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KEVIN VALADARES NAMED USI DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR



Dr. Kevin Valadares, program director for Health Services, was selected as the recipient of the 2009 Integra Distinguished Professor Award. This award recognizes a faculty member who demonstrates significant achievement in teaching, leadership, and service. The recipient is chosen by colleagues on the USI faculty and will receive a grant from Integra Bank and the opportunity to select a student to receive a scholarship in his name. This is only the second time a faculty member in the College of Nursing and Health Professions has received this recognition. Kevin was recognized for his use of new technology to enhance service learning, which is reflected in his highly interactive teaching style. He has also worked closely with members of the CNHP as well as the university to integrate technological advances into the classroom. Kevin has also co-authored ten peer review articles and has another ten in process. Congratulations, Kevin, on this wonderful recognition and all of your achievements!

CNHP SAYS GOODBYE TO TWO FACULTY MEMBERS

THOUGHTFUL WORDS FROM DR. COUDRET ABOUT THESE RESPECTED COLLEAGUES



Dr. Beth Johnson has accepted a position with the University of Louisville and will be the Director of the new baccalaureate nursing program that will be offered in Owensboro beginning in fall of 2009. Beth's new position will eliminate the need for the travel time that has been part of her leadership role here at USI. To say that she will be missed seems a terrible understatement but we wish Beth success in her new position.



Dr. Mary Ann Wehmer has also tendered her resignation effective May 31 this year. Mary Ann joined us when the nursing program was in its infancy and has been an important contributor to its growth and success. Mary Ann is currently considering several employment opportunities. We thank Mary Ann for the expertise that she has shared with her students and colleagues. We wish her success in whatever role she selects and hope that both she and Beth will come back often for visits.

CNHP FACULTY ARRANGES VISIT FROM SWEDISH FAMILY

Dr. Barb Davis, nursing faculty, organized a month long visit to USI for a family from Sweden. The Kristenssons originally contacted Barb regarding research she had done, and through their correspondence, a visit was planned. For most of April, the Kristenssons lived in an apartment on campus, spending time touring the city and visiting different classes in the College of Nursing and Health Professions. Both Jimmie and Anna Kristensson hold Ph.D.s in Nursing, and they were eager to speak to different classes regarding the Swedish healthcare professions.



STUDENT NURSES RECOGNIZED AT NATIONAL CONVENTION

Andrew Weisman, a nursing student, was appointed Vice President of the Indiana Student Nurse Association (ISNA) at the National Student Nurse Association (NSNA) in the Gaylord Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee.

Carolyn Cook, also a nursing student, was elected at the same convention to the chair of the national nominating and elections committee; she also serves on the committee as a representative for the northern district. Congratulations to both!

CNHP ALUMNA GIVES BACK

Rachel Polazzi, a 2001 nursing alumna, along with her husband, Anthony recently donated \$1000 towards the USI Nursing Alumni Scholarship. This scholarship allows students to focus on their studies and decreases their need to work excessive hours while enrolled in courses. Through such pace-setting contributions as this one, students are given the best chance for success. Thank you to the Polazzis and all our fabulous donors!

STUDENT PROJECT WINS 3RD PLACE AWARD



Leslie Gray, an MSN student, won third place for the Award to Schools of Nursing from the Clarian Board Committee on Quality and Patient Safety. The award promotes quality of patient care and excellence in education and research, and it is one of six new awards offered from Clarian. Leslie is a Clarian employee, and she started her award winning project in a class last fall. Congratulations, Leslie!

CNHP FACULTY TEACHES ABOUT STRESS RELIEF

Ethel Elkins spoke at the Administrative Assistants and Associates meeting in April, teaching the group different techniques for coping with stress. She provided information, along with unique stress relievers, including play dough, mint chocolates, and relaxation therapy. She also handed out packets of useful advice and information.



NURSING STUDENTS PRESENT AT MARCH RESEARCH CONFERENCE



Six groups of undergraduate nursing students participated in the Research Conference with poster presentations. The presentations covered a wide array of topics, and the majority of the groups contained at least ten students each.

