

2007 HA NEWS

Texas State University-San Marcos

HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

Preparing Tomorrow's Healthcare Leaders

From the HA Director—



I am proud to be the first Director of the new School of Health Administration at Texas State University--San Marcos, where I have been a faculty member for over 20 years! The School is the result of merging two departments, Health Administration and Health Services Research along with the Long-Term Care Institute, and offers graduate degrees in healthcare human resources, health services research, the CAHME-accredited healthcare administration as well as graduate certificates in healthcare administration, healthcare human resources, long-term care administration, and health informatics. The School also offers the AUPHA-certified undergraduate program in health-care administration and continues to offer support courses to the rest of the College of Health Professions. The School has 14 full-time faculty: five are board-certified in healthcare management and four are Fellows of the American College of Healthcare Executives; one is board-certified in healthcare financial management and a Fellow in the Healthcare Financial Management Association. The School has over 225 part-time and full-time students taking classes on both the San Marcos and the Round Rock campuses. The School also provides an area of special emphasis in healthcare administration to the University's fully-accredited MBA program. The School has a network of over 2,000 alumni, several of whom serve as preceptors to our students during their field experiences.

For serious students pursuing an education in the School of Health Administration, there are unlimited opportunities at Texas State. The award-winning faculty (faculty awards include five College teacher-of-the-year awards, eight College teaching excellence awards, four College service excellence awards, and *(continued next page)*

HA Conference & Reception

This year's HA Conference & Reception will be held Friday, October 26th from 2-6 in the Ballroom of the LBJ Student Center. For the first time in the Conference's 12-year history, there will be no charge to attend the event thanks to the generosity of Jesse Brown who provided a \$100,000 endowment to fund the keynote speaker. The first Dr. John H.U. and Jessie Brown Distinguished Lecturer on Healthcare Ethics will be given by Dr. Glenn Garber, Professor of Philosophy at the University of Tennessee--Knoxville. The lecture is entitled *Individual Conscience, Institutional Mission, Professional Code: Which Allegiance is Primary?* 2007 Herkimer Award Winners Robert Pascasio and David Pearson will give attendees their insight on rural healthcare in Texas.

HA Reception & Recognition Dinner

This year's Reception and Recognition Dinner will be held on Friday, October 26th from 5-8 in the Ballroom of the LBJ Student Center (a reservation form can be found at the end of this newsletter). RSVP by Friday, October 19th.

The 2007 Allen G. Herkimer, Jr., Award for Outstanding Alumni will be presented to



David R. Pearson, BSHP '93, MPA, FACHE
President & Chief Executive Officer
Texas Organization of Rural & Community Hospitals
Austin, Texas



Robert A. Pascasio, BBA, MSHP '94, FACHE
Administrator & Chief Executive Officer
Bayside Community Hospital & Clinic
Anahuac, Texas

Look us up online at:
www.health.txstate.edu/ha

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The College and the Department of Health Administration logo is available in the form of a lapel pin on sale for \$15.

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two College research excellence awards in addition to two Presidential awards for teaching excellence provide a rich diversity of experiential and educational backgrounds. Students continue to be encouraged to participate in a variety of professional associations which meet regularly in both Austin and San Antonio. Students, in turn, are expected to engage the faculty and the curriculum with enthusiasm and interest.

I encourage you to peruse our website at www.health.txstate.edu/HA for more information and let us know what you think.

Michael Nowicki
Professor & Director

from the last Chair of Health Administration (with apologies to Forest Whittaker)

Honoring my “campaign pledge” not to exceed five years as chair, I joyfully return to the ranks of the faculty and greet Dr. Michael Nowicki, Professor and Director of the School of Health Administration. My four years as chair along with three years as interim chair of health services research, and one year as the academic head of the Texas

Long Term Care Institute have been ... hmm ... interesting. I thank Dean Welborn for all these simultaneous opportunities to serve mankind.

My last year as chair was marked by sadness and celebration. In September we lost Megan Michelle Hamid, an outstanding person and student, in an automobile accident. Her parents established a memorial scholarship in Megan’s honor and many of you contributed generously to it. The first scholarship recipient should be recognized in April 2008. Those wishing to make a contribution may still do so online by going to https://catsweb.txstate.edu/app/give-to-Tx_state and specifying Megan Hamid Memorial Fund where designated. Megan’s MHA degree was awarded posthumously during a special ceremony this past May by President Denise Trauth. Megan’s parents, Michal and Fran Hamid, and her sister, Dr. Stacy Hamid, and many friends were present for the ceremony.

