

SCHOOL OF
**Allied Health
Sciences**



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Have you heard?



Dr. Bashir Chaudhary has been named Assistant Dean for Clinical Affairs in the School of Allied Health Sciences, effective July 1, 2008.

“Dr. Chaudhary will support the school’s programs by providing additional medical perspective, clinical direction and assistance to establish new clinical rotations,” says Dean Mishoe. “I value his many contributions to our faculty and students’ success through his role-modeling, teaching and publications and am delighted that he will be expanding his role with the school.”

What’s summer without summer camp?

OT students bolster skills at camp



A group of 31 occupational therapy students, spent a week at Camp TBI in Rutledge, GA (July 12-18) and put their curriculum to good use. As a part of their Level I fieldwork, these student volunteers helped 27 campers ages 9-21 with traumatic brain injuries in recreational and daily activities of living, and cared for them 24/7.

"It was a unifying event for the first-year students, facilitating all of their learning," said Dr. Ben Herz, assistant professor of occupational therapy and liaison for the program. This camp is sponsored by the Walton Foundation and supported by grants.

(Natalie Muchnick (from left) and Celia Perry help Khalyle prepare a bow)



(Jason Shew gives camper RJ Moultin a hand)

(Sara Moore (from left) and Amanda Russo splash around with Gerald Lyons)



(Everybody loves a clown: Tyler Cox (from left), Amber Barbee, Annie Smith, Mary Catherine Thompson, Meagin Knight, Megan Parker, Kate Baly and Alexis Butler (sitting))

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Announcements

● **Professionalism Forum:** August 22, 2008 (9AM, Imperial Theatre).

● **SAHS Student Orientation:** August 22, 2008 (1PM, Large Auditorium).

● **State of the School Address:** August 27, 2008 (12pm, EC1222).

● **State of the University Address:** September 12, 2008 (4PM, Large Auditorium).

● **Family Day:** September 20, 2008 (9AM, Wellness Center) www.mcg.edu/students/affair/s/familyday.htm.

● **USG Computing Conference:** October 22-24, 2008 (Rock Eagle, Eatonton, GA).

● **National Allied Health Professions Week:** November 2-8, 2008.

● **Career Day:** November 10, 2008 (11:30 AM-2PM, HSB 1st & 2nd Floor Lobbies).

SAHS APPOINTMENTS

● **Anita Bhat, MD, PhD,** Assistant Professor, Health Informatics (7/1/08).

● **Bashir Chaudhary, MD,** Assistant Dean for Clinical Affairs, SAHS (7/1/08).



School of Allied Health Sciences video receives Bronze Telly Award

A video celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Medical College of Georgia School of Allied Health Sciences has earned MCG videographer Tim Johnson a Bronze Telly Award.

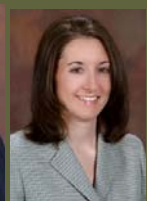
Mr. Johnson directed, edited, co-produced and served as videographer of **Remembering 40 Years of Excellence**, which debuted during MCG Homecoming in April. Dean Shelley Mishoe was executive producer, Dr. W. Kent Guion, associate dean for student, faculty and community affairs, producer and Grace Miller, the school's director of advancement, co-producer.

The video features historical footage and photographs as well as interviews with the school's founding dean, the late Raymond Bard, via archival footage, Dean Emeritus Biagio Vericella and Dean Mishoe. MCG President Daniel W. Rahn and Provost Barry D. Goldstein are also featured in the video. To view **Remembering 40 Years of Excellence**, please visit: <http://www.mcg.edu/sah/40/video-40-tribute.php>

CONGRATULATIONS



Drs. Tankersley (from left) and Robertson have successfully passed their American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties certification examinations! Dr. Tankersley is now a board-certified clinical specialist in pediatrics and Dr. Robertson is a board-certified clinical specialist in orthopaedics. This is a major, career accomplishment! **Well Done!**



CONGRATULATIONS

to Dr. Kumar (from left), Dr. Barefield and Dr. Seol on their appointments to the School of Graduate Studies.

We have a new name! The HSB shared clinic is now called the MCG Interdisciplinary Practice and Research Center, Nursing and Allied Health Sciences. Congratulations to Drs. Elizabeth Wark, Joe Cannon and Carol Campbell for their work with the School of Nursing on proposing the new name and the coordination of activities between both schools.

CONGRATULATIONS to Dr. Charlotte Chatto, Assistant Professor in Physical Therapy, on completion of her PhD program in Applied Neuroscience from Union Institute and University located in Cincinnati, Ohio.



(Dr. Charlotte Chatto)

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SAHS APPOINTMENTS CONTINUED ...

- **Laura Gunder, DHS**
Assistant Professor,
Physician Assistant (7/1/08).
- **Pavani Rangachari, PhD,**
Assistant Professor, Health
Informatics (7/1/08).
- **Pat Sodomka,** Assistant
Dean for Health System
Affairs, SAHS (7/1/08).
- **Lisa Kessler,** Assistant
Professor (part-time),
Physician Assistant (7/7/08).
- **Pam Witter,** Allied Health
Strategic Planning
Administrator, SAHS
(7/28/08).
- **Auriel Warren,** Temporary
Technical Professional,
Occupational Therapy
(8/1/08-8/31/08).
- **Tyger Meade,** Office
Specialist, Physician
Assistant (8/11/08).
- **Judith Thompson,**
Temporary Professional,
Occupational Therapy
(8/11/08-12/12/08).
- **Len DeRamus,**
Educational Program
Specialist 2, Physician
Assistant (8/18/08).

SAHS PROMOTIONS

- **Virginia Brown,** Office
Manager, Occupational
Therapy (7/14/08).

SAHS REHIRE RETIREES

- **Robert Stowers,** Assistant
Professor, Physician
Assistant (7/1/08).
- **Suzi Johnson,** Educational
Program Specialist 2, SAHS
Administration (8/1/08).



Message from the Dean

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Research News:

Congratulations to our School and all involved in the successful award of Board of Regents Funding for FY '09 through the Intellectual Capital Partnership Program (ICAPP). The following ICAPP Awards will provide funding for two years to increase program enrollments focused on the Western and Northern parts of the State to help meet workforce shortages in allied health sciences. Kudos to all faculty and staff involved, especially to Drs. Elizabeth Kenimer Leibach and Bonnie Dadig for their leadership in our collaborative efforts with the successful award of these ICAPP Grants.

Allied Health Collaborative Initiative, \$360,293 to increase allied health enrollment in Clinical Laboratory Sciences (Medical Technology), Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Health Information Administration, Nuclear Medicine Technology and Respiratory Therapy in collaboration with Gainesville State College and these partners:

- DeKalb Medical Center, Decatur
- Gwinnett Health System, Lawrenceville
- Northeast Georgia Health System, Gainesville
- Northside Hospital, Atlanta
- Quest Diagnostics, Atlanta (Tucker)
- WellStar Health System, Inc., Marietta

Physician Assistant Program, \$159,762, to increase enrollment by 10 students in collaboration with the University of Georgia, Athens Technical College and these partners:

- Joseph M. Still Burn Centers, Inc., Augusta
- Greater Athens Physicians, Inc., Watkinsville
- Tri-County Health System, Inc., Warrenton
- Graham Pereira I, MD, Augusta
- MCG Student Health, Augusta
- Northeast Georgia Kidney Center, Gainesville

Remember... submit all new items for the September/October newsletter to Ramona Aune at raune@mcg.edu no later than September 20, 2008.

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