Welcome to the New Academic Year! I hope that you find this Newsletter informative, helpful, and interesting. Our Newsletter is published in order to keep you informed about the latest news and activities related to the School of Allied Health Sciences. Please allow me to share some thoughts with you as we embark upon a new academic year in the School of Allied Health Sciences at Florida A&M University. The School of Allied Health Sciences continues to be “on the move”. One theme for this year is focused on “MOVING FORWARD” as we continue to provide quality education for students who are preparing to enter dynamic careers in the health care professions of Cardiopulmonary Sciences, Health Care Management, Health Informatics and Information Management, Health Sciences, Occupational Therapy, and Physical Therapy. In today’s world, the health care industry faces increasingly complex challenges such as innovative and new technology; novel and creative new treatment modalities; demand for more practitioners; limited access to health care; health disparities among racial/ethnic minorities; and the call to cut costs related to health care – to name a few. The School of Allied Health Sciences plans to help meet these challenges by insuring that our faculty and students are provided the educational training and resources that will prepare them for making significant contributions in improving the quality of human life through improved and cost-effective health care.

As we embrace a “moving forward” theme, I have found that in looking forward, it always helps to look back at where we have been. There have been many individual faculty, student, divisional, school, and university achievements accomplished this past year – too many to detail here. However, among those achievements are:

- The faculty in the Division of Physical Therapy graduated their first class with doctorate degrees in Physical Therapy during the spring 2009 commencement.
- Dr. William Hudson, Assistant Dean, was invited to serve as a board member of the Florida Rehabilitation Association and he also serves as the editor of its newsletter.
- Professor Mary Simmons, Assistant Professor, Division of Cardiopulmonary Science serves as the President of the Board of the American Lung Association.
- Dr. Barbara Mosley presented a paper at the 23rd Annual Symposium on Career Opportunities in Biomedical Sciences and Health Professions in Louisville, Kentucky.
- Dr. Marjorie McNeill, Director of the Division of Health Information Management received the 2008 Florida Health Information Management Association Distinguished Service Award. This award recognizes FHIMA members who have completed a major project for the Association and supported the Association through leadership in accomplishment of a goal.

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SOAHS Students Fly to Louisville Kentucky

By Patricia Graham, Coordinator/Recruiter

On April 1, 2009 twenty eight selected School of Allied Health Sciences students participated in the Association of Minority Health Professions Schools (AMHPS) 23rd Annual Symposium on Career Opportunities in Biomedical Sciences and Health Professions held in Louisville Kentucky. It was a four day event where 400 students from around the country were convened and was exposed to various career opportunities in the biomedical sciences, technology, engineering, science, math and health professions field. Students participated in educational workshops, video presentations, guest speakers, interactive sessions, exhibits/poster presentations, entertainment and tours aimed at engaging and motivating participants. The students engaged in a memorable and fascinating educational tour of the Muhammad Ali Center. They had the opportunity to experience Ali’s life’s work and legacy through interactive exhibits and captivating multimedia presentations. Many walked away from this encounter empowered and inspired. Students had the opportunity to also network with health professionals, scientist, and doctors. Dr. Barbara W. Mosley, Dean of Allied Health Sciences was selected as a workshop presenter. She captivated the students attention as she presented on “Exploring Allied Health Careers That Address Health Care Disparities In Communities of Color” it was not rare to see many students gravitating around Dr. Mosley at the end of her presentation to ask questions and to find out how they can further pursue a career in allied health.

SOAHS 2009 Eighth Annual Pinning Ceremony
A Success Story!

The 2009 School of Allied Health Sciences (SOAHS) Pinning Ceremony once again proved an exciting experience for all involved. The honored students were obviously enthused about dawning their regalia and crossing the stage in front of an auditorium full of friends and family, as faculty alike were excited and busy in the preparation to make it a memorable experience. Of particular highlight was the honoring of the first Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) class with, as fitting the previous Dean, Dr. Cynthia Hughes Harris, as the guest speaker; Dr Harris was Dean of SOAHS at the inception of the DPT program. Additionally, the ceremony marked the coming out of the name change of Health Information Management to Health Informatics and Information Management, as well as the new Dean, Dr. Barbara Mosley’s first opportunity to preside over the Pinning ceremony in her new position.