The tasks of securing the School of Health Administration designation were completed during 2006-2007. This designation represents the merger of two departments, an institute, and five different academic programs within the School’s organizational structure. Along the way, the graduate healthcare administration program was reaccredited for six years, the maximum allowed by the Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education. The academic year was eventful.

It has been my pleasure to serve on search committees making recommendations to fill the positions of President of Texas State University, Dean of the College of Health Professions, and Director of the School of Health Administration. I have welcomed President Trauth, Dean Welborn, and now, Dr. Michael Nowicki – Director of the brand new School of HA.

Oren Renick
Professor

About the Faculty—

Dr. Oren Renick received the College of Health Professions faculty excellence award for research in 2006. He also received awards for leadership and service excellence for his four years as chair of health administration and interim chair of health services research. In the new School of Health Administration, Dr. Renick will serve as the Principal Investigator for the Texas Long-Term Care Institute. Dr. Renick was also recently named Director of the Service-Learning Initiative at Texas State.

Dr. Morrison has submitted for publication a new book: Health Care Ethics: Critical Issues for the 21st Century. This is her second book in health care ethics. In the new School of Health Administration, Dr. Morrison will serve as Interim Director of Undergraduate Programs.

Dr. Jim Summers was nominated by the School for the College service award in 2007. He and Dr. Nowicki collaborated on four articles in the journal of Healthcare Financial Management. Dr. Summers also made two presentations on pricing transparency.

Mr. Mooney served on the AUPHA Undergraduate Program Committee and served on the panel review team for the BHA program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Mr. Mooney also serves on the faculty search committee for the College’s new School of Nursing.

The fourth edition of Dr. Michael Nowicki’s The Financial Management of Hospitals and Healthcare Organizations will be published in November. He continues to present seminars for ACHE and HFMA.

Dr. Philippa Strelitz completed a year long Cultural Competence Leadership Fellowship sponsored by the American Hospital Association by giving presentations on the role of cultural competence training in programs in health administration (one presentation was at the Mayo Clinic!). She has also been selected to chair the College’s new Diversity Committee.

Dr. Lloyd Greene Chaired the College’s Faculty Excellence Awards

Committee. He also served as a facilitator for the Austin Human Resource Management Association annual Diversity Day. Dr. Greene published a chapter in Managing Human Resources in Health Care Organizations and coauthored with Drs. Morrison and Burke an article published in the Journal of Health and Human Services Administration.

Dr. Ram Shanmugam delivered an invited talk to the International Statistics Conference in Cochin, India and coauthored with Sowmya Anand and Dr. Burke an article in the Journal of Model Assisted Statistics and Applications on air pollution.

Dr. George Burke participated as a panelist for the South Texas Chapter of the American College of Healthcare Executives and also presented “The Kickapoo Texas Indian Tribe as a Medically Underserved Population” at the Texas Society of Allied Health Professionals.

HA Alumni Directory Moves to Texas State Bookstore

The HA Alumni Directory, which is updated each December, is sold exclusively through the University Bookstore. To order a copy, call Fran at 512-245-2869.

Student News —

Barbara Jordan Health Policy Scholars

Two of our undergraduate students, Shuan Bailey and Claudia Ortiz, were accepted into the Barbara Jordan Health Policy Scholars Program funded by the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation and as part of the Program, spent the Summer in Washington, D.C. as Congressional Fellows.



Shuan Bailey



Claudia Ortiz

Acknowledgements —

A Big Thanks to Dr. Renick

The faculty and students of the School of Health Administration extend a big THANK YOU to Dr. Renick for serving as chair of the Department of Health Administration for four years and Interim Chair of the Department of Health Services Research for three years. Dr. Renick handled the turbulent changes from departments to a School with professionalism and patience. While his legacies are many, these years will best be remembered for the creation of the School.

A Big Thanks to Linda Spear

Linda Spear provided a significant gift to Upsilon Phi Delta, our healthcare management honor society, to offset the expense of the induction. This year 10 graduate students and 12 undergraduate students will be inducted to Upsilon Phi Delta with the entire cost of their induction underwritten by Linda Spear. Way to go!

McGaw Scholars Announced

Two of our graduate students, Gennell Kidder and Diana Nieves, received Foster G. McGaw Scholarships from the Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA) and will be recognized at the HA Reception and Recognition Dinner on October 26th.



2007 HA Reception & Recognition Dinner Reservation Form
LBJ Ballroom--San Marcos
Friday, October 26

Name _____ Degree _____ Year _____

Title _____

Organization _____

Guest Name(s) _____

\$40 per person for Recognition Dinner

please make checks payable to the HA Fund

RSVP by Friday, October 19, 2007



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\$15 for HA Lapel Pin

please make checks payable to the HA Fund



HA Alumni Donation Form

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