Dr. Kathleen O’Connell Receives 1.5 Million Dollar Grant

The Behavioral Health and Family Studies Institute, College of Health and Human Services, was awarded $499,999 in September for 08-09 to expand and implement youth suicide prevention measures in Indiana, with eligibility for at least two further years of funding at the same level. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), a division of the United States Health and Human Services, announced the award totaling almost $1.5 million over three years to support state suicide prevention efforts. The Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act provides authorization and funding for grants combating youth suicide. Indiana is one of 18 states or tribes awarded funding. Kathleen O’Connell PhD, RN, Professor of Nursing and Associate Vice Chancellor for Faculty Affairs, is the founder and director of the Institute and the grant author and Project Director. The Institute is recognized by the Indiana Department of Health and FSSA Division of Mental Health and Addiction as the center of expertise for suicide prevention in Indiana.

The Indiana Cares Youth Suicide Prevention Project builds on current and prior work by the Indiana Suicide Prevention Council (ISPC) and the Behavioral Health and Family Studies Institute in planning and implementing programs and collaborations for youth suicide prevention and intervention for the state of Indiana. Goals include building infrastructure to expand and coordinate resources available to Indiana communities for youth suicide prevention; developing broad-based support and capacity for youth suicide prevention; assuring that persons responsible for state and local youth suicide prevention efforts have skills in cultural competence that will allow them to effectively engage and collaborate with all Indiana populations; and promoting efforts to reduce access to lethal means and methods of self-harm among youth at risk for suicide.

This project will allow expansion of current programs and the addition of new programs, coordinated by a Youth Suicide Prevention Technical Assistance Center (YSPTAC). Colleen Carpenter, MA, MPH, has been named director of the YSP-TAC. Colleen has been with the Behavioral Health Institute for five years in the role of Project Coordinator of the Indiana Suicide Prevention Coalition, which is funded by a grant from the Indiana State Department of Health. Mary Nance has been hired as Project Assistant. Grants will be given to Indiana communities to increase their capacity to provide prevention programs. Statewide gatekeeper training will be provided through the ASIST, QPR and Frameworks programs. Lethal access education will be provided through the CALM program. State and community prevention council members and other persons in youth-serving organizations will receive cultural competency training. Awareness will be raised about the link between gambling and suicide. The target population for outcomes is youth of Indiana ages 10 – 24. The catchment area is the state of Indiana, especially those areas with greater numbers of youth deaths by suicide and areas with increased minority communities. Youth who gamble will also be targeted.

Contact Colleen Carpenter at 481-1053 or Kathleen O’Connell at 481-5795 for further information.
The Dental Department has a new Secretary

Brian Johnson is the new secretary in the Department of Dental Education (dental assisting, dental hygiene, and dental laboratory technology programs). Brian formally worked at the University of Arizona campus.

A former IPFW student, Brian earned an Associate of Applied Dental Hygiene, and dental hygiene. Brian formally worked at the University of Arizona campus. Brian Johnson is the new secretary of the Dental Department.

Dental Hygiene Students Impact the Community

Dental Health month by second year IPFW Dental Hygiene students.

Oral cancer screening at the Healthy Cities Health Fair, October 24, 2008

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HUMAN SERVICES

Human Services has a new Secretary

Katherine Whitcraft is the new Secretary for the Human Services Department. Katherine has been with the University for 10 years as a part-time secretary in OLS. She transferred to the Human Services Department as a full-time secretary.

Student Presents at Conference

We are proud to recognize a Human Services student, Denise Hall. She was accepted to present at the Midwest Organization for Human Services Conference in Evansville at the end of March. She will be presenting on Utilizing Animals for Therapy. Denise is currently working on a research project on this topic with Dr. Trent Parker. Congratulations to Denise!

CONSUMER AND FAMILY SCIENCE

An undergraduate hospitality management program has to be set in the context of an industry that is both changing and becoming more demanding in terms of specific areas of study. While well established fundamental knowledge and skills remain an essential basis, it appears that employers are seeking more than well-versed students in hospitality operational competencies or theory, they want highly motivated, creative and effective graduates with the potential to create value and growth.

In this context, the rational for using Holiday Inn IPFW facility is somewhat self-explanatory, hospitality management education is steeped in practice and it is well known fact that employers appreciate hotel management student’s practical knowledge base. Having classes in a living hotel is a unique opportunity to become familiar with and practice a wide range of skills. But is this enough to meet the demands described above and what exactly do we teach in our new facilities?

