracy and appropriateness of all information presented in the SACS Application.

The following individuals representing each college have been selected for the steering committee:

- Audrey Zucker-Levin, PhD, associate professor and assistant dean for Research, College of Allied Health Sciences
- Lloyd George, DDS, Med, JD, professor and associate dean of Clinical Affairs, College of Dentistry
At the town hall meeting on February 17, Chancellor Steve J. Schwab, MD, addressed members of the UTHSC family about the exciting changes starting now and continuing over the next five years. The main topics that he spoke frankly about included the governor’s new budget for education, campus renovations and restructuring, becoming an independently accredited university, and changes in the Office of Research.

In regards to the budget for the new fiscal year, there will be a 2.5 percent increase in compensation from state dollars for faculty and staff. Dr. Schwab noted that this is the second year in a row a raise has been allotted. For the first time, the budget also gives operating funds to UTHSC as a separate unit from the main UT system campus. This means that UTHSC will be able to put more of those funds back into education, which will minimize tuition increases and allow the campus to spend more on improving facilities and infrastructure.

“The acknowledgement of the governor to give us operating funds represents a major achievement in our budget process and the open-mindedness of our governor,” stated Chancellor Schwab.

Given that in years past, federal stimulus funds were used to renovate the campus, UTHSC now has a Regional Biocontainment Laboratory, the new College of Pharmacy building, as well as new lecture halls and labs across campus. With that success, for the first time, the budget allows specific spending for renovations on campus, which will be used to demolish non-functional buildings over the next five years. Currently, the Feurt building, Randolph building, Beale building, and possibly the Hyde building are on the agenda for demolition. Additionally, renovations on the Hyman building, the fourth floor of the Cancer building, and the Mooney building have started.

Because of the growing numbers of students, Ken Brown, JD, MPA, PhD, executive vice chancellor and chief operations officer, spoke about possibly constructing dormitories or apartments on campus.

"In the next three to five years you will see a pretty dramatic transformation of the entire medical district,” said Dr. Brown. “I don’t think for us there has been a better time to be a part of what’s going on here than right now.”

Chancellor Schwab introduced Alicia Dorsey, PhD, to the campus. She joined the university in July 2011, as the new director of Interprofessional Education and Clinical Simulation and assistant vice chancellor of Academic Affairs. Dr. Dorsey is leading UTHSC in the new Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) independent accreditation. (Read the full story about SACS accreditation on page 1.)

The last item discussed as part of the Town Hall meeting was research.

"Research is a key component of the Health Science Center. It is a key contributor to our budget; it occupies a large portion of our faculty and staffs’ time,” said Chancellor Schwab.

Chancellor Schwab went on to describe the ways in which the research structure of the university would change to reflect an organization more on par with established research institutions in the country, instead of an undergraduate institution as it does now.

Under the direction of David Stern, MD, dean of the College of Medicine and recent interim vice chancellor of Research, and a team of deans, a new research council was formed to control the campus’ research infrastructure, research funding and research allocation. It will be composed of the chancellor who allocates the state’s research funds, the deans of the two colleges that have the largest research portfolio, and the executive vice chancellor who would be in charge of allocating research space. Additionally, there would need to be a person to handle the actual administrative infrastructure of the council; thus, Dr. Stern appointed Polly Hofmann, PhD, as senior associate vice chancellor for Research.

There have already been major initiatives put into place by the research council. The first is the appointment of Mike Christensen, PharmD, as associate vice chancellor of Research, to help those needing industry support for clinical trials. Secondly, there are now research grant editors and reviewers on hand to help secure more funds from government research organizations. As the Research Council becomes more established and staffed with representatives of the six colleges and campuses, more initiatives will be put into place to continue to grow UTHSC’s place as a major medical research institution.

After questions and comments for Dr. Hofmann, Chancellor Schwab expressed his enthusiasm for the state of the campus as it moves forward during the next fiscal year. If you missed attending the 2012 town hall meeting, you can still watch it online in its entirety at http://mediaserver.uthsc.edu/UTHSCMS/viewer/?peid=43c85e9292be496aa00c91aa9f0c a981d.

The Next Five Years Focus of Town Hall Meeting

Dr. Fred Heros Named Outstanding Alumnus

Fred C. Heros, DDS, received the College of Dentistry Outstanding Alumnus Award at the annual luncheon held this year on March 2.

At the age of 9, Dr. Heros, along with his parents and two brothers, fled from Cuba, with little more than the clothes on their backs. After living in the Bahamas and Miami, Heros settled in Memphis, where he completed his high school education. Never having to look too far for inspiration – his father was a pediatrician – he knew that he wanted to "touch lives like my father did,” Heros said. “So I knew early on that I wanted to study medicine.”

He graduated with a bachelor’s degree in microbiology from Memphis State University and went on to receive his Doctor of Dental Surgery from the University of Tennessee’s College of Dentistry in 1975. He also served in the U.S. Army National Guard as a first lieutenant. Now, more than three decades later, his dental practice continues to thrive on Covington Pike in Memphis.

Even when he isn’t at his private practice, Heros is often still practicing as part of a network of dentists who volunteer to perform emergency dental surgeries through such organizations as Dental Angels and the Church Health Center for adults and children who otherwise cannot afford the care. Dr. Heros’ involvement in the community includes past presidential appointments of the Tennessee Dental Association and the Memphis Dental Society; various leadership roles on the UT College of Dentistry Alumni Board of Directors and the Mid-South Dental Congress; and serving on the board of directors of the St. Jude Liberty Bowl.

“With his focus on community involvement and education, Dr. Heros represents the very best in dentistry,” said Timothy Hottel, DDS, MS, MBA, dean of the UTHSC College of Dentistry. “He truly represents the best of UTHSC, and I am proud to present him with the Outstanding Alumnus Award.”

Mentoring dozens of dentistry students and seeing 30-plus patients a day is all in a day’s work for Heros who defines his dental journey “as a passion.” Heros observed, “Every day I get to help someone – there is just nothing better.”
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Originally from Texas, Dr. Talbot received her undergraduate education at Incarnate Word College School of Nursing in San Antonio. She obtained graduate degrees from California State University in Los Angeles, the University of North Texas in Denton, and Texas Women’s University in Denton, focusing on college teaching, studies in aging and nursing. Her postdoctoral work was performed at the Gerontology Research Center and sponsored by the National Institute of Nursing Research and National Institute on Aging, parts of the National Institutes of Health.

Dr. Talbot’s extensive academic appointments include five years on the faculty of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS), Bethesda, Md., five years on the faculty of the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing, Baltimore, Md., and four years at UNC. Recognized as a leading contributor in her field, Dr. Talbot has received a wide variety of awards and recognitions including the Legion of Merit (2010); Meritorious Service Medal, Second Oak Leaf Cluster (2007); Brigadier General Beverly Lindsey Administrative Excellence Award, Air Force Reserve Corps (2006); Global War on Terrorism, Service Medal (2006), and Faye G. Abdellah Senior Researcher Award (USUHS-GSN, 2005).

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Second-year PhD student Teresa Bell has made Memphis home for nearly 15 years and is currently studying Health Outcomes and Policy Research through the College of Graduate Health Sciences. “The focus of my graduate work is to find ways to improve the health and medical safety net for our citizens. Too many gaps exist in the Tennessee and U.S. health care systems. Being a student at UTHSC has given me the opportunity to work on projects for UT’s Health Disparities Research Center, for The MED, and for the Memphis Fire Department’s Emergency Medical Services Division. The goal of my graduate work is to produce data that can inform clinical health care professionals and policy-makers on how the quality of health care can be improved and how to make care more accessible and less costly for those who finance it.”

“Quality in higher learning is the focal point for all of the students at the Health Science Center,” echoed second-year master’s level nursing student Derrick Meadow. “When we hit the field for clinical practice, we are supposed to stand out and be above some of the students from other educational organizations. UTHSC is also on the forefront of interdisciplinary training, pioneering ways to get all the colleagues to come together and work across our disciplines. That’s exactly what we will need to do to serve patients in the real world.”

“It’s a pleasure listening to these students, young men and women who are studying at an institution that provides maybe the highest level of education in Tennessee,” Governor Haslam said. “Their presence assembles, focusing keenly on UTHSC students. “The leadership you are looking for is assembled, focusing keenly on UTHSC students. “The leadership you are looking for is

Reverend Jesse Jackson Talks ‘Being a Light’ with Students

On April 3, Chancellor Steve J. Schwab, MD, senior-level administrators and students at UTHSC welcomed Reverend Jesse Jackson to the campus. The civil rights leader and Baptist minister was in town to commemorate the 44th anniversary of the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and to replace the wreath on the balcony outside of the room at the Lorraine Motel where Dr. King stayed and was killed.

Rev. Jackson sat down with African-American students representing each of UTHSC’s six colleges to discuss the serious challenges present in the African-American community including health disparities, guns, crime and drugs.

