Student Pharmacists Lend a Hand in Haiti

UTCOP’s chapter of APhA-ASP made its second annual medical mission trip to the town of Hinche, Haiti, with a group of seven student pharmacists: Samantha Adams, Bryan Cartmell, Sumner Itayem, Cole Larsen, Meghan Maynard, Jade Nguyen, and Okoia Uket. APhA-ASP has been fortunate to partner with the Catholic Church of Saint Monica in Duluth, Ga., for these trips. The Saint Monica’s Parish in Hinche runs a clinic where the group provided care.

During the trip, the clinic saw an average of 50 patients per day. Student pharmacists provided more specialized medication counseling, improved utilization of resources, and determined more clinically appropriate medication doses based on patient-specific factors. Additionally, students completely restructured the clinic’s medicines and medical supplies. As of late, the clinic had been running out of critical medications due to inaccurate recordkeeping, and the students were able to bring some organization to the clinic in hopes of alleviating those problems. Finally, student pharmacists triaged patients by checking vital signs and recording medical histories.

Fortunately, the trip wasn’t all work and no play. The group had ample time to connect with the local people and culture. They quickly learned that Haitian children are ravenous soccer fans and are always ready to play a game, especially when the ball is provided! Besides the children associated with the mission, the group visited two different orphanages and played with the kids residing there. Also, they were graciously invited to mass in the beautiful town of Dos-Palais for a three-hour “fête” where all the priests of the Diocese of Hinche were present to celebrate. The reception following the mass consisted of Haitian cuisine and included goat, chicken, rice, beans and delicious plantains. Students had the pleasure of sampling these treats throughout the trip!

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Employee Appreciation Day

Let the games begin! (From left) Ken Brown, executive vice chancellor and chief operations officer; Frank Harrison, Campus Recreation director; Joe DiPietro, UT President; and Steve Schwab, chancellor, kicked off the annual UTHSC Employee Appreciation Day on September 12th. Faculty and staff were rewarded for their “gold medal service” during the Olympic-style festivities in Forrest Park.

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Thank You for Contributing Your Two Cents – And More – To Help Feed the Hungry

Campus Community,
Thank you for Packing the Orange Piggy Banks that were strategically located around campus as part of a community outreach initiative. Your pennies, nickels and dimes produced big results. During the last few months, you have dropped your extra change, as well as dollar bills and checks to donate funds to help feed the hungry. After the initial tally, the UTHSC Campus was just $110 short of an even $2,000, so Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Operations Officer Ken Brown willingly donated the remaining balance, and a check was presented to the Mid-South Food Bank at the end of July. This amount exceeded our expectations.

For every $1 that was donated, the Mid-South Food Bank can purchase $4.23 worth of food and other groceries. That’s an $8,460 impact. Again, we appreciate your support. You’ve shown that every little bit helps and small efforts can make a big difference.

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UTHSC Officials Brave the Heat to “Favor the Waiver”

Officials from Methodist University Hospital and UTHSC, along with many supporters of the “Favor the Waiver” campaign, attended an event held at Methodist in July. The waiver refers to a document that has for many years allowed two organ procurement organizations (OPOs) to operate in Tennessee, one in Memphis and the other in Nashville.

According to James Eason, MD, leader of the Methodist Transplant Institute, “The sickest patients receive organs, no matter where they are located within the state, but patients in the Mid-South may die, due to longer transport times.”

Eason, considered one of the country’s best transplant surgeons, believes that the supply of organs in Memphis simply is not enough to serve this area, which has gained a reputation as the fourth largest transplant center in the United States.

Eason and others also expressed concern that the shortage of organs will drastically effect the African-American population.

“In the U.S., African-Americans are drastically disadvantaged,” said Steve Schwab, MD, chancellor at UTHSC. “At the end of the day, this is about patients.”

The current waiver will expire on Dec. 31, but members of the medical community and others are hoping it will be renewed.

The Memphis OPO, Mid-South Transplant Foundation, receives about 25 percent of organs donated in the state, while the Nashville OPO, Tennessee Donor Services, gets the lion’s share of procured organs. Last year, Mid-South Transplant Foundation procured 62 organs, while Tennessee Donor Services obtained 220 organs, used throughout the state.

For additional information, please visit www.methodisthealth.org/organsharing.
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All in all, the trip was a great success. The Haitian staff were very welcoming and appreciative of the students’ presence. In addition to increasing the number of patients seen, the biggest help the group provided was by relieving the clinic’s staff of their normal daily duties. Due to understaffing, many necessary tasks often fall by the wayside, but the extra help allowed permanent employees to attend to those responsibilities.

In addition, there was plenty of time for the student pharmacists to learn about Haiti’s people and culture, and, perhaps more importantly, to cultivate a desire to aid these hospitable friends in the future.