The ceremony performed in good time, included the honoring of Distinguished Alumnus (Aurelia Alexander), outstanding graduate and undergraduate nominees, and honor students. Additionally, a musical selection was done by Mr. Mario Turner. This eighth pinning ceremony of the School of Allied Health Sciences concluded with pictures of the honored students on the steps of Lee Hall and a reception held in the SOAHS, Lewis Beck building. All enjoyed the event and commemoration of the hard work of the soon to be graduates.
One award is given nationally to the campus chapter that demonstrates exceptional creativity or innovation within the standards of excellence on advocacy. Florida A&M University became the first Historically Black College & University to ever receive this award as to date. In addition to receiving the Clarence Jordan Award, the Florida A&M University HFH Campus Chapter was one of ten 2008-2009 State Farm $2,000 Matching Grant Recipients. The FAMU HFHCC has put a lot of work into this process. This grant announces the completed requirements and the good standing of the chapter with Habitat for Humanity, International. This matching grant funding will assist the FAMU HFH CC with their first co-sponsored collaboration build with the local Big Bend Habitat for Humanity Affiliate this coming September 2009. Once again, the Florida A&M University HFH Campus Chapter will become the first Historically Black College & University on record to ever complete a co-sponsored build event as to date. This dedication to Habitat for Humanity has inspired members to continue their efforts toward the eradication of housing poverty and substandard living both locally and through the world.

FAMU 2008 HFH Campus Chapter Clarence Jordan Recipient; HFH Youth Leadership Conference, “Gateway to Change”, St. Louis, Missouri, Marriott St. Louis Airport, November 7-9, 2008. Pictured from left to right – Dr. Phyllis Reaves, SOAHS Asst. Professor & HFH Advisor; Ingrid Johnson, DPT Student & Former HFH Vice-President; Victoria McCovery, Health Science Graduate & HFH Former President (2008); and Joy T. Barnes, DPT Student & HFH Former President (2007).

FAMU 2008 HFH Campus Chapter; HFH Youth Leadership Conference Workshop, “Gateway to Change”, St. Louis, Missouri, Marriott St. Louis Airport, November 7-9, 2008. Pictured from left to right – Joy T. Barnes, DPT Student & HFH Former President (2007); Dr. Phyllis Reaves, SOAHS Asst. Professor & HFH Advisor; Victoria McCovery, Health Science Graduate & HFH Former President (2008); Tim Block, The Home Depot Foundation; Ingrid Johnson, DPT Student & Former HFH Vice-President; and Janet McIlvaine, Florida Solar Energy Center.
The Division of Health Informatics and Information Management (HIIM) continues to graduate smart, talented, well-trained people who work at the intersection of healthcare, business, and information technology. And, yes, we’ve had a name change! In light of the changes in the discipline, we wanted the name of the degree program and name of the Division to reflect the emphasis on informatics in the program curriculum. It’s time!

**Faculty News**

Lauralyn Burke is completing her dissertation in the Doctorate of Public Health program at FAMU. The topic is “An Interrupted Time Series Analysis of Hospital Admissions and Utilization Related to the 2001 Anthrax Attacks.”

As of August 9, 2008, Lontejuana Hunter is now Mrs. Cooper. What a stunning bride she was! Mrs. Cooper is completing coursework in the Doctorate of Educational Leadership and Human Services program at FAMU.

Dr. Marjorie McNeill received the 2008 Florida Health Information Management Association’s (FHIMA) Distinguished Service Award. Dr. McNeill currently serves on the Florida Health Information Management Association’s FIRE (Find, Inspire, Recruit, Educate) Committee.


The HIIM faculty presented “How to Win with ICD-10: Let the Transition Begin” at the June 26, 2009 meeting of the Northwest Florida Health Information Management Association.