“Too many of our children come from so much brokenness, from a real, dark place,” began Rev. Jackson to the students. “You have to be part of the light, part of the overcomers. When we realize success, like you have, we have a tendency to conceal our pain. By sharing what you’ve been through to achieve your goals, you can spread that light to others.”

Challenging the UTHSC students as they move forward in their health professions, Rev. Jackson stressed, “Nurturing and mentoring matter…Seize this unusual moment in your lives and apply it. You have a long time to apply it. Our children need more exposure to young people like you because usually you do what you know. Our children have limited dreams because they haven’t had the exposure to know what vast possibilities are out there. You can help our children dream bigger dreams.”

“Rev. Jackson reaffirmed the charge of minority health professionals,” said Enitra Jones, PhD student, College of Graduate Health Sciences. “It is not enough for us to excel academically for personal gains. We are obligated to take an active role in educating, supporting, and preparing our youth to become successful black professionals.”

Among the team members who met with Rev. Jackson were Theotis Robinson, UT System vice president for the Office of Equity and Diversity, who was one of the first three African-Americans ever admitted to UT; Ken Brown, JD, MPA, PhD, UTHSC executive vice chancellor and chief operations officer, who in 2005 became the first African-American to serve as chief of staff at any UT System campus; Noma Bennett Anderson, the first African-American dean of any college in the history of UTHSC, leading the UTHSC College of Allied Health Sciences; and Marie Chisholm-Burns, PharmD, dean of the UTHSC College of Pharmacy, the first African-American to ever lead the college and the second African-American dean in UTHSC history. The UTHSC College of Pharmacy enrollment more African-American students than any other pharmacy college in the nation, outside of historically black colleges and universities.

“The message you are sharing with us really resonates,” noted Dean Anderson, “and we appreciate you being here to share that message. African-American students should not be and will not be missing in action in our programs,” she stated. “All of our department chairs understand that inclusion is a real, measurable goal we must meet.”

The good will of the meeting was felt by all who attended, with the final words of hope coming from Rev. Jackson.

“When I look at your faces around this room, I’m encouraged,” Rev. Jackson told those assembled, focusing keenly on UTHSC students. “The leadership you are looking for is around this room.”
Sick Leave Bank Enrollment Begins

The annual open enrollment period for the Sick Leave Bank kicked off on April 2 and will continue until June 29. The Sick Leave Bank provides paid leave to bank members who have exhausted all of their leave due to a personal illness or injury. The open enrollment is for new enrollees only. If you previously enrolled, your membership remains in force through your employment.

Eligibility:
Employees must:

- Be classified as regular, full-time, or part-time and be in an active pay status, which allows accrual of sick leave.
- Have a balance of at least 48 sick leave hours as of June 29.
- Agree to a one-time donation of 24 hours of sick leave for full-time employees. Part-time employees’ assessments will be prorated based on the percentage of effort.

To Enroll:
Enrollment forms are available online at the Benefits Web page:
http://www.uthsc.edu/hr/benefits/sick_leave_bank/enrollment.php.

If you would like a better understanding of what the Sick Leave Bank is and what it has to offer, you may attend a Sick Leave Bank class by registering online at http://www.uthsc.edu/hrtraining/.

Register Now – Search for the Healthy City

Join the seventh Search for the Healthy City study tour in Italy, September 2 – 12, 2012. The course will be held in Padua and Venice in collaboration with the University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Medicine.

The theme this year is “Healing Through the Ages.” During this residential seminar, you will learn about classics of medical history and public health, visit healing and cultural sites, and examine how health systems and medical educators have responded to epidemics and plagues from the Renaissance until today.

Check out the brochure online at www.thehealthycity.org/join-the-search or contact jim@thehealthycity.org for any questions.

Join the discussion on Facebook at www.facebook.com/thehealthycity.

Campus Police, MPD Prep for Active Shooter

On Friday, March 2, more than 25 police officers from the Memphis Police Department (MPD) and the UTHSC Campus Police collaborated on an active shooter drill set on the UTHSC campus. The mock emergency situation was staged to create an intensive training scenario for law enforcement officers. MPD Tactical Units outlined an active shooter situation for 25 officers. They then paired UTHSC Campus Police and city of Memphis police officers in teams to seek out and apprehend the suspect as described.

“We undertook this collaborative training effort to enhance the university community’s preparedness in case of this type of emergency situation,” said Ken Brown, JD, MPA, PhD, executive vice chancellor and chief operations officer at UTHSC. “Through this collaborative training with MPD, we are working to increase safety measures and optimize response.”

The training exercise was the result of years of work to grow a professional relationship with the Memphis Police Department. Through joint training exercises with the MPD, both agencies have an opportunity to gain insight into what to expect when responding to an emergency, as well as continuing to foster a greater level of cooperation.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, in 2002 there were approximately 16 million students enrolled in 4,200 colleges and universities across the nation. These same college and university campuses are constantly growing and changing. Unfortunately, not all of the change has been favorable. When one considers the recent shootings and other challenges on the nation’s campuses, campus law enforcement finds itself seeking additional ways to increase the level and intensity of training for police officers.

“The well-being of our team members and security of the campus community are central concerns of this administration,” said UTHSC Chief of Campus Police Lue Walls-Upchurch. “Close cooperation and joint training with MPD will further support our level of readiness to respond rapidly, efficiently and with confidence if and when needed.”

Although, this is the first multi-agency training drill held on the UTHSC campus, UTHSC officers have actively engaged in similar drills hosted by other law enforcement agencies. UTHSC officers also participated in a multi-agency training exercise hosted by the FBI, University of Memphis Police Department, and the Shelby County Sheriff’s Office.

As college and university campuses change, campus law enforcement must maintain training and preparedness as central priorities. The drill was announced well in advance to the campus in order not to alarm students, faculty and staff. Special thanks to MPD Director Toney Armstrong and MPD Colonel Russell Houston for their support in keeping UTHSC safe.

UT Advocacy Council Forms

On Saturday, February 4, about 100 UT alumni, faculty, staff and administrators from across the state gathered in Nashville for the first meeting of the newly formed UT Advocacy Council (UTAC). The UTAC combines with the existing Alumni Legislative Council and will serve as an inclusive group of UT advocates across the state – a vehicle to engage policymakers in a productive, coordinated manner.

Mark Cate, special assistant to Gov. Bill Haslam, took time to outline the governor’s priorities for this year and told the group, “Partnerships with UT are really important because UT has a tremendous role not only in graduating students but in moving the state forward in economic development.”

For more information on the structure and goals of the UT Advocacy Council, visit the Web site: www.tennessee.edu/advocacy or follow the group on Twitter: @UTAdvocator.
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- Don Thomason, PhD, professor and associate dean, College of Graduate Health Sciences
- Bob Shreve, EdD, associate professor and associate dean for Medical Education, College of Medicine
- Wendy Likes, PhD, associate professor and vice chair, Department of Acute and Chronic Care, College of Nursing
- Peter Chyka, PharmD, professor and executive associate dean, College of Pharmacy
- George Cook, PhD, professor, College of Medicine, and faculty representative and chair, UT System Faculty Council, representing the UTMS Faculty Senate
- Tony Ferrara, CPA, MAS, vice chancellor for Finance and Operations
- Polly Hofmann, PhD, senior associate vice chancellor for Research

In addition to the Accreditation Steering Committee, four additional committees and workgroups have been created to focus on specific issues such as faculty credentials and distance education. Stay up to date throughout the coming months and years about the accreditation process through listservs, The Record, and DMS screens across campus.

In the coming months, more information will be released on specific issues. If you are interested in joining in the process or if you have questions, contact Dr. Dorsey at adorsey2@uthsc.edu.

Preventive Medicine Offers Online Certificate

The online Certificate in Clinical Research Program at the UT Health Science Center will consider applications submitted by May 21, for fall 2012 admission. The Clinical Research Program is based in the Department of Preventive Medicine.

The 12-credit-hour, two-semester program, leading to an awarded certificate, is designed primarily for junior faculty, fellows, other health care professionals and research-oriented individuals who are not in a degree program.

The program covers initial training in the methods and skills to conduct clinical research. Introductory graduate courses for the certificate include: epidemiology, biostatistics, clinical research design, ethics, and other disciplines related to the effective, efficient conduct of clinical research.

The online classroom environment is ideal for nontraditional students whose schedules may not conform to classroom-based courses. More details are available at: http://uthsc.edu/prevmd/circ.php.

Applications are available at: http://www.uthsc.edu/prevmd/pm/circ.htm. Applications must be submitted via hardcopy only.

Communications and Marketing – Winners at VOX Awards

On April 13, the UTHSC Communications and Marketing Department earned two Gold Award certificates (second place) at the Public Relations Society of America Memphis Chapter Annual VOX Awards. The department won for its Centennial Campaign in the category Marketing/Communications/Promotions category. The second gold certificate was for the RxBio Press Release and subsequent media coverage in the Writing: Hard News/Breaking News category.

