Race for the Summitt Raises $8,000+

Despite a rainy start, the Race for the Summitt on March 22 raised more than $8,000 for The Pat Summitt Foundation, which is dedicated to winning the fight against Alzheimer's disease. The American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) chapter at UTHSC’s College of Pharmacy hosted the race. There were 284 registered runners; 231 actually participated.

What You Need to Know About City Parking Regulations

As of May 1, city officials began implementing a new process for enforcing parking regulations. The new average fine is about $23.

All fines are due within 15 days of the date the parking ticket is issued.

If violators do nothing, a judgment will be issued which is enforceable for up to 10 years.

The cost for illegal parking can rise to as much as $246 for violators who don’t pay in a timely manner.

If the ticket is not paid within 15 days and a judgment is issued, the cost could go up significantly. The fees and penalties may include: a $50 fine, $135 court cost, $1 state tax and $20-$40 in late fees. Also, your vehicle could be immobilized or impounded.

Parking fees and enforcement times are $1 per hour from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday thru Friday. There is a minimum payment of 50 cents for the first 30 minutes.

The new multi-space kiosks use “pay and display” technology. A receipt is printed for display on the parked vehicle’s curb side dashboard, and it can be used as proof of payment if a driver wants to challenge a parking ticket.

Citizens who have questions about parking tickets can call the city court clerk at (901) 636-3450 or the city prosecutor at (901) 636-3479.

UTHSC Plants Trees for Arbor Day . . .

from left, students Jessica Davis, Adam Long, Kristina Berard, and Meri Claire Turner participated in the Wolf River Conservancy’s tree planting event at Shelby Farms

UTHSC students took part in the Wolf River Conservancy’s Ninth Annual Tree Planting at Shelby Farms Park on March 29 in recognition of Arbor Day. The UTHSC Outdoor Recreation Program organized the students’ participation. “It’s a way we can involve ourselves in local events, and a way we can give back to the community,” said Erin Jennings, aquatics and outdoor recreation coordinator at UTHSC. Upcoming collaborations with the Wolf River Conservancy include canoe trips on the Wolf River in May and a cycling outing in June.

. . . and Earth Day

UTHSC students helped nature along with a tree planting in Health Sciences Park in celebration of Earth Day on April 22.

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.
Dr. Shreve Steps Down as Associate Dean of COM

Robert G. Shreve, EdD, will step down from his role as associate dean for Medical Education in the UTHSC College of Medicine on June 16. Dr. Shreve will continue in a full-time administrative role until he retires at the end of the year.

“As Bob steps down, it is not only appropriate that we recognize his hard work and his successes, but also that we embrace his legacy of continually improving and seeking educational excellence at our home campus in Memphis, as well as at our major locations in Chattanooga and Knoxville,” said David M. Stern, MD, executive dean of the College of Medicine at UTHSC.

Dr. Shreve has been with the college since 2002. Most recently, he led the college through a re-accreditation for a full eight-year term.

College of Medicine Reaccredited

The University of Tennessee College of Medicine has been reaccredited for the maximum eight-year term by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME). An official letter detailing this decision was received March 11, 2014. The next full accreditation survey will take place in 2021-22.

The LCME accredits all allopathic medical schools in the U.S. and Canada. Accreditation signifies that national standards for structure, function and performance are met by a medical school’s education program. Only LCME-accredited institutions may receive federal grants for medical education and participate in federal loan programs. U.S. medical students must be enrolled in or graduated from an LCME-accredited program before they can take national board exams (U.S. Medical Licensing Exam) or enter residency programs.

Preparing for the accreditation process took nearly two years, beginning with an extensive self-study involving more than 100 faculty, administrators and students. The medical students also conducted an independent self-study that was submitted to the LCME. A five-member survey team comprised of faculty and administrators from other medical schools spent three days on campus in November reviewing the documentation and meeting with approximately 150 faculty and students.

The survey team’s extensive report was reviewed by the LCME at its February meeting. Of the approximately 135 standards, the College of Medicine was judged to be noncompliant with five standards, with four others noted as in compliance, but in need of monitoring. This is slightly better than the average number of citations schools have received in the past three years.

The college’s excellent relationship with participating hospitals was cited as an institutional strength.

The school must submit an update on our areas of citation by April 2015, but there will not be a second site visit – something many schools are experiencing two years after the initial visit.

The UT College of Medicine traces its origin to 1851 as the Medical Department of the University of Nashville. In 1911, the University of Tennessee Department of Medicine moved to Memphis and became the University of Tennessee College of Medicine. The College of Medicine includes a primary campus located in Memphis, as well as clinical campuses located in Knoxville and Chattanooga. Since its inception, the College of Medicine has graduated more than 13,000 physicians. The school matriculates 165 students each year. Students spend the first two years in Memphis, but have the flexibility of doing the clinical component of the curriculum (last two years) on either the Memphis, Knoxville or Chattanooga campuses.

Allied Health Gains New Associate Dean

The College of Allied Health Sciences has a new associate dean for Faculty and Academic Affairs.