Dr. McNeill and Mrs. Cooper will serve as Delegates to the 2009 FHIMA House of Delegates.

**Student News**

The FAMU Student Health Information Management Association celebrated Health Information Privacy and Security Week in April. Events included decorating the lobby, hosting a luncheon, recruiting future students, and promoting the profession on the Set.

The FAMU Student Health Information Management Association is raising funds to attend the Florida Health Information Management Association in July.

Selected Senior students serve as FHIMA representatives at the State Consumer Health Information and Policy Advisory Council meetings, Florida Agency for Health Care Administration.

**Alumni News**

Dr. Monica Hardy (1994) received the 2009 FHIMA Mentor Award.

Jenese Fuller (2008) received the 2008 Florida Health Information Management Association’s Outstanding Student Award.

Brittany Scriven (2004) received the 2008 Florida Health Information Management Association’s Outstanding New Professional Award.

Dawn Dilmore Nguyen (1997) passed the examination to become a CTR - Certified Tumor Registrar. She is the cancer registrar at Tallahassee Memorial Cancer Center.

Detra Hickson (1984) established a scholarship through AHIMA for students enrolled in the HIIM Program at FAMU.

**Congratulations!**

We are very proud of you. For those who have not yet taken this certification examination, please do so now. You, too, can pass it. Call Dr. McNeill, Mrs. Burke, and Mrs. Cooper for words of encouragement and support.

Continue to update us with any changes in jobs, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mails so we can keep in touch with you. Remember, if you have good news you’d like to share with HIIM alumni and faculty, e-mail Dr. McNeill at Marjorie.mcneill@famu.edu or call (850) 561-2021.

If you’re ever searching for a new job, call the faculty. We regularly receive calls to all graduates who have passed the RHIA certification examination!!!
The Division of Health Informatics and Information Management is saddened by the passing of one of its most distinguished alumus, Blaine Eric Speights, MA, RHIA. Blaine was Associate Hospital Administrator and Chief Health Information Management Director, Los Angeles County/University of Southern California Healthcare Network. He was a member of the first class of FAMU’s School of Allied Health Sciences Medical Record Administration Program, graduating in April of 1984. He served as the first president of the FAMU Student Medical Record Administration. Blaine represented not only FAMU but his profession with energy, enthusiasm, and professionalism. He will be greatly missed.

2008 Florida Health Information Management Association (FHIMA) award recipients affiliated with FAMU:

From left to right—Jenesee Fuller, 2008 Graduate, FHIMA Outstanding Student Award, Dr. McNeill, Director, Division of HIIM, FHIMA Distinguished Service award, Brittany Scriven, 2004 Graduate, FHIMA Outstanding New Professional Award.
The Health Science/Pre-Physical Therapy Association (HS/PPTA) presented the first annual “Happy Earth Day Celebration” at the FAMU New Beginnings Developmental Center in honor of the 40th Anniversary of this holiday. The HS/PPTA members provided 36 three to five year-old students an event designed to learn about our planet earth and how to take care of it! Some of the green eco-activities students participated in included the creation of: 1) recycled flower pots form plastic milk and juice jugs; 2) plastic jug watering cans; 3) milk carton and pine cone bird feeders. The students listened to story telling of the importance of recycling. In addition, students also participated in an outdoor educational activity called “I Spy”. This game was done to encourage an interest in children of the need to reuse, reduce,
The School of Allied Health Sciences held its second annual Faculty-Student Appreciation luncheon on Monday, April 27, 2009. The luncheon consisted of sandwiches, cookies, chips and soda. The purpose of the luncheon was to allow for faculty and students to meet and converse on a more informal level. The luncheon provided an opportunity for faculty and students to interact with each other for social and intellectual stimulation either on an independent basis or in conjunction with other students. The luncheon also allowed for the students to network with unfamiliar faculty from divisions to which the students have little contact. The Dean’s office (Dr. Roberts and Dr. Hudson, Sr.) welcomed the faculty and students and they provided a quick overview of why it is important to greet and meet each other during a leisure activity.