“The trip to Haiti with my UT classmates was a remarkable experience,” said Okoia Uket. “This was a great opportunity for me to put into practice pharmacy knowledge, organization, and communication skills. I am most proud of my classmates’ professionalism, dedication to pharmacy, and ability to overcome the challenges of language and lack of resources. This short visit has instilled in me so much respect and appreciation for those who struggle for the benefit of health and even more for our own leaders in pharmacy. I am inspired to become more of a leader myself in this way.”

2012 Finalists Named for Lichterman Employee of the Year

In December, seven outstanding UTHSC employees will be hailed for the positive energy, commitment and service-oriented ethic they bring to their careers every day. The seven non-exempt team members are finalists for the 2012 Lichterman Employee of the Year Award.

Created to honor the memory of former employee Tommy Lichterman, the annual award is given to one employee in celebration of Tommy’s dedicated and enthusiastic service to UT Health Science Center, where he worked as a messenger for 11 years. The Lichterman family and many friends established the Thomas Connell Lichterman Employee of the Year Award. Each year it is presented to a non-exempt employee who demonstrates the high standards and positive characteristics exemplified by Tommy.

This coveted recognition is one that all non-exempt employees should aspire to achieve. Presentation of this prestigious award, along with a $1,500 check, will be made during the campus holiday party on the afternoon of Tuesday, December 4.

We applaud and congratulate all seven finalists for the 2012 Lichterman Award. These UTHSC employees continually set the standard for excellence, bringing their personal best and a collegial attitude to all that they do.

Jim Corrigan, telephone specialist in the Department of Information Technology has 25 years of service.

Renee Niter, accounting specialist in the Department of Pediatrics has 29 years of service.

Robert Macklin, carpentry shop supervisor in the Facilities Department has 30 years of service.

Clara Taliaferro, administrative services assistant in the Graduate Medical Education office has 19 years of service.

Dianne Robbins, patient navigator for the Center for HPV and Dysplasia at UTMG, has 30 years of service.

Charles Gutelius, chief investigator in Campus Police, has 31 years of service.

Barbara Patton, administrative aide, in the Human Resources Department, has 4 years of service.

Health Care Challenge 2013

UTHSC will be launching recruitment activities for Health Care Challenge 2013 in November. Once again, UTHSC has partnered with the Metropolitan Inter-Faith Association (MIFA) for this competition, which gives UTHSC students from all six colleges the opportunity to develop a plan to address an array of health-related needs in a select group of senior citizens, who are living in the Memphis area and are served by MIFA. The Assisi Foundation of Memphis, Inc., recently awarded the university with a grant that included support for the competition (including the $10,000 in prize money for student members of the top teams) as well as future community activities included in the top proposals.

Save the Dates:

**Kick-off Event**
Saturday, January 12, 2013
8:30 a.m. to noon

**Final Round of Competition**
Saturday, March 23, 2013
All day
Tradition Honored with White Coat Ceremony

Though 2016 may seem far away, it was an exciting thought to the 165 students who were welcomed to the College of Medicine on Aug. 17 during a white coat ceremony. The ceremony was the culmination of Parents Appreciation Day, which serves as a daylong orientation for new students and their parents.

Valerie Montgomery Rice, MD, dean and executive vice president of Morehouse School of Medicine, was the keynote speaker. Welcoming the class of 2016 to their new profession, Dr. Rice offered words of advice as she reminisced about wearing the short white coat. The short white coat meant the wearer was in training; those who had advanced from medical school wore the long coats.

“You’ll have the opportunity to learn and grow [in your training coat],” said Dr. Rice. “It allows for I don’t know. It does not allow for I won’t.”

She encouraged the new students to enjoy the time in the “short coat” because there may be days down the road when they face difficult cases, and they will wish they were still wearing it. Dr. Rice emphasized to always do what is best for the patient by thinking across cultural divides. “Based on who is sitting in front of me, what is possible?” is the question she often asks herself.

Students made the first step in taking her advice as they took the Oath of Hippocrates after donning their new coats. Students, family and friends then gathered on the steps of Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church, where photos were taken and the newest medical students were congratulated on taking their next step on the path to becoming doctors.

Orthopedic Physical Therapy Clinical Residency Another First for UTHSC

In July, UTHSC and Baptist Memorial Health Care Corporation (BMHCC) announced a new Orthopedic Physical Therapy Clinical Residency, the first of its kind in the state. Newly graduated Maura Bailey, DPT, was named the first resident of the program.

“This partnership allows BMHCC to advance its mission of providing quality patient care through education, and ensures that the UTHSC Department of Physical Therapy remains a leader in providing cutting-edge physical therapy education,” stated Carol Likens, PT, PhD, MBA, associate professor and chairman of the Department of Physical Therapy.

“This is an exciting day in the history of Baptist,” stated alum Amy Barringer, clinical coordinator for BMHCC, at the announcement ceremony. “As an organization we are committed to healing, teaching and preaching. And teaching is a big part of that.”