Rosemary Walker, DDS, MSEd, MBA, MS, assumed the position on March 1. Dr. Walker will also serve as an assistant professor in the Department of Health Informatics and Information Management.

“Dr. Walker has had a diverse career in higher education, which makes her uniquely qualified for the position,” said Dean Noma Anderson. “Dr. Walker brings a wealth of experience.”

I want to express my deepest appreciation to and highest regard for Dr. Rebecca Reynolds who served the college so admirably as assistant dean for Faculty and Academic Affairs,” Dean Anderson said. Since 2011, Dr. Walker has been the program director for the MS in Health Informatics Program and the MS in Clinical Research Administration Program at Walden University. From 2002 to 2011, Dr. Walker was on the faculty – and from 2008 to 2011 was program director - of Graduate Programs in Health Informatics at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Prior to 2001, Dr. Walker served on the faculty of schools of dentistry at Georgetown University, Howard University, the University of Maryland and Marquette University.

Earlier in her career, Dr. Walker was assistant director of information at the American Dental Association and served as a dental officer in the U.S. Army Reserve.

Chinese Delegation Visits

A delegation from Harbin Medical University in China, one of the top health sciences universities worldwide, visited UTHSC as guests of the College of Graduate Health Sciences. The purpose of the visit was to explore opportunities for collaborative efforts to promote the highest level of education and academic research in the interest of human health. This was a follow-up to a visit to China by Don Thompson, PhD, dean of the College of Graduate Health Sciences.

From left, Dr. Dan Yang, deputy director of Harbin’s International Office, watches as Harbin Medical University President Dr. Yang Baofeng is welcomed by UTHSC Chancellor Steve Schwab, MD.
TodayCare - UTHSC Child Care - Started April 1

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the phone number and fax number for the center? Our phone number is (901) 590-1597; the fax is (901) 590-1599.
2. What are the center hours? The center hours are 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
4. Who may use the center? All full-time faculty and staff team members of UTHSC may enroll in the center.
5. What services does the center offer? The center offers full-time infant and toddler care (six weeks through 30 months) and full-time preschool care (30 months through 60 months).
6. Do I have to bring an original immunization card? No, your child's physician may fax a copy of the official Tennessee immunization form to the center at (901) 590-1597. Physicians often refer to this form as the "daycare form." All forms may be found on www.uthsc.edu/todaycare/.
7. What happens if I do not have a copy of my immunization card? You will be asked to come and pick up your child. You will be notified immediately, and if there is a spot available on the mildly ill side, we will move them to a sick room. If not, you will be asked to come and pick up your child.
8. Will the center provide lunch for my child? No, children will need to bring a morning and afternoon snack, a well-balanced lunch and beverages with them. Meal suggestions can be found at www.mypyramid.gov. We do not provide refrigeration. Food must arrive able to stay warm or cold until served.
9. What happens if I forget my child's lunch? You will be asked to go get a lunch for your child. The center does not have snack or lunch materials available.
10. Can I take my child out to lunch while they are attending the center? Yes, if you are the legal guardian and have custody of the child. Infant bottles and tops both should be labeled.
11. How much do I pay when my child attends the center? Full-time tuition is $200 for infants and toddlers per week and $180 for preschoolers. Tuition is due and payable on Friday for the next week.
12. How can I pay for my child care? You can pay with cash, check or debit/credit card. We do not accept American Express.
13. Is the fee a reimbursable expense under the UTHSC Benefits Reimbursement Plan? Yes, TodayCare will provide a receipt for this purpose.
14. Can I visit my child during the day? Yes. The center has an open door policy.
15. Can I call to check on my child during the day? Yes, we will be glad to provide you with information on how your child is doing.
16. What happens if my child gets sick while at the center? You will be notified immediately, and if there is a spot available on the mildly ill side, we will move them to a sick room. If not, you will be asked to come and pick up your child.
17. What do I bring with my child? All personal items, diapers, diaper wipes, bottles, lunch and snacks. Label all items that are brought to the center with the child's name. Infant bottles and tops both should be labeled.
18. Can my grandchildren attend the center? Yes, if you are the legal guardian and have custody of the child.
19. What will my child do while they are at the center? Your child will have the opportunity to play in the block center, science and nature center, and the listening center. They will be able to dress up, play games, put puzzles together, play in home living, do art, and play outside when weather permits. The Creative Curriculum, which is a NAEYC-approved curriculum, will be used. The center is an NAEYC-Accredited program.
20. How secure is the facility? There is a secure entrance into the center. Parents must use an ID card or key pad in order to gain entrance.

To learn more about the implementation process and how results are being used, in ways big and small, at both system and campus levels, visit http://humanresources.tennessee.edu/yourvoice/index.html.