Certificate of Completion
As of 5/18/09, eighty one students have received the Certificate of Completion for the Rehabilitation Services Management Concentration offered through the Division of HealthCare Management. During the spring semester 2009 seventeen students applied for and were awarded this certificate. The majority of the awardees were students in the Health Science/Pre-Physical Therapy Concentration. One student in HealthCare Management and one student in Health Science/Occupation and Wellness Concentration also received a certificate.

This is the fifth year of the awarding of the certificate and each year the number of requests have increased. Students are reminded that in order to be eligible for the certificate, they must have completed all five required RCS courses with a C average or better. The interested student must obtain the application for the certificate from the Office of Student Services, complete the form, have the appropriate signatures affixed, attach an unofficial transcript and resubmit the documents to the Office of Student Services for processing. The processing of the request will occur ten days after commencement. The student has the option of having the certificate mailed to them or leaving a contact number to pick up the certificate.

New Policy Implementation
The School of Allied Health Sciences approved and will implement (July1, 2009) a new dismissal policy. This policy addresses the removal of a student from eligibility, enrollment or from a major within a class, a program or a clinical setting. This policy is in response and is aligned to the university policy as outlined in the University Student Handbook (Fang), pages 51 – 62, Student Conduct Section.
Kudo's, Kudo's, Kudo's!!!!
The School of Allied Health Sciences (SOAHS) has taken charge again. For the fourth year straight, the SOAHS has placed first in raising funds for the Lung Walk sponsored by the American Lung Association. This year we raised $2,105.00 to bring home the gold once again. Congratulations SOAHS and keep up the good work!!
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**Faculty News**

**Professor Simmons** and Assistant Professor Kandy Woods, MPH, RRT serve on the American Lung Association Big Bend Regional Advisory Board as 2009 President and Board Member, respectively; both faculty members serve on the Lung/Asthma Walk Committee, which raised $2,105.00 for the 2009 fundraiser; Both Professor Simmons and Professor Woods are members of the American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC) Ad Hoc Committee on Cultural Diversity in Care Management. Professor Simmons was appointed by the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs to Chair the University Faculty Planning Conference. Professor Simmons has been busy planning the event for returning 2009 faculty and administrators. The Kappa PSI PSI Health Care Sorority, Inc also selected Professor Simmons as the 2009 Advisor of the Year.

Professor Woods represents the faculty of the School of Allied Health Sciences as a Senator to the Florida A&M University Faculty Senate.

**Dr. Patrick Johnson, Director and Professor of Cardiopulmonary Science** was appointed an Accreditation Site Team Evaluator by the Committee on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC). Dr. Johnson conducted site visits at Los Angeles Valley Community College in California and Columbus Technical College Georgia. As a member of the AARC Education Committee, Dr. Johnson reviewed abstracts for research and poster presentations put on at the AARC Summer Forum Conference. Dr. Johnson serves as a member of the Editorial Board for the Respiratory Care Education Annual and manuscript reviewer for the Journal of Allied Health. In this capacity he reviewed 14 manuscripts submitted for publication; he also published an article titled Multiple Comparisons Among Mechanical Lung Simulators Using Differences in Pre-and Post-Test Mean Scores of Allied Health Students, Respiratory Care Education Annual, Volume 17: Fall 2008 Issue, 23-32.

Dr. Johnson recently completed his term as Secretary of the National Society for Allied Health and he is currently serving a second term as member of the Position Statement Committee, of AARC.

**Student News**

Cardiopulmonary science majors received a number of academic awards and recognitions: **Jasman Wynn** received the 2009 Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award at the 2009 School of Allied Health Pinning Ceremony; Jasman also is the recipient of a $1,500.00 Tom Joyner Scholarship award; **Eliana Green** was recognized as a School of Allied Health Sciences Outstanding Honor Student for academic achievement at FAMU’s Honors Convocation. Eliana received a $3,000.00 presidential award as a community college transfer student; **Robert Smallins** received the Thurgood Marshall for exceptional academic achievement and was awarded $ 4,400.00.