“To be the first in the region to field this residency, and with UTHSC, it just feels like a perfect fit,” added Dr. Bailey.

Physical therapy clinical residency programs provide an avenue for currently practicing physical therapists to advance their skills and knowledge to become specialists in specific areas of physical therapy practice, such as orthopedics, pediatrics, and sports physical therapy. By training physical therapists in these settings, medical doctors will be able to spend more time helping patients with more intensive needs.

More than 50 people from the UTHSC and BMHCC attended the exciting announcement, including Chancellor Steve Schwab, MD, Noma Anderson, PhD, dean of the College of Allied Health Sciences, and Kevin Dorsey, DPT, UTHSC lecturer on staff at BMHCC. Dr. Dorsey is also Dr. Bailey’s mentor.
Molecular Resource Center Upgrade

The UTHSC Molecular Resource Center of Excellence is proud to announce the upgrade of one of its Applied Biosystems 5500xl next generation nucleic acid sequencers to a Wildfire configuration, the first such installation in North America. The upgrade eliminates a full day from the workflow and dramatically increases the volume of data obtained. With the new configuration, analyses can be performed at less than the cost of microarrays, in some cases.

The Molecular Resource Center (MRC), which has been continuously funded by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission since 1985, houses a full range of molecular and biochemical technologies. The mission of the MRC is to provide the scientific community in the State of Tennessee, as well as others, with access to the latest technologies for exploring the molecular basis of disease and basic biology.

Scholarships Awarded to Dental Hygiene Students

For more than 90 years The Josephine Circle, Inc. has provided scholarships and interest-free loans to deserving young men and women pursuing a higher education. The organization awards annual scholarships to the UTHSC Colleges of Allied Health Sciences and Nursing, and the UTHSC Department of Dental Hygiene. The Josephine Circle also awards $1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors at selected high schools in the Memphis and Shelby County school system who are entering the field of health sciences.

For the 2012-2013 academic year, The Josephine Circle awarded $7,000 to the Dental Hygiene Program. Seniors Shelby Joyner, Lindsey Pate, and Dana Grooms each received a $2,000 award, and Junior Dorothy Dany Khov won a $1,000 scholarship.

Said Shelby Joyner, “Being awarded this scholarship means a great deal to me. I come from a family that may not be as wealthy as some, so this scholarship will greatly help to fund my education. Nothing means more to me than succeeding in school and becoming a successful dental hygienist. Once I graduate, I plan to work around the Memphis area and continue to educate myself as much as possible!”

“I believe that this scholarship will help me achieve my educational and career goals because school has become more and more costly as the years go by. This scholarship, along with any other scholarships, give me the opportunity to work hard and make something out of myself in the near future. This $1,000 will help save me some money to put towards other things such as my books, gas, and food expenses! This scholarship will also give me the motivation to work hard in my studies in order to succeed,” added junior recipient Dorothy Dany Khov.

For more information on the organization and the annual awards, visit www.josephinecircle.com.

Pediatric Language Clinic Children Say Thank You

Speech Pathology graduate students (from left to right) Kate Chaney, Hillary Scott, and Sara Beth Haney help students – Brockway, Lily, and James – from the Pediatric Language Clinic (PLC) prepare thank you cards. This sensory task – paint on their hands, writing on paper – is difficult for the children, but was incorporated into their therapy sessions. The PLC recently celebrated its 40th anniversary. The children’s cards were sent to donors and friends.

UT Faculty Women’s Club

The UT Faculty Women’s Club is an organization dedicated to promoting friendships among the faculty members and their families. Membership is open to women faculty members, wives of faculty, wives of the officers of the General Administration and all women officers of the General Administration. In addition to regular meetings, there are some interest groups for book discussion, gourmet lunches, and needlework. For further information regarding the club, please call Judy Palmer at (901) 753-9932 or e-mail judypalm@gmail.com.

Programs for 2012-2013

November
Tiffany Glass Exhibit at the Brooks Museum

December
Holiday Santa Collection and Brunch at Linda Phillips’ home

January
Sandy Wright presents, “Organization for a New Year”

February
Tour of the new Memphis Railroad and Trolley Museum

March
Sedum Gardening with Paul Little

April
Member Presentations/Installation of Officers at the Women’s Exchange

Submit Stories to The Record

If you would like to submit stories for the next issue of The Record, send stories and photos to Communications and Marketing at communications@uthsc.edu.

View UTHSC News Notes

Catch up on all of the latest UTHSC news and features by visiting http://www.uthsc.edu/news/newsnotes/. News Notes provides a brief summary of media exposure received by faculty, staff and students, as well as links to additional information (when available).
Everything Parents and Teens Need to Know But Were Afraid to Ask

On Saturday, September 22, the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in collaboration with the Shelby County Health Department (SCHD) hosted the second annual, free forum titled, “The 411 on Sex,” for local teens and their parents.