Are you proud to be part of the UT family? Is your department a good place to work? Are UT’s recognition and awards programs meaningful? These are among the questions included in UT’s statewide employee engagement survey being re-administered for the second time in fall 2014. A record-high 7,100 faculty and staff participated in the survey when it was introduced in 2011 and shared valuable input on topics such as:

• Pay
• Benefits
• Job Satisfaction
• Work Culture
• Performance Evaluation
• Training
• Diversity
• Professional Development
• Leadership
• Communication

Since then, work has been under way statewide to interpret, share and apply the data. These processes take time, but some of the very tangible outcomes from the 2011 survey include:

• Focus on health and wellness with free flu shots and CPR classes (UTHSC)
• Improved orientation program for new hires (UT Institute for Agriculture)
• Redesigned internet and intranet sites that encourage interaction and collaboration (UT Institute for Public Service)
• Follow-up to better understand employee preferences about communication (UT Martin)
• Focus on leadership development with new “Leaders Leading Leaders” program and management/leadership certification program (UT Chattanooga)
• New supervisor trainings on topics from performance management to employee recognition and shared governance at (UT Knoxville and UT Space Institute)
• A nationally recognized vendor, ModernThink, conducted the 2011 survey and will work with UT again in fall 2014. More information about the upcoming survey will be shared soon.

All employees will be encouraged to participate to help make UT the best workplace possible.

HR Update: Fall 2014 Survey

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Anyone who has ever spent time in a dentist's chair knows the value of a well-trained dental hygienist. Many of Tennessee's dental hygienists learned their skills in the Department of Dental Hygiene in UTHSC's College of Allied Health Sciences. This summer, however, Dental Hygiene will be realigned under the UTHSC College of Dentistry, the oldest dental college in the South and the third-oldest public college of dentistry in the United States.

By July 1, the seven full-time faculty, 16 adjunct faculty and four staff members of the department will relocate across campus from their 930 Madison Avenue offices to the Dunn Dental Building at 875 Union Avenue. The leadership of the Dental Hygiene program will remain in place, reporting to John D. Seeberg, DDS, assistant dean for Clinical Affairs in the College of Dentistry.

“We recognized that consolidating the Dental Hygiene Department under the College of Dentistry has the potential to achieve more efficient use of academic, physical and financial resources," said UTHSC Chancellor Steve J. Schwab, MD. “For Dental Hygiene students, the College of Dentistry is where their clinical education is housed," said Dean Noma Anderson, PhD, who leads the College of Allied Health Sciences. "Clinical education is a huge part of the undergraduate curriculum. It is, therefore, a more logical alignment. The program will be where their resources are located.”

"Future generations of dentists working side by side with future dental hygienists in the same college seems like a natural fit," said Dean Timothy Hotzel, DDS, MS, MBA, who leads the UTHSC College of Dentistry. "We know our students, faculty and staff, who are all engaged in varying aspects of this highly sought-after profession, will appreciate the added proximity and ease of studying and training together.”

Dental hygienists work with people of all ages to help prevent and treat dental disease. Working with dentists, dental hygienists carefully monitor the oral health status of their patients and intervene, as necessary, with a variety of therapeutic services. Every year UTHSC Dental Hygiene students contribute 2,300 hours of services and care to underserved children through the Urban Smiles initiative. Founded in 1926, the department is one of the earliest units established in the country to teach dental hygiene. In 2004, the department developed the first Master’s of Dental Hygiene program, the only online graduate program curriculum dedicated to preparing dental hygienists to serve as faculty and educational administrators.

Currently there are 53 undergraduate and 22 graduate students enrolled in the UTHSC Department of Dental Hygiene, which awards both Bachelor of Science and Master's degrees.

On April 23, the Periodontics Clinic at the UT College of Dentistry was named in honor of its former program director, Hiram R. Fry, DDS, MS. A campaign to raise funds was implemented several years ago to build a new graduate periodontics clinic, and it was decided that it would be named in honor of Dr. Fry.

Fourth-year UTHSC medical students and their families waited anxiously on Match Day, March 21, to receive the envelopes that would tell them where they will go next for their residencies.

David Stern, MD, executive dean of the College of Medicine, addressed the group gathered at the Memphis Pink Palace Museum for the big reveal. It was a notable Match Day, with the percentage of successful matches a little above the national average, according to the College of Medicine.

When the envelopes were unsealed, here’s how the numbers stacked up for the 145 students on track to graduate in May:

• 50 percent went into Primary Care (Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, and OB/GYN). This is a bit higher than in the past, but reflects national trends.
• 47 percent are staying in Tennessee
• 43 percent will do their residencies in the UT system.

“Fourth-year medical students at the Memphis Pink Palace Museum for Match Day 2014

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Submit information and photos by July 18 to tbullar1@uthsc.edu.

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Crime Continues to Drop

According to the April 4, 2014 edition of The Commercial Appeal, crime on most Memphis area campuses, including UTHSC, is down. This mirrors a statewide trend. The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) reported a drop of 11.6 percent – from 7,576 in 2012 to 6,698 in 2013 – on 96 college campuses around the state.

This also reinforces a report from the UTHSC Police Department that appeared in the February-March edition of The Record.

TBI divides crimes into two categories. Type A is the more serious, such as rape, assault and theft, and Type B is the less serious, such as trespassing or alcohol use.