Under the supervision of **Kandy Woods**, Assistant Professor and **Patricia Graham**, Coordinator, and project direction by **Dr. Barbara Mosley**, Dean of the School of Allied Health Sciences, CPS students **Areias Williams** (photographed on the right) and **Jasman Wynn** (left of photo) lead a Women Reaching Out Against Cervical Cancer (ROCC) campus initiative. Spearheaded in part by an Academy for Educational Development project grant. Program activities were designed to educate student attendees on the link between Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) and cervical cancer, dispel myths about and underscore the importance of regular pap tests and provide information on where, locally, they can obtain a pap test.
Cardiopulmonary Science Class of 2009 achieves 100 percent pass rate on the National Board for Respiratory Care Respiratory Therapist Examination

Newly Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT):
- Tarra Bryant, Jacksonville, FL, 2008
- Tiffany Council, Decator, GA, 2009
- Brandon Flowers, Vera Beach, FL, 2009
- Veneshia Ford, Jacksonville, FL, 2009
- Eliana Green, Medellin, Colombia, 2009
- Latisha Oliver, Orlando, FL 2009
- Sheena Harris, Orlando, FL 2008
- Shari Oliver, Quincy, FL 2008
- Jasman Wynn, Tampa, FL, 2009
- Courtney Wright, Jacksonville, FL, 2008

Newly Certified Respiratory Therapist (CRT):
- Cheresa Bradley, Boyton Beach, FL, 2009
- Kaverra Brown, Orlando, FL, 2009
- Malira Callinder, Miami, FL, 2009
- Darline Davilmar, West Palm Beach, FL, 2008
- Shonti’ Herman, Saint Petersburg, FL, 2009
- Willie Herring, Jacksonville, FL, 2009
- Nadia Jimenez, Live Oak, FL, 2008
- Rachael Lamarr, Miami, FL 2009
- Courtney Milton, Pensacola, FL, 2009
- Jacqueline Randall, Hawthorne, FL, 2009
- Lanetra Robinson, Jacksonville, FL 2009
- Chantal Scott, Miramar, FL, 2009
- Robert Smallins, Wisconsin, Min, 2009
- Sade Moore, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 2009

The Division of CPS welcomed twelve new comers at its fall 2008 new student orientation: Breona Bryant, Brunique Dominick, Wisline Dorleant, Ernest Dupont, Araba Essien, Natasha King, Kendra McCray, and Nialah Newkirk, Nancy Paul, Tanika Robinson, and Kianna Studstill. James Wright, a Presidential Scholar was recently admitted to CPS for the 2009 fall class. Outside the classroom, CPS students participated in number community and campus health education and screening events. In Gadsden County, students performed blood pressure screening, provided disease prevention material, health reference and referrals to community residence and employees who worked for local businesses.
Division of Occupational Therapy

We are looking forward to the start of the fall semester with our newest graduate students in the Master of Science Occupational Therapy program. This summer we admitted 18 students and are looking to admit 3 to 4 more in the fall. Our senior MSOT students are preparing to apply what they have learned over the past two years and are heading out on their first internship in September. Ms. Sarah Mbiza is our interim fieldwork coordinator and adjunct professor. She has successfully placed fourteen students on their internships. Our students are required to successfully complete almost 1,000 hours of a supervised internship in order to graduate and be eligible to take the national board exam. These students have worked hard and we wish them well!

Our faculty is continuing to work on their individual endeavors while they prepare our students for a career in occupational therapy. Debora Oliveira has successfully completed her preliminary exams and is now writing her dissertation. Her research topic is Gender differences in job satisfaction/dissatisfaction for rehabilitation educators utilizing a two factor theory. She hopes to complete her Ph.D. late fall, early spring. Ms Oliveira has recently had an article accepted into the Rehabilitation Education Journal.

