2011 Archives

Johnson & Lozano receive REP grants

Drs. Peggy Johnson & Yvonne Lozano were both awarded grant funds from Texas State University's Research Enhancement Program. This is an internally funded grant competition intended to encourage and provide support for faculty research and other creative activities. These funds are awarded by a competitive process that is available to all full-time Texas State faculty members.

12/6/2011

HACU awards more than $100,000 in scholarships

The Hispanic Association of Colleges & Universities (HACU) announces the recipients of its Scholarship Program for the 2011-12 academic year. For a complete list of HACU scholarship recipients click here.

A total of $109,000 is being awarded to 30 students attending HACU-member institutions. The awards were made possible through the generous support of sponsors for the following 2011-12 academic scholarships:

- Deloitte Scholars Program
- Kristen A. Sanchez Deloitte Student of the Year Scholarship
- NASCAR/Wendell Scott Award
- United Health Foundation Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities Scholarship

The online scholarship application for the 2012-13 academic year will open in the spring of 2012 and will run through the end of May 2012. Information will be provided at www.hacu.net/scholarships.

12/3/2011

Mooney, Griffin & Lieneck represent School at Bobcat Day

Mr. Mooney coordinated another successful Bobcat Days for the School of Health Administration on Saturday, November 19. Also in attendance were Dr. Griffin and Dr. Lieneck.

11/21/2011

Lozano presents a workshop for Texas Adult Protective Services Conference

Dr. Yvonne Lozano presented a workshop titled "Intimate Partner Violence in Older Adults" at the Texas Adult Protective Services Conference in San Antonio, Texas on November 10th.

11/17/2011

School recognizes outstanding contributions by alumni, students, and preceptors

The School of Health Administration recognized the contributions of alumni, students, and for the first time, preceptors, at the School's awards dinner on Friday, October 21, at the Embassy Suites. Outstanding Student Awards went to Paige Lavoie for the BHA program, Patricia Brannon for the MHA program, Aimee Pearson for the MS--HHR program, and Dustin Kreitner for the MS--HSR program. Lindsey Tippit received the Hamid award for Outstanding Civic Engagement. Laura Wills, '96, Region Director for the Austin Regional Clinic, and Laura Light, '03, Director of Human Resources at St. David's Georgetown Hospital, received the School's first Outstanding Preceptor Awards.

Herkimer Awards for Outstanding Alumni were awarded to Julie Hajek, '97, '03, Director of Human Resources at St. David's North Austin Medical Center and Chris Hartle, '96, President and CEO, Insurance Services, Seton Healthcare Family.

The School also awarded 13 academic excellence awards to undergraduate students with a 3.40 GPA or higher in their first 21 hours in the BHA program, and 9 academic excellence awards to graduate students with a 3.80 GPA or higher in their first 18 hours in the graduate programs. The School inducted 39 students into Upsilon Phi Delta, the national honor society for healthcare management students.

11/1/2011

Texas State serves as site for ACHE's Fall Satellite series

Texas State University served as a site for ACHE's Fall Satellite series co-hosted by the Central Texas Chapter and the South Texas Chapter. Each chapter provided a panel to discuss Triple Aims of High Quality, Low Cost, and Increased Access (South Texas Chapter) and ACO's (Central Texas Chapter). The ACO panel included School faculty Dr. Lieneck as moderator and Dr. Nauert and Texas State alumni Eric Weaver and Lilly Timon.

10/31/2011

Fields presents at Administrative Issues Conference

Dr. Tina Fields gave a presentation titled "A 3-prong approach to a competency-based curriculum" at the Administrative Issues Journal Inaugural Academic Conference at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, Oklahoma. This conference was a two day event on October 12th & 13th that provided a platform to present and discuss challenges pertaining to contemporary administrative issues.

10/24/2011

Sushant Jain, MHA '11, and Gail Nelson, BHA '11, present at the TORCH Leadership & Management Institute

Sushant Jain, MHA '11, and Gail Nelson, BHA '11, presented "Crucial Conversations: Lessons Learned from the Front Lines" at the TORCH Leadership & Management Institute held September 8 and 9 at the Hyatt Hill Country Resort in San Antonio.

