At the Spring commencement, graduates in the College of Clinical and Rehabilitative Health Sciences, for the first time, wore academic stoles representing the College. The sage green color is the designated color for rehabilitative health. The College gave each student a stole prior to graduation as a keepsake and reminder of his/her alma mater.

As ASHA Vice President for Academic Affairs in SLP, Associate Dean Dr. Lynn Williams visited legislative staff for several members of Congress, including Sen. Bob Corker, Sen. Lamar Alexander, Rep. Phil Roe and Rep. Diane Black to discuss topics such as reauthorization of the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Act, increased funding for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, repealing outpatient Medicare therapy caps, Medicare telehealth coverage for speech-language pathology and audiology services. In May, Dr. Williams completed a national satellite TV and radio media tour of over 20 interviews with stations across the country from LA to Boston with the ASHA President to promote awareness of the health risks of technology overuse for children and teens.

As the College enters its 10th year, we continue our focus on educating graduates of choice in the health professions and providing quality clinical care to the citizens of our region. This issue of our newsletter highlights a number of the accomplishments within the College and the work of our students and faculty over the spring and summer months. I hope you’ll take a few minutes to read about all the great work that has been happening in the College of Clinical and Rehabilitative Health Sciences.

We also want to tell you about the new initiatives and events that are coming up this fall. The College initiated a new annual alumni reception that allows graduates from years past to reconnect with faculty and fellow alumni. This year’s Alumni Reconnect will be held on Saturday, November 12 at the ETSU vs Cumberland football game at the Kermit Tipton Stadium near Freedom Hall. We hope to see you there! Also in November, the College will induct our second class of Hall of Fame members. These six individuals embody the outstanding work of our graduates and health care professionals and the impact they have on health care across the region and country.

We look forward to the new upcoming academic year with much anticipation and excitement. Faculty are working diligently on new academic programs in American Sign Language (ASL) and in Rehabilitative Health Sciences with hopes of implementation during the next year. We continue to collaborate with the other colleges in the Academic Health Science Center in the renovation of a building on the VA campus designated for patient simulation and interprofessional education.

As we welcome new students and faculty to campus this fall, we appreciate the continued support of our alumni, faculty, and students. We look forward to the many exciting events planned for the upcoming academic year and the opportunity to continue our work toward becoming the college of choice in training professionals for the clinical and rehabilitative health sciences!

Best wishes for a productive year,

Beatrice Owens
PT
- Service -

Michelle Lee
Nutrition
- Research -

Chaya Nanjundeswaran
ASLP
- Teaching -

Distinguished Faculty Award Recipients 2016
Katie McCreery, a third-year AuD student, took first place in the Appalachian Student Research Forum in an oral presentation for Graduate Students working in the Biomedical Sciences. Her project, “Factors Influencing Hearing Health care and Hearing Aid Access in Southern Appalachia,” utilized a survey she developed to interview 127 patients seen for audiologic services. Through her research, Katie identified financial and transportation barriers to hearing health care.

Congratulations to Haley Woodall who received the Outstanding Dental Hygiene Award for 2016. The Tennessee Dental Hygiene Association presents this award to one dental hygiene student from each school of dental hygiene in the state.

Christina Lee earned the "outstanding thesis award" for the MSAH program. Her thesis is titled, “Radiography Clinical Instructors' Perceptions of the Transition from Technologist to Educator.” This fall Christina will be teaching as an adjunct faculty member in the Department of Allied Health Sciences.

Elizabeth Hall, RD for Food City, recently received the outstanding supermarket dietitian award. Elizabeth is enrolled in our MS in Clinical Nutrition Program.

Virginia Ingram, an undergraduate student in the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology minor, received a Summer Fellowship award of $3,000 from the Honors College to work with audiology professor Dr. Saravanan Elangovan, and rising third-year AuD student, Brandy Workman. Their research project is “Investigating Auditory Processing Deficits and Diabetes Mellitus.”

Olivia Price, Hannah Jenkins and Kailey Riddle in the Nutrition and Foods Program and Mary Crutchfield, a psychology major, participated in the three-week Study Abroad Program with Ms. Beth Lowe in Rome. They attended lectures led by Italian professors on diet and food culture in Rome, took an Italian cooking class, and toured a farm in Agricoltura Nuova. They also joined Jeremy Ross and his students to learn about the architectural history of Rome, visit ancient ruins, and see historical artwork created by masters. They ended their coursework with a presentation on Italian food culture and with many memories to share!
Health Matters

Dr. Andy Clark, associate dean for research, is involved in interprofessional research with a number of faculty across the Division of Health Sciences to tackle the complex health condition of heart disease. He is working with a team to increase the absorption of Coenzyme Q10, so it will work better with the pharmaceutical regime of a beta blocker and a statin, along with a specific diet. The anticipated outcome will be better muscle function, oxygenation of blood, and better circulation.

Dr. Brenda Louw, Chair of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology; Dr. Trish King, Chair of PT; Dr. Kara Boynewicz, Assistant Professor in PT; and Ms. Michelle Johnson, Assistant Professor in Nutrition and Foods recently received funding to be collaborating partners with Vanderbilt University’s LEND grant. LEND (Leadership Education in Neurodevelopment and Related Disabilities) Programs are interdisciplinary leadership training programs that are federally funded and will support one graduate student in each program with a $10,000 stipend for one year.

Dr. Courtney Hall, associate professor in the Department of Physical Therapy, chaired a national committee of physical therapists, audiologists, and neurologists to develop the first-ever clinical guidelines relating to vestibular rehabilitation in physical therapy. The national clinical practice guidelines of 10 recommendations, or “action statements,” were published in the Journal of Neurologic Physical Therapy in April 2016.

Dr. Marc Fagelson, professor in the Department of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology, and Dr. Sherri Smith, audiologist at Quillen VA, recently published an article titled, “Tinnitus Self-Efficacy and Other Tinnitus Self-Report Variables in Patients with and without Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder” in the journal Ear and Hearing (2016). In addition, Dr. Fagelson recently published a book that he co-edited with David Baguely from the U.K., Tinnitus: Clinical and Research Perspectives, which received positive reviews internationally in the Audiology Now Australia magazine.

Dr. Duane Williams was recently named “Educator of the Year” by the Tennessee Physical Therapy Association (TPTA).
CCRHS ADDITIONAL INFO

CCRHS GOES GLOBAL!

Dean Don Samples, Associate Dean Lynn Williams, ASLP Chair Brenda Louw, and PT Director of Clinical Education James Boone recently completed a site visit of the University of Santa Paula in Costa Rica to establish an international affiliation with our College in the areas of PT, SLP, AUD, and Respiratory Therapy. They visited programs within the university, as well as clinical sites that included Special Olympics and a rural community project with an elementary school and senior center.

CCRHS recently established an international affiliation with the Federal University of Santa Maria in Brazil.

SAVE THE DATE for upcoming CCRHS Events:

- September 1, 2016 – CCRHS Student Welcome Back Picnic
- September 17, 2016 – “Music to Our Ears” Concert Series: Blue Highway - 7 pm in the Culp Center
- November 11, 2016 – Homecoming Parade
- November 12, 2016 – ETSU Homecoming
- November 12, 2016 – Alumni Reconnect Tailgate

Dates of Interest

- September 8, 2016 – World Physical Therapy Day
- October 2016 – National Dental Hygiene Month
- October 2016 – National Physical Therapy Month
- October 23-29, 2016 – National Respiratory Care Week
- November 6-12 – National Radiologic Technology Week

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