

# SUPPORTING THE FUTURE



## VISIONARY FUND

The Visionary Fund will support the most important needs of the College of Health Professions and further the visionary goals of the Dean for the advancement of health care and health care education throughout Arkansas. With support from our friends, the college is able to expand, enhance and renew the innovative programs that will help UAMS continue to stand out in allied health education. Philanthropy makes a tremendous difference for our programs, and that is why we have created **The College of Health Professions Visionary Fund**.

In addition to expanding and enhancing our programs, the Visionary Fund will support initiatives such as student scholarships, student travel to professional conferences, and faculty recruitment, training, research and collaboration. As a leader in the state, the college is looking beyond today, envisioning the future of allied health education and the critical role of allied health practitioners in health care in the decades to come.

## DEAN'S SOCIETY

The Dean's Society provides tremendous support to the College of Health Professions' discretionary needs. This group of alumni, donors and special friends of the college who commit an annual gift of \$1,000 or more provides additional funding to be used at the dean's direction. Each year, the Dean's Society provides funding for small grants to jumpstart faculty research, teaching and service-learning projects. As our Dean's Society grows, we hope to provide more support for faculty and student development.

To become a member of the Dean's Society or support the college's Visionary Fund, go to [giving.uams.edu/chpgiving](http://giving.uams.edu/chpgiving)



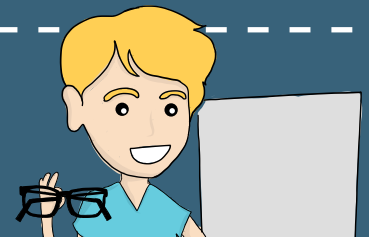
# BY THE NUMBERS

**26** Faculty Members are College Alumni

**58** Endowed Scholarships

**\$69,723**

Awarded in Scholarships



**593** Students

22 percent of total UAMS student enrollment

**More than 600**

clinical affiliation agreements around the state and the nation



**47** Students

Received Scholarships

**206**

Faculty and Staff Members

**8,263**

living alumni



**Largest Number of Graduates**

Among UAMS Colleges (May 2018)



**95** Students at the Northwest Regional Campus the largest presence of any college

**Most comprehensive** allied health college in Arkansas with **16 programs** and a dental residency



**UAMS**

College of Health Professions

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# WHY I GIVE

"IT HAS ALWAYS SEEMED TO ME THAT LACK OF MONEY SHOULDN'T KEEP SOMEONE WHO IS MOTIVATED, CAPABLE AND QUALIFIED FROM GETTING AN EDUCATION. SCHOLARSHIPS OFFER A WAY FOR US TO DIMINISH THAT ECONOMIC BARRIER AS MUCH AS WE CAN."

— RONALD H. WINTERS, PH.D.  
FORMER DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

"BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY, WE NOW HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PURSUE OUR DREAMS AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE OF OTHERS. JUST AS YOU HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE, AND A LASTING IMPRESSION, IN OURS."

— AUTUMN LEWIS, AUDIOLOGY CLASS OF 2022

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# HEALTH PROFESSIONS

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**UAMS** College of Health Professions



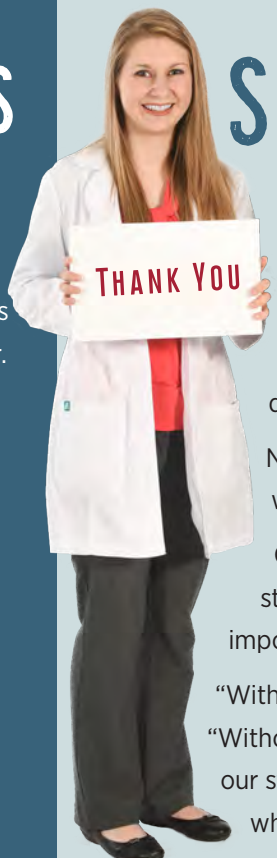
RESPIRATORY CARE AND DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY ARE THE ONLY PROGRAMS IN ARKANSAS TO OFFER A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN THESE DISCIPLINES.



