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Note from the Dean

Scholarships play a vital role for our students in the College of Health Professions.

This academic year, we were able to award 69 scholarships to 61 students who possessed the drive and determination to become health care professionals. Those students were honored at our yearly scholarship reception (see article below).

We know that scholarships assist in providing an opportunity for students to further their education by filling a gap in their financial resources. Too many bright and talented students have told us that without their scholarships, they wouldn't have been able to afford their education.

I would like to thank all of our generous donors who give our students the tools they need to make their dreams a reality. For information on how you can support a student's education, please contact Christine Gronwald at 501-686-7203 or cgronwald@uams.edu.

As always, thank you for your support.

Susan Long, Ed.D.
Interim Dean



Programs Forge Ties with India's Manipal Academy of Higher Education

Two departments in the College of Health Professions (CHP) — Audiology and Speech Pathology and Genetic Counseling — are forging ties with India's Manipal Academy of Higher Education, formerly Manipal University.

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Occupational Therapy Program Receives \$100,000 Award from UAMS Chancellor's Circle

The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) has awarded a \$100,000 Chancellor's Circle

Grant Award to the occupational therapy doctorate (OTD) program that is being jointly developed by the UAMS College of Health Professions (CHP) and the College of Education and Health Professions at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

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Alumni Weekend

Alumni Weekend 2018 is scheduled for Aug. 17-18.

This year, the College of Health Professions is inviting alumni of the Medical Laboratory Sciences (MLS) program to attend and celebrate the program's 100th anniversary.

"The Medical Laboratory Sciences program is the oldest program in the College of Health Professions," said Interim Dean Susan Long, Ed.D. "We are looking forward to recognizing the program's 100 years during Alumni Weekend and hope all MLS alumni will be able to join us."



College Bids Farewell to Dean Murphy

After nearly seven years at the helm of the College of Health Professions (CHP), Dean Douglas Murphy, Ph.D., retired from UAMS in December. Before he left, CHP faculty and colleagues from around campus turned the college's annual Holiday Open House into a farewell reception for Murphy.

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Achievements

Niki Carter, D.M.D., director of the General Practice Residency program, has been elected by the International College of Dentists USA Section Board of Regents as the Regent of District 12, an area that includes Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana and Oklahoma.

Heather Wallace, a Diagnostic Medical Sonography student, has been awarded the 2018 Alan D. Waggoner Sonographer Student Scholarship by the American Society of Echocardiography.

James Wear, Ph.D., who was chair of the Department of Biomedical Instrumentation Technology until the program was discontinued in 2000 and is responsible for the James O. Wear, Ph.D. Endowed Scholarship for CHP students, has been awarded the 2017 International Federation of Medical and Biological Engineering/ Clinical Engineering Division Award.

Erica Williams, a student in the Physician Assistant program, has been awarded a 2017 Scholarship of Excellence from the Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions (ASAHP).



New Medical Laboratory Sciences Director Looks to Future, Celebrates Program's Past

Nathan Johnson, Ph.D., has big plans for the Medical Laboratory Sciences program, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year.

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61 Students Honored at Scholarship Reception

Donors, faculty and family members turned out to honor College of Health Professions students who were awarded scholarships during the college's annual scholarship reception.

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You are invited to join in our college's leadership in health care and health professions education. Your investment in the college will help prepare today's students to become tomorrow's leaders in the allied health professions.

For more information on becoming a Dean's Society member, please contact Christine Gronwald, associate director of annual giving, at cgronwald@uams.edu or 501-686-7203.

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