DENTAL ASSISTING CAR WASH

Dental Assisting Students hosted two fundraising car washes: Saturday April 4th at Burger King on the West Side and Saturday April 18th at Grandy's on the East Side



Funds will be used to take a trip to the Indiana Dental Assistants Association Annual Session May 7-9 in Indianapolis.

HEALTH SERVICES ORGANIZATION UP AND RUNNING

The Health Services Organization is in full swing with about 40 Health Services and Health Administration student members. President for the 2009-2010 school year is **Tiffany Ponder** and **Jeanne Melton** will serve as the Faculty Advisor.

RESPIRATORY CARE STUDENTS WORKING HARD

Respiratory Care students teamed up with Nursing students to work at the EVSC Asthma Camp at Delaware Elementary school in late March. The students instructed the children in use of medications, inhalers, and peak flowmeters. The goal was to help the elementary school students identify an increased difficulty of breathing.

In March, the **second year Respiratory Care students** completed the Certification for Neonatal Resuscitation Program and Advance Cardio-Life Support while assisting with the Asthma camp and completing their clinical rotations. **Congratulations, Class of 2009!**



HEALTH SERVICES STUDENT RECEIVES RISC GRANT

Katie McCallister received an RISC grant worth \$1500 for her proposal "Yoga for the older adults: Yoggona Love It!" This is the first time a Health Services student has received this particular grant. Katie will be presenting the results of her research at next year's RISC Showcase Undergraduate Research and Creative Works Symposium. Congratulations, Katie!

FACULTY CONGRATULATIONS

Katie Ehlman was published in the Journal of Aging, Humanities, and the Arts.

Dr. Roberta Hoebeke has been published in the Journal of Nursing Education. Her article titled "Syllabus Selection – Innovative Learning Activity" appears in the March 2009 (Volume 48, Number 3) of the journal.

Dr. Judi Kuric was appointed as a Contributing Editor for Critical Care Nurse, the official journal of the American Association of Critical Care Nurses. She will be responsible for contributing three evidenced based articles to the journal as well as editing any neuroscience content submitted for publication.

Judi Kuric was also appointed the section editor for the rehabilitation section for the 2nd edition of the Core Curriculum for Neuroscience Nursing. This manual is published by the American Association of Neuroscience Nurses and will be completed in 2009.



Our diagnostic medical sonography program has received initial accreditation for the maximum five year period. Congratulations to Claudine Fairchild, Amy Wilson, adjunct faculty, clinical instructors and the students. The USI program is the only accredited sonography program in Indiana.

CONGRATULATIONS 2008 NP GRADUATES!

The 2008 NP graduates who completed their respective certification exams passed at 100%! Way to go faculty and 2008 graduates.

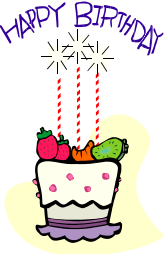

FNP – 100% USI, national pass rate was 93%
ACNP – 100% USI, national pass rate was 92%



Congratulations!

CNHP FACULTY MEMBERS ACCEPTED TO USI'S 2009 SUMMER TEACHING INSTITUTE: BACK TO THE CORE

Three CNHP faculty members have been selected to participate in the Center for Academic Creativity and the University Core Curriculum's Summer Teaching Institute. The Institute is funded by the Lily Foundation. **Kim Bastin**, program director for Dental Assisting, will present "Better Understanding Core Requirement prior to revising the dental assisting program of an associate of science degree." **Ethel Elkins**, Health Services faculty, is scheduled to present her project, "Managing large and on-line classes in 'Alternative/Complementary Health Care,'" and **Sherri Mathis**, Occupational Therapy faculty, will present "Developing a new Pediatric course for the Occupational Therapy Assistant curriculum." The Institute will take place May 11-15.