# OUR PROGRAMS

The **College of Health Professions (CHP)** boasts 16 programs and one post-doctoral residency, making it the most comprehensive allied health college in Arkansas. All programs offer degrees at the bachelor's level or higher.

- **Audiology**  
Doctoral degree
- **Clinical Nutrition**  
Master's degree
- **Cytotechnology**  
Bachelor's degree
- **Dental Hygiene**  
Bachelor's degree
- **Diagnostic Medical Sonography**  
Bachelor's degree
- **Dietetic Internship**  
Post-bachelor's certificate
- **Genetic Counseling**  
Master's degree
- **Medical Laboratory Sciences**  
Bachelor's degree
- **Nuclear Medicine Imaging Sciences**  
Bachelor's degree
- **Occupational Therapy**  
Doctoral degree
- **Ophthalmic Medical Technology**  
Bachelor's degree
- **Physical Therapy**  
Doctoral degree
- **Physician Assistant Studies**  
Master's degree
- **Radiologic Imaging Sciences**  
Bachelor's degree
- **Respiratory Care**  
Bachelor's Degree
- **Speech Pathology**  
Master's and Doctoral degrees
- **General Practice Residency (Dental)**  
Post-doctoral certificate



## STUDENTS, DONORS HONORED @ SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION

The College of Health Professions celebrated the achievements of its students and the generosity of its donors at its annual Scholarship Program in November.

Nearly \$70,000 in scholarships were awarded to 47 worthy students from the college's 16 departments.

College Dean Susan Long, Ed.D., congratulated the students on their academic success and stressed the importance of the college's donors.

"Without our donors, we can't give scholarships," she said. "Without scholarships, we can't assist our students, and our students can't become the allied health professionals who will take care of you, me, our neighbors and others across Arkansas."

Students also expressed their gratitude.

"You gave so generously to individuals you don't even know," said Autumn Lewis, Audiology Class of 2022. "You will never truly know the impact of your charity, which has been life changing for all of the students in this room. But please know this, you have believed, you have supported, you have invested and been a blessing to our futures."



Autumn Lewis (center) celebrates her scholarship award with fellow Audiology student Jonathan Williams and Mary Ellen Nevins, Ed.D., interim chair of the Department of Audiology and Speech Pathology.



**THE PHYSICAL THERAPY PROGRAM** GRADUATED ITS FIRST CLASS IN MAY 2018. THIS CLASS ACHIEVED A 100 PERCENT FIRST-TIME PASS RATE ON THEIR NATIONAL BOARD EXAMS. LAST YEAR, ONLY 19 OUT OF 229 PROGRAMS (8.3 PERCENT) ACROSS THE NATION ACHIEVED SUCH A FEAT.

## OUR FACULTY DEDICATED EDUCATORS, GROUND-BREAKING RESEARCHERS



Reza Hakkak, Ph.D., associate dean for research, presents Sam Atcherson, Ph.D., a professor in the Department of Audiology and Speech Pathology, and director of the Audiology program, with the Excellence in Scholarship award.

Research is an important component of the college's graduate-level programs — Genetic Counseling, Physical Therapy, Audiology, Speech Pathology, Clinical Nutrition, Physician Assistant Studies and Occupational Therapy.

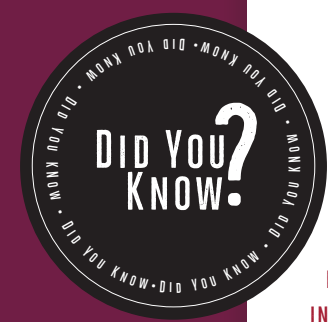
Faculty members conduct ground-breaking research and provide valuable mentoring to the students in their programs.

Reza Hakkak, Ph.D., professor and chair of the Department of Dietetics and Nutrition as well as associate dean for research, has contributed greatly to research on the effect of diets on disease prevention, obesity and breast cancer. He is known nationally and internationally for his discoveries and expertise in these areas.