“The 411 on Sex” was designed to educate teens about risky sexual behavior and provide an environment to make them feel more comfortable asking questions about sex. During the event, SCHD offered testing for HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) for those who were interested. In small group sessions with teens, UTHSC students opened dialogues to answer questions, and dispel myths about sex and STDs. Parents had the opportunity to meet with UTHSC and SCHD staff and physicians to discuss ways they can support their children and share vital information about sexual health.

“The goal is to educate teens ages 13 and older about the consequences of not practicing safe sex, and make the audience aware of the problems we have in our area regarding sex and sex trafficking,” said Pam Houston, UTHSC director of Community Affairs and Special Events. “We have to start by arming young people with the facts.”

Anthony Amos, assistant program manager of Infectious Disease, SCHD, agreed. “We have to continue to communicate the message to the public about what STDs are and what is required to stay sexually healthy,” he said.

Voter Registration Drive

About 150 new voters from UTHSC will participate during this election season thanks to the efforts of the SGAEC, Office of Student Life and the Memphis Collegiate Vote organization. A voter registration drive was set up at various locations on campus from September 24 to 28.

Did You Get Your Shot?

A record number of flu vaccinations – nearing 2,000 at time of press – were administered by pharmacy students on Oct. 2 as part of UTHSC University Health Services (UHS) Flu Shot Day in Memphis. The previous record was set last year with 1,887 immunizations.

UHS Practice Manager, Christa Deiss, expressed her appreciation to the College of Pharmacy. “They have contributed to the success of this annual event for many years.”

Medical Simulation Featured in Special Issue of Frontiers Magazine

Medical simulation cannot be fully experienced or understood by reading an article. It is a dynamic method of teaching and learning new medical and dental procedures and improving skills for the benefit of patients. The Fall 2012 issue of Frontiers magazine uses stunning photography and poignant text to give readers a virtual walking tour of the UT Center for Advanced Medical Simulation at the UT Graduate School of Medicine and University of Tennessee Medical Center, Knoxville. Additionally, readers can watch simulation in action by scanning QR codes or visiting web links presented in the magazine.

This issue of Frontiers is available in print and online at http://gsm.utmck.edu/news/frontiers.cfm. To request a copy, contact the UT Graduate School of Medicine at 865-305-9190, or visit http://gsm.utmck.edu/news/frontiers.cfm to be added to the mailing list.

Frontiers magazine is a publication for alumni and friends of the University of Tennessee Medical Center and UT Graduate School of Medicine, Knoxville, which together form the city’s only academic medical center.
Primary Care Providers Learn Cardiovascular Strategies

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Ninth Annual Hematology Conference to Be Held January 19, 2013

The University of Tennessee Graduate School of Medicine presents the Ninth Annual Hematology Conference: An Update on Selected ASH Topics, scheduled for Saturday, January 19, 2013, at the University of Tennessee Conference Center, Knoxville. It is approved for five AMA, ACPE and AAPA credits and .5 CEUs. Register today at www.tennessee.edu/cme/Hematology2013.

The annual update occurs as soon as possible after the American Society of Hematology (ASH) international conference, while allowing time for the featured speakers to develop unique presentations combining their areas of expertise with new information garnered from the ASH presentations. The conference provides updates on studies and recent advances in the treatment of blood cancers, including hemostasis/thrombosis, chronic lymphocytic leukemia, myelodysplastic syndromes, multiple myeloma and malignant lymphoma.

Nationally acclaimed experts in their fields will lead discussions, including Thomas Habermann, MD, Mayo Clinic; Michael Keating, MB, BS, MD Anderson Cancer Center; Craig Kessler, MD, Lombardi Cancer Center; Rami Komrokji, MD, H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center; and Sagar Lonial, MD, Emory University.

The update is directed by Wahid Hanna, MD, professor, UT Graduate School of Medicine.

For more information and to register, visit www.tennessee.edu/cme/Hematology2013
Personal Financial Empowerment Series Has Successful Start

When plans to close the Memphis branch of the UT Federal Credit Union were shared, Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Operations Officer Ken Brown intervened, requesting that the branch remain open and that the Credit Union staff partner with the HSC to offer financial education classes to faculty and staff. The Personal Financial Empowerment Series (PFE) was born out of this partnership in December 2011.

The inaugural PFE class began in February 2012 and included 150 Facilities Department employees and 50 employees from various other departments on campus. The group participated in a series of six classes which included:

- **Understanding Credit – Part I**
  This class provided a general overview of credit and was held in a computer lab to allow participants to generate and print their own free credit report.

- **Understanding Credit – Part II**
  This class offered a section-by-section review and explanation of the credit report. Those who had their report benefited by using it in the review.

- **An Overview of Bank Accounts Parts I and II (Savings and Checking)**
  Information about the various types of savings and checking accounts was shared along with ways to choose the account that best meets individual needs.

- **How to Negotiate the Best Car Deals**
  This session included some industry secrets that empower consumers to negotiate the best prices and seek out financing that is favorable to the consumer.