Ms. Aurelia Alexander will have had a full year this fall as our newest faculty. She is currently pursuing a Doctor of Occupational Therapy offered at Chatham University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She has submitted an article for publication related to nutrition intake for premature infants. Ms. Alexander is also the faculty supervisor for the Student Occupational Therapy Association. Our goal is to raise enough money so that all MSOT students can attend the national conference held in Orlando, Florida in the spring, 2009. Eight of our students have submitted poster presentations for the annual conference.

Dr. Maria Hinds has been very busy this summer working with students on our community model. They have provided occupational therapy services at the Senior Center, Juvenile Justice Center, Creative Preschool and the Tallahassee Memorial Adult Daycare. The students and the clients have enjoyed the experience! This model prepares students to work in non-traditional settings and provide needed community services. Dr. Hinds continues to preside as the faculty supervisor of Pi Theta, the honor society for occupational therapy students.

Ms. Townsend, the clerical staff/secretary for Occupational Therapy and Health Informatics and Information Management, has been very effective in providing potential students with information regarding our program. She directs them to the division/school website, provides contacts with advisors, and distributes via mail the latest program information to the students. She has also set up a job information folder on the Occupational Therapy website page.
Undergraduate Program: B.S. in Health Care Management (HCM)

- The baccalaureate degree program received reaffirmation of its Full Certified Membership status from the Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA). The certification term is for six years.
- In February, three students received the 2009 Foster G. McGaw Scholarship award. This award is sponsored by the Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA).
  The students are: Andron Gokool, Sandrine Lambletin and Selina Luster.
- The 2009 Florence Gaynor Lecture Series speaker was Erin Gardner, a 2007 Master of Science in Health Administration (MSHA) graduate. She is currently a fellow at Catholic Healthcare Partners in the Northeast Region, and serves as the Interim Director of Medical Affairs.
  The Health Care Management Student Association (HCMSA), under the leadership of Taj Evans logged in several volunteer hours in community service activities, participated in many FAMU campus events, planned two lecture series, attended an educational meeting, published a bimonthly newsletter- *The Healthcare Administrator*, and hosted the graduating senior banquet.
  - Twenty five students graduated in the spring 2009 class. Five of these were accepted to the FAMU MSHA August class, and six were accepted to masters degree programs in other disciplines, and/or at other universities.
  - Twenty three students made the FAMU 2009 Honors List, for GPAs of 3.0 or higher.
  Anthony Robertson- spring class of 2009, was nominated for the SOAHS’s Outstanding Graduating Undergraduate student award.

Graduate Program: Master of Science in Health Administration (MSHA)

- In spring 2009, eight students graduated with the MSHA degree, and one student will pursue the Doctor of Public Health degree from FAMUs Institute of Public Health.
- Steven Davis - spring class of 2009, was nominated for the SOAHS’s Outstanding Graduating Graduate student award.
- The August 2009 cohort will have twelve students who will begin their matriculation toward the MSHA degree.
- MSHA students are working with local American College of Health Care Executives (ACHE) members to establish an ACHE Chapter in Tallahassee. They are also involved in planning the chapter’s first Category 1 Educational Panel Discussion entitled, “Green Hospitals and Healthcare”, to be held on October 14, 2009.
- Graduate students are making plans to attend the NAHSE’s (National Association of Health Services Executives) 24th Annual Educational Conference, October 14-16, 2009 in Orlando, FL.
In 2003, Dr. Arnold Bell, Professor of Physical Therapy was enshrined into the FAMU Sports Hall of Fame. Part of this honor is placement of a bronzed picture with other Sports Hall of Fame distinguished inductees. Congratulations to Dr. Bell on this great honor. Dr. Bell’s service to the Department of Athletics as a volunteer Physical Therapist and Athletic Trainer for male and female student athletes in all sports since coming to FAMU, earned him this distinguished honor. His permanent picture has been unveiled and placed on the FAMU Sports Hall of Fame Wall of Distinction this fall which will be located in the New FAMU Teaching Gym/Convocation Center.