9/8/2011

Nowicki presents financial management workshop for ACHE

Dr. Michael Nowicki presented a "Critical Financial Skills for Hospital Success" for ACHE in New York on August 7 and 8, 2011.
8/8/2011

**MHA Student Amber Meeks successfully defends thesis**

Amber Meeks successfully defended her thesis, "Historical Quantitative Study of Prenatal Care in Starr County, Texas," on Thursday, July 8th. Amber is a student in the Masters of Healthcare Administration program.

7/14/2011

**Greene appointed to the Journal of Health Administration Education Reviewer Panel**

Dr. Lloyd Greene has been appointed to the Journal of Health Administration Education Reviewer Panel. This panel provides a peer review of all manuscripts submitted. The Journal of Health Administration Education is a quarterly peer-reviewed journal which chronicles research, case studies, and essays by leading health administration educators and professionals. As one of the only professional publications in the field, the Journal sets a standard in health administration education research.

6/2/2011

**Zalucki and Nowicki provide certification preparation course for STACHE chapter**

Paula Zalucki, FACHE, and Dr. Michael Nowicki, FACHE, FHFMA, will provide a one-day certification preparation course for the South Texas Chapter of ACHE on Friday, August 5, at the Baptist Health System School of Health Professions (8400 Datapoint Drive) in San Antonio. Registration fee is $50 for ACHE affiliates and lunch is provided.

5/25/2011

**Luis Diego Concepcion receives the Bugbe Falk Book Award from AUPHA**

Luis Diego Concepcion received the Bugbe Falk Book Award from AUPHA. Dr. Nowicki nominated Luis based on his scholarship in the last year of his MHA program. Luis is due to graduate in May, 2011.

5/4/2011

**HLC Student Organization elects new officers for 2011-12**

The Healthcare Leadership Coalition (HLC) has finished their election and selected the new officers for the 2011-12 academic year. They are listed below:

- **President** - Matt Chavez
- **Vice President** - Michael Bagley
- **Congress Chair** - Justin Solomon
- **Treasurer** - April Rutledge
- **Secretary** - Jason O'Neill
- **Web Design** - Laura Murray
- **Volunteer Coordinator** - MArgie Bruneau

For more information on HLC and the officers, please visit their website by clicking here or on our website under the "Resources" tab.

4/21/2011

**Nowicki moderates panel on financial issues at TORCH Annual Meeting**

Dr. Michael Nowicki moderated a panel discussion at the annual meeting of the Texas Organization of Rural and Community Hospitals (TORCH) in Dallas. The panel included Brandon Durbin, Bill Parrish, and Larry Anderson, and discussed financial issues affecting Texas rural hospitals including the implications of the Patient Affordability Act, the HIT grant program, and disproportionate share and upper payment limit reimbursement changes in Texas.

4/8/2011

**Nowicki presents at ACHE Congress on Healthcare Management for 13th year**

Dr. Michael Nowicki presented his paper "Basic Healthcare Financial Management" to over 250 attendees at the ACHE Congress on Healthcare Management in Chicago. Afterwards, MHA students Sushant Jain, Ryan Karpel, Richard Sanchez and alumnus Robert Dickens attended the Alumni Dinner with Dr. Nowicki at Miller's Pub.

3/25/2011

**HA Alum Teresa Prigmore obtains Fellow status from ACHE**

Teresa Prigmore, who obtained her BHA & MHA from Texas State University-San Marcos, has been awarded Fellow status in the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE). To obtain Fellow status (FACHE) you must have a Masters or other postbaccalaureate degree, be in a current healthcare management position with at least 2 years of healthcare management experience, and pass the Board of Govenors Exam. For more information on ACHE and credentialing, please visit their website at www.ache.org.

3/24/2011

**MHA Alumnus Ernie Sadau new president & CEO of CHRISTUS Health**

Ernie Sadau assumed the role of president and CEO of CHRISTUS Health on March 1, 2011. In this position, Ernie leads day-to-day operations for CHRISTUS Health and lends extensive expertise in developing programs to improve quality and clinical integration and preparing the organization to capitalize on the opportunities of the future. CHRISTUS Health includes 40 hospitals and facilities in 5 states and Mexico. Ernie Sadau graduated with a MSHP in 1985 and won the School of Health Administration's Herkimer Award for Outstanding Alumni in 2001.

