



**Winter 2017
Note from the Dean**

These past few months have been exceptional ones for the College of Health Professions.

One development that I'm particularly excited to share with you is the news that the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board has approved a Doctor of Occupational Therapy program to be jointly operated by UAMS and the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

The program will be located at the UA campus and the UAMS Northwest Regional Campus, both of which are in Fayetteville. Our program will be able to capitalize on the rich mix of disciplines at UA that are foundational to occupational science and occupational therapy practice – disciplines such as human development, sociology, and psychology – as well as the health care disciplines at UAMS.

We are searching for a director to lead the new program, and it is our intention that the first group of 24 students will begin in fall 2018. We are already receiving numerous inquiries from prospective students who plan to apply for admission.

There is a great need for occupational therapists in Northwest Arkansas and throughout the state, and we are pleased to play a leadership role in meeting that need.



Thank you for your continued support of our college.

Douglas L Murphy, Ph.D.

Dean



Hansen Leaves Mark on Ophthalmic Medical Technology Program

For 16 years, the Ophthalmic Medical Technology program in the College of Health Professions has been teaching students the skills they need to be indispensable to an ophthalmologist.

And for most of those years, Suzanne Hansen, M.Ed., COMT, has been right there.

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Annual Phonathon Set for Feb. 27-28

The CHP Annual Phonathon will be held Feb. 27-28.

During this time, students will be calling alumni between 6-8 p.m. to request gifts to the college for student scholarships.

Last year, more than \$20,000 was raised for scholarships during the event, exceeding amounts raised in previous years by \$4,000.

UAMS Laboratorian Makes Most of Medical Missions Scholarship

Lindsay Gilbert, M.Ed., MLS, has wanted to go on a medical mission trip for years, but financially, it was never feasible. So when the Clinical Laboratory Management Association (CLMA) offered a scholarship for such trips, she jumped at the opportunity.

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New Chair of Audiology, Speech Pathology Lays Out Vision for Department

Aryn Amlani, Ph.D., wants to know why people don't adopt amplification devices to overcome their hearing difficulties — even when it would greatly improve their lives.

It is a question he has spent years researching — and one he regards as his calling.

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Physician Assistant Program Reaccredited

UAMS' Physician Assistant Program in the College of Health Professions has been granted *Accreditation-Continued* status by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA).

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CHP Welcomes New Faculty Members

The College of Health Professions welcomed eight new faculty members in 2016.

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Courtyard Cookout Gives Students a Break

College of Health Professions students, faculty and staff gathered to feast on burgers and play games during the Courtyard Cookout on Oct. 17.

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