



ALPHA ETA

President's Column

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It's the end of August and I just came in from my garden with an overflowing basket of green beans (Kentucky Wonder-pole bean variety). It has been a great year for beans, but not so good for tomatoes at my place on the Cumberland Plateau. This summer I have learned that wormwood sprigs tossed around corn will keep the deer at bay. How delicious those ears have been! Begonias are crowding out marigolds but my coral bells have been a disappointment.

Why am I focused on vegetables and flowers? My life has changed. Since retiring from the University of Tennessee, College of Allied Health Sciences, my daily routines have changed and now among other pleasures, I enjoy gardening and have become a certified master gardener complete

with a heaping compost pile.

I mention my change because change is inevitable for us all, and because big changes are expected soon in healthcare delivery, the arena where I practiced for many years and still care about immensely.



When I see on television the distorted conversations about healthcare reform and witness special interests

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"Together We Serve"

Annual Meeting, 2008

The 2008 Annual Meeting was held on October 31, 2008 at Baltimore Marriott Inner Harbor at Camden Yards.

Following approval of the minutes and financial

report, the next order of business was the presentation of national awards. Kaitlen Fulp, of the Rehabilitation Sciences Program at Armstrong

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exerting power, I fall back on the promise of professional norms, the norms that speak to putting the patient first and to measuring the quality of care. I still believe that healthcare professionals can influence the debates and help negate damage to quality. Faculty must provide students with opportunities to test the dynamics of team care and learn the wisdom of shared knowledge, and allied health students must understand that they will be called on to provide the research and to explain the benefits of their professions to society. Remember our motto: Together We Serve.

Because we do not have a consensus on the boundaries of allied health and because of change, there will continue to be conflicts associated with protocols and processes. Again, research and clarity of expression will always be prized. I recall the comments of Peter Drucker the famed management guru when speaking about

hospitals. He stated that the hospital was the most complex form of human organization that a society has ever attempted to manage. The complexity in the healthcare arena will always be changing.

There is no doubt that our allied health students, our Alpha Eta Society graduates, will be changing their local organizations and some will change our world. Alpha Eta members will be expected to apply rational, scientific, global reflections on issues of health and continue our collective progress. Our society will need the best minds and our best resolve to respond to important public policy questions. And Alpha Eta members will have important roles in the debate.

Well, that's all for now. Hope to see many of you in San Antonio in October. Mack and Mabel (my dogs) and I need to visit the local orchard. I hear that the Gala apples have been picked!



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Secretary/Treasurer's Column

David A. Lake, PT, Ph.D.

This has been a challenging year in allied health education. We have faced continued financial stresses, difficulty in attracting practitioners into faculty positions and our responsibilities continue to increase. But despite these challenges we continue to honor our students and graduates by inducting them into the Alpha Eta Honor Society.

Our honor society is continuing to grow with four

new chapters joining Alpha Eta. The fourth added chapter raises our total inducted chapters to 70.

We have accomplished quite a bit in the last year, but there is so much more to do. We need to work to return to active involvement those inducted chapters that have lapsed in their membership. And we need to encourage more chapters to develop so that we can honor more students and graduates.

Chapter Activities

Nova Southeastern University Chapter Has First Induction of Members

The recently chartered Alpha Eta Chapter at Nova Southeastern University's College of Allied Health & Nursing, held its inaugural induction ceremony on August 27th in conjunction with the August Commencement activities.



Inaugural Members of Nova Southeastern University Alpha Eta Chapter

Twenty-one faculty of the College were inducted, as well as twenty alumni and thirty-four students from the Departments of Audiology, Health Sciences, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Physician Assistant in Ft. Lauderdale, Ft. Myers, Orlando and Jacksonville Florida.

Chapter President Dr. Stanley Wilson has initiated formation of chapter committees and planning of activities, as well as development of a chapter website and further expansion of the membership.

Gwynedd-Mercy College Chapter Supports Jazz Band

The Alpha Eta Gwynedd-Mercy College chapter supported a Jazz Band for a Mardi Gras celebration held at the college. This may sound like an unusual event to support, however, the reason is related to service.

