Dean's Message

From: Dr. Michael R. Sitler, EdD, ATC, FNATA, Interim Dean CHPSW

We are gearing up for an exciting time this week as we celebrate 2011’s graduation ceremonies on Thursday. For the hundreds of students who have worked so diligently over the years, it is a stepping stone in their lives and an accomplishment they can deservedly be proud of.

For the dedicated CHPSW faculty who have guided them, it is also a powerful reminder of the importance of the work we do every day, and the impact it has on the students whose lives we touch throughout our career. We have helped shape future generations of professionals who incorporate collaboration, critical thinking and innovation, and a commitment to ethical practice and life-long learning.

Thursday will certainly be an exciting day marked in the memories of our students, but it will also be a reminder of the role we’ve been honored to play in their journeys.

All the best.

In the News

In a study that has garnered national media attention, researchers, Rachel Gooze, a doctoral candidate in the Department of Public Health, and Robert Whitaker, professor of pediatrics and public health at the Center for Obesity Research and Education, found that prolonged bottle use may contribute to childhood obesity. Interviews were given on various local, national and international media outlets, including: NBC10, Fox29, WebMD, CBS News, Los Angeles Times, United Press International, ABC News, USA Today, KYW Newsradio, ABC News Radio, Canada Press, and The Telegraph (UK). See more.

Department Updates

Public Health

The Department of Public Health’s Undergraduate Program has been chosen to serve as a "best practices" program to be showcased by the Association for Prevention Teaching and Research, the Association of American Colleges and Universities and by HP2020. Their "case study" will be highlighted on all three of the websites and promoted to all the members of these organizations as examples of how best to promote public health at the undergraduate level.

Physical Therapy

William Egan, PT, DPT, represented the Department of Physical Therapy during the U.S Bone and Joint Decade’s (BJD) nationally sponsored Experts in Arthritis Session April 14.
College Research Day highlights collaborative efforts

CHPSW Research Day was held April 28. Thirty-five posters were presented, with many representing collaborations among students and faculty from across the college.

Awards for Meritorious Posters
* Also receiving Dean’s Award for Outstanding Poster

* Rebecca Berkowitz, Francine Kohen, Nadine Martin - Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders

* Donna Marie Kenner-Whitaker—Department of Nursing

Christina DeFrancisco—Department of Nursing

Katherine L. Musliner, Jonathan B. Singer, Deborah Nelson, Natasha Patterson - Public Health and Social Work

Elizabeth M. Myers, Jeffrey S. Gehris, Rachel A. Gooze, Robert C. Whitaker - Departments of Public Health and Kinesiology

Deborah A. Stallworth – Department of Nursing

CHPSW supports “Career Boom: Job Security in an Aging Society"

On April 13th, CHPSW co-sponsored an event with Temple’s Career Center and GenPhilly, a network of emerging professions promoting interest in professional work in aging. The event was supported by a grant received by Dr. Gail Glicksman, CHPSW’s Assistant Dean for Enrollment and Student Services, from the Hartford Foundation’s Geriatric Social Work Initiative with the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education and the Gerontological Society of America. “Career Boom” featured a keynote address from Lydia Hernández Vélez, Deputy Managing Director for Aging, City of Philadelphia, and “lightning talks” from several representatives from community organizations as well as by Dr. Jill Chonody, assistant professor, School of Social Work.

Stuttering Program offered this summer

The Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders is offering a Stuttering Program for teens this summer from May 23 – July 25 at the Temple University Speech-Language-Hearing Center (TUSLHC). The program provides teens in high school and entering college the opportunity to learn and practice fluency strategies in a supportive environment.

Participants will be mentored by Temple University college students who have successfully completed fluency therapy at the TUSLHC. Each student will also be paired with a speech-language pathology graduate student clinician and will work under the guidance and supervision of Temple faculty member Kim Sabourin, who specializes in the treatment of stuttering.

Have something you’d like to include in the next issue? E-mail Maria Chaney at mchaney@temple.edu.