2009/10 has been another great school year, and the third year of the new School of Health Administration (SOHA). Fall semester enrollment for Texas State should surpass 32,500, making Texas State the fifth largest university in Texas and the fifty-fifth largest university in the United States. The College of Health Professions opened our School of Nursing in a new and beautiful building on our Round Rock Campus. As planned and reported in the 2009 SOHA NEWS, the School of Health Administration has decided to enter the on-line education market by moving the long term care graduate certificate program from an in-class program to an on-line program. Approvals were obtained during the year and the program became available on-line this Fall.

Regarding faculty news, Dr. Wayne Sorensen retired after 17 years of service (10 as Chair) and Dr. Amanda Scarbrough resigned after two years of service. The School was given permission to open searches for five faculty positions last year and two additional faculty positions this year. All seven faculty searches were successful with two new faculty starting in the Fall of 2009: Ms. Yvonne Lozano who has a masters in gerontology and is ABD in applied gerontology from the University of North Texas; and Dr. Don Griffin who has a JD from Texas Wesleyan, a masters in healthcare administration from Trinity, and a masters in business administration the University of Texas—Permian Basin. Dr. Griffin is board-certified in health- care management and a fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives. Three additional faculty started in the Spring of 2010: Dr. Tondra Moore who has a JD from Samford University, a PhD in health services administration and a masters in public health from the University of Alabama at Birmingham; Dr.

The SOHA Fall Healthcare Conference & Recognition Dinner

The SOHA Fall Healthcare Conference & Recognition Dinner is scheduled for Friday, October 29, at the Embassy Suites in San Marcos. The conference is scheduled from 2-5 and will feature Dr. William Winslade, as our Brown Distinguished Lecture in Healthcare Ethics; Richard Hoeth, FACHE, speaking on the value of ACHE membership; and 2010 Herkimer Award winner Ernie Schmid, '97, FACHE. Immediately following the Conference will be a reception. From 6-8 will be the SOHA Recognition Dinner with faculty awards, student awards, and alumni awards. The Dinner also serves as the induction ceremony for Upsilon Phi Delta—the healthcare management honor society. HA graduate students with a 3.5 GPA in their first 21 hours in the major and undergraduate students with a 3.25 GPA in their first 21 hours in the major will be invited to be inducted. Outstanding graduate students for HHR and HSR will also be recognized.

Ernie Schmid, MSHP ’97, FACHE
Senior Policy Analyst (retired)
Attila Hertelendy who has a PhD in health systems studies and a masters in biomedical sciences from the University of Mississippi and a masters in health services management from Charles Stuart University; and Ms. Peggy Johnson who is a PhD candidate in community health and a masters in public health from the University of Tennessee. New faculty starting this fall include Dr. Matthew Brooks who has a PhD in health administration and a graduate certificate in gerontology from the University of South Carolina and a masters in public health from Virginia Commonwealth University; and Mr. Cristian Lieneck who is a PhD candidate and has a masters in healthcare administration from Texas State University. Both Dr. Brooks and Mr. Lieneck are board certified in healthcare management and fellows in the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Our students had another great year. Luis Concepcion will receive the Rappaport Award for Outstanding MHA Student; Ryan Soisson will receive the award for Outstanding HHR Student; and Tiana Lucas will receive the award for Outstanding HSR Student. Gail Nelson will receive the Noone Award for Outstanding BHA Student, and Ryan was the first student to present at our Fall HA Conference. On October 29, we will induct 30 students into Upsilon Phi Delta—the healthcare management honor society; undergraduates Katherine Chandler, Britney Cleveland, Marissa Cooney, Slate Cunningham, Brittany Dougherty, Jacob Grimes, James Kimberly, Katherine King-Sinnett, Gail Nelson, Kyndell Newton, David Robinson, Travis Spears, Cristina Terao, and student graduates Ashley Beard, Shawn Beechwood, Luis Concepcion, Christina Edwards, Margarito Flores, Andrew Fontenot, Lindsey Harper, Nathan Johnson, James Karpel, Kristina Keller, Chantelle Lunn, Olivia McSwain, Divya Pandurangadu, Christian Rollins, Sharandeep Singhota, Meagan Stahl, and Edyta Szymko. Receiving academic excellence awards will be Edward Cruz, Linda Carolan, Suzanne Fey, Tiana Lucas, Cari Scherer, and Xiaoning Zhang.

