

SCHOOL OF Allied Health Sciences



SAHS March/April Newsletter

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Please join us in congratulating Dr. John Meyer for successfully completing his dissertation! His research study included MCG infrastructure resources and support for online teaching.

Dr. Meyer will receive his PhD in Computing Technology in Education from NOVA Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Congratulations Dr. Meyer, the SAHS is proud of you and this major accomplishment!



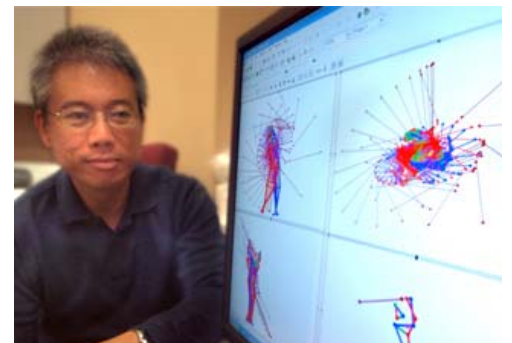
Dental hygiene student receives national scholarship

Senior dental hygiene student Shannon Walker recently won a \$1,000 Linda DeVore Scholarship from the American Dental Education Association, the national organization that represents academic dentistry, and Sigma Phi Alpha, the national honorary society of the dental hygiene profession."

"Shannon competed with students from more than 292 accredited dental hygiene programs across the U.S.," says Dr. Marie A. Collins, chair of the Department of Dental Hygiene. "We are very proud of her." [Read more](#)

Balancing act is important for golf!

If your golf swing rivals Tiger Woods' but your game is over par, your balance could be the culprit. Dr. Raymond Chong, associate professor of physical therapy in the Medical College of Georgia School of Allied Sciences, says, "if you have poor balance, it will be tough to enjoy your golf game. "Good balance control underlies every movement the body makes, from standing, walking and sitting to skilled movements such as a golf swing. "It doesn't matter how good your swing is. Your feet must be set in position and you must shift your weight at the right time, or the ball won't get to where you want it to go," Dr. Chong says. [Read more](#)



Welcome

- **Dr. Jose Rafols, Assistant Professor, Department of Occupational Therapy (04/01/09)**
- **Kimberly Bass, Clerkship Program Coordinator 1 Physician Assistant Department (02/01/09)**

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Congratulations to Dr. Elizabeth Kenimer Leibach, professor and chair of the Department of Biomedical and Radiological Technologies in the Medical College of Georgia School of Allied Health Sciences, for receiving the Dwight J. Ham Founders Award from the Southeastern Area Blood Bankers.

Dr. Leibach joined the MCG faculty in 1998. She has developed curricula related to transfusion services, clinical services delivery and immunology for the Clinical Laboratory Science Program, one of the five programs in the Department of Biomedical and Radiological Technologies.

Congratulations again, Dr. Leibach, on this distinguished award.

CONGRATULATIONS to Col. Donna Sewell Whittaker, Ph.D. for being named the **2009 SAHS Distinguished Alumnus!**

Col. Whittaker, CLS Class of 1983, will be presented with this prestigious award at the SAHS Homecoming Banquet on April 25 (please see Homecoming Events details, page 3).

Col. Whittaker currently serves as the Director of the Office of Innovation, Initiatives and Improvement. She is the Dean of the Army Medical Department Academy of Health Sciences in Fort Sam Houston, TX.



On April 24, she will be making a presentation to all faculty, staff and students including a separate Q&A with students (please see details below):

■ **Friday, April 24, 2009**
10:00 - 11:00am
Health Sciences Building, EC-2230

■ **Friday, April 24, 2009**
1:00 - 2:30pm
Health Sciences Building, EC-1204

Lean Six Sigma: Creating an Innovative Culture of Continuous, Measurable Improvement

Presented by:
Col. Donna Sewell Whittaker, Ph.D.
Lean Six Sigma Master Black Belt

(For more information e-mail [Barbara Kraj](#) or call 706-721-3047)



Dr. Mishoe selected for ACE Fellowship

Dr. Shelley Mishoe, dean of the Medical College of Georgia School of Allied Health Sciences, has been selected for the American Council on Education's 2009-10 Fellows Program.

The program, established in 1965, prepares promising senior faculty and administrators for advancement in college and university administration. Forty-two fellows, nominated by the president or chancellor of their institutions, were selected for this year's program through a national competition.

"I wanted to participate in the fellowship because it's the most comprehensive leadership development program in higher education, and I appreciate MCG's support in nominating me for it," Dr. Mishoe says. "I am delighted to have been selected and I look forward to working with other fellows and many mentors at ACE, who will be a wonderful professional development network." [Read more](#)



Spring Announcements

- **SAHS Annual Inventory**
(April 14-24)
- **SAHS Spring Faculty Assembly & Reception**
(April 17, 12pm, EC-1218)
- **MCG Homecoming**
(April 23-26)
- **SAHS Banquet and Reception,**
(Saturday, April 25th)
- **Team MCG 09 Celebration Bar-B-Que (for team captains)**
(May 1, 11:30am, Alumni Center Courtyard)
- **SAHS Hooding and Honors Ceremony,**
(May 7, 6pm, Bell Auditorium)
- **MCG Graduation,**
(May 8, 2pm
James Brown Arena)
- **SAHS Interdisciplinary Development Series – “Focus on Research and Funding”,**
(May 13, 12-1pm, EC-1218)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

PFCC Research Interest Group
Upcoming Session

"Patient Participation in
Evidence-Based Health Care"

Kevin Bradford, M.L.S.
Assistant Professor
Clinical Information Librarian
Medical College of Georgia

April 29, 2009 (Wednesday)
12:00 noon - 1:00 pm
BC-140 (small auditorium)

Homecoming Events

(Thursday – April 23)

Respiratory Therapy CE Program, Topic: "Clinical Preceptor Training," 8am-5pm, EC-4361. (Contact: Kitty Hernlen, 721-3554)

Respiratory Therapy Vendor Fair, 11am-1pm, EC Lobby. (Contact: Kitty Hernlen, 721-3554)

Respiratory Therapy Reception, 7pm, Location TBA. (Contact: Susan Whiddon, 721-3554)

(Friday – April 24)

Dental Hygiene Alumni Day presentations, "Enamel Therapy: The Next Generation of Care" and "Professional and Predictable Take-Home Tooth Whitening," 7:30am-12:30pm, Alumni Center. (Contact: Division of CE, 721-3967)

Physician Assistant CME Primary Care Update, 9am-4pm, EC-3329, Cost \$50.00. (Contact: Wendy Paschal, 721-3246)

Health Informatics Luncheon and Student Research Poster Presentations, 12-2pm, EB first floor. (Contact: Nakia Walden, 721-3436)

3rd Annual Art Hardy Memorial Golf Tournament, Forest Hills Golf Course, 11:30am, lunch and registration. 12:30pm, shotgun start. All proceeds benefit respiratory therapy education and scholarship funds. Cost: \$65/person, lunch is included. (Contact: Dