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College of Health and Human Services



November 2017

Join us for the annual State of the College events

Please join us at **10:30 a.m., Friday, Dec. 1**, as we share the State of the College of Health and Human Services and celebrate the faculty and staff who have contributed so much over the past year. Events include the dean's State of the College address at 10:30 a.m., faculty and staff awards at 11:30 a.m., followed by a complimentary lunch.



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HHS on Social Media



Student shenanigans on the lawn...

From the [College of Health and Human Services](#) via [Instagram](#)

In other news

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

- [Take advantage of global engagement opportunities in December](#)
- [WMU named one of top 100 schools for veterans by Military Times](#)
- [President's cabinet reviewing more than 60 ideas to transform WMU](#)

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.



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Departments and schools within the college use the Expo as an opportunity to recruit students. Programs that are new to the college, like the [Bachelor of Science in Public Health](#), were able to let current students know about their rapidly growing field.

"For students who come to this college and don't know exactly what they want to focus on or who need to find another option to pursue, events like this are a good opportunity for us to tell them what we have to offer," says **Dr. Mark Kelley**, director of the [School of Interdisciplinary Health Programs](#).

[Undergraduate research](#) was a focus at this year's event. Instructors across the University have been encouraged to work more with undergraduate students in their research. Opportunities for students in this area continue to grow at CHHS.

In addition to the great information at the Expo, students found free food and giveaways and registered in drawings for exciting prizes like a tablet and Bluetooth speaker.



Students and community groups in the CHHS Atrium

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- **Michelle Adams** is an administrative assistant in the School of Social Work.
- **Helen Beck** is the coordinator at the Learning Resource Center.
- **John Brown** is the network coordinator for CHHS Information Technology.

All of these individuals admit to having a camera at their side at most times. Whether they're capturing gardens, family members or 80 MPH landscapes, they use the lenses of their cameras to record the everyday moments of their lives.

The works on display demonstrate that all three have an eye for composition, making everyday moments something much more than ordinary. "It takes a lot of courage to display your own

artwork,” says **Dr. Susan Caulfield**, professor in the School of Interdisciplinary Health Programs and curator of the CHHS second floor art gallery. “I was very pleased that these three artists agreed to let us use their work in our gallery. I can’t thank them enough.”



Excerpts of photos from Adams, Beck and Brown

Photographs will be on display in the CHHS second floor art gallery through the end of the semester. The gallery is open [during regular building hours](#).

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Nursing and PA students in a simulation earlier this month.

The CCNE board determined that the program met all four accreditation standards and found no compliance concerns with respect to key elements of the program.

The accreditation process is always long and arduous, requiring a great deal of documentation along with a site visit from the accrediting body, which occurred over the summer.

"I want to congratulate **Dr. Mary Lagerwey** and the faculty and staff of the Bronson School of Nursing," said **Dr. Earlie Washington**, dean of the College of Health and Human Services. "This accreditation review outcome is another indicator that our nursing program is, indeed, a high-quality program preparing our students for success after graduation."

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PA student examines a patient while OT and speech pathology students observe

On Nov. 20, students in the occupational therapy, physician assistant and speech pathology programs participated in an interprofessional simulation at the College of Health and Human Services.

Standardized patients were used to simulate stroke survivors for this simulation. Our new physical therapy faculty participated to demonstrate the role of their discipline in such situations, and we hope to incorporate their students in the future.

Simulation is common in health care disciplines to help prepare students to work in clinical situations with actual clients. Simulation activities provide learners with the opportunity to be immersed in a clinical experience where they assume the role of the healthcare provider, are required to perform assessments and deliver care within a safe, supervised setting without risk to an actual client. It promotes critical thinking, decision making and requires a deeper understanding of the content learned in the traditional classroom.



Students observe PT faculty in action

Programs in the College of Health and Human Services often have interdisciplinary simulations to more closely approximate realistic health care situations.

"We strive to spend as much time in the reflection as we do in the simulation to help the students understand and grow from what they experienced with the patient," says **Dr. Debra Lindstrom**, professor in the Department of Occupational Therapy. "The debriefing questions are carefully chosen to help the students think through the experience and then to compare the various disciplines' perspectives about their own and others' roles with the patient."

In interprofessional simulations like these, when questions are asked, students from all of the disciplines are queried. This helps students critically think about their own role and the roles of other team members with this patient.

"Significant learning occurs through discussion and reflection during debriefing." according to Lindstrom.



Dr. Carla Chase with a group of students in one of the debriefing rooms.

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Jessica Torrey

Effective immediately, Torrey will transition into her new role after serving for 11 years as a lead skills training specialist for the community connections program at CDS.

WMU's [Senior Day Services](#) is a day program designed to train university students to serve older adults with cognitive or functional impairments who need special assistance or supervision during the day. In addition, SDS provides caregivers a temporary break from caregiving with the peace of mind that their loved one is in a safe place. Participants receive increased socialization and cognitive stimulation through a variety of activities during day as well as nursing and personal care. SDS can help to educate and connect caregivers with other resources in the community. By helping to support individuals and their caregivers, SDS hopes to help older adults age in their home while still maintaining quality of life.