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College of Health  
and Human Services



October 2017

### [Outstanding alumni recognized at CHHS](#)

The College of Health and Human Services welcomed the 2017 class to the rolls of its **Outstanding Alumni Academy** on Friday, Oct. 13. The day's events included a panel discussion around the topic of equity and access in healthcare and, of course, a ceremony to induct the five new members into the academy.



### [OT, social work faculty earn \\$1.8 million grant](#)

**Dr. Ann Chapleau** (Occupational Therapy) and **Dr. Jennifer Harrison** (Social Work) recently received a four-year, \$1.8 million grant to prepare students for interprofessional behavioral health practice and enhance the behavioral health workforce in southwest Michigan.



### [14th Annual Rider Colloquium](#)

The 14th annual Barbara A. Rider Colloquium will be held on Friday, November 10 at the WMU Fetzer Center. The event features lectures and breakout sessions with leading OT educators and practitioners. This year's keynote speaker is **Dr. Sherrilene Classen** from the University of Florida.



### [Department of Physician Assistant accredited through 2027](#)

After an accreditation visit during the summer, the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) has reaffirmed accreditation for WMU's physician assistant program through 2027.

[2017 CHHS Student Expo](#)

On Thursday, Nov. 2, the CHHS Atrium will host the 2017 **CHHS Student Expo**, where students can learn about academic programs and services available to them here at the College of Health and Human Services, as well as across campus and in the Kalamazoo community.

[State approves two CTAC contracts for continued training](#)

The Southwest Michigan Children's Trauma Assessment Center (CTAC) at Western Michigan University was recently awarded two separate contracts from the state.

[PA students gather donations at MAPA conference](#)

This year's Michigan Academy of Physician Assistants Fall CME Conference included a community service project that benefited Guiding Light, a non-profit organization which offers services for homeless men. WMU PA students gathered more supplies than the other Michigan schools in attendance. HHS on Social Media



# STOP THE VIOLENCE

## A FORUM

### WHEN

November 6th, 12-1:30

### WHERE

College of Health and Human Services  
Room 4010

### Presenters

Chief Jeff Hadley of Kalamazoo Police Department

Dr. Frank Straub, Director of Strategic Studies Police Foundation

Dr. Zoann Snyder of WMU Criminal Justice Department

A forum in response to recent violent events and violence in our society.

From the [School of Social Work](#) via [Facebook](#)

In other news

Here are some other WMU news articles you might be interested in:

- [Local brewery next up in entrepreneurship speaker series](#)
- [WMU to host conference on health IT innovation and cybersecurity](#)
- [WMU United Way launches 2017 campaign with \\$200,000 goal, children's book drive](#)

CHHS on Facebook and Instagram

The College of Health and Human Services is on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)! Please take a moment to "like" and "follow" us to stay informed on what's going on throughout the college.



## Outstanding alumni recognized at CHHS



*Dean Earlie Washington welcomes alumni, friends and family to the 2017 Outstanding Alumni Academy Induction Ceremony*

The College of Health and Human Services welcomed the [2017 class](#) to the rolls of its [Outstanding Alumni Academy](#) on Friday, Oct. 13.



Before the induction ceremony, **Dr. Ann Tyler** led a panel discussion on the topic of Leading Change in Health and Human Services: Increasing Equity and Access. The four outstanding alumnae in attendance, **Sam Lealofi** (Occupational Therapy), **Becky Sutherland Cornett** (Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences), **Lori Ryland** (Specialty Program in Alcohol and Drug Abuse) and **Angelique Day** (Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary Health Sciences) discussed their academic and professional experiences related to equity and access in today's complicated health care landscape. A fifth inductee, **William Blacchiere** (Social Work), was not in attendance, traveling out of the country for work.



*Outstanding alumnae (L-R) Sam Lealofi, Becky Sutherland Cornett, Lori Ryland and Angelique Day in the panel discussion*



*After the panel discussion, Dean Earlie Washington welcomed everyone to the college for the induction ceremony.*



*Angelique Day and Sam Lealofi with Dean Washington*



*Lori Ryland with Dean Washington and Ann Tyler introducing Becky Sutherland Cornett*





## OT, social work faculty earn \$1.8 million grant

**Dr. Ann Chapleau**, associate professor in the Department of Occupational Therapy, and **Dr. Jennifer Harrison**, assistant professor in the School of Social Work, recently received a four-year, \$1.8 million grant for behavioral health workforce education and training. Funding from [Health Resources and Services Administration \(HRSA\)](#) will support the **Interprofessional Peer Education and Evidence for Recovery (I-PEER)** project, a joint project of the [Department of Occupational Therapy](#) and the [School of Social Work](#).

The I-PEER project connects the College of Health and Human Service with Kalamazoo Psychiatric Hospital, Southwest Michigan Behavioral Health, Recovery Institute of Southwest Michigan and other public providers, to prepare students for interprofessional behavioral health practice, and to enhance the behavioral health workforce in southwest Michigan through innovative workforce development.



*Chapleau and Harrison*

"The majority of the funding will be used to provide stipends to OT and social work master's students in their final year field placements in these communities," says Dr. Harrison. "It removes financial burden from the University and students, and allows students to focus on their research and to make the most of their final year clinical experiences."



Through the funding, 28 students will be eligible for \$10,000 stipends each year. In addition, students and behavioral health professionals will receive free training in collaboration with partner organizations. I-PEER will focus on specialty training areas of motivational interviewing, recovery orientation, and implementation of evidence-based practice.