At UTHSC, Type A incidents decreased to 49 in 2013 from 51 in 2012. Type B incidents decreased to three in 2013 from five in 2012.

The entire article is available online at www.commercialappeal.com/news/2014/apr/04/crime-on-most-memphis-campuses-decreases-tbi/?CID=happeningnow.

Imhotep Society Induction

Students were inducted in the Imhotep Society at the annual Student Government Association Executive Council Awards banquet held April 22 in recognition of their service and leadership on campus. The Imhotep Society was created by the SGAEC in 1979 to recognize student volunteers and leaders, and to inspire students to continue service and leadership roles as UTHSC alumni.

Administrative Professionals Day

Vallie Smith Collins, a survivor of US Airways Flight 1549 that landed in the Hudson River on Jan. 15, 2009, spoke at UTHSC’s Administrative Professionals Luncheon held in the Student-Alumni Center on April 23.

A 1993 graduate of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville and a resident of Maryville, Tenn., she recounted her story and shared the life lessons she learned from it. Attendees received free, autographed copies of the book, Miracle on the Hudson.

UTHSC professionals Tara Bea, Verlesha Jordan and Jenny Williams were acknowledged by Chandra Alston, associate vice chancellor for Human Resources, for outstanding performance.
New Scoreboards in SAC

The Student Government Association Executive Committee (SGAEC) continues to fund major improvements to the Student-Alumni Center. According to J. Lee Taylor, director of Campus Recreation, this year’s improvements include $7,000 for new scoreboards and $5,000 for new glass basketball backboards and goals. The SGAEC also donated $15,000 for a new drop-in volley ball system that will be installed in the next month.

Last year, the SGAEC collected $9,400 for a divider curtain in the gymnasium and $16,000 for new glass basketball backboards and goals. In previous years, Taylor said, they provided funding for new flooring and LED lighting in Studio 3 as well as renovations of Health Sciences Park.

Dr. Brown Accepts Award for Diversity

Ken Brown, JD, MPA, PhD, FACHE, UTHSC’s executive vice chancellor and COO, accepted the 2014 Healthcare Workforce Innovation Award for a Healthcare Educator from state Rep. G. A. Hardaway March 7 at the 2014 Healthcare Diversity Forum. Sponsored by the Council on Workforce Innovation, the forum was held at Vanderbilt University in Nashville.

Dr. Brown has been with UTHSC for 15 years, starting in the Office of General Counsel, and has served as director of the Office of Equity and Diversity from left, Rep. G. A. Hardaway and Dr. Ken Brown.

Art Auction Grosses $71,000+

An online auction by UTHSC of works by artist Paul Penzner closed March 26 and grossed more than $71,000. Bidding was robust during the final hours. Among the works that brought the most were “Wanda in a Fancy Green Dress,” which brought in $2,800. To see all the paintings and the bids, go to uthsc.edu/art. The artist’s widow, Jolanda, donated the works to UTHSC.

UTMG Adds New Plastic Surgeon, Four Neonatologists

Uzoma Ben Gbulie, M.D., joined the department of plastic surgery at UT Medical Group, Inc., and was named assistant professor at UTHSC. Dr. Gbulie earned his medical degree at the University of Lagos in Nigeria and completed a residency in general surgery at Howard University Hospital in Washington, D.C. He furthered his training with a fellowship in plastic and reconstructive surgery at St. Louis University Hospital in St. Louis, Mo., followed by a fellowship in craniofacial surgery at UTHSC and Hospital Necker-Enfants Malades in Paris.

Dr. Gbulie is board certified by the American Board of Plastic Surgery and the American Board of Surgery. He is also a fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

He cares for patients at 7945 Wolf River Blvd. in Germantown, specializing in aesthetic and reconstructive surgery for the face and body, including facial rejuvenation, body contouring, breast surgery, complex flaps for traumatic wounds, and reconstruction for cancers of the skin, head and neck.

UTMG’s department of neonatology recently added four physicians. They are: Sandeep Chilakala, M.D., earned his medical degree at Kurnool Medical College in Kurnool, India, and completed pediatric residency at East Tennessee State University. He completed neonatal-perinatal medicine fellowship training at UTHSC, where he is assistant professor of pediatrics. He is board certified by the American Board of Pediatrics.

Mimily Harsono, M.D., received her medical degree from Universitas Methodist Indonesia-Fakultas Kedokteran in Indonesia. She completed pediatric residency at Flushing Hospital Medical Center, an affiliate of Albert Einstein College of Medicine, in Flushing, N.Y. She went on to complete a fellowship in neonatal-perinatal medicine at UTHSC, where she serves as assistant professor of pediatrics. She is board certified by the American Board of Pediatrics.

Kirtikumar Upadhyay, M.D., graduated from B.J. Medical College in India. He completed pediatric residency at Sheth K.M. School of PG Medicine and Research there and at Flushing Hospital Medical Center in Flushing, N.Y. He furthered his training in neonatal-perinatal medicine at UTHSC, where he serves on the faculty as assistant professor of pediatrics. Dr. Upadhyay is board certified by the American Board of Pediatrics.