- **Wise Use of Credit Cards**
  Specifics about the benefits and costs of credit cards; warning signs of too much debt; and how to figure your credit limit were covered in this session.

The series culminated with a celebration on September 18. The event featured Dr. Brown, who shared his thoughts on financial empowerment on campus.

“*My vision for the Personal Financial Empowerment Series is simple. It is to make financial education available to the faculty and staff of the Health Science Center in order to enable employees to manage their finances more effectively for the benefit of themselves and their families, he noted.***

Dr. Brown encouraged employees to take full advantage of all opportunities available through the university including training, educational assistance and the 401k match. He also introduced representatives from SunTrust Bank – David Fleurantin, branch manager and Jay Wesberry, client service specialist. Dr. Brown suggested that employees visit both UT Federal Credit Union and SunTrust Bank and challenge the staff of each branch to assist them in improving their financial realities by recommending products and services that best meet their needs.

Feedback from the series has been very positive. During the celebration, members of the class shared their insights.

Joe Bragg, Facilities Department said, “First, I would like to thank Dr. Brown for the opportunity to take these classes. The three things that stood out most for me were classes on bank accounts and how important it is to put something away each payday; the explanation of how credit works; and how to get the best car deal.”

Anita Anderson, College of Medicine, also thanked Dr. Brown for offering the classes and noted, “I have always banked with the credit union and financed my cars there because I appreciate the friendly personal service I receive.”

“I thoroughly enjoyed attending the Personal Financial Empowerment Series,” said Wanda Booker-Wade. “The class on ‘Wise Use of Credit Cards’ really stood out for me. I learned that the balance on your card(s) should be no more than 50% of the amount of credit you are extended. This will keep your balances low and more manageable to pay off in a lesser time.”

Observed Carolyn Polk, “The Personal Financial Empowerment Series especially helped me to understand how to better negotiate car deals. I learned from the class that it is important to know on the front end how much car you can afford and to always negotiate the best price first before talking about payments with the dealer. What is equally important is to not allow yourself to be pressured into buying a car that you don’t want or you can’t afford. Everything that was presented in these series of classes was beneficial to me.”

During the celebration event, Terri Gray, manager of the UT Federal Credit Union, addressed the class and asked them to continue to utilize what was learned. She reiterated that the staff of the credit union is available to assist all employees in reaching their financial goals.

David Fleurantin from SunTrust Bank also greeted the group and commended Dr. Brown and the university administration for this commitment to the financial empowerment of the staff through this series. He invited employees to stop by the branch to meet the staff and to discuss any financial needs.

HR Director Jerry Hall closed the program by praising employees for their commitment to attending the classes. He reminded the group of the wealth of benefits available to employees and suggested they consider the value of the benefits along with salary, revealing their “total compensation” package. Each participant received a certificate acknowledging their efforts.

Classes in the series are continuing this fall. Additional classes will be added in 2013.

### Upcoming Classes

- **How to Buy a Car**
  Wednesday, November 7, 2012
  9 to 10 a.m.
  GEB A302

- **Managing Credit Card Debt**
  Wednesday, December 5, 2012
  9 to 10 am.
  GEB A303

Enroll through the training portal at www.uthsc.edu/hrtraining.
PeoPle

Stephanie Anderson, MD
The U.S. Army commissioned its newest physician, Stephanie Anderson, a resident at the UTHSC Family Medicine Residency Program – Jackson, on September 13. Dr. Anderson served in the U.S. Army as a cook from 1995-2002. She completed her bachelor's degree, then went on to medical school at Ross University in Dominica, West Indies. A captain in the Army Reserves, Anderson was commissioned by Dr. David L. Maness, a retired Army colonel and the current professor and chair of the Department of Family Medicine at UTHSC in Memphis.

John K. Duckworth, MD, FCAP
The College of American Pathologists (CAP) awarded John K. Duckworth, MD, FCAP, retired professor and program director from the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at UTHSC, the CAP Lifetime Achievement Award at a special ceremony held on September 10, in San Diego, Calif., at the college's annual meeting. The CAP presents the Lifetime Achievement Award to members who have made a broad and positive impact on patient care through the specialty of pathology. Dr. Duckworth was recognized for his tireless devotion and commitment to the CAP for nearly 50 years, as well as for his commitment to the CAP Laboratory Accreditation Program.

James Fells, Sr., PhD
James Fells, Sr., PhD, Postdoctoral Fellow at UTHSC was recently awarded the Postdoctoral Scholar Research Integrity Ambassador Award, sponsored by the Office of Research Integrity (ORI) and selected by the National Postdoctoral Association (NPA) Awards Committee. The award, which recognizes exemplary achievement in leadership, scholarship, professional involvement, and university and community service, especially as it relates to involvement with research integrity, was given to Dr. Fells during the ORI Conference on Research Integrity, “Quest for Research Excellence 2012,” held from March 15 to 16, in Washington, D.C. Currently a Postdoctoral Fellow in the laboratory of Gabor Tigi, MD, PhD, chairman and professor in the Department of Physiology, Dr. Fells is the first recipient of this prestigious award from UTHSC. He also serves as president of the UTHSC Postdoctoral Association and is a member of the postdoctoral advisory board and steering committee.