With more than 100 entries, there was much competition for this year’s awards. Holden Potter, president of the Memphis Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America told the VOX attendees, “Each of you plays an important role in your institutions. You are all storytellers for your organizations. That makes you part of the fabric of a much larger story...the Mid-South story.”

“Our team used strong collaborative skills to submit VOX entries that accurately reflected the scope of our work,” said Sheila Champlin, director of Communications and Marketing at UTHSC. “It is particularly gratifying to receive peer recognition for major projects like the Centennial Campaign, which required sustained creativity and team effort in order to achieve our organization’s goals.”

This is the second major award competition the Communications and Marketing team has won in the past year. In November, they also won a Platinum and Gold MarCom award presented by the association of Marketing and Communication Professionals.

Four UTHSC Teams Win $15,000 in Maturation Grants

The University of Tennessee Research Foundation (UTRF) has selected eight teams of inventors to receive annual maturation funding. Each team will receive $15,000 to assist in further developing the technology to improve positioning for licensing and commercialization.

“UTRF is pleased to provide maturation grants to accelerate the development of these eight innovations,” UTRF Interim President Dick Gourley said. “The quality of the ideas submitted from across the state shows the vibrancy of the University of Tennessee research enterprise and the potential for UT innovations to improve the lives of Tennesseans.”

Recipients awarded by the UTRF Health Science Center office include:
- Michio Kuroso, PhD, and Joy Debnath, PhD, for novel pharmaceuticals to treat drug-resistant gram-positive bacteria, including mycobacteria tuberculosis, staphylococcus aureus, and enterococcus faecalis;
- Monica M. Jablonski, PhD, Mallika Palamoor, PhD, and Huiling Li, PhD, for nanoparticles to provide sustained-release drug delivery in the eye;
- Hassan Amoazen, PhD, Catherine Crill, PharmD, Gretchen Potts, PhD, and Richard Helms, PharmD, for a transdermal patch to replace parenteral delivery of micronutrients;
- Denis DiAngelo, PhD, for a dynamic brace to treat lower-back pain without restricting movement.

A total of 44 proposals were submitted from the University of Tennessee’s four campuses and three institutes. The selection process included evaluation of three key areas: demonstration of a path for commercial development, market potential, and stage of development.

As part of the award process, UTRF will receive interim and final reports from the researchers that will describe increased knowledge and improvements in the subject technology. This information is expected to assist UTRF in better positioning the technologies for licensing.

Since the Maturation Funding Program was initiated in 2007, more than $600,000 has been awarded to nearly 50 projects. A call for submissions for next year’s Maturation Funding Program will be announced in October 2012. For more details of the program, visit http://utrf.tennessee.edu/techtransfer/.

TARGIT Enrolls 200 to Quit Smoking

In April, the TARGIT Research Study (Treating Adults at Risk for Weight Gain with Interactive Technology) reached a milestone of enrolling 200 participants! The study tests an intervention technique to help young smokers quit, while avoiding the weight gain that often occurs afterwards. Many faculty and staff have already seen the benefits of the program. The study is sponsored by the Department of Preventive Medicine.

If you are interested in joining the TARGIT study, don’t delay. The UTHSC Department of Preventive Medicine still seeks men and women between the ages of 18 and 35 who are normal weight or above, smoke 10 or more cigarettes per day and want to quit smoking. Enrolled participants will receive nicotine patches at no cost, access to a telephone tobacco-quit line, interactive technology and $250 for follow-up visits. There is no cost to participate. Recruitment for this study will continue through August 2012.

For more information or to enroll in TARGIT, call (901) 448-STOP (448-7867).
UT College of Medicine — Chattanooga

Health Law Partnership Announced at Erlanger

The UT College of Medicine in Chattanooga (UTCOMC) faculty and residents are getting a new resource to help patients and aid community collaboration. The new Erlanger Health Law Partnership (EHLP) is a joint effort by the Erlanger Health System and Legal Aid of East Tennessee to combine the health care expertise of hospital professionals with the legal expertise of attorneys. The EHLP will provide services to address the legal, policy, and ethical issues that affect patients’ health — especially concerning asthma and other health conditions associated with poverty-stricken communities.

The patients served by the EHLP face many barriers to accessing the services of an attorney, including lack of transportation, lack of knowledge about the availability of services, language barriers and mistrust of the legal system. EHLP works to combat these problems by placing an attorney into the medical setting, building on the trust developed in the physician-patient relationship. By placing a poverty law attorney from Legal Aid of East Tennessee directly into Erlanger’s main location on the Baroness campus, EHLP aims to help patients with issues such as substandard housing, lack of access to public support programs, and family violence. EHLP can assist with legal issues such as:

- Public benefits, e.g. food stamps;
- Domestic violence;
- Housing;
- Education;
- Employment, e.g. Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA);
- Consumer issues;
- Power of attorney and advanced directives.

The office for the Erlanger Health Law Partnership is located on the first floor of the Erlanger Baroness campus, between the Blood Assurance Office and the post office. For more information, visit www.laet.org or www.erlanger.org/ehlp.

UT Health Science Center — Knoxville

Center for Advanced Medical Simulation Opens to Community

In March, the UT Graduate School of Medicine held a grand opening event in its new medical simulation center, inviting faculty, staff and the community to tour the facility and participate in simulations. The UT Center for Advanced Medical Simulation is expected to enhance the quality of patient care and improve outcomes by advancing the medical skills of physicians and other health care professionals.

Physicians and staff said the new facility stands alongside the nation’s best simulation centers for meeting the needs of practicing and aspiring medical professionals. The new center is 6,500 square feet, significantly larger than the 400-square-foot original simulation center that opened in 2008.

Complete with life-like adult and newborn mannequins that mimic humans, simulated operating, intensive care and endovascular suites and a host of other advanced training devices for medical and dental procedures, the center is equipped to help clinicians improve their skills and decision-making capabilities.

“The new simulation center represents the changing paradigm in health care education and training,” said Leonard Hines, MD, co-director of the UT Center for Advanced Medical Simulation and an assistant professor with the UT Graduate School of Medicine. “Similar to training in the aviation industry, every member of the health care team has the opportunity to learn and master skills and to become familiar with advancing technology in a safe, risk-free environment, before accepting the challenge of patient care. In promoting safer and higher quality health care, the center becomes a valuable asset to the region’s medical community and the patients served.”

“In addition to physicians, other health care providers such as nurses, therapists, physician assistants, EMTs and dentists learn techniques at the simulation center that can quickly be put into practice for their patients,” said Paul Huffstutter, MD, co-director of the simulation center and an assistant professor with the UT Graduate School of Medicine. “Our physicians and staff provide significant hands-on training, but we also step back to observe and capture video recordings of procedures from a control room, with immediate debriefing and critiquing sessions afterward, to optimize student learning.”

In accordance with their role at the region’s only academic medical center, staff members, including Melinda Klar, RN, administrative director, and Judy Roark, CST, lab coordinator and skills coach, employ a model by which they continually study their own training and teaching techniques as well as how others best learn. As a result, they can frequently modify their training modules and methods to help those they teach maximize what they’ve learned on behalf of their patients.

View UTHSC News Notes

Catch up on all the good news about UTHSC by visiting http://www.uthsc.edu/news/newsnotes/. News Notes provides a brief summary of media exposure that faculty, staff and students have received, as well as links to more information (when available).
New Employee Course to Address Signs of Domestic Violence

Preventive Medicine has announced a new three-year initiative, Improving Safety on Campus (ISOC) Employee Curriculum. Campus violence has become an increasingly prevalent public health issue, making it imperative to address it at institutions of higher learning across the nation.

The purpose of ISOC is to educate the UTHSC campus community on how to respond to and help prevent domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking on campus. ISOC builds strong partnerships and forges lasting collaborations with both campus and community organizations to respond to and prevent these crimes.

Some of ISOC’s collaborative efforts include: updating UTHSC policies and procedures to be user friendly, expanding the University Health Services Web site to include domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and building bridges with our community partners. The latest joint effort is the development of the ISOC Employee Curriculum, which is designed to assist employees in improving their personal safety, as well as educating them to recognize and assist victims with the appropriate resources for victims of dating and sexual crimes.

Upon completion of this course, you will be able to:

- Recognize various types, signs, and behaviors of campus violence
- Refer victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking to appropriate resources
- Identify resources available both on and off campus for victims

The curriculum is located at http://www.uthsc.edu/hrtraining under “Improving Safety on Campus” on the left side in the green navigation bar. For more information, please call the Department of Preventive Medicine at (901) 448-5900.