Mark F. Weems, M.D., earned his medical degree from the University of California Irvine Medical Center. He completed fellowship training in neonatal-perinatal medicine at Los Angeles County + USC Medical Center and Children’s Hospital in Los Angeles. Dr. Weems is assistant professor of pediatrics at UTHSC and board certified by the American Board of Pediatrics.

UT Medical Group is a private group practice affiliated with UTHSC College of Medicine faculty. A not-for-profit, non-tax-supported group practice, UTMG is dedicated to quality patient care, medical education, and medical research. For more information, visit utmedicalgroup.com.
UTHSC Tries Out Electronic Textbooks

“Back to school” is an annual ritual that traditionally meant buying an arm load or two of heavy, expensive textbooks. That may not always be the case.

Students starting in UTHSC’s College of Dentistry this August will be purchasing their curricula in the form of electronic texts they can use on their own computer, laptop, tablet or phone – up to three devices.

“They want to start with the D1s,” said Gary Carter, who manages the VolShop. “They want to start this class off from the beginning.” Carter credits Tim Hotel, DDS, dean of the College of Dentistry, with the idea. “He’s been a big advocate. It’s a big move.”

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

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

“They’ve worked out any kinks,” Carter said. “They know what worked and what didn’t, what students liked and didn’t like, and they’ve tweaked it.” The entire system is compatible with Apple and Windows machines, he added, so students will not have to purchase any new technology.

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

“I like it for two reasons,” he said.

“First, it is significant cost savings to the student, and second, they can carry around just their laptops, not a load of books.”

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

According to Edward J. DeSchepper, MAEd, DDS, MSD, the College of Dentistry’s associate dean for Academic Affairs, one problem with traditional texts is that students don’t always buy them, perhaps attempting to save money by sharing with their friends or waiting to see if they can get by without them altogether. Even if they buy them, they may not have them at the very beginning of the semester; the bookstore may run out and may not have them at the very beginning of the semester; the bookstore may run out and have to order additional copies.

“They're taking how people today read and learning outside the classroom,” Carter said. “That is, unless a particular instructor has something he uses that was not on the list, but if there is, we don’t know about it.”

Dr. DeSchepper agreed, adding that students may keep their copies of their texts and receive free updates every time these occur for the duration of their careers at UTHSC. Even after they graduate, they may pay an optional fee and continue to receive updates.

“No possible drawback,” DeSchepper said, might be that some people don’t like looking at a screen for long periods of time. “Some people will say they like paper. They don’t care to read from a computer screen for too long; our students study a lot.”

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

In fact, students using electronic texts will have the freedom to do everything they’ve traditionally done with paper textbooks, and more. They can highlight texts, for example, and make marginal notes, which might constitute defacing printed texts.

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

Dr. DeSchepper agreed, adding that students may keep their copies of their texts and receive free updates every time these occur for the duration of their careers at UTHSC. Even after they graduate, they may pay an optional fee and continue to receive updates.

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

For more information about the Children’s Oral Health Institute, go to www.mycohi.org.
Earlier this year, the Regional Medical Center at Memphis changed its name, reestablishing its brand as Regional One Health and creating an umbrella name for all of its operating entities. U T College of Medicine Executive Dean David M. Stern, MD, has been in discussions with Regional One Health’s leadership for some time about creating a faculty practice aligned with the hospital, much like the faculty practice groups UTHSC has created in partnership with Le Bonheur (UT Le Bonheur Pediatric Specialists, or ULPS) and with Methodist (UT Methodist Physicians, or UTMP). In February, the UT Board of Trustees approved designation of UT Regional One Physicians as a faculty practice plan for the College of Medicine in Memphis, authorizing UT Health SC to work with Regional One Health to move this joint effort forward.

UT Regional One Physicians is now set to launch this fall. Randy Sites, MBA, was recently hired as executive director, collaborating with UTHSC and Regional One Health team members to organize the many details for the launch and lay the foundation for the successful ongoing operation of the new practice plan. Look for more information in an upcoming issue of The Record.

Scholarships Available for Minority Women

When you get a diagnosis as the result of a medical test, do you ever stop to consider who ran that test? Probably not. Still, about 70 percent of medical diagnoses are made with information from the laboratory provided by medical laboratory scientists. The demand for medical laboratory scientists is expected to rise by at least 13 percent through 2020, according to the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Sciences. And salaries are also on the rise, with the median wage, based on location, estimated at $56,870. The unemployment rate of medical laboratory scientists is less than 2 percent, which is matched only by that of pharmacy technicians.

That’s why the Department of Clinical Laboratory Sciences at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, the oldest Medical Laboratory Sciences program in continuous operation in the United States, is hoping to put a career in medical laboratory science within reach of promising female minority students.