Dr. Bell’s many accomplishments related to Athletic Training and Sports Physical Therapy include publishing of several book chapters and articles in journals on different topics and being the recipient of several prestigious awards. Among these are the Bill Chisolm Ethnic Diversity Advisory Council Professional Service Award from the National Athletic Trainers Association, the Gertrude Lamb Award from his undergraduate alma mater Springfield College (Massachusetts), recognizing an outstanding alumnus making significant contributions to the Physical Therapy Profession and being listed as an outstanding Notable Physical Therapy Alumnus by the Department of Physical Therapy at New York University.

He is a nationally Certified Athletic Trainer by the National Athletic Trainers Association and a Licensed Physical Therapist and Licensed Athletic Trainer in the State of Florida. He holds the distinction of being the first African-American to become a Board Certified Clinical Specialist by the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialists, with certification in the area of Sports Physical Therapy.

He has an extensive experience in serving as a clinician at international sports competitions including being a Physical Therapist for the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee for the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles and as Chief Athletic Trainer for the Sports of Shooting (rifle and pistol) and heptathlon at the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games in Atlanta. Additionally, he has experience with the United States Olympic Committee Sports Medicine Program, serving at Colorado Springs, and participation as part of the Sports Medicine Staff at two National Olympic Sports Festivals.

Dr. Bell also serves as an athletic training sports physical therapy consultant at FAMU Developmental Research School (FAMU High), covering their games and competitions using students in the DPT program to assist him.
Dr. Eric Toran, Interim Director for the Division of Physical Therapy was selected to serve as an Onsite Evaluator for the Commission on Accreditation for Physical Therapy.

Ms. Jian Jones, Senior Occupational Therapy Student was selected as the SOAHS Outstanding Honor Student.

FAMU Habitat for Humanity Campus Health Science Chapter was selected to receive a $2,000 matching grant from State Farm for its outstanding work in building safe, decent, and affordable homes.

For the fourth consecutive year, the School of Allied Health Sciences took first place as the top Team Fundraisers for the American Lung Association’s Annual Lung Walk.

Faculty in the Division of Cardiopulmonary Science are to be commended for their efforts to assist the 2009 graduating class achieve a 100% pass rate on the National Board for Respiratory Care Respiratory Therapist Examination.

Through the efforts of the faculty in the Division of Health Care Management, the baccalaureate degree program received reaffirmation of its Full Certified Membership status from the Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA). The certification is for six years.

Dr. Marisa Lewis, Director of the Division of Health Care Management and a pharmacist, is beginning her second and final year as President of the National Pharmaceutical Association.

Dr. Martha Perryman, Assistant Professor, Division of Health Care Management was recognized by the Division of Sponsored Research for her contributions to the field of research from the SOAHS.

Dr. Juanda Beck Jones, Assistant Professor, Division of Health Care Management presented a paper along with Dr. Vera Harper from the School of Business and Industry at the 16th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Business and Behavioral Sciences in Las Vegas ASBBS), NV, February 19-22, 2009.

Through the efforts of Dr. Barbara Mosley, the School of Allied Health Sciences has been awarded $67,824 to continue its collaboration with the Florida State University’s College of Medicine through its Live Oak Geriatric Education Center. The program provides funding to infuse geriatric education into Allied Health curricula. And,

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services – Health Resources and Services Administration awarded the School of Allied Health Sciences over $1 million ($1,039,870) for scholarships for students enrolled in Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Programs.

As we reflect upon these and other achievements, we look forward to developing and achieving new goals and objectives that will “test the limits” and “raise the standards” as we plan to make significant contributions to society by positively impacting health care delivery through creativity, innovation, research, teaching, and service provided through the School of Allied Health Sciences. We invite all faculty, staff, students, alumni, and all our other “communities of interest” to play an active role in participating in our efforts throughout the year. Please enjoy the Newsletter and its contents. We welcome your input and feedback. Always remember, “Allied Health is on the Move!”

Looking towards the future asking all Rattlers to make their presence known and stop by for the SOAHS Gallery of Distinction Ceremony at 9:00am. All faculty and staff would love to meet and greet returning SOAHS Rattlers!

Achievement Overview