 <p>APRIL BIRTHDAYS 4/14 Rohn Butterfield 4/14 Janet Kilbane 4/16 Jennifer Bartek 4/23 Mara Beth Womack 4/28 Kathleen French</p>	 <p>MAY BIRTHDAYS 5/15 Jennifer Craig 5/16 Jeanine Bowlin 5/24 Julie St. Clair</p>
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CONGRATULATIONS



2009 Spring and Summer Graduates!

Radiologic and Imaging Sciences: CIBS: Julie Scott, Robyn Wargel, Jordan Wilkinson, Brooke Baize, Linell Hollins, Brandy Johnson, Scott Robbins, Jennifer Saba **RIBS:** Kelsy Adams, Jessica Barbre, April Carrell, Lindsey Chung, Cody Fulford, Lisa Haynes, Samantha Helfer, Susan Holley, Daniel Jackson, Amanda Jung, Lesley Lockhart, Sarah McCammon, Jessica Meehan, Andrea Niemeier, Casey Quick, Jennifer Ziliak **DMS:** Michelle Ashby, April Conner, Summer Evers, Lacy Fritz, Kari Henshaw, Whitney Hood, Ashley Linn, Cassandra Neufelder, Brett Schmidt, Julie Talbot

Nursing: NUBS: Catherine Alcock, Sarah Alvey, Kevi Baumgartner, Melissa Bittner, Brittany Bland, Ashley Boone-Lanning, Kerry Bruner, Amber Bryant, Allyson Burch, Mackenzie Cage, Christine Callahan, Ashley Conner, Kristie Craddock, Darcey Curran, Jean Curtis, Kara Dant, Andrea DeCamps, Erin Dewitt-Nester, Timothy Dressler, Elisa Endris, Cristy Farber, Emily Fox, Ashley Gora, Brittnay Gosch, Sara Green-Houin, Jerri Harlen, Andrea Harriman, Michael Hawa, Whitney Hoover, Lauren Horacek, Jessica Hudson, Lindsay Jesop, Sarah Johnson, Tracie Johnson, Tricia Johnson, Lawrece Jones, Stephanie King, Meagan Koester, Mckenzie Kramer, Ginger Kreyling, Virginia Latouche, Casey Logan, Anna Macaluso, Krystal May, Gail Mayer, Ebele Mbeledogu, Cassandra McConnell, Katherine McKinney, Amanda Miley, Dana Milligan, Matt Motycka, Kathryn Oakley, Andrea Phan, Cody Pickens, Laura Pineda, S M. Rainey, Jerra Rhoads, Claire Robison, Mary Ruedlinger, Ashley Sanders, Rachel Schapker, Emily Scheller, Lauren Schwenk, Allison Shafer, Mindy Shoulders, Amy Smith, Jessica Snyder, Whitney Speicher, Rachael Steckler, Elizabeth Tenbarge, Kristina Troutman, Kathleen Uebelhack, Tessa Warsinsky, James Wheeler, Mallory White, Renee Willis, Valerie Wills, Lori Wisner, Elizabeth Wright, Amanda Vaught, Maggie Schnarr **RNBS:** Tara Allen, Robinette Cooper, Linda Henson, Stacey Savage, Shanda Southland, Paige Taylor, Jessica Thombleson, Jodi Wheelock, Alexandria Davis **MS:** Melissa Carter

Dental: DAAS: Ashbie Bennett, Bryn Boren, Cody Cockerham, Brittany Coleman, Kaylie Creek, Kristina Ehler, Amy Fitch, Jacqueline Grice, Katherine Hite, Jennifer Hodges, Melissa Hoss, Leaty Branagan, Magdaleno DeAndra, Megan Moore, Adrienne Nicholson, Janelle Pund, Amy Russell, Amy Schwindel, Shelley Stock, Shayleen Stout, Courtney Turner, Sondra Wildeman, Amber Wildt **DH Completion:** Jillian Bartok, JoAnna Bulloch, Sarah Coley, Michelle Elliot, Ashley Hagedorn, Jodi Hawkins, Kristina Kayser, Cynthia Kinder, Amanda Neidig, Mindy Otey, Paige Popp, Kristin Schapker, Lisa Thompson, Gina Wagner, Jana Young, Megan Zirkelbach, **DH:** Robin Balczko, Holly Brooks, Rebekah Brown, Afton Campbell, Emily Eubank, Sarah Fehrenbacher, Kenia Ferguson, Kristina Gogel, Emily Gutzwiller, Ronald Hoffman, Katie Hunsinger, Amanda Lee, Brandy Lucas, Brittni Maudlin, Rhiannon Meeks, Ashley Mundy, Leeann Newby, Emily Orr, Alysia Scott McIntosh, Mary Seto, Lindsey Stiller