"One of the project goals is to procure more fieldwork sites for our students," says Dr. Chapleau. "And, in turn, we hope to increase the number of students who return to work in behavioral health practice after graduation."

An additional outcome from the free provider training will be overall improvement in the quality of training provided at the sites. The Goal Attainment Scale (GAS), a measure of client and student learning and attainment, will be utilized along with other quantitative and qualitative measures of student learning and workforce transformation.

Potential scheduling conflicts initially arose as there are differences in timing and duration of clinical experiences in the two programs. To make the project work, the Department of Occupational Therapy and School of Social Work have demonstrated agility and flexibility, adjusting requirements and schedules to make the collaboration work for students and community partners.

Watch the College of Health and Human Services website for I-PEER program updates.

## Department of Physician Assistant reaffirms accreditation through 2027

After an accreditation visit during the summer, the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) has reaffirmed accreditation for [WMU's physician assistant program](#) through 2027.

[ARC-PA](#), the accrediting agency for physician assistant programs, has granted Accreditation-Continued status to WMU's physician assistant program. This accreditation status signifies that the program continues to be in compliance with ARC-PA standards.



*PA students with Sim Man*

"I want to congratulate (Interim Chair) **Denise Bowen** and the entire team of PA faculty and staff," said **Dr. Earlie Washington**, dean of the College of Health and Human Services. "The accreditation process is time consuming and requires great attention to detail, but it is a vital process which ensures the program meets quality standards."



The program is next scheduled for review in September 2027. The ten-year time span represents the longest possible accreditation period available through ARC-PA.

## CHHS Student Expo



**2017 CHHS Student Expo**  
**Thursday, November 2 from 2 to 4:30 p.m.**  
**In the College of Health and Human Services Atrium**

Explore your opportunities at the 2017 CHHS Student Expo. Learn about the departments and programs available here in the college. You can also learn about student organizations housed in the college and across campus. Businesses and organizations from the area will also be here to connect with you.

Along with various booths, there will also be entertainment, giveaways, raffles, **free food** and more – all with an emphasis on health and human services. Above all, the expo is an opportunity for networking and learning, where you can connect with what you need to be successful at any stage of your academic journey!

Questions?

Email Alicia at [chhs\\_info@wmich.edu](mailto:chhs_info@wmich.edu) or call (269) 387-7367.

## Booths

A number of WMU RSOs and local organizations will be represented at the Expo. Including

- CHHS Dean's Booth - CHHS Selfie Area
- Behavioral Health Services/Unified Clinics
- Bronson School of Nursing
- Bronson School of Nursing - Student Nurses Association;
- Career and Student Employment Services
- Center for Fostering Success
- CHHS Advising
- Department of Blindness and Low Vision Studies;
- Department of Occupational Therapy
- Department of Physical Therapy
- Eta Sigma Gamma - Gamma Mu Chapter
- Family Health Care
- First-Year Experience Programs
- Graduate College
- Haenicke Institute for Global Education
- National Student Speech Language Hearing Association
- Office of Diversity and Inclusion
- Office of Student Engagement
- Office of Sustainability
- School of Interdisciplinary Health Programs
- School of Social Work
- Sindecuse Health Center
- Student Recreation Center
- Student Success
- Study Abroad
- Undergraduate Research
- Western Regional Area Health Education Center (AHEC)
- WMU Center for Disability and Aging Services
- WMU Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine
- WMU Vision/Vision Rehabilitation Clinic

## • **State approves two contracts with CTAC for continued training**

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- The [Southwest Michigan Children's Trauma Assessment Center \(CTAC\)](#) at Western Michigan University was recently awarded two separate contracts from the state.

- The first is a two-year contract for the training of all Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and private agency child welfare workers in child protective services (CPS) and foster care. All children in ongoing CPS and foster care will be screened for trauma using CTAC's trauma screening checklist. Using the CTAC trauma screening checklist tool will drive development of resiliency-based case plans. All children meeting the threshold of traumatic endorsements will be referred for a trauma assessment.
- The second is a three-year contract for statewide training for secondary traumatic stress (STS) and office culture/climate. CTAC staff will provide training for all Michigan Department of Health and Human Services child welfare workers and interested private agencies. They will work to identify STS among employees and within offices while providing consultation on developing a positive and safe organizational dynamic. CTAC will also train at least one team in Critical Incident Response in each county office to provide peer support following critical incidences, including child fatalities and complex abuse cases.
- If you are interested in learning more about CTAC or would like to receive trauma training, please contact CTAC at (269) 387-7073.



## PA students gather donations at MAPA conference

WMU physician assistant students attended the Michigan Academy of Physician Assistants (MAPA) 42nd Annual [Fall CME Conference](#) in early October. The conference is the largest meeting for physician assistants, PA students and PA educators in Michigan and in the upper Midwestern states.

This year's conference included a community service project that benefited [Guiding Light](#), a non-profit organization which offers services for homeless men. Guiding Light provides shelter, meals, lodging, clothing and recovery/job assistance, among other things.



*WMU PA students and faculty gather around a small portion of the donations they collected*

Students from six PA programs in Michigan competed to collect the most supplies like winter clothing, cleaning supplies, gift cards and personal care products for the organization.

When all the donations were displayed at the conference, it was clear that WMU's students had collected the most, with an estimated \$2,500 worth of goods.

Congratulations and thank you, PA students, for your service and for your positive representation of WMU.