UTHSC Surgeons Help Set Transplant Record

Longtime partner with UT Health Science Center in cutting-edge surgeries, Methodist University Hospital (MUH) Transplant Institute has recently become the 4th largest liver transplant program in the nation. The institute’s 140-person team (many whom hold appointments at UTHSC) has become recognized as one of the top 10 transplant programs in the United States. Last year, a total of 270 transplants were performed, the most ever at the MUH Transplant Institute, up to 13 percent more than the prior year. The 2011 numbers included 122 kidney transplants, 138 liver transplants, and 10 kidney/pancreas transplants. Additionally, in 2011, adult patient survival rates markedly improved to 90 percent for liver transplants and 97 percent for all transplants combined.

“UTHSC is a pivotal partner with Methodist in transplants, bringing a commitment to academic excellence and recruiting that has enabled us to achieve and sustain a top-tier program,” said David M. Stern, MD, executive dean of the UTHSC College of Medicine, and vice chancellor for Health Affairs.

An alumnus of the UTHSC College of Medicine, James Eason, MD, and the institute he leads are known worldwide for performing the 2009 liver transplant on Apple co-founder Steve Jobs. The surgery saved his life, returned him to the maximum level of health possible, and extended the visionary’s time.

“The UT-Methodist partnership enabled us to really create a dream team by recruiting what I consider to be the top transplant physicians from all over the country and world,” Dr. Eason said. “We are proud to be one of the largest liver transplant programs in the United States and probably one of the 10-largest liver transplant programs in the world.”

The MUH Transplant Institute is a partnership program with the University of Tennessee Health Science Center. Methodist assumed management of UT Bowld Hospital and its transplant program in November 2002. Almost two years later, the UT Bowld Transplant Program moved to MUH, and the MUH Transplant Institute was formed. UTHSC continues to staff and operate the Transplant Institute.

Dr. Freeman Receives Distinguished Service Award

On February 9, Jerre Freeman, MD, clinical professor of Ophthalmology, received the Distinguished Service Award at the Dr. Henry Logan Sparks Scholarship Dinner held by the Memphis Theological Seminary (MTS).

The Logan Sparks Scholarship Dinner is an annual celebration of the legacy of Dr. Sparks, the first African-American professor at MTS, and his contributions to the community. The event spotlights individuals who have contributed to the community, both locally and globally, who embody Dr. Sparks’ vision.

The award was given for Dr. Freeman’s 40 years of work and more than 40,000 eye surgeries, many completed on those in underdeveloped countries. In 1978, he founded the World Cataract Foundation, a non-profit organization that has developed inexpensive intraocular lenses and worked to eliminate blindness in third-world countries. Dr. Freeman holds more than 20 patents for lens implants and surgical implements that have been used in more than 50 countries.

The keynote speaker at this year’s event was Tony Dungy, legendary coach who led the Indianapolis Colts to Super Bowl victory in 2007. The first African-American head coach to win the Super Bowl ring, he shared both professional and personal stories on perseverance and faith with the crowd. Encee for the evening was Grammy award-winning musician Kirk Whalum.
Dr. Byrne Passes Torch to become New RBL Director

Gerald Byrne, PhD, has been named full-time director of the UTHSC Regional Biocontainment Laboratory (RBL). In order to focus completely on his new role, Dr. Byrne has stepped down as chair of the UTHSC Department of Microbiology, Immunology and Biochemistry (MIB), a position he held for almost 10 years. As a result, Michael Whitt, PhD, professor in MIB, has been named as the interim chair for the department.

“Gerry has made many significant contributions to his department and to the university. He is an outstanding scientist and advocate for the RBL, and we are excited he has chosen to focus his considerable efforts in the development of the RBL research portfolio,” observed David Stern, MD, executive dean of the College of Medicine. “We are grateful to Mike for his willingness to assume the leadership role in Microbiology, Immunology and Biochemistry. His abilities to build strong peer relationships and manage projects will serve him well in his new role,” Dr. Stern added.

Dr. Byrne serves on the editorial board of the Journal of Infection and Immunity. He has been continually funded by multiple extramural agencies throughout his career — including an ongoing National Institute of Health (NIH) R01 grant with a 25-year history and Department of Defense funding for the past 10 years. Dr. Byrne was also a lead researcher in the successful bid to obtain the UTHSC NIH UC6 grant, which brought in more than $25 million to support the building and equipping of the RBL.

Funded by the NIH and American Cancer Society, Dr. Whitt served as a member of the NIH Virology Study Section. He is also on the editorial board for Virology and Journal of Virology.

Dr. Whitt is an internationally recognized expert on vesicular stomatitis virus (VSV). He also holds a patent on the use of recombinant VSV as a therapeutic vector, and has won numerous teaching awards at UTHSC.

Training Expo Highlights Diverse Opportunities

On February 17, more than 145 employees attended the Training and Professional Development Expo, sponsored by the UTHSC Training Advisory Committee (TAC). The expo was designed to showcase various types of training opportunities on campus. It featured displays from 10 departments with information ranging from financial fitness to personal fitness, and from library services to policy compliance.

“As both a volunteer and an attendee, I thought the training expo was a very fun event,” said Mary Bandy, computer information specialist in the library. “It was exciting to learn about the various opportunities available to all employees.”

In addition to showcasing training opportunities, the expo promoted benefits that support professional development like the Employee Computer Purchase Program and Educational Assistance. A representative from the UT Knoxville Computer Store was on hand to discuss and display the types of hardware, software and other technology available at discounted rates. The HR department provided information about tuition assistance, as well as the colleges and universities at which employees can use this benefit.

TAC also solicited input from employees regarding current and future training programs through a survey. The results will guide the work of TAC in planning for future training programs on campus.

Employees enjoyed training demonstrations, light refreshments and great door prizes. Each participant received a training folder with tips for setting annual training goals along with a bag, pen, highlighter, and a ticket for door prize drawings.

Top photo: Richard Buntyn, assistant manager of the UT Knoxville Computer Store (far right), explains the benefits of the Employee Computer Purchase Program to those eligible.

Bottom photo: Campus Recreation Director Frank Harrison (far left) and Editorial Design Specialist Brad Anderson (middle left) lead attendees in a vigorous spinning exercise at the training expo.

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On February 3, faculty, students and staff from the UTHSC’s College of Dentistry provided free dental services to more than 100 middle school students from Memphis Academy of Health Sciences. The event was part of the American Dental Association’s Give Kids a Smile Day, a national initiative that provides free oral health care services to children from low-income families. This is the first year UTHSC has participated. The event focused attention on the epidemic of untreated oral disease among disadvantaged children and served as a wake-up call.

“The College of Dentistry is proud to be a part of this national program,” said Timothy Hottel, DDS, dean of UTHSC College of Dentistry. “Reaching out to children – especially the underserved children in the community – should be part of any dental program. If we can get the attention of these children and teach them the importance of good dental hygiene, we may prevent a lifetime of dental disease.

In addition, this is an important learning experience for our dental students as they see firsthand the benefits of serving others, especially those who have little or no access to good dental care.”

“The kids need access to care,” said student dentist Matt McShane in an interview with WREG-TV. “This is a great opportunity for them to be seen and to get acquainted with us. All in all, it’s a great experience for them and us.”

Each child received a dental exam, oral health instruction, fluoride varnish application, and tooth cleaning. Dental services provided also included applying sealants to prevent cavities and decay, tooth extractions and restorations. They were also given an oral health report card for their parents on what was found and other issues that might need to be addressed.

The event provided 544 dental procedures to 105 children, valued more than $20,000. The event was covered by several media outlets including The Commercial Appeal, WREG-TV, Associated Press and The News & Observer in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Students from Memphis Academy of Health Sciences smile for the camera after receiving free dental work done at Give Kids a Smile Day.

Community Dental Care Focus of Give Kids a Smile Day

UTHSC Recognized as Healthy Employer

In March, UT Health Science Center was proud to be recognized as a finalist in the Memphis Business Journal Mid-South Healthiest Employer Competition.

The magazine highlighted UTHSC’s comprehensive wellness programs for both physical and mental health, specifically focusing on the state-of-the-art workout facility, luncheon seminars, money management instruction and psychological counselling.

“As a central figure in health care education, this is just another way of UTHSC leading by example and showing the dedication the institution has to its mission of ‘bringing the benefits of the health sciences to the achievement and maintenance of human health,’” said Frank Harrison, director of Campus Recreation.

For more information on UTHSC’s wellness services, go to http://www.uthsc.edu/campusrec/fitwellness.php.

Safeco Executives Tour Child Hearing Services

On February 27, three executives from Safeco Insurance traveled to Knoxville to tour Child Hearing Services (CHS) in the Department of Audiology and Speech Pathology, which is part of the College of Allied Health Sciences at UTHSC. CHS provides treatment for hearing-impaired infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and school-aged children and their families. In December, Safeco donated $10,000 to Audiology and Speech Pathology for the CHS program in honor of Emerson Grace Doty, a 6-month-old baby girl who is the granddaughter of a Safeco employee. The child is a participant in CHS.