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.

Candace Brown, MSN, PharmD
The Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
“A Controlled Trial of Gabapentin in Vulvodynia: Biological Correlates of Response”
$2.6 million
Dispersed over: 4 years

Terrance Cooper, PhD
National Institute of General Medical Sciences
“The Target of Rapamycin Complex I”
$1.4 million
Dispersed over: 4 years

Jenna J. Steinle, PhD
National Eye Institute
“Compound 49b Prevents Retinal Endothelial Cell Death Through IGFBP-3 Levels”
$1.8 Million
Dispersed over: 5 years

S. Darryl Quarles, MD
National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases
“Regulation And Function Of FGF23”
$1.8 million
Dispersed over: 5 years

Eldon E. Geisert, PhD
Department of Defense
“Genetic Networks Activated by Blast Injury to the Eye”
$1 million
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Games, cont. from page 1

Teams and individuals battled it out for medals in various competitions including pop-a-shot basketball, volleyball, horseshoe toss, hula hoop, and relay races. To view photos from this spectacular event, go to facebook.com/uthsc.

Grants, cont. from page 1

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COPS CORNER

Cops Corner is a round up of all Campus Police updates, awards, and events.

To Protect and Service
We would like to welcome and present our three new police officers and two new security officers to our campus community:

- Police Officer Ernestine Davison – Joins us with 30 years prior experience as a police officer with Memphis Police Department.
- Police Officer James Sanders – Joins us with five years of prior experience as a police officer with the Gallaway Police Department.
- Police Officer William Walsh – Comes to UTHSC with 29 years of experience with the Memphis Police Department.
- Security Officer David Benjamin – Is a returning officer who has experience in the field of security and corrections.
- Security Officer Jonathan Gyles – Has prior experience in the field of security and corrections.

We are proud to have seasoned officers joining our UTHSC Police Department.

“See Something, Say Something”
To welcome the new and returning students for Fall 2012, UTHSC Police Officers distributed yellow handbills with the Top Ten Safety Tips. The handbills were placed on student vehicles located in the open parking lots. The UTHSC Police Department wants to encourage everyone that if they “see something, say something.”

Orientation Safety Presentations
The UTHSC Police Department’s Crime Prevention and Safety Unit worked with the various colleges during new student orientations and presented safety tips as well as an active shooter video. The unit, in conjunction with other police services, is seeking measures to prepare UTHSC students should a critical incident occur on our campus. The students were also given a safe dating brochure to assist them in making sound decisions for personal safety.

Run, Hide, Fight
New features are now posted on the UTHSC Police Department website, www.uthsc.edu/campuspolice.

“RUN, HIDE, FIGHT,” an video on surviving an active shooter event, appears as soon as you go to the site. This video was compiled with assistance from the Department of Home Land Security. Facebook and Twitter links are also now present. Check it out.

Upcoming Events
Be sure to join the UTHSC Police Department for “WALK THE YELLOW LINE”. Do you know how intoxicated you can be at different levels? Simulator goggles will show you how difficult it is to perform routine tasks, when you are under the influence of intoxicants such as walking along a straight line. Look for the details on date and time soon.

Emergency Evacuation Planning
UTHSC’s Emergency Evacuation Plan (EEP) is designed to assist in the protection of life and property in the event of a fire, explosion, spill or other emergency requiring building evacuation.

Campus buildings are equipped with fire protection systems, consisting of detection and notification appliances. The alarm alerts building occupants of the need for evacuation and sends a signal to the University Operations Center and the fire department that there is an alarm condition in the building.

Note: When a single detector is activated in high-rise buildings (Madison Ave. Plaza, Molecular Sciences, and Lamar Alexander), the alarm is sounded on the floor of the incident, one floor below, and two floors above. If multiple detectors are activated, indicating that fire is large or not contained, the alarm sounds throughout the entire building. In non-high-rise buildings, the activation of a single detector triggers evacuation of the entire building.

Persons discovering a fire, smoky condition, hazardous material spill, or explosion should pull the fire alarm. Stations are located at the exit stairwells. It may also be necessary to activate another fire alarm pull station, or shout the alarm, if people are still in the building and the alarm has stopped sounding. If the alarm does not sound, or if the building is not equipped with audible fire alarms. This can be done while exiting. Any pertinent fire or rescue information should be conveyed to first responders from UTHSC Campus Police or Memphis Fire Department.

To report all other emergencies, employees should call the UTHSC Campus Police (8-4444). State your name, your location, and the nature of the call. Speak slowly and clearly. Wait for the dispatcher to hang up first. On occasion the dispatcher may need additional information or may provide you with further instructions.