He has published more than 55 peer-reviewed articles, 205 abstracts and presentations at national and international meetings. In 2016, he founded the *Journal of Obesity and Chronic Diseases*, and he serves on the editorial boards of multiple professional journals.



CHP OFFERS DEGREE PROGRAMS THAT STUDENTS CAN'T FIND ELSEWHERE IN ARKANSAS, INCLUDING **AUDIOLOGY, GENETIC COUNSELING, CYTOTECHNOLOGY AND OPHTHALMIC MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY.**



▪ **THE GENETIC COUNSELING AND CYTOTECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS** ARE ONE OF ONLY 46 AND 22, RESPECTIVELY, PROGRAMS IN THE COUNTRY.

▪ **UAMS' ONE-YEAR GENERAL PRACTICE RESIDENCY PROGRAM, WHICH OFFERS ADVANCED TRAINING FOR DENTISTS, IS THE ONLY SUCH PROGRAM IN ARKANSAS.**

▪ **THE SPEECH PATHOLOGY PROGRAM HAS GRADUATED NEARLY 1,000 STUDENTS DURING ITS 48 YEARS AT UAMS.**

Sam Atcherson, Ph.D., professor and program director for the Doctor of Audiology program, is a nationally-recognized leader, scholar, mentor and educator in the field of audiology. As a person with lifelong hearing loss from childhood, Atcherson's areas of interest and expertise include broad strokes across auditory electrophysiology, audiologic rehabilitation and health literacy.

He has published 50 peer-reviewed articles, 42 non-refereed articles, three textbooks, 11 invited book chapters, two book reviews, a letter to the editor published in the prestigious *Science* journal, more than 200 presentations/posters/panels, and has been awarded nearly \$200,000 in grant funding for both intramural and NIH projects. Currently, he has two textbook contracts with Thieme Medical Publishers.

## COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

# ADVISORY BOARD

The College of Health Professions is grateful to have an active advisory board serving on behalf of our nearly 600 students. Each and every board member selflessly shares their time, talents and resources to help us raise funds supporting excellence in education. Their service is no small commitment, and it makes a significant difference for our students, faculty and staff.

*Our board members are special to us — their passion helps propel the college forward. We are eternally grateful for their advocacy and commitment to support the College of Health Professions.*



College of Health Professions Advisory Board members Judy Sims and Drew Ramey mentor Sha'neee Hall. The Radiologic Imaging Sciences student received a scholarship that required she receive mentoring -- a task that Advisory Board members were happy to accept.

# MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



As dean of the College of Health Professions, I often find myself telling the world about allied health professionals — members of the health care team who provide a range of diagnostic, technical, therapeutic and direct patient care and support services that are critical to the other health professionals with whom we work and to the patients we serve.

One of my favorite things is when our students realize that when they enrolled in a CHP program, they also made the decision to become an allied health professional. They are joining the ranks of more than 5 million allied health professionals, who make up more than 60 percent of all health care providers in the United States.

Representing more than 80 professions, allied health professionals are a vital part of the health care team. I am proud to be an allied health professional.

Sincerely,

Susan Long, Ed.D.

Dean and Professor, College of Health Professions

▪ **THE DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM IS 50 YEARS OLD. APPROXIMATELY 85 PERCENT OF ALL DENTAL HYGIENISTS IN ARKANSAS GRADUATED FROM UAMS.**

▪ **IN 2018, THE MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCES PROGRAM CELEBRATED ITS 188TH ANNIVERSARY, MAKING IT ONE OF THE OLDEST PROGRAMS IN THE COUNTRY.**

▪ **THE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PROGRAM, WHICH IS CURRENTLY BEING DEVELOPED THROUGH A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE UAMS COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS AND THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS IN FAYETTEVILLE, EXPECTS TO ENROLL THE FIRST CLASS OF STUDENTS IN 2020.**