“Safeco Insurance is pleased to be able to have an impact on families facing special challenges with speech and hearing through this contribution,” said Cecil Booher, vice president and southeast regional general manager. “Our hope is that the development of this fund will help many others who need therapy and care.”

After the tour, the three Safeco executives hosted a reception to acknowledge and thank the CHS staff for their work in treating hearing-impaired children. The Audiology and Speech Pathology Pediatric Language Lab will hold a party celebrating their 40th anniversary in September.
The B. Otto and Kathleen Wheeley Awards for Excellence in Technology Transfer

Now Accepting Nominations

The B. Otto and Kathleen Wheeley Award is given to University of Tennessee faculty members who excel in the commercialization of university-based research results. The B. Otto and Kathleen Wheeley Foundation provides the award stipend, through an endowment fund, which was established in 1989.

Otto Wheeley, a University of Tennessee graduate, was deputy chair of the Koppers Company and president of Kopvenco, a venture capital subsidiary of Koppers in the early 1980s. Eager to promote technological entrepreneurs in Tennessee, he returned to the state and founded Venture First Associations, Inc., forming a close alliance with his alma mater to promote the commercialization of university-developed research.

The award is specifically intended to recognize faculty who take a direct and active role in the commercialization process. There will be two awards given in 2012 of $5,000 each.

Criteria for the award include:

• The technological and/or scientific significance of the invention or creative work being commercialized;
• The market success of the product or process;
• The degree of active involvement of the faculty member in the commercialization process; and
• The faculty member’s overall contribution to the university’s missions of teaching, research and service.

Nominations must include: the nominee’s curriculum vitae and a two-page description of his or her technology transfer achievements. The technology transfer description must include: the company (or companies) that have licensed the technology, information on the market to which the product is directed and its success in the marketplace; the innovative/unique qualities of the product or process and its benefits to society, and the nominee’s active and direct involvement in the commercialization process.

For the first time ever, there will also be an award for Excellence in Technology Transfer For Graduate Students, Residents, or Postdoctoral Fellows. There will be two awards given in 2012 of $1,500 each.

Criteria for the award include:

• The technological and/or scientific significance of the invention or creative work being commercialized or developed;
• The potential market success of the product or process;
• The degree of active involvement of the graduate student, resident or postdoc in the development of the disclosure, patent and/or the commercialization process; and
• The graduate student, resident or postdoc’s contributions to the university’s missions of teaching, research and service.

Nominations must include: the nominee’s curriculum vitae and a two-page description of his or her technology transfer achievements to date. The technology transfer description must include: any companies that have licensed the technology, information on the market to which the product is directed and its potential success in the marketplace, the innovative/unique qualities of the product or process and its potential benefits to society, and the nominee’s active and direct involvement in the process. A letter from the nominee’s major professor and/or mentor must be included with the letter of nomination.

The deadline for all submissions is Friday, June 29, 2012. Nominations should be sent to:

Dick R. Gourley, PharmD
UT Research Foundation
600 Henley Street, Suite 211
UT Conference Center
Knoxville, TN 37996-4122
Phone: (865) 974-1882
Fax: (865) 974-2803

The awards will be presented in September 2012.

MAY CONFERENCE

Electronic Health Records Symposium

The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Center for Executive Education and the UT Graduate School of Medicine are hosting an Electronic Health Records Spring Symposium at the Ridgeway Country Club in Memphis on May 3 and 4.

The dual-track conference is designed for beginners and long-time users of electronic health records. Nationally recognized experts in the field will teach the course.

Venue space is limited, so participants are encouraged to register early. The registration fee is $895 per person. It includes materials, lunches, a light reception and continuing medical education credits.

This symposium is certified for 10.5 American Medical Association continuing medical education credits and continuing education units for health care professionals.

Speakers for the event include:

• Don Lighter, MD, director of the Institute for Healthcare Quality Research and Education. He is a Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award senior examiner and co-author of the widely used textbook, “Principles and Methods of Quality Management in Health Care.”
• Bill Bria, MD, chief medical information officer at Shriners Hospital for Children in Tampa, Fla. He is an adviser to the National Center for Research Resources, a component of the National Institutes of Health, and author of the books “The Physician-Computer Conundrum: Get Over It!” and “Digital Communication in the Medical Practice.”
• Randy Bradley, health care IT strategist, researcher and assistant professor at UT. He serves on the editorial review advisory board for the Journal of Organizational and End User Computing and Decision Sciences Journal. Bradley conducts research on health care information technology and advises U.S. hospitals on integrating IT infrastructures.

The Center for Executive Education is part of UT’s College of Business Administration. It is home to a series of non-degree health care short courses and the Physician Executive MBA, a program exclusively for physicians.

For more details about the symposium and to register, visit http://ExecEd.utk.edu/ehr. Applicants may also register by calling (865) 974-5001.

Submit Stories to The Record

We are now accepting submissions for the July-August issue of The Record. Send stories and photos to elink@uthsc.edu, and we will try to include the items in the next issue.
On March 8, the results of the 2011 Employee Engagement Survey were recognized to faculty and staff. This was the first time results of a campus-wide survey were shared with the entire UT system.

The Employee Engagement Survey was executed by the company ModernThink, as part of the Chronicle of Education Program “Great Colleges to Work For.” The endeavor models itself after the annual Fortune Magazine “Top 100 Companies to Work For” issue. There are currently more than 300 educational institutions involved in the survey nationally.

There were several highlights to the survey; the first being the number of respondents. More than 49 percent of UT system faculty and staff took the survey. This is positive proof that the campus is engaged in its mission and direction. Sixty-one percent of the entire UT system participated overall.

The second area where UT system excelled was in job satisfaction and support. Approximately 80 percent of respondents answered favorably to statements such as, “I understand how my job contributes to the campus,” and, “I am proud of my job on campus.”

There were equally high numbers in regards to the professional benefits offered, campus culture, and work-life balance.

In regards to campus leadership, the competency of the senior leaders of the campus was reviewed favorably, especially in rating their ability to lead the campus forward. On a day-to-day work basis, many workers also answered that they had autonomy in their positions, meaning that little micro-managing was occurring across campus.

Naturally, the survey revealed several areas where UT system could improve. This, however, is in itself a positive note. Prior to distribution of the survey, employees were informed that their answers would be entirely confidential. In fact, the raw data cannot even be accessed by campus leaders. Thus, employees trusted campus leaders enough to write their feelings honestly, in order to contribute to improving the campus.

The first area for improvement is in communication. Although employees felt confident with the senior leadership, many stated that they wanted the dialogue between leadership and staff to be better. Many on campus also felt the need to be included and consulted on major campus issues in order to create a “shared governance” style of communication. This desire to be more integral with the UT system and with UT system leaders demonstrates the high engagement of employees on campus.

The second major area of improvement was in compensation and in understanding how compensation is determined. The third area for improvement was department-oriented, with many asking for equal recognition and support as other departments.

Senior leaders across campus are already reviewing the results and trying to find new ways to increase employee satisfaction. Additionally, President DiPietro expressed a desire to redo the Engagement Survey in three years in order to gauge improvements.

If you missed the reading of results, the presentation is available online at: http://mediaserver.uthsc.edu/UTHSCMS/Viewer/?peid=45fc4294c4f0479ea473529955f0f2201d.

Go to http://humanresources.tennessee.edu/yourvoice/index.html for updates on system-wide results and new initiatives to raise employee satisfaction on campus.
Health Care Challenge 2012

On January 21, the first-ever UTHSC Health Care Challenge kicked off in the Student-Alumni Center. More than 90 students from all six colleges gathered to form 14 teams. The mission: to design a health plan for policy changes. Thus, the Health Care Challenge was really a model for the way health care providers must work together on a day-to-day basis in their professional lives. Faculty advisors, representing a wide range of health care professions from across UTHSC, were assigned to the teams in order to guide students to possible resources available to complete the proposal development.

“MIFA was excited about this new partnership with UTHSC’s Health Care Challenge. Our Senior Companion program can only benefit from the expertise and contributions of these talented students. MIFA has relied on collaborations throughout its 44-year history, and we look forward to learning and growing through this opportunity as well,” said Sally Jones Heinz, executive director of MIFA.

The Senior Companion Program pairs low-income able seniors with homebound, disabled or critically ill peers. Companions help with the many activities of daily living in order to provide caregivers (typically family members) with a much-needed break. There are currently more than 115 companions serving more than 600 clients in the community. A significant portion of the companions and clients face health problems, such as high blood pressure, diabetes, heart disease, and a wide array of cancers.