Please contact the Office of Safety Affairs at 8-6114 for additional information.

Second Annual DETERMINED TO BE A DOCTOR SOMEDAY Symposium
UTHSC hosted the Second Annual Determined to Be A Doctor Someday (DDS) Symposium at the Memphis campus on August 25. The one-day event was created to help underserved minority youth learn about careers in the health care industry. One lucky student won a $1,000 scholarship in honor of the late Dr. Wisdom Coleman, and many other prizes were given away as well. Students had the opportunity to speak one-on-one with health care professionals, who may act as mentors for them.

“The symposium provides an even, level playing field for students who might not be exposed to doctors of various backgrounds, both ethnic and socioeconomic.” said Christina Rosenthal, MD, UTHSC alumna and founder of Determined to Be A Doctor Someday. “In a lot of the medical professions – pharmacy, dentistry, and medicine – minorities are underrepresented. Students who share an interest in a medical career will also have the chance to get to know one another. It’s an exciting opportunity to network with like-minded students who are career and goal oriented.”
In August, the UTHSC Child Care Program celebrated “Camping We Will Go!” Children brought flashlights, sleeping bags, lanterns, and trail mix to simulate the experience. Frank Harrison, director of Campus Recreation, participated in the activities by teaching kayak safety to the attendees.

UTHSC Alum Assumes Charge of Naval Branch Health Clinic

Capt. Alan Siewertsen (left) shakes hands with Cmdr. Michael Service after a change of charge ceremony held at Naval Branch Health Clinic, Mayport on Aug. 17.

On August 17, at the Naval Branch Health Clinic, Mayport, UTHSC Alum Commander Michael Service relieved Captain Alan Siewertsen as officer in charge during a change of charge ceremony. The guest speaker was Captain Michael McGinnis, director, Branch Health Clinics, Naval Hospital Jacksonville, and the presiding officer was Captain Gayle Shaffer, commanding officer, Naval Hospital Jacksonville.

Service is a native of Guthrie, Ky., and was commissioned an Ensign in the Navy Nurse Corps in June 1993. He began his career at Naval Medical Center, San Diego where he initially served as a staff nurse on the inpatient multi-surgical ward and then as specialty nurse providing intravenous conscious sedation in eight various surgical specialty clinics.

Next, he was assigned to Naval Hospital Millington, Tenn., where he served as Department Head of Beneficiary Access and Health Promotion officer for the Mid-South area of operations.

In 1999, he was selected for full-time duty under instruction at the University of Tennessee earning a Master of Science degree as a Family Nurse Practitioner. His follow-on tour at Naval Medical Center, San Diego included duties as staff FNP, Department Head of Family Practice, senior nurse for Director of Ambulatory Care and intern Officer in Charge at Naval Branch Clinic Chinhae, Korea. He served on the Executive Committee of Medical Staff, Executive Committee of Nursing Staff, Credentials Review Board and the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee.

In June 2004, Service transferred to Naval Hospital Cherry Point, North Carolina before deploying with Marine Wing Support Squadron 274 (MWSS-274) to Anbar Province in Iraq a year later. There he served as the unit medical officer providing combat medical care to forces in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

He was then assigned to Expeditionary Health Services Pacific providing direct medical and consultative support to over 48 ships assigned to Expeditionary Strike Group-3 and other Surface Forces Pacific assets. From there, he reported aboard Naval Branch Health Clinic Sasebo, Japan where he served as interim Officer in Charge and Head of Medical Services overseeing the delivery of quality medical care to over 6,800 beneficiaries. During the tour, he deployed as a medical provider to Expeditionary Medical Facility-Kuwait coordinating care for more than 18 transiting combat Army Brigades and two Marine Expeditionary Units.

In 2010, he reported to the Navy Personnel Command serving as one of the senior Nurse Corps detailers responsible for the distribution, assignment, and career management of more than 900 nurses representing 16 different subspecialties.

Service is board-certified as a Family Nurse Practitioner. He is a member of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners and the University of Tennessee Imhotep Honor Society.

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Read the article in its entirety at http://jacksonville.com/military/mayo-pert-mirror/2012-08-22/story/service-assumes-charge-mayport-clinic#ixzz2543dr1h.
Driven by a Passion for Science, People, and Learning

What do you expect to see when you walk or drive by a crime scene? Yellow tape, blaring sirens, detectives, and evidence? Thanks to high profile TV shows like “Law and Order” and “CSI”, what to expect at a crime scene is common knowledge. However, not everyone and everything there is common, especially the forensic nurse collecting DNA evidence. This uncommon occupation is a vital and unique position within the health care field. Just ask Stefanie Christy, a first-year Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) student at UTHSC and this month’s Student Spotlight subject, who has her sights set on this vocation.