The department recently received a $15,500 grant from the UT Alliance of Women Philanthropists to help make that happen. The Alliance is made up of female donors whose mission is to educate, empower and inspire women to be philanthropic leaders at the University of Tennessee. The organization’s philanthropic goals involve using education to raise the quality of life for women and their families. The money will help provide necessary “catalyst” funding to purchase books and educational supplies for deserving female minority students for one year. Recipients will pass on their books and other permanent supplies to the next group of students in need.

In applying for the grant, Linda L. Williford Pifer, PhD, SM(ASCP), GSA(ABB), professor in the Department of Clinical Laboratory Sciences, and Kathy Kenwright, MS, MLS(ASCP)CM, MB and chair of the Department of Clinical Laboratory Science, wrote: “We have seen many students who are intellectually talented, but who have to work so many hours after school that they simply cannot succeed in earning their college degrees.

“Vastly, too many students find they must choose between food and shelter or an education, and this is incredibly disheartening to see, year after year.”

Pifer said the grant is helping 14 minority women on their “pathway to professionalism” to become medical laboratory scientists. “It will provide textbooks, appropriate laboratory apparel and will cover the cost of their national board examinations,” she said. “Education has the power to break the cycle of poverty, and in doing so, we will staff our diagnostic laboratories with much-needed young B.S. professionals who can make their own way financially in a field whose unemployment rate is less than 2 percent.”

Cordova resident Desiree Evans, 27, a second-year medical laboratory science student at UTHSC, said the grant money “will help put a whole lot” in her household. She had a baby boy in March and also works on campus as a student assistant. “It’s paying for my boards and textbooks, as well as scrubs, which saves a whole lot on my end, because money’s tight,” she said. Without the grant, she said she would have to work more, “which takes away time from me being at home with my husband and son.”

Evans is excited about the employment prospects for students in the laboratory sciences program. “If you go online now and look for various hospitals, every one of them is looking for clinical laboratory scientists. “It will provide textbooks, appropriate laboratory apparel and will cover the cost of their national board examinations,” she said. “It’s a big boom for us right now.”

Cancer Conference Oct. 24-25

Detection, Diagnosis, Treatment, Survivorship

The UT Graduate School of Medicine and the UT Medical Center Cancer Institute present a one and a half day CME and ACPE-certified educational activity on the latest in cancer detection and treatment. Presentations will include the role of radiology, genetics, clinical trials and implications of the Affordable Care Act. The conference will be held Oct. 24-25 at the Holiday Inn World’s Fair Park, Knoxville, Tenn. For more information or to register, visit www.tennessee.edu/cme/Big4.
Nursing Honors Outstanding Alums

On May 2, more than 70 alumni of UTHSC’s College of Nursing visited the Memphis campus to celebrate the selection of Madge Saba, 45-year veteran of the nursing profession, as the 2014 Most Supportive Alumna, and Michael J. A. Service, Commander, United States Navy, as the 2014 Outstanding Alumnus.

UTHSC Chancellor Steve J. Schwab and Laura A. Talbot, PhD, EdD, RN, dean of the College of Nursing presented the awards during a luncheon in the UTHSC Student-Alumni Center. The gathering was one in a series of Nursing Alumni Weekend events that include a scholarship ceremony and reception for nursing students and alumni, class reunion dinners, and a tour of St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

Saba received her Bachelor of Nursing degree from UTHSC College of Nursing in June 1966. She completed graduate courses in Secondary Education at Memphis State University (now the University of Memphis) in 1973 and earned her Master of Science in Nursing in 1990 from the University of Southern Mississippi.

She went on to be a faculty member at three different nursing programs in Tennessee and Arkansas. In addition to working and teaching, Madge volunteered on the UTHSC College of Nursing Alumni Board of Directors since 1996, serving as president from 2007-2010. She is a member of the American Nurses Association, the National League for Nursing and Sigma Theta Tau International.

A native of Guthrie, Ky., Cdr. Service was commissioned an ensign in the Navy Nurse Corps in June 1993 and began his career at Naval Medical Center, San Diego (NMCSD), where he initially served as a staff nurse on the inpatient multisurgical ward.

After his initial tour, he was assigned to the Naval Hospital in Millington, Tenn. In 1999, he was selected for Duty Under Instruction and attended University of Tennessee (Memphis), which he was renamed UTHSC in 1995, earning a Master of Science degree as a Family Nurse Practitioner.

Cdr. Service is board-certified as a Family Nurse Practitioner and a member of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners. While at UTHSC, he was selected for the Imhotep Honor Society. His personal awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with silver star, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with four gold stars. He is married to the former Tara Helton and has three daughters.

The UT College of Nursing is the leading producer of nursing faculty and graduate nurses in the Mid-South region. With more than 5,200 alumni, the college is consistently cited on the U.S. News & World Report annual list of America’s Best Graduate Schools.

Dr. Zite Has Article in New England Journal of Medicine

Nikki Zite, MD, associate professor and residency program director in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Tennessee Graduate School of Medicine (UTGSM) in Knoxville, had an article published in the Jan. 9 issue of the New England Journal of Medicine. The article featured research on women’s access to sterilization based on current Medicaid policy and consent process.

