

2009 HA NEWS

Texas State University-San Marcos

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From the HA Director—



2008/09 has been another great year..., and the second year of the new School of Health Administration (SOHA). Plans progressed to move the College of Health Professions to the Texas State campus in Round Rock in line with the University's master plan to keep enrollment on the San Marcos campus at 30,000 and to expand enrollments on the Round Rock campus. Moving the College to Round Rock would also take advantage of Round Rock synergies: both the Texas A & M Medical School and the Texas State Nursing School are due to open in Round Rock during 2010 and the community has opened two new hospitals very close to our campus: Seton Williamson County and Scott & White—HCA/ Round Rock is just down the road. HOWEVER, our move is contingent on the Legislature approving funding for two new buildings on the Round Rock campus and that did not happen this session nor is it on a special session agenda. THEREFORE, the College of Health Professions including the School of Health Administration will remain on the San Marcos campus for the foreseeable future. During the Spring, the School completed an academic program review (APR) self-study for the University. The self-study was accepted by the Dean and the Provost and the site-visit requirement was waived for all School programs (based on recent external reviews) except for the MS—HHR program which will complete some additional work this Fall with a possible external review in the Spring. The School 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 should be obtained during the Fall and the program might be available on-line as early as Fall, 2010.

Regarding faculty news, Dr. George Burke retired after 25 years of service and Dr. Philippa

2009 HA Conference & Recognition Dinner

The HA Conference and Recognition Dinner is scheduled for Friday, October 23, at the new Embassy Suites in San Marcos. The HA Conference is scheduled from 2-5 and will feature presentations by our two Herkimer Award winners and a keynote presentation on ethics. Immediately following the Conference will be a reception. From 6-8 will be the HA 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 HA undergraduate students with a 3.25 GPA in their first 21 hours of the major will be invited to be inducted. Outstanding graduate students for HHR and HSR will also be recognized.

The 2009 Allen G. Herkimer, Jr., Award for Outstanding Alumni will be presented to



Karen Pitcher, BSHP '83, MBA, FACHE
Vice President & CEO
Promise Hospital of San Antonio
San Antonio, Texas

and



Anne E. Dickerson, MSHP '87, PhD
Professor of Occupational Therapy
East Carolina University
Greenville, North Carolina

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Strelitz resigned after four years of service. Dr. Jim Summers announced his phased-retirement after 20 years of service. Dr. Summers will be teaching full-time for the next four Falls, but will be retired during the Spring and Summer semesters. Sandy Ransom resigned after 13 years as Director of the Long Term Care Institute. The Legislature funded the Institute for two additional years and Dr. Renick became the Director in the Spring.

The School was given permission to open searches for five faculty positions. All five searches were successful with two new faculty starting this Fall: Ms. Yvonne Lozano who has a masters in gerontology and is ABD in applied gerontology from the University of North Texas. Ms. Lozano has extensive experience with on-line programs and will assist with both the long term care program and the health administration program. Ms. Lozano's research interests include mental health administration and the experiences of Hispanic/Latino caregivers in long term care settings. Dr. Don Griffin has a JD, a masters in healthcare administration, a masters in environmental health, and a masters in business administration. He is board-certified in healthcare management and a fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives. Dr. Griffin has extensive hospital chief executive office experience including international work in China, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates. He will be teaching law and law-related courses in several programs. Dr. Griffin has published two books: *Hospitals: What They Are and How They Work* available in the third edition and *Outside the Hospital: The Delivery of Healthcare in a Non-Hospital Setting*. The School has verbal commitments from three faculty who will be starting in the Spring: Dr. Atilla Hertelendy from Eastern New Mexico State University, Dr. Tondra Moore from the University of St. Francis in Illinois, and Ms. Peggy Johnson (ABD) from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

Regarding faculty awards, Dr. Summers, Dr. Renick, and Dr. Shanmugam received runner-up awards for

the Presidential Awards in teaching, service, and research, respectively.