The Mardi Gras celebration is a fund raiser organized by Dr. Wade Luquet, Associate Professor of Sociology, licensed social worker and counselor. Dr. Luquet is from New Orleans and, for a number of years, he took students to New Orleans as a part of a course. When Katrina struck, Dr. Luquet's parent's home was completely destroyed and Dr. Luquet took action to help the many victims. Student trips began to include

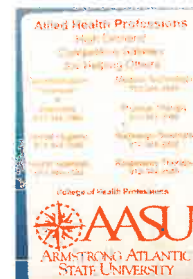
assisting victims. In addition, the Mardi Gras celebration, complete with the Jazz Band, raised money that was filtered through Campus Ministry to agencies to assist victims of Katrina.

In exchange for the support of Alpha Eta Gwynedd-Mercy College, Dr. Luquet agreed to be the speaker at the Induction Ceremony in April, 2009. To a standing room only audience of students and their guests, Dr. Luquet told of how he has been able to use his position as a college professor and health professional to reach far beyond the borders of a small college in Pennsylvania to assist those in need in Louisiana. Many students knew and had participated in some events. Guests were so taken by his talk that they thanked the faculty for having opportunity to hear him speak and for showing their student a way to help people beyond their daily service in health care.

Magnetic Signs Promote Allied Health Professions at Armstrong Atlantic State University

The Alpha Eta Chapter at Armstrong Atlantic State University developed and produced magnetic signs that can be attached to any metal surface for display around the campus to promote undecided students to enter the allied health professions.

"As faculty we are always trying to get our message in front of our students in a clear, concise manner", said Dr. Doug Masini, the Chapter Secretary. "These signs promote our allied health professions in the same clear and concise manner, and can be placed right in front of students." Dr. Masini was referring to the practice of placing these signs inside the doors of restroom stalls. These signs have been known to disappear from where they have been placed and appear in residence hall rooms. "A sign of success", says Dr. Masini.



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Atlantic State University received the Sidney Rodenberg Award and Samuel Ofei-Dodoo of the Health Administration Program at Wichita State University receive the Lee Holder Award. Both awards are for outstanding academic performance, leadership and scholarship by undergraduate and graduate students respectively. Mr. Ofei-Dodoo talked about his work with leadership development and promotion of CNAs within nursing home environment. The President's Award for achievement in chapter activities was presented to the chapter at Gwynedd-Mercy College.



Linda Reilly of Gwynedd-Mercy College (left), and Samuel Ofei-Dodoo (right) receiving their awards from Alpha Eta President, Bill Frey

Elections for President-elect (1-year term preceding 2 year term as President) and 4 Board Member positions (2-year term) were held.

Dale Fish (University at Buffalo) was nominated and elected to

the President-elect position.



Alpha Eta President Bill Frey congratulates Dale Fish on his election to the position of President-Elect

Elected for a 2-year term on the Board were: Sandra DiMeo (Utica College), Shirley Richmond (Northern Illinois University), Dale Fish (University at Buffalo) and Jodi Calahan (Des Moines University). It was noted that when Dale Fish assumes the position of the President, at the 2009 meeting, his position on the Board will be filled by election of another Board member to a one year term.

President Frey introduced a change in the bylaws that would allow chapters to develop at colleges/universities which do not have an allied health designated Division/School/College to be voted on by the chapters. (NOTE: this was approved by the chapters and became effective 1/1/09)

Meeting ended with closing comments by President Frey.

NEW CHAPTERS

Governors State University

The College of Health and Human Services has six allied health programs ranging from bachelor to doctoral degrees in areas such as addiction studies, communication disorders, health administration, and physical therapy.

Nova Southeastern University

The College of Allied Health and Nursing has fifteen allied health programs ranging from bachelor to doctoral degrees in areas such as audiology, anesthesiologist assistant, health science, occupational an physical therapy, physician assistant and vascular sonography.

Ithaca College

The School of Health Science and Human Performance has seven allied health programs ranging from bachelor to doctoral degrees in areas such as athletic training, audiology clinical exercise science, occupational and physical therapy, and speech-language pathology.

Medical University of South Carolina

The College of Health Professions has twelve allied health program ranging from bachelor to doctoral degrees in areas such as cardiovascular perfusion, communication disorders, cytology, health administration, occupational and physical therapy and physician assistant.