Please keep in touch and we hope to see you at the SOHA Conference and Recognition Dinner on Friday, October 29, at the new Embassy Suites in San Marcos (right next to the outlet mall!). For those of you wishing to spend the night at the Embassy Suites, ask for the Bobcat rate!

About the Faculty

While teaching is our top priority, SOHA faculty continue to provide leadership in service and produce quality in research which improves the School’s increasingly national reputation.

Dr. Michael Nowicki hasn’t let his administrative duties detract (much) from his busy research agenda. His paper on healthcare financial issues was accepted for the 12th year in a row by the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE). Dr. Nowicki presented the finance portion of the ACHE certification exam at national coaching courses in Atlanta twice, and at a local coaching course in San Antonio. Dr. Nowicki moderated a panel discussion Sustaining a Financially Vibrant Healthcare Organization at the joint ACHE/HFMA meeting in San Antonio. Dr. Nowicki presented at HFMA’s Revenue Cycle Conference in Chicago and continued to teach national healthcare financial management workshops for ACHE and HFMA. During the last year, Dr. Nowicki taught ACHE workshops in Williamsburg and Orlando and taught HFMA workshops in Seattle, San Antonio, and Chicago. Dr. Nowicki is working on the fifth edition of The Financial Management of Hospitals and Healthcare Organizations which is due out in May.

As Director of the BHA Program, Dr. Morrison has been busy working on a new orientation program for all new BHA students. In addition to faculty expectations and information about the curriculum, the session will include practical advice on reading for information, test taking/paper writing, and designing study calendars.

Dr. Morrison’s second edition of Ethics in Health Administration won the Bugbee/Falk Award from AUPHA.

The School of Health Administration logo is available in the form of a lapel pin on sale for $15.

Dr. Oren Renick continues his roles as Adjunct Professor at the Medical College of Wisconsin (Health Law) & Honors Professor at Texas State (Baseball & the American Experience). He received the College of Health Professions Teaching Excellence Award in 2010. His essay "Inextricably Linked: Joe Louis & Max Schmeling" is included in Fame to Infamy: Race, Sport, and the Fall from Grace available in November. Dr. Renick and honors student Ben Sullivan presented "Lou Gehrig & ALS: A Caregiver’s Story" at national professional conferences including the National Baseball Hall of Fame & Museum. This presentation was well received by the University (see Rising Stars link on the University’s homepage and the cover story in the University's alumni magazine, Hillviews, for Fall. Dr. Renick maintains his grant related work as Director of the Texas Long Term Care Institute and principal investigator of intergenerational service learning programs like SAFE AT HOME and STRONG FOR LIFE. Dr. Renick is President-Elect of Hope Hospice and on the boards of Faith in Action National Network and Hays County United Way. Dr. Renick also presented a paper at the Cooperstown Symposium on the Rev. Bill Sunday and was keynote speaker at the annual key leaders’ conference of the McCoy’s Building Supply Centers. He currently serves on the boards of the Faith in Action National Network, Hope Hospice
& United Way of Hays County. In his spare time, Dr. Renick continues to play baseball in the San Antonio Men's Senior Baseball League.

Dr. Jim Summers hasn't let thoughts of retirement slow him down. Dr. Summers continues to teach both graduate and undergraduate courses in healthcare marketing. ACHE honored Dr. Summers for his many years of service with Life Fellow designation.

Dr. Ram Shanmugam converted the undergraduate statistics course into a two-hour lecture, two-hour lab format to satisfy the needs of students seeking admission to clinical programs.

Dr. Tina Fields continues the responsibility for School assessment efforts. This includes mapping competencies to specific course objectives. Dr. Fields initiated a Healthy Start external evaluation for the Valley Primary Care Network and provided a series of monographs for Healthy Start.

Mr. Robert Mooney continues to coordinate our undergraduate field placements.