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Occupational Therapy Assistant: Kara Burrow, Marcia Weflen

Occupational Therapy: BS: Candace Alvey, Julie Amos, Sabrina Bousman, Ashley Burke, Lindsey Clark, Erica Clore, Karen Daugherty, Mary DePersio, Christina DeVault, Jacqueline Dukes, Tiffanie Duncan, Ashley Eads, Katlynn Gesselman, Melissa Glaser, Chasity Hutchinson, Justin Klueg, Bryanna Lawler, Allyson Lickey, Lacey Ligmanowski, Cassie Mullen, Carolyn Myers, Rachel Neal, Carrie Rudolph, Shelly Sanders, Jordan Schuetter, Tiffany Stead, Rachelle Wilkinson, **MS:** Amanda Bacon, Erica Ballard, Ayres Baltzell, Andrew Bender, Brittany Bender, Cassandra Berney, Ashlee Brehm, Michelle Conway, Nicole Doherty, Sarah Eller, Lindsey Fleck, Kaydee Funkhouser, Mat Hays, Beth Heisler, Lauren Hobbs, Keegan Humphrey, Kristy Jenkins, Nicole Jolly, Alexis Jackson, Emily Lewis, Holly Mattox, Sabrina McIntire, Amber N. Moody, Amanda Noel, Angela Oglesby, Sarah Reffett, Kirsten Schuster, Jesse Tibbs

Respiratory Therapy: Mi Cowgill, Phillip Craig, Alison DeCaire, Lyndsay Dotson, Jennifer Jones, Kayla Kleinhelter, Kirsten Lawrence, Sharla Loehrlein, Jedediah Morphew, Nicole Schepers, Chealsy Sims, Ashley Tiede

Health Services: Elizabeth Axton, Courtney Barrett, Olivia Barron, Jenna Betz, Katie Blankenberger, Cristina Bonales, Joshua Bowman, Shannon Brosmer, Megan Browning, Amber Bryant, Jessica Byrley, April Carrell, Breanne Clark, D Crutcher, Doris Curtis, Alicia Datzman, Alison DeCaire, Tina Densley, Traci Devers, Megan Earnest, Michelle Elliott, Cheryl Farmer, Kimberly Galloway, Samantha Gee, Jenna Godsey, Katherine Gretler, Laura Guistolisi, Gretchen Helm, Kiersten Jahn, Katie Jarboe, Emily Joslin, Heather Justin, Heather Kanipe, Heather Keown, Amanda Kingsbury, Ronal Knight, Jennifer Koehl, Kelly Kress, Sandra Larsen, Brittany Like, Lesley Lockhart, Veronica Lynn, Melissa May, Katie McCallister, Schad McGregor, Stephanie McGuyer, Rebecca Meyers, Jessica Miles, David Miller, Krista Mitchell, Joel Montgomery, Kirsten Morgan, Emily Morton, Lindsey Moore, John Mullins, Jennifer Nicholson, Katie Niehaus, John Peerman, Susan Pershing, Heather Putman, Megan Rasche, Jacob Sands, Megan Schmit, Krystal Schwartz, Whitney Sellers, Emily Semple, Jacquelynne Stewart, Kristina Stewart, Rachel Stolz, Jennifer Tempel, Lora Traylor, Summer Uppencamp, Gina Wagner, Tricia Wallerstedt, Richard Wallis, Christina Ward, Marcia Weflen, Sean Weir, Allison Wilkerson, Daniel Wilson, Sheryl Yake, Deborah Yoder

Food & Nutrition: Taylor Cron, Amanda Hayes, Matthew Johnson, Priscilla Walker, Kayce Elgin