The goal of the Health Care Challenge was not only to help MIFA seniors, but also to help foster interprofessional camaraderie and cooperation. Students were given the opportunity to use their individual specialties, whether it is in occupational therapy, medicine, dentistry, or another health care focus, in order to create a comprehensive long-range plan to address physical, mental, and emotional needs as the population ages.

In March, of the 14 teams in competition, six advanced to the final round, where they pitched their plans in front of a panel of judges from MIFA. The proposals were judged on feasibility, creativity, sustainability, appropriateness, consistency with MIFA and UTHSC’s missions, and on whether or not it truly reflected an interprofessional approach to health care.

The first place team in the 2012 Health Care Challenge, winning $1,000 each, was Team CHIC (Collaborative Health and Interprofessional Care). The proposal is called Senior Companions Initiative Program (SIP). The goal of the SIP is to target seniors with critical health care needs.

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Each member of the two teams tied for second place received a $500 prize. In addition, the MIFA judges determined that all of the top three teams’ plans would be so beneficial to the Senior Companions program that they wanted to implement all three, and invite members of the teams to be on the implementation committee. It was truly a surprise to the members of the teams who applauded at the news.

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“I really enjoyed working with a variety of people in this challenge,” said Team CHIC member Mythili Chunduru. “Not only did I interact with students from different professions, but I also interacted with members of the MIFA and UTHSC communities. I have gained perspective on my pharmacy education, and how I want to apply it in the future.”

“I thought the Health Care Challenge was a great and very worthwhile experience,” echoed teammate Laura Matthews. “MIFA has been so great to work with, and I look forward to the next step to start incorporating our ideas in the Senior Companion Program. It was just a great experience all around! I would definitely encourage students to participate in the program next year.”

Congratulations to all of the participants in the Health Care Challenge for their efforts and ideas. A special thanks to the 26 faculty members across UTHSC who served as faculty advisors assisting with each of the teams and to MIFA for their partnership in this endeavor. The Health Care Challenge was coordinated by the Office of Interprofessional Education and Clinical Simulation.

Team CHIC

Congratulations to the Runners-Up

Team CHIPS

David Bulger, Medicine
Jennifer Flanagan, Dentistry
Megan Perry, Pharmacy
Dory Sellers, Dentistry
Andy Thomasson, Dentistry
Brittany Wodowski, Pharmacy
Drew Wodowski, Medicine
Advisor: Melody Cunningham, MD, associate professor, Pediatrics

Project SAFE

Kylie Beukema, Medicine
Tyler Dougherty, Pharmacy
Stefanie Garder, Dentistry
Lesley Milton, Dentistry
Stuart Sherwood, Dentistry
Kye Smith, Dentistry

Advisor — Leslie McKeon, PhD, associate professor and assistant dean for Student Affairs in the College of Nursing

From left: Ken Brown, JD, MPA, PhD, UTHSC executive vice chancellor and chief operations officer; Cheryl Scheid, PhD, vice chancellor of academic affairs; Chasity Shelton, PharmD, assistant professor, College of Pharmacy; Karen Wong, first-year, College of Medicine; Tara Tae, first-year, College of Medicine; Mary Austin Smith, second-year, College of Dentistry; Vata Sitimascharoen, first-year, College of Dentistry; Mythili Chunduru, first-year, College of Pharmacy, and Steve J. Schwab, MD, chancellor of UTHSC.
The American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) Chapter at UTHSC received the National Chapter Achievement Award in Patient Care at the APhA Annual Meeting and Exposition in New Orleans, which ran from March 9 to 12.

“This is a great award for the students to receive,” said Marie Chisholm-Burns, PharmD, MPH, FCCP, FASHP, dean and professor of the UT College of Pharmacy. “It recognizes their hard work and it also is telling of how committed they are to great patient care. I was with the students when we received the award; all of us cheered with great enthusiasm. I am very proud of them!”

The APhA-ASP National Chapter Achievement Award in Patient Care recognizes the single chapter that most improves the relationship between the pharmacist and patient through direct patient care.

This year, UTHSC sent more than 135 members (of the 426 active) representing both Knoxville and Memphis to the annual meeting. Chapters report on activities that involve direct patient interaction in a manner consistent with the patient-physician-pharmacist triad. With more than 13 individual committees in the UTHSC chapter, there are many communities served through health fairs, patient screenings, patient education programs, and medication therapy management programs.

The APhA's awards series is pharmacy’s most comprehensive recognition program. The award consists of a framed certificate and a $100 honorarium. Congratulations to all the members of APhA-ASP for their continued service to the university and to communities across the state.

Thirty Present at Annual Medical Student Research Poster Day

On February 24, 30 students from the College of Medicine presented their research findings graphically at the 2012 Medical Student Research Poster Session, held in the Madison Plaza.

There are several objectives for hosting a medical student research poster. First, it adds experience to many students who must do research as a part of their career plan. Second, it lets residents in and outside of the college see the quality output of the students and what areas interest them.

“It is a point of pride for the mentors to see the students rise to the occasion and show off their hard work,” stated Owen Phillips, MD, associate dean for the College of Medicine. “In turn, it encourages more faculty participation in research, which benefits us all.”

Topics for the research event were diverse, from nasal reconstruction to functional MRIs, and from melatonin in pregnancy to academic achievements of medical volunteers.

The research poster session was sponsored by the Alpha Omega Alpha Beta Tennessee Chapter and the College of Medicine.

Munchies Anyone?

Special thanks to Student Affairs and the Office of Equity and Diversity for providing all the goodies and good times!
Students ‘Paws’ During Exam Prep

In March, students received some special exam prep time with Boomer, Rumba, and Cooper, just a few of the four-legged workers from Mid South Therapy Dogs who stopped by the university to help them de-stress.

“Pet therapy has been successful on other campuses for stress relief, and we are excited to have the chance to try it here with Mid South Therapy Dogs,” stated Kathy Gibbs, MEd, MS, director of Student Academic Support Services.

Studies have shown that interacting with animals can reduce stress and promote positive well-being. Healthy snacks, massages, yoga classes, and lunch were also offered to the M-2 students during the high-stress three weeks of exam preparation.

“When you’re playing with an enormous golden retriever you tend not to dwell on the various enzymatic deficiencies in glycogen storage diseases or the numerous causes of watery diarrhea. Instead you just think about how soft their fur is or how adorable they look when they get playful,” said Rebecca Weller, who spent many lunch sessions lying comfortably with one of the dogs.

Mid South Therapy Dogs can also be seen cheering up cancer patients at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital or helping kids read at the public library. Each dog was handled by his or her owner, who handed out “trading cards” to the students featuring each of the animal companions. The cards featured stats about the companion dogs such as their name, breed, likes, and favorite treats. They also serve as reminders for the students of happier times during long study sessions.

The enormously successful event was a multi-disciplinary effort sponsored by the Departments of Student Affairs, Student Life, University Health Services, Student Academic Support Services, Campus Recreation, Alumni Affairs, Campus Events, and the Office of Equity and Diversity. Coverage of the event was featured on the local CBS affiliate WREG-TV.

Dentistry Annual Research Day Another Success

On February 14, the College of Dentistry held the 2012 Student Research Day and Table Clinic Competition at the Student-Alumni Center. Jeremy J. Mao, DDS, PhD, professor, endowed chair, and senior associate dean for Research at the Columbia University College of Dental Medicine, gave the keynote presentation titled, “Stem Cells and Tissue Engineering in Regenerative Dental Medicine.”

Timothy L. Hottel, DDS, MS, MBA, dean of the College of Dentistry, followed by Dr. Franklin Garcia-Godoy, DDS, MS, professor and senior executive associate dean for Research, gave the opening for the day of presentations. Thirty-six students presented results of their studies in 30 posters and table clinics.

Second-year student Amanda Hindsman was selected as winner of the Student Clinician Award for the most outstanding clinical presentation for the project, “Does Coating Reduce Water Absorption in Glass-Ionomer Restorations.” The award, sponsored by Dentsply International, allows Hindsman to represent UTHSC at the American Dental Association Annual Session in San Francisco, Calif., in October. She was assisted in her project by Drs. Robert Hatch, Bernard Blen, Daranee Versluis-Tantbirojn, and Antheunis Versluis of the Departments of Restorative Dentistry and Bioscience Research.

“I was extremely honored to be chosen as the winner of the Student Clinician Award,” said Hindsman. “Research Day gives students the opportunity to network and expand their education beyond the lecture hall.”

Also receiving awards for their outstanding 2011 summer research projects were Alexander Garcia-Godoy, winner of the Harold Cloogman Award, and Sueellen Cho, Mariam Habib, Ashley Jones, Laurel Meriwether, and Britney Taylor, winners of James C. Ragain - AADR Tennessee Chapter Awards for Student Research. Their projects were presented at the American Association for Dental Research meeting in Tampa, Fla., in March.