One may start by suggesting that practice is not necessarily to be opposed to the development of higher-level conceptual competencies.

In this spirit, professional areas of study such as hospitality management have a unique opportunity to develop what Donald Schön defines as “reflective practitioners”. The author’s idea is that a learner can be encouraged to transcend “practical knowledge and skills” by making them reflect on “the practice”, a critically important factor in a graduates chances of success in a management career.

A similar development is possible in hotel management schools provided care is given to the quality of the technical environment and of the teaching/learning methodologies used within these settings. In our program we use practical learning situations to reach the goals described earlier but paradoxically this means that we do not necessarily require mastering all aspect of the practice itself. Therein lies the fundamental difference between strictly vocational teaching and our program’s management education objectives. In research I published in the late 90’s I introduced the term “Craft Based Learning” to characterize this teaching, learning style that emphasizes that the ultimate goal is not the “craft” but the “learning” of higher forms of life and career skills.

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Facts:

The teaching facility is situated within the Holiday Inn but has its separate entrance; all the Hospitality Management classes help in these facilities. The facilities equipment will be updated this summer with a fully functional demonstration kitchen. Courses taught at the Holiday Inn also benefit from the close collaboration with the hotel’s management and operation allowing students to participate in activities ranging from managing the hotel’s restaurant one night a week for one semester, using the hotel’s facilities to illustrate engineering, front office and housekeeping operations and more.

The teaching facility will also be used to reach out to the community and offer short courses and introduction seminars that will either promote the program or offer the community a chance to meet students and faculty.

Dental Health

Pree schoolers practice brushing at a CANI Head start facility in Fort Wayne during a dental health presentation by IPFW Dental hygiene students under the supervision of Nancy Mann, RDH, MSED.

Dental Hygiene

Students

provide oral cancer screenings every year at the Healthy Cities Health Fair where services are provided to underinsured and uninsured clients.

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Health Fair, October 24, 2008

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CONSUMER AND FAMILY SCIENCE

John Niser, PhD - Chair
IPFW Nursing Students Offer Health Education and Screenings to Medically Underserved

It’s no secret that the medical needs of many aren’t being met, especially with the current economic situation. But what many don’t know is that a community minded class of senior baccalaureate nursing students from Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW) is playing a big role in countering this problem by offering services to the medically underserved in east-central Indiana. The outreach program, which is part of a community/public health nursing class led by Michelle Katterheinrich, EdD, MSN, RN, emphasizes health promotion and offers free health screenings. The IPFW nursing students work with community agencies in the area and receive hands-on training. Recently, the students worked at Albion’s Central Noble Food Pantry to provide rural residents with information about hypertension and healthy food choices for blood pressure control. They also performed blood pressure screenings and taught pantry patrons about depression and seasonal affective disorder. On March 20, the IPFW students designed and implemented a health fair to address the unique needs of the homeless population at the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission Ministries. Approximately 140 patrons visited the health fair.

The community minded students have also participated in the Kidney Early Evaluation Program through the National Kidney Foundation of Indiana and St. Joseph Hospital’s Stroke Risk Assessment Clinic. Upcoming events include the Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church Faith Based Health and Healing conference, Saturday, March 28 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the Fort Wayne-Allen County Medical Reserve Corp Recruitment Saturday, April 25 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Public Safety Academy. The Department of Nursing is part of the IPFW College of Health and Human Services. For more information, contact Michelle Katterheinrich; EdD, MSN, RN; Community Health Nursing Coordinator at 260-481-0250 or katterhm@ipfw.edu.

Lafayette Street Family Health Clinic

Deb Baresic, Clinical Assistant Professor of Nursing and Sally Hartman, Clinical Assistant Professor of Nursing, both Nurse Practitioners and Professors from the Nursing Department are working at the clinic seeing patients one day a week in addition to Amy Hartman, FNP and Clinic Director. We saw over 1500 patients last year and we continue to grow.

We also have had the privilege of having undergraduate nursing students from the Nursing department assist in the care of our patients. As well as providing service to our patients, this also provides valuable hands-on experience for the nursing students.

We have welcomed a new Certified Medical Assistant to our staff; Robin Brown. We had to say Good Bye to our clinic nurse, Rhonda Jones, as she accepted a full-time position with Parkview Behavioral Health. We wish her well in her new endeavor.