3/11/2011

**Fields has proposal accepted for 2011 Texas National Association for Multicultural Education Conference**

Dr. Tina fields has had her proposal titled Culturally Responsice Teaching: Ideas & Issues accepted for presentation at the 2011 Texas National Association for Multicultural Education (TxNAME) Conference to be held at the Eastfield College in Mesquite, Texas on April 30, 2011.
MHA Alumnus Michal Moore wins Rotarian-of-the-Year Award

Michal Moore, BSHIM '04, MHA '06 was selected as the 2010 Rotarian of the Year by the Stone Oak Rotary Club. Ms. Moore has served as the Director of Physician Services at North Central Baptist Hospital in San Antonio, Texas for over a year now and has been with North Central for over three years. She is very active in the local civic and professional organizations including the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE), the Stone Oak Business Association as well as the Stone Oak Rotary Club who recognized her achievements with the award.

Renick elected board president of Hope Hospice

Dr. Oren Renick was recently elected as the new board president for Hope Hospice which has been providing hospice care to patients and their families in the health of the Texas Hill Country since 1984. For more information about Hope Hospice, please visit their website at http://www.hopelhospice.net/.

Fields presents to "New Teacher Conference" at UT-Pan Am

Dr. Tina Fields traveled to Edinburg, Texas to give a presentation at the "New Teacher Conference" held at the UT-Pan Am campus on February 4th & 5th.

Lieneck obtains Fellow status with MGMA

Cristian Lienck has been granted Fellow status in the American College of Medical Practice Executives (ACMPE) which is the credentialing body of Medical Group Management Association (MGMA). Fellow status is the highest level of distinction you can earn in the medical practice management profession. To obtain Fellow applicants must earn the Certified Medical Practice Executive designation, write one professional paper or three case studies and earn & maintain continuing education hours. For more information on MGMA or their credentialing, please visit their website at www.mgma.com.

MHA student Ashley Beard receives 2010 Texas MHA Scholarship Award

Current MHA student Ashley Beard won the 2010 Texas MHA Scholarship Award from the Texas Organization or Rural & Community Hospitals (TORCH). This award is available to a second-year currently enrolled in an accredited Texas Graduate Program of Healthcare Administration who has demonstrated academic excellence in his/her program and who aspires to work in the healthcare industry, preferably in a rural area of the state.

BHA student Gail Nelson receives 2010 Texas Rural Healthcare Internship Stipend Award

Current BHA student Gail Nelson has been awarded the 2010 Texas Rural Healthcare Internship Stipend from the TORCH Foundation. The stipend is awarded to an individual, accepted to or currently participating in an internship program or practicum in a Texas rural healthcare facility, who is dedicated to providing quality healthcare in rural areas and who aspires to become a healthcare professional in a rural area.

Griffin & Nauert present at International Conference on Health, Wellness & Society

Drs. Don Griffin & Rick Nauert traveled to Berkeley, California to give presentations at the International Conference on Health, Wellness & Society held at the University of California Berkeley January 20th - 22nd. Dr. Griffin's presentation was titled A Comparison of Strategic Planning in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia vs. the United Arab Emirates: Many Surprising Differences while Dr. Nauert's presentation was Adaptive Music/Dance Therapy: An Activity to Improve Quality of Life in Long Term Care Settings.

Shanmugam gives keynote lecture at the 2010 International Conference on Computer Applications

Dr. Ram Shanmugam was invited to give the keynote lecture at the 2010 International Conference on Computer Applications in Pondicherry, India. Dr. Shanmugam's lecture was titled A Generalized Modeling Web Changes Data Recatched During A Spread Of Internet Virus with Browsers' Heterogeneity. He also chaired a session where researchers would present their papers orally.

Nowicki presents Healthcare Reform to Kaiser-Permanente senior management

Dr. Michael Nowicki presented the "Implications of Healthcare Reform" to the regional office senior management team of Kaiser-Permanente in Los Angeles on December 13 and 14, 2010.

Fields, Morrison & Greene published in the Journal of Health Administration Education

Drs. Tina Fields, Eileen Morrison & Lloyd Greene had an article titled Teaching Tips & Tools Intergenerational Focused Mentoring: Engaging Graduate & Undergraduate Health Administration Students in Learning published in the Fall 2010 edition of the Journal of Health Administration Education (Volume 27, No. 4). This publication is a peer-reviewed journal which chronicles research, case studies and essays by leading health administration educators and professionals and is available through the Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA). For more information, please see their website at http://www.aupha.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3321.

Nowicki participates in Leadership San Marcos panel

Dr. Michael Nowicki participated in a panel discussion on the "Direction of Healthcare" for Leadership San Marcos on December 9, 2010.