Dr. Rick Nauert continued his research on reducing depression and improving activity of nursing home residents. He published a monograph "Adaptive Music/Dance Therapy: An Activity to Improve Quality of Life in Long Term Care Facilities" that will also be presented at the International Conference on Health, Wellness, and Society. Dr. Nauert is developing a line of research on the use of health information technology in long term care settings. He is working with the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services to survey long term care providers on health information technology. Dr. Nauert served on a panel discussing "The Path to EHR Implementation: Strategies for Success" for the South Texas Chapter of ACHE. This summer Dr. Nauert taught a class at the University of Texas in support of a consortium project of HIT certificate programs led by Texas State University.

Mr. Matthew Brooks comes to Texas State after completing over 20 years in the Army. In 2009 he was deployed as the Deputy Commander for Administration of the 14th Combat Support Hospital in Camp Bucca, Iraq. After deployment, Dr. Brooks returned to his position as the Deputy Program Director for the Army-Baylor Graduate Program in Healthcare and Business Administration.

Yvonne Lozano comes to Texas State from San Antonio and has been very involved with the online long term care administration program. During the last year, Ms. Lozano published "Biography of Aging" in Distance Learning: Coalition for Leadership in Aging Services. She has also made several presentations on the art of dying and the impact of aging on domestic violence for such organizations of funeral directors, the Texas Conference on Aging, the Alzheimer's Association, the Texas Task Force against Elder Domestics Violence, and the National Conference of the American College of Health Care Administrators. Ms. Lozano is completing her dissertation and plans to defend this fall.

Dr. Don Griffin's 4th edition of Hospitals, What They Are and How They Work will be published this fall. Dr. Griffin co-authored "The Implications of Health Reform for Health Information and Electronic Health Record Implementation Efforts" in Perspectives in Health Information Management with Dr. Hertelendy and Dr. Fenton. Dr. Griffin spent the summer on a consulting engagement in Abu Dhabi, UAE, where he worked with a team to write strategic plans for six desert hospitals.

Dr. Tondra Moore joined the School in 2010. During the spring, Dr. Moore submitted a grant proposal to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation New Connections Program to study health care policy and its affect on health. She has begun a pilot study on the dynamics of the health administration workforce and education. Dr. Moore has also supported student interest in research by sponsoring five students in health symposiums. Over the summer Dr. Moore attended the New Connections Symposium at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in Princeton, New Jersey, and the 5th Annual Texas Conference on Health Disparities in Fort Worth. Dr. Moore also authored a chapter on hospital patient support services.

Dr. Attila Hertelendy successfully completed his dissertation in March and graduated in May from the University of Mississippi. Dr. Hertelendy co-authored "Meta-Analysis of Prehospital Airway Control Techniques Part I: Orotracheal and Nasotracheal Intubation Success Rates" and "Meta-Analysis of Pre-hospital Airway Control Techniques Part II: Alternative Airway Devices and Cricothyrotomy Success Rates" in Prehospital Emergency Care. Dr. Hertelendy also reviews articles for the Journal of Healthcare Management.

Dr. Lloyd Greene co-authored an article with Drs. Morrison and Fields regarding innovative teaching methods for the Journal of Health Administration Education and consulted with a rural healthcare system in Virginia on human resource issues over the summer. Dr. Greene was appointed to the editorial review board of the administrative issues of the Administrative Issues Journal: Education, Practice, and Research.

Ms. Peggy Johnson joined the School in the spring from the University of Tennessee. Ms. Johnson has spent much of the year completing her dissertation which she plans to defend this fall. Her abstract "The Impact of Health Beliefs and Demographic Characteristics on Breast Cancer Screening Practices among Women Age 55 and Older" was accepted for oral presentation at the Society of Public Health Education annual meeting.

Mr. Cristian Lieneck joined the School in the fall after several years experience in medical group practice management. Prior to that, Mr. Lieneck was a Medical Service Corps officer in the United States Army, first leading a medical evacuation platoon in the 3rd Armored Calvary Regiment and then as an Executive Officer of the Fort Carson Dental Activity. Mr. Lieneck is board certified in healthcare management and medical group practice management and is a fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives and the Academy of Healthcare Management. Mr. Lieneck is completing his dissertation and hopes to defend in 2011.
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