Rounding out the day, the Graduate Program Research Award went to Thomas Carter, DDS, Department of Periodontology, for his presentation, “Cranberry Effects on IL-1Beta-Stimulated Signaling Pathways and IL-6 Production in Human Gingival Epithelial Cells.” He was assisted by David Tipton, DDS, PhD, of the Bioscience Research Department.

Awards for the summer student research training program and the graduate program research were supported by grants from the UTHSC College of Dentistry Alumni Endowment Fund and the Tennessee Dental Association Foundation.
CNL Students Plant Edible Schoolyard

In February, students from the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) in the Public Health Option and Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL) Program along with members of the Black Student Association turned their attention to healthy eating by participating in a community gardening project at St. Patrick’s Elementary School in Downtown Memphis.

The St. Patrick’s service area is located in what is known as a food desert – meaning there are no grocery stores or access to fresh fruits and vegetables in this area. In order to address the need for healthy options, UTHSC students conducted focus groups to find the best solution – in this case, the answer was above-ground planters at the school. Nursing students picked up their shovels to carve out space for the planters in the garden area of the school. Once constructed, all the veggies you would want for a salad or even a pizza were planted.

"Being a part of the gardening project was important to me because the connection and relationship that is developed within the community adds a valuable layer to our education," stated LaQuita Moore, student in the CNL program.

"The College of Nursing encourages our students to get involved in service to the community early in their program of study," said Susan R. Jacob, PhD, RN, interim dean, professor, and Ruth Neil Murry Endowed Chair in Nursing in the UTHSC College of Nursing. "After students develop an appreciation of the role they can play as contributors to the community, they become committed to lifelong civic participation. We are very proud of our students who make time in their busy schedules to give back to the community."

The successful outreach program was part of The Edible Schoolyard Project – a national initiative that brings children into a positive relationship with food and nutrition through activities associated with science, nature and culture.
Student Spotlight

Nursing Student Spreads Passion, Interest in Community Health

“Life and health have always fascinated me,” said Derrick Meadow, this month’s student spotlight winner. “I even thought about being a marine biologist, so it’s always been about taking care of life whether it be animals or people.”

As with most students at UTHSC, Meadow’s words resonates with their own interest in health care and all things anatomy-related. And like probably even more students on campus, despite his interest and determination as a child to go into the medical field, it wasn’t a very smooth or straight path to follow his dreams.

Meadow began his undergraduate academic career at Oakwood College in Huntsville, Ala., majoring in biochemistry. Although Oakwood would not be the place where he would receive his degree, he reunited with an elementary school friend and married her at the end of his junior year. Meadow took time away from his education to return to Memphis and work. He found a job in the sciences working as a field chemist for a pollution control agency. There, he began to hone his analytical skills as well as further his leadership skills, eventually resulting in a management position with the company.

Despite his career success, Meadow still felt the desire to pursue his original goal – health care. He enrolled in LeMoyne-Owen College where he continued his study in biology and chemistry. He also enrolled in the volunteer program Experience Critical at Baptist Memorial Hospital, and for two years he helped in any way he could from including assisting in surgical procedures to setting broken bones. The experience helped shape his career in the medical field, especially with the fast pace of the critical environment.

After graduating in 2006, he took his advisor’s suggestion and began looking into the UTHSC MSN-CNL Program as the next step in his career.

“I came up here to meet the faculty members at the college, and everyone was very welcoming, very receptive, everyone seemed to welcome me in,” said Meadow. “They told me about the CNL program, and it was a good deal because instead of getting a second BS, I could get an MSN.”

It was a perfect fit, with Meadow becoming part of the 2010 entering class. His next order of business was to find a new way to lead at the university, something he had always done in his life. He was the first African-American senior class president at Highland Academy in Portland, Tenn., freshman class president at Oakwood College, and at UTHSC, he holds office with the Student Government Association Executive Council and is president of the Nursing Student Government Association.

As a leader at UT he has looked to improve the student experience in any way possible, whether academically or financially. With more and more students going into major debt to pay for education, Meadow is working with administrators and the community in hope of finding more sources of scholarships for students.

Meadow also focuses on efforts to keep the College of Nursing active in the community through outreach opportunities. An example of this is his coordination of an Underwear Drive for the Memphis Union Mission.

“Derrick has represented the College of Nursing in many activities that included the recent College of Nursing Dean’s Search Committee and Alumni Day events,” said Tommie Norris, DNS, RN, director of the MSN-CNL Program. “He serves as a big brother to incoming nursing students and also participated in the application process of the Clinical Nurse Leader program by meeting with applicants to describe, ‘the life of a CNL student’ and to give a personal account of this innovative program.”

Currently, Meadow is working on both ends of the life spectrum. He divides his time between Le Bonheur Children’s Hospital, where he externs in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, and the VA Medical Center, where he is in the final portion of his clinical experiences in the Medical Intensive Care Unit.

“UT does an excellent job of preparing us for the clinical environment,” said Meadow. “We go into the clinical field and we are head and shoulders above others because of the clinical prep here. We go in knowing what we are looking for and how to diagnose a problem.”

Meadow plans on continuing to grow in his expertise in the field of nursing. Upon graduation, he plans to work as a critical care nurse and eventually enroll in a Doctor of Nursing Practice Program in order to become a nurse anesthetist.

Caduceus Ball 2012

On March 17, students and faculty from the College of Medicine attended the annual Caduceus Ball held at Minglewood Hall. The theme for the celebration was “New York, New York,” which seemed fitting as students feted their new residency positions and the next chapter of their health care careers.

Faculty members and outstanding residents received awards for teaching voted on by the students. Highlights of the awards included Muthiah Muthiah, MD, for Outstanding Overall Attending, Susan Brewer, MD, for Outstanding Clerkship Director, and Pat Ryan, PhD, for Outstanding M2 Course Director.

After dinner and awards, for the first time, the event boasted a live DJ so that faculty and students could dance. The longstanding annual event is more than 20 years old and is sponsored by the College of Medicine.
PEOPLE

Jonathan Jaggar, PhD, professor, Maury W. Bronstein Chair of Excellence in the Department of Physiology, has been named chair of the Hypertension and Microcirculation (HM) Study Section for the National Institutes of Health (NIH). As part of the position, he will oversee applications involving basic and applied aspects of cardiovascular regulation with a focus on the physiology of blood pressure regulation, the pathogenesis of hypertension and microcirculation. Dr. Jaggar has written and published more than 60 articles, and is on the editorial board of the American Journal of Physiology. His NIH appointment will run from June 2012 until May 2014.

Lisa K. Jennings, PhD, professor, director of the Vascular Biology Center of Excellence and director of the Cardiovascular Clinical Research Consortium was honored with the Initiative Award for Women of Achievement of Memphis. The annual awards event recognizes women who have made Memphis and Shelby County better through their lives and accomplishments. Dr. Jennings has published more than 110 peer-reviewed articles and is currently on the scientific review board for the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, a division of NIH. She was also featured in the recent CNBC show “Package Wars” episode about FedEx.

Jon McCullers, MD, was named chair of the Department of Pediatrics and Pediatrician-in-Chief at Le Bonheur Children’s Hospital. Dr. McCullers has been a full member of the St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital faculty and has served as an adjunct professor at UTHSC for many years. His primary research has focused on finding interactions between viral and bacterial infections in children. Dr. McCullers is the primary investigator for a $3.2 million grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention researching Etiology of Pneumonia in the Community, to determine both the incidence and cause of community-acquired pneumonia in hospitalized children. He is also a Fellow of the Infectious Diseases Society of America and serves on the IDSA Pandemic Task Force, advising the U. S. government on issues pertaining to bioterrorism and the threat of severe acute respiratory infection outbreaks. He succeeds Russell Chensley, MD, who has served as chair since 1988.

Alumni Affairs Welcomes

Jada Williams, BA, has been named director of Annual Giving for the Health Science Center. She has worked for the UT System for 35 years, with 26 of those years in the Office of Alumni Affairs and Annual Giving for UT Knoxville. Although a native of East Tennessee, Williams moved to Memphis in October 2011 to assume her current position. She earned her bachelor’s degree in English at UT Knoxville. Her primary responsibilities include the creation, production and oversight of annual solicitations for each of the college funds and the general campus fund.

Michelle Nixon, MBA, has joined the Office of Alumni and Giving as an assistant director. Her new position will focus on student and young alumni programming. Prior to joining UTHSC, Nixon worked as a marketing consultant for ServiceMaster.

Happy Birthday Dr. Boling!

On February 19, Edward J. Boling, EdD, turned 90! Dr. Boling served as UT System president from 1970 to 1988. His tenure was the longest term of any UT president in the university’s history.

Under Dr. Boling’s leadership, the university saw expanded enrollment and physical growth, particularly on the Knoxville campus. Dr. Boling heavily promoted private fundraising and relationships with alumni, and was instrumental in providing support for women’s athletics at UT.

