



Summer 2016

Note from the Dean

Summertime means the end of another successful, productive academic year in the College of Health Professions. In May, 288 students in our programs graduated during [UAMS Commencement](#).

Even as some students are finishing up their academic journey with us and joining the ranks of allied health professionals, others are embarking on their own new journeys, taking those first steps to becoming an exceptional health care professional.

This newsletter recaps a busy few months in the life of our college.

Thank you for your support,
Douglas L. Murphy, Ph.D.
Dean



College Celebrates Graduates at Hooding Ceremony

The College of Health Professions honored its 72 graduates earning master's and doctoral degrees at a May 19 academic hooding ceremony, held at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

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CHP Presentations Set

for Alumni Weekend

Two presentations from the College of Health Professions will be featured at the UAMS Showcase on Saturday, Aug. 20, during the 2016 Alumni Weekend, which runs Aug. 19-21.

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More News from the College

Accolades

Reza Hakkak, Ph.D., chair of the Department of Dietetics and Nutrition in the College of Health Professions, has been selected to deliver a keynote lecture on “The Role of Obesity and Gut Microbiota on Cancer Promotion,” at the International Conference on Obesity and Chronic Diseases, organized by United Scientific Group, in July in Las Vegas.

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Amy M. Amlani, Ph.D., has been appointed chair, effective July 1, of the Department of Audiology and Speech Pathology, operated as a consortium between the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) and the University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR). [Read More](#)

The Respiratory Care

Program was featured in the March issue of The Coalition Chronicle, a newsletter by the Coalition for Baccalaureate and Graduate Respiratory Therapy Education, which advocates for and promotes the bachelor’s degree as the entry level for the profession of respiratory care. [Read More](#)

Beth Anderson, a student in the Diagnostic Medical Sonography program, has been chosen as a recipient of the 2016 Alan D. Waggoner Sonographer Student Scholarship Award, which is funded by contributions to the ASE Foundation’s 2015 Annual Appeal. [Read More](#)

Sarah Kennett, a Ph.D. candidate in the Communication Sciences and Disorders program of the College of Health Professions and the Graduate School, was chosen for the Pathways Program, a mentoring program for early-career researchers.

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Class of 2018 Physician Assistant Students Don White Coats For First Time

Thirty-eight students in the physician assistant program in the UAMS College of Health Professions donned their white coats for the first time on May 20 and recited an oath to care for their patients.

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College Holds Informal Brunch for Graduates, Families

One day before commencement exercises, the College of Health Professions celebrated graduation with an informal celebration brunch in its open areas and courtyards.

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Capstone Celebration Marks Clinical Beginning for Audiology Students

The [Doctor of Audiology](#) program's class of 2017 marked the conclusion of its academic chapter and the beginning of its clinical stage with the donning of a white coat at the department's Capstone Celebration ceremony.

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