The authors recommended that the Medicaid policy and consent form concerning sterilization should be thoughtfully modified. Current policy, established in the 1970s, prohibits persons younger than 21 years old from being sterilized as well as those who are mentally incompetent or institutionalized. The focus of the perspectives piece was related to the mandatory 30-day waiting period. The only exception is if the patient is undergoing emergency abdominal surgery or a premature delivery, then the 30-day waiting period may be waived, however, there must be 72 hours between signed consent and the procedure.

The Medicaid policy was originally established to protect minority women’s rights. However, the research by Zite and her collaborators, which began in 2002, indicated the consent process may not be capable of protecting vulnerable women by ensuring that truly informed consent is obtained. A previous study by Dr. Zite on the comprehension of women who sign the consent form for tubal sterilization shows the form is written at a reading level too difficult for most patients to understand.

James Neutens, PhD, dean of UTGSM, noted, “This is a great contribution to the diversity and inclusion efforts being made in health care today.”

Dr. Crawford Returns to UTHSC

Alvin Crawford, M.D., the first African-American student to be admitted to and to graduate from the UTHSC College of Medicine, visited his alma mater in April to remember Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and to talk to students about King’s legacy. He also visited students at his alma mater, Melrose High School, as well as Frayser High School.

Dr. Crawford, who graduated from UTHSC in 1964, is Professor Emeritus at the University of Cincinnati. Find out more about him in a video from the Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber at http://bit.ly/1ICbpfF.

LaDonna Young, a third-year pediatric resident at UTHSC, talks with Dr. Alvin Crawford.
People

PhD Student Alexia Williams Receives Grant

PhD student Alexia Williams received a $3,000 grant for her dissertation project from the local chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, a nursing honor society. Williams is a third-year PhD candidate and instructor in the BSN/MSN program at UTHSC. She earned her associate’s degree in nursing from Shelby State Community College in 1994 and her BSN from Union University in 2010. She has practiced in numerous facets of the profession, developing expertise in medical, surgical and psychiatric nursing. Prior to UTHSC, she worked with post-surgery patients at Methodist Germantown Hospital.

Her dissertation research interests include health disparities, minority health, and mental health in male caregivers within the context of chronic illness.

Student Pharmacist Nick Capote Installed APhA-ASP National President

UT College of Pharmacy third-year student pharmacist Nick Capote was installed as national president elect at the American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP) annual meeting in Orlando. Originally from southern Texas, Capote earned his undergraduate degree at The Ohio State University and her MBA from the University of Memphis. He has previously held positions as a coordinator, clinical trial interventionist, health educator and exercise specialist at UTHSC. He has a BS in Health, Physical Education and Recreation, and an MEd in Health, Physical Education and Recreation. Prior to coming to UTHSC, he was professor and head of the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science at the University of Arizona College of Pharmacy. Her awards are “icing on the cake,” she said.

“J. Lee Taylor Named Director of Campus Recreation

Dr. Chisholm-Burns, who was appointed dean of the UTHSC College of Pharmacy in 2011, was nominated by colleagues at UTHSC, the University of Houston, the University of Arizona and the University of South Carolina. Prior to coming to UTHSC, she was professor and head of the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science at the University of Arizona College of Pharmacy. Her awards are “icing on the cake,” she said.

“I certainly appreciate the recognition, but what makes me feel good is making a difference in individual lives. It also makes me feel good when people recognize that we’re making a difference.”

The dean received her BS in Pharmacy and Doctor of Pharmacy degrees from The University of Georgia, her MPH from Emory University and her MBA from the University of Memphis. She has a strong background in patient care, particularly with solid organ transplant patients. She is founder and director of the Medication Access Program operating in Georgia, which helps to provide medication to roughly 700 solid organ transplant patients.

“I am really passionate about what I do,” Dr. Chisholm-Burns said. “I like helping people accomplish their goals, and I like influencing and making a difference.”
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Grants

Viktor Chizhikov, PhD  
“Analysis of a Novel Duplication Locus Causing Human Cerebellar Malformation”  
$184,806  
National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (National Institutes of Health)

Karen C. Johnson, MD, MPH  
Helmut Steinberg, MD  
The Look AHEAD (Action for Health in Diabetes) Study  
$1.6 million  
National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (National Institutes of Health)

Andrew Kang, MD  
Linda Myers, M.D  
Arnold Postlethwaite, M.D  
Andrzej Slominski, M.D, PhD  
“20 (OH) Vit D3, T Cells, and Arthritis”  
$1.6 million  
National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (National Institutes of Health)

Jonathan Jaggar, PhD  
“Arterial Smooth Muscle Channels”  
$95,931  
National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (National Institutes of Health)

Andreas Schwingshackl, M.D, PhD, FAAP  
“The Role of 2-Pore Domain Potassium Channels in Acute Lung Injury”  
$676,890  
National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (National Institutes of Health)

The National Institutes of Health (NIH), the nation’s medical research agency, includes 27 Institutes and Centers and is a component of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. NIH is the primary federal agency conducting and supporting basic, clinical, and translational medical research, and is investigating the causes, treatments, and cures for both common and rare diseases. For more information about NIH and its programs, visit www.nih.gov.

