



# ETSU Community Partnerships Programs

*Programs Update  
June, 2004*

# Program Updates

## Rural Primary Care Track

March 5 curriculum retreat resulting in recommendation for new two semester interdisciplinary program to include:

- Rural Health Research and Practice
- Rural Community Based Health Projects

Medical clinical skills courses in both Johnson and Hawkins counties to be continued and updated.

Award of Charlie Chase-Wellmont Nursing Scholarship in Rogersville on June 5 to Rural Track students Jamie Bright and Suzanne Armstrong.

# Graduates from Rural Primary Care Track, 2004

## **Hawkins County**

Emily Altmann (PH)  
Shasta Brewer (M)  
Amanda Delph (N)  
Patricia Downs (N)  
Brooke Gibson (N)  
Jessica Lott (N)  
Casey Moss (M)  
Jennifer McCord (M)  
Kenrda Patton (PH)  
Louisa Sawyer (N)  
B.J. Smith (M)  
Matt Standridge (M)

## **Johnson County**

Katie Carter (N)  
Whitney Dee (M)  
Ann Dill (N)  
Amanda Forbes (N)  
Susie Hubbard (N)  
Danny Lewis (M)  
Roz Johnson-Lewis (M)  
Jowizza Media (N)  
Lauren O'Bourke (N)  
Judith Riffe (N)  
Bob Shelton (N)  
Carrie Stevens (N)  
Brett Summey (M)  
Leslie Teague (M)

# Veterans History Project



Holdings of oral histories dedicated at Archives of Appalachia at ETSU Sherrod Library on April 17, 2004

Presentations by Congressman Bill Jenkins and Library of Congress representative, Tim Schurtter, Veterans History Project Education Coordinator

# Rural Appalachian Cancer Demonstration Program

## Current studies

- Roles of primary care providers in breast cancer services
- Differences in resources in counties with high and low cervical cancer mortality rates
- Knowledge of participants at health fairs about breast cancer screening recommendations

Third year grant being submitted: to finalize evidence about Appalachian cancer cancer disparities and why

# Care Data Exchange

- Retreat March 31 to confirm interest among region's major health providers and insurers
- Confirmation that "portal approach" to care data sharing is preferred by TriCities provider organizations
- Kingsport Tomorrow receives \$100,000 planning grant to begin financial and implementation plans
- Contracts signed with California firms with expertise to assist local effort

# New Grant Proposals

Agency For Healthcare Research and Quality,  
Health Information Technology Planning  
Grant – submitted by Wellmont with  
Hancock County partners to develop rural  
test site for introducing new county-wide  
exchange of health information

National Institute for Health – Appalachian  
Center for Translational Research for  
Disparity Populations – submitted by  
College of Nursing with ORCHCP role in role  
for Community Outreach and Education

# Healthcare Partnerships in Northern Iraq

Site visit by ETSU team:  
Bruce Behringer, Dr.  
Martin Olsen (OB-GYN)  
and Dr. Wayne Myers  
(retired head of Federal  
Office Rural Health)

Three lectures in each of  
three cities and site  
visits to rural hospitals  
and teaching health  
centers

“ETSU Reunions” with  
Kurdish visitors



# Findings from Iraq Visit



The North is secure. It suffers from third world health statistics. Health professionals work very hard but with 1960s-level resources. Health leaders have used ideas provided by ETSU. Americans are appreciated as liberators. Few could understand Saddam's brutality or control.