If you would like to view the video tribute for Dr. Boling or leave him a birthday message, go to http://www.tennessee.edu/boling/.

GRANTS

Congratulations to the following UTHSC team members who have recently received grants totaling more than $5,000.

The Grants List is compiled from information provided by the Department of Research Administration.

James Bailey, MD
BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee
“Tennessee Ambulatory QI Needs Assessment Survey”
$20,000
Dispersed over: 1 year

Thomas Curry, MD
U. S. Army Medical Research
“Nanofiber-based Bone Repair Device for Limb Salvage”
$873,964
Dispersed over: 1 year

Harry Courtney, PhD
NIH - National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
“Role of M-related Protein and IgG Interactions in Virulence of S. pyogenes”
$126,000
Dispersed over: 2 years

Karen Hasty, PhD
NIH - National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Disease
“Early Detection and Treatment of OA”
$378,187
Dispersed over: 2 years

Roderick Hori, PhD
U. S. Army Medical Research Acquisition Activity
“Delineation of Methyl-DNA Binding Protein Interactions in the Prostate Cancer Genome”
$112,266
Dispersed over: 1 year

Michael McDonald, PhD
NIH - National Institute on Aging
“Dietary Glycomacropeptide for Neuroprotection and Cognitive Enhancement”
$399,420
Dispersed over: 2 years

Lawrence Reiter, PhD
NIH - National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke
“Tooth Pulp as a Source for Neuronal Precursor Cells to Study Neurogenetic Disorders and Stroke”
$412,344
Dispersed over: 2 years

Tonia Rex, PhD
NIH - National Eye Institute
“Novel Therapy and Mechanisms in Glaucoma”
$1,874,688
Dispersed over: 2 years

Mitchell Watsky, PhD
NIH - National Eye Institute
“Vitamin D Metabolism and Function in the Cornea and Anterior Segment”
$1,499,792
Dispersed over: 4 years

Robert W. Williams, PhD
NIH - National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
“Systems Genetics of Alcohol Response and Stress Effects in CNS”
$2,142,745
Dispersed over: 5 years
**Former Vols Player Inky Johnson Talks Faith, Perseverance**

As the key speaker for Black History Month on February 22, Inky Johnson, former Vols football player and author, spoke to students, faculty, and staff about the life-threatening accident that ended his football career but enriched his life.

After growing up in urban Atlanta, the University of Tennessee football star had set his sights on a career with the National Football League in order to make his family’s life better. All of that changed for Johnson during a football game against the Air Force Academy, a game that was not even on the schedule. With two minutes remaining on the clock, Johnson was injured, leaving his right arm paralyzed for life, despite many surgeries.

Instead of letting this accident crush his spirit, Johnson continued his education, earning not only a bachelor’s degree but also a master’s degree in sports psychology.

“I’m a firm believer that every day each one of us has a responsibility to make this world a better place,” said Johnson. “Whatever platform you provide in life whether it’s medical, whether its sports, whether it’s being a writer, photographer or whatever it may be, use your platform to help somebody. Don’t ever let adversity, hardship or opposition stop you.”

Johnson puts his words into action as the sports and health coordinator for JustLead – the flagship program of Emerald Youth Foundation, a nonprofit ministry for youth in inner-city Knoxville. At the UTHSC event, Johnson signed copies of his new book “Inky: An Amazing Story of Faith and Perseverance,” which he wrote with Jeff Hagood.

If you would like to purchase a copy, go to http://www.inkyjohnson.com/index.php/inkyamazing-story-of-faith-perseverance/. The event was sponsored by the Office of Equity and Diversity.

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**UTHSC Family Collects Change to Feed the Need**

The Mid-South Food Bank’s shelves are bare! In the warehouse where there used to be dozens of containers of food, there are now only a few. Due to the high cost of food and tough economic times, a larger number of individuals need the Mid-South Food Bank’s assistance.

The UTHSC family has and is continuing to be generous by giving pocket change for the Orange Piggy Bank Drive, which will directly benefit the Mid-South Food Bank. Every dollar donated to the Mid-South Food Bank can provide 2 nutritious meals. So far, the Health Science Center has gathered $930. Let’s get to $1,000!

Orange Piggy Banks have been located in offices throughout campus; drop in a little change the next time you walk by. To encourage a little healthy competition between buildings, the person or office that raises the most change each month will be featured in The Record. The winner for February and March is Officer Veronica Jones, Campus Police, who is stationed in the O. W. Hyman Administration Building. She has collected $263.97. Each issue of The Record will identify the newest person to raise the most change and help the Food Bank.

We’re now working on April, and there’s still plenty of time for your office to win the next collection and get featured in The Record. UTHSC will present the total amount collected to the Food Bank the first week of June!

Every little bit helps, and this is just one way we can actively get involved in meeting the demand to Feed the Need! For more information or to get a piggy for your desk, contact Elise Moore at emoore@uthsc.edu.

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**UTHSC Hosts Ryan White Program**

On March 8 and 9, more than 100 health care providers attended the Ryan White Program entitled, “HIV/AIDS Network 2012: Responding to Challenges in the Mid-South,” held in the Student-Alumni Center.

The conference targeted HIV medical and support service providers, clients and the community at large, offering education on issues related to HIV care, early detection, and treatment options. Speakers enlightened the audience during the conference about ways to activate the community to get tested for HIV. Some speakers shared their personal experiences with the disease.

“The Memphis Ryan White Program continues to strengthen the network of medical and support services available to people living with HIV, as well as empower those living with and affected by HIV,” said Dorcas Young, program manager. “It is going to take different segments of the community partnering together to successfully address issues surrounding HIV.”

As an active community partner in HIV awareness, this is the second major event about the disease that UTHSC has participated in over the last six months.
BSA Ball Celebrates 20 Years

From left to right: McLisa Davis (COP), Brandice Allen (COD), Crisanto Torres (COM), Enitra Jones (CGHS), Krystal Hester-Smith (CON) and Brandon Jones (CAHS) pose with their plaques for service at the BSA Ball.

On Saturday, February 18, members of the Black Student Association (BSA) dressed up in their finest clothes (i.e., not scrubs) to celebrate the 20th annual Awards Ball.

Michelle Skinner, PharmD, executive director at the pharmaceutical company Novo Nordisk, served as speaker for the evening’s activities, making it the second time she held the honor.

The BSA recognized individuals from each of the Health Science Center colleges who have distinguished themselves in the areas of academic excellence and community service.

If you would like to get involved with the BSA, monthly meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month at noon in A302 of the GEB, or for more information go to http://www.uthsc.edu/bsa/.

的女孩力量在三月庆祝

在观察妇女的赞赏月在三月，办公室的平等和多元和校园娱乐举行了一系列的自我-防御研讨会以训练女性同事在适合求生技术上进行求生。

与会者学习如何使用她们的自然本能来保护，什么身体部位可以吸引攻击者，基本的踢和基本的阻碍。此外，研讨会培训了女性在袭击中的心理影响，包括如何保持冷静和袭击者的心理。

从学习自我-保护到看到在现实生活中的女性，谁被从PBS文件的三部纪录片的女人，战争和和平。从头开始进行训练。工作人员出席并讲述了她们对求生的斗争，她们过去并未意识到。

从1911年，妇女的历史月是一个国家纪念活动，强调了在历史和当代社会中女性的贡献。要了解更多关于妇女的历史月，go to www.nwhp.org.

Electrics Are Here!

Just in time for Earth Day, UTHSC’s Facilities and IT Departments are excited to debut the new maintenance fleet of all electric vehicles. The fleet of nine Global Electric Motorcar vehicles are street legal, require little maintenance, and have very low operating costs. They also look quite sharp all lined up!
Go Red for Women

In February, more than 200 faculty, staff, students and friends attended the third annual “Go Red for Women” fashion show where UTHSC fashionistas strolled the catwalk in order to raise funds and health awareness for the American Heart Association (AHA).

Models outfitted themselves in red clothes and jewelry in the categories of business attire, cocktail hour and fitness. In between “scenes,” attendees heard vital information about heart disease in women, participated in giveaways, and enjoyed a healthy lunch.

“It’s a sad fact that a large number of us have had a grandmother, mother, aunt or other significant woman in our lives affected by heart disease,” stated attendee Shawn Bryan, analyst in the Department of Information Technology Services. “To spend $5 and a few hours on a cause so important to those women is a simple way to show our support.”

The fashion show raised $1,500 for the AHA to help promote awareness about heart disease in women. It was sponsored by the Department of Special Events and Community Affairs. Coverage of the event was featured in The Commercial Appeal and Memphis Magazine.

UT Night at the Redbirds

More than 250 students took time off from studying to unwind at the UT Night at the Redbirds event. Pamela Matthews, Allied Health Sciences student president, threw out the first pitch at the game against the Oklahoma City Red Hawks. The annual event was sponsored by the UTHSC Office of Student Life.