Our students had another great year. Lydia Galvan received the Rappaport Award for Outstanding MHA Student; Kimberly Martinez received the award for Outstanding HHR Student; and Kirsten Orand received the award for Outstanding HSR Student. Kirsten also received the College of Health Professions Outstanding Graduate Student Award and Kirsten was our Spring student commencement speaker. James "Ryan" Karpel received the Noone Award for Outstanding BHA Student and Ryan was the first student to present at our Fall HA Conference. Ryan compared the healthcare plans of presidential candidates Obama and McCain just before the presidential election. Xiaoning Zhang received the AUPHA/McGaw Graduate Scholar Award and Esequiel Pedraza received the AUPHA/McGaw Undergraduate Scholar Award. We inducted 21 students into Upsilon Phi Delta—the healthcare management honor society: undergraduates Megan Danae' Belcher, Michelle Childress, Monica Garcia, Rachel Haddock, James Ryan Karpel, Brittany Marie McCollum, Tyler Pruessner, Richard Sanchez, Christy Ward, Rebecca Washburn, and graduate students Caleb Allen, Danielle Carrigan, Lydia Galvan, Jessica Harrod, Bipin Raut, Swapna Sah, Jennifer Sander, Kaley Smith, Tracye Spears, Sophia Stein, and Michael Turner.

Please keep in touch and we hope to see you at the HA Conference and Awards Dinner on Friday, October 23, at the new Embassy Suites in San Marcos (right next to the outlet mall!).

Michael Nowicki
Professor & Director



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

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 responsibilities detract from his research productivity and service obligations. Dr. Nowicki and Dr. Summers published *When Participative Management Leads to Garbled Communication* in *hfm*. His paper on healthcare financial issues was accepted for the 11th 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 Chicago twice, San Diego, and at a local coaching course in San Antonio. Dr. Nowicki presented on the *Effects of the Recession on the Healthcare* for the Kentucky Chapter of the Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA) and he served on a panel discussing *Risk Issues We Face in Our Daily Lives* at the joint ACHE/HFMA meeting in San Antonio. Dr. Nowicki 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 Nashville, Washington, D.C., San Antonio, Chicago, Phoenix, and Minneapolis. During the year, Dr. Nowicki provided consulting

support to Norton Children's Hospital in Louisville, Howard University Hospital in Washington, D.C., Lawson Software in Minneapolis, and University Hospital in Cleveland. In addition to serving on numerous University and College councils and committees, Dr. Nowicki continues to coach little league baseball (his team won the New Braunfels City Championship), all-star baseball, and select team baseball.

Dr. Eileen Morrison presented the poster *Best Practices for Preparing Ethics-Based Healthcare Administrators* at the AUPHA annual meeting in Chicago. She also presented *Spirituality and Ethics: Working Inside Out* as a breakout session at the Spirituality and Aging Conference in San Marcos. The second edition of her book, *Ethics in Health Administration*, will be published in October with an instructor's guide and PowerPoint sets.

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). Dr. Renick's manuscript entitled *Inextricably Linked: Joe Louis & Max Schmeling Revisited* will be published in a collection by the University of

Mississippi Press in 2010. It considers the role of racism in athletics and its impact on Louis & Schmeling. He was also Principal Investigator for two externally funded programs that have been refunded – the Texas Long Term Care Institute and Safe at Home Program. The Institute has become a certified site for parish nurse training. 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.

Dr. Ram Shanmugam spent his faculty development in the Spring working on environmental health issues and he gave an invited lecture at the University of Chennai (India) on *Probability Modeling of Earthquake/Tsunami Incidence*.

Dr. Wayne Sorensen took over the capstone course for the MHA program and will coordinate graduate field placements in the coming year.

Dr. Jim Summers hasn't let thoughts of phased-retirement slow him down. Dr. Summers and Dr. Nowicki published *Beyond Consumerism: Leveraging the*

Power of Employers in hfm. Dr. Summers published *Privatization and Transparency: A Marketing Perspective*, in **The Journal of Management and Marketing in Healthcare** (an international journal). Dr. Summers also contributed two chapters to Dr. Morrison's upcoming book on healthcare ethics.

Dr. Tina Fields has accepted the responsibility for School assessment efforts. This includes mapping competencies to specific course objectives.

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

Dr. Rick Nauert concluded a clinical research study assessing an innovative method to improve quality of life among long term care facility residents. One of the innovative methods was measuring the effect of ballroom dancing (using the Wi) on depression.

Dr. Amanda Scarbrough will lead a long term care task force charged with the task of converting the graduate certificate program in long term care to an internet-based program.



2009 HA Conference & Recognition Dinner Reservation Form
Embassy Suites Conference Center—San Marcos
Friday, October 23

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