It was years ago that Christy, a native of Jackson, Miss., discovered her love for science, people and learning. Making the choice to pursue nursing was an easy one because it came naturally to her. “I always knew I would be in a field that dealt with people,” she shared. “I love taking care of them. Nursing allows me to blend all areas.” After high school, Christy was accepted into Mississippi State University. It is there that she would establish her impeccable reputation and further into her passion for community service.

Enrolled as a Biochemistry and Molecular Biology major, Christy was involved in many activities such as the Baptist Student Union – serving on their leadership and service teams. She also played keyboard for the “Fisherman” ensemble at the Baptist Student Union, and served as president of the Resident Assistant Association. A participant in the Shachoul’s Honor College, Mortar Board and Habitat for Humanity, Christy also made time to excel in intramural sports, playing on the softball and basketball teams.

Being involved is essential to her. “It not only gives you a balance between your studies and personal life, it provides you with a sense of purpose,” she said. Still, Christy kept academia and her nursing interests as her main priority. She was still set on going into the field; however, she had grown to love the study of forensics. “I always liked the area of forensics; watched the ‘CSI’ shows. Then in college I was actually able to do a lot of forensic analysis in the lab – with DNA, RNA, protein testing, etc...” Christy recalls, “But I knew I did not want to stay in the lab all day running tests. I wanted to work with people and use my Biochemistry background in every way possible.”

She set out in search of a place where she could fulfill her wishes after completing her collegiate degree. After extensive research, Christy settled on the University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC), which she describes as a “forerunner” of nursing institutions. The fact that UTHSC wasn’t far from her Hernando, Miss., home only made her decision sweeter. It all became official once Christy was accepted into the Master of Science in Nursing Clinical Nurse Leader (MSN-CNL) Program. Once things were in full swing, Christy became involved in extracurricular activities. She became president of the nursing student body, was inducted into Sigma Theta Tau, a prominent nursing organization, participated on the Student Government Association Executive Council, and helped with activities such as Sweetheart Sundaes in the Park.

Leslie McKeon, PhD, RN, CNL, NEA, BC, assistant dean for Student Affairs and associate professor in the College of Nursing, is excited for Christy to be featured in the Student Spotlight. “Stefanie is a knowledgeable, vigilant, and compassionate nurse,” she shared. “Her passion for patient-centered care is surpassed only by her pursuit of professional excellence.”

After receiving her degree in May 2011 as a part of UTHSC’s first MSN-CNL graduating class, Christy became a nurse in the Pediatric Pulmonary Unit at Le Bonheur Children’s Hospital. She felt serving as Asthma Champion for the hospital was one of her biggest accomplishments. After spending some time in a clinical setting, Christy decided to continue her education. She returned to UTHSC as a DNP student, specializing in nursing forensics. “After I started working with pediatrics at Le Bonheur, I was compelled to continue this new degree,” she said. “I hope to continue working in the pediatric field focusing on physical, emotional, and sexual abuse cases, in regards to both data collection and coping skills. I feel like this degree will best provide me with the means to achieve this ultimate goal of becoming a pediatric forensics nurse.”

When she is not working or studying, Christy enjoys spending time with her husband of 4 ½ years, Nick, who is the head basketball coach at Lake Cormorant High School in DeSoto County, Miss. She also enjoys painting, making crafts, and singing in her church choir. As a member of the Mississippi Nurses’ Association, she is able to share her passion for nursing with her community. In the future, Christy hopes to serve at local events, meetings, health fairs, churches, and schools, helping to educate DeSoto County residents on various health topics, including breast cancer awareness, asthma, aging and medications, new policy changes to Medicare, flu symptoms and immunizations.

Christy has some insightful advice for new students. “Remember and hang on to your good days,” she said. “There will be rough times, but just push on through them.”

Although she is in the process of readjusting herself to an educational setting, Christy is once again stepping up to the plate. She is currently a DNP representative for the Honor Council and was the keynote speaker at the College of Nursing’s White Coat Ceremony on October 8. She is unsure of what is next, but we are sure with Christy’s dedication and drive, the best is yet to come.

Technology Transfer Award

In late October, Dick Gourley (left), interim president for UT Research Foundation, and David Millhorn (right), UT executive vice president, presented UTHSC faculty member Gabor Tigyi and UTK faculty member Tami Wyatt with the B. Otto and Kathleen Wheeley Award for Excellence in Technology Transfer. Presented by UTRF, the Wheeley Award is given to UT faculty who excel in the commercialization of university-based research results. The B. Otto and Kathleen Wheeley Foundation provides the award stipend of $5,000 through an endowment fund, which was established in 1989. UTRF is the not-for-profit organization responsible for commercializing and licensing technology discovered by faculty across the University of Tennessee System.

Dr. Tigyi is Harriet Van Vleet Professor and chair of the Department of Physiology at UTHSC. Dr. Wyatt is an associate professor of nursing and co-director of the Health Information Technology and Simulation Laboratory at UTK.