Student Philanthropy Week

April 21-26 was Student Philanthropy Week at UTHSC. Nearly 100 students from all six colleges participated in initiatives that included a bone marrow donor drive, oral cancer screenings, a senior caregivers health fair, dental screenings, a health careers simulation experience for high school students, blood pressure screenings and feeding the homeless. For more information, go to http://bit.ly/RG22pz.

Debra Clark signs up at the Bone Marrow Donor drive held April 21 in the Madison Plaza. From left, nursing students Etosha Butler, Jennifer McClennon and Porshia Mahoro look on.

Third-year medical students Yuri Sawa and Keandrea Wilson, first-year resident Monica Juma (not pictured), and Dr. Carly Fox of UTMG St. Francis Family Medicine donated their Saturday morning on April 26 to provide blood pressure screenings at the Stax Museum Music and Art festival.

Student Appreciation Day

UTHSC responded to Student Philanthropy Week with Student Appreciation Day. Rainy weather didn’t keep students from streaming into the Student-Alumni Center on April 28 for bright orange T-shirts, plates of barbecue, games and prizes that told the students they are appreciated.

Left, Dilan Patel, an M4 and president of his class, was among the first to pick up a free T-shirt.
In addition to making a living, most of us would like to find our work rewarding at a deeper level. It is a totally different dynamic, however, when you are a part of the population you aim to serve.

The 23-year-old daughter of Mike and Susan Jones was born with complications. Her parents thought she had normal hearing – she even said “Mama” at one point. When she was four months old, however, the White Bluff, Tenn., native started having severe ear infections. At around eight months, her parents noticed that she wasn’t responding as much as she should have.

Her parents took her to a doctor, who referred her to an audiologist. At 15 months, she was diagnosed with severe-to-profound sensorineural hearing loss bilaterally. In other words, she is completely deaf in both ears.

Jones was fitted with hearing aids, which she wore until she was almost eight years old. She also began aggressive speech therapy. Her perception of speech, however, did not get better.

“Something must have happened during first grade because it was getting so bad that I was literally moving my mom’s face and saying, ‘Let me see your face,’ as she was talking, and that is how I started relying on lip reading,” said Jones.

“There was a girl in my group speech therapy at Bill Wilkerson Center who had a cochlear implant. My mom saw the difference it made for her.”

Cochlear implant (CI) surgery was scheduled in July of 1998. Jones was the first Advanced Bionics recipient at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

“It was done by Dr. David Haynes,” recalled Jones. “After the surgery, I had to wait four weeks for my incision to heal before being activated. On the first day of activation, I remembered being a nervous wreck because I didn’t know what to expect, and I didn’t have the greatest experiences with the audiology world.”

She listened to a series of beeps, then a live voice that nevertheless was quiet by the standards of the normal hearing world, to become accustomed to hearing.

“Once they activated my CI, I cried, not liking the way it sounded because it was too loud and overwhelming for me.”

“There is a huge difference between hearing aids and cochlear implants,” Jones continued. “With my hearing aids, I was not hearing much, but with my cochlear implant, there were so many sounds I was hearing that it was just too much for me to handle. After the appointment, I did not want to wear it, but my mom kept putting it back on. The process took a while, but it gets better every single day!”

Jones heard so many new sounds – water running, leaves rustling, birds chirping, an airplane overhead.

“It has forever changed my life,” said Jones. “I was starting to lose ground and school would have continued to get more difficult. Ever since, I have worked extremely hard on my speech and listening skills. Now I can’t imagine how my life would be without my cochlear implant. It is a wonderful miracle to be able to hear all the sounds, even not-so-wonderful sounds!”

Jones graduated from Creek Wood High School in 2009, seventh out of 202 students. She received the Red Award, one of the three highest honors chosen by the faculty, and spoke at graduation. She was an athlete: soccer, cross country and track.

Jones enrolled in the University of Tennessee at Martin. A family friend, Dr. Robin Baker, who is an audiologist, asked Jones if she had thought of becoming an audiologist. Jones hesitated, arguing that hearing-impaired audiologists were uncommon.

“Robin said that there are a lot more things that I can do as an audiologist than that I can’t,” Jones said.

Her own audiologist, Andrea Hedley-Williams, AuD, steered her to Allyson Dinwiddie, AuD, a hearing-impaired audiologist. “I had so many questions for her,” said Jones. “Her responses were exactly what I needed to know. After meeting with her, I knew I wanted to be an audiologist.

“It is my passion to help the patients who have hearing loss because I can relate to many situations they have been through and can empathize with them.”

Jones went on to graduate magna cum laude a semester early.

“Just because you have a disability doesn’t mean it can prevent you from doing what you really want to do. You can do it if you work extremely hard, be dedicated, and be proactive. I have had to overcome barriers to get to where I am now. I didn’t let my hearing loss get in my way of pursuing my dream.”