Fort Wayne School of Radiography Scores Big

The College of Health and Human Services offers an Associate’s Degree in Radiography through an articulation agreement with The Fort Wayne School of Radiography. The Fort Wayne School of Radiography is located off campus with two sponsoring hospitals. The program is a 24-month program with intense classroom and clinical requirements. A national registry is required in the state of Indiana to perform radiography. The school is proud of a 100% pass rate since the school’s inception. The Class of 2008 scored an average of 94.2%, compared to a national average score of 84.6%. “We are extremely proud of the accomplishments of our recent graduates,” said Cheryl Duncan, Program Director. "Each year it is a challenge to keep up with the rapidly advancing technology, but we continually strive to keep abreast of the newest developments and graduate the best radiologic technologists in the nation.”

Win-Win Collaboration: Radiography and Nursing - Faculty and Students

The result of an exercise during a CHHS staff development workshop given by nursing faculty, Becki Jensen and Pam DeKoninck, has evolved into a joint collaboration between the Department of Nursing and the Department of Radiography. During a workshop where participants were asked to work together on a simulation exercise, Sarah Beckman (nursing) teamed up with Lisa Schafer (radiography). As discussion occurred Professor Beckman began to appreciate the degree to which radiologic technologists may be able to assist nursing during a medical emergency.

Simulations are lab created incidents that allow a student’s understanding of a critical situation. Having simulations within the health care team and how they all work together for the benefit of the patient’s care and help foster an appreciative environment where the students develop an understanding of other departments within the health care team and how they all work together for the benefit of the patient’s care.”
Update on Number of New Admits to the College for Summer and Fall

We are having another good season of admittance to the College of Health and Human Services (CHHS).

The total numbers of new admits through March 8, 2009 are as follows:

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As of March 8, the grand total of CHHS new admits for Summer 2009 is 58 and 367 for Fall 2009.

High School Students Gear Up for Health Career Day

HHS’s Health Career Day was held on Friday, March 6, 2009 in the Walb Union Ballroom. This event provided 142 students from area high schools the opportunity to learn about careers offered through majors in the College of Health and Human Services, in addition to Speech and Audiology.

The morning opened with a career video giving students a glimpse at health, human services, and hospitality professionals on the job. Browsing tables were also available at this time allowing students to pick up information and speak on-one-on-one with representatives from each department. Students proceeded to overview sessions highlighting each major, including presentations by Allied Health Transfer Opportunities, Consumer and Family Sciences, Dental, Human Services, Nursing, Radiography, and Speech and Audiology. In addition, breakout sessions allowed students to attend more detailed presentations relating to three of their specific areas of interest. Tours of the nursing and dental labs were also offered during this time.

Total number of attendees at breakout sessions were as follows:

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Students completed evaluations of the event before leaving. Some of the comments fielded were:

* During the Human Services presentation I learned lots of information. It was very exciting. Something I would want to do! – Student from Churubusco High School
  * The Hospitality session was easy to understand, full overview of classes and experience. – Student from New Haven High School
  * The best part of my visit was touring the Nursing facility – Student from North Side High School

A big thank you to all presenters, as well as to Cheryl Hine, Director of Student Success, and Laura Ziegler, Assistant Director in Admissions, for organizing this year’s event.

Lunch Talks Offered to CHHS Students

This year academic advisors in the Department of Nursing and the Student Success Center organized a series of lunch talks available to all students in the College of Health and Human Services. Fall lunch talks entitled “Test Taking Skills and Strategies” and “Time Management and Study Skills” were presented by Greg Anderson, Associate Director of First Year Experience. The first spring lunch talk, “Controlling the Animal Within” was presented by Dr. William Utesch, Associate Professor of Education and Chair of Professional Studies. The goal of the lunch talks is to support and encourage student success through guest speakers. Speakers address academic, social and career skills relevant to the lives of College of Health and Human Services’ students.

Students have responded very positively to each of the topics presented to date on evaluations inquiring, “Was this presentation helpful?” Below are just a few of the comments received:

- “Yes. It was the best, most interesting and helpful.”
- “Yes, I loved the helpful hints and study techniques.”
- “Yes. It was the best, most interesting and most helpful lecture of my life.”

The current number of student invites is 86 with a few more scholarship awards to be announced in the next six weeks.

Multicultural Campus Visit Day

On Friday February 20, 2009, IPFW hosted its third Multicultural Campus Visit Day in the Walb Union Ballroom. The concerted efforts of Admissions Office personnel were clearly evident as students came to the campus from many areas in Indiana, as well as Ohio and Michigan. Over 150 prospective students attended the event.

Sydney Miracle and Wayne Williams represented the College of Health and Human Services. Sydney provided an overview of the Nursing Program and Wayne provided overviews of other academic programs available in the College. Both fielded numerous questions from students and parents. A total of 77 individuals attended the CHHS breakout sessions. Several students indicated that for the first time they saw college as a possibility.

In addition to academic interests, the attending students were able to receive information about financial aid and admissions. Students were offered a pizza lunch before leaving.

Student Success Center, NF 120.
The Area Health Education Center (AHEC) is located in the Lafayette Medical Center. Presently Peggy Jones, Interim Director, Aleshia Panbamrung, Associate Director, Michelle Smith, K-12 Coordinator, and DaVanna Seifert, secretary make up the staff who manage to represent 19 counties in Indiana, the Northeast Region. There are only six AHECs in Indiana at this time. NEI-AHEC is in its 4th year. So far this year there have been over 1,000 middle and high school students involved in some program about health careers.

This summer we will be offering Math and Science camps to interested high school and middle school students in connection with IPFW faculty and many community hospitals and organizations.

We are now hosting several IPFW classes in our class room, which brings people to our facility.

The third Wednesday of the month we participate in the Prevention Clinic, which is a collaboration of the Allen County Health Disparity Coalition and more than 40 community organizations. Free health screenings are given at the Lafayette Medical Center. We donate the use of our space and the AHEC staff serve as volunteers. Some of the screenings include cholesterol, glucose, blood pressure, weight, PSA, mammogram, dental, HIV/AIDS, stress, asthma, and sometimes flu shots are included.

Wayne Williams, of the Student Success Center, was born and raised in rural Jamaica and moved to the United States in January 1993 to further his education as well as to become a member of the Mastodon Volleyball team. Wayne majored in OLS and minored in Sociology and received his M.S.Ed in Counseling (MFT). In addition to his full time duties as Academic Advisor in the College of Health and Human Services, where he advises all of the undecided students as well as the Allied Health Transfer majors, Wayne also teaches part time in the Peace and Conflict Studies and the Sociology departments.

Wayne enjoys playing sports (much more so than watching) and lists his favorites as Soccer (the real football), tennis, Basketball and Volleyball. Wayne's favorite way to unwind is working in his yard and being close to nature. Wayne is a music fan and collector and enjoys every musical genre (to an extent). Wayne is most secretive about his culinary skills as he conceals that this can be a double edged sword. You can always check out one of his dishes at the annual Parkview Foundation cooking men event every April at the Memorial Coliseum.

Wayne has worked for the Fort Wayne Community and the East Allen county School Districts and also spent six years with Lincoln Financial Group within the Annuity Products Division. Wayne worked as the Area Director for the Fort Wayne Housing Authority Boys and Girls Clubs of Fort Wayne. Wayne also has experience doing community work through the Bowen Center and the Madison Center. Wayne is an Upstate Indiana Business Journal 2007 Future 40 honoree and continues to stay involved in the community. He has served on several local boards. Wayne recently ended his stint as one of the original board members for the Young Leaders of Northeast Indiana where he was the Vice President of Regionalism and currently serves as a member of the board for Trees Indiana which he really enjoys because of the altruistic nature of all involved.

Being very well aware of how much richer of an existence one has by participating in a diverse environment, Wayne has made diversity his life’s work. He worries that the world diversity has become a feared word that is often seen by many as a racial thing, thus minimizing our society’s need for other forms of diversity such as cultural, gender, sexual orientation and ability status. Wayne is in the process of getting a student diversity organization started within the College of Health and Human Services and sees that as a possible springboard for our students who will be dealing with the real world challenges of a diverse society.

On a more personal note, Wayne is the father of five children: Drew, Siiera, Gavin, Maitland and Blaize. Wayne enjoys spending time learning from his children. He enjoys coaching his children whenever he can and also enjoys watching them participate in their various extracurricular activities. He admits that he probably learns more from them than they will ever learn from him. He is very much aware, however, of how much his presence and influence in his children’s lives, have helped to make them into the amazing individuals that they have become.

Wayne is excited about his position within the College of Health and Human Services and sees the constant influx of new life (students) as a rejuvenating factor that contributes greatly to his job satisfaction. He enjoys all the challenges that his position brought him and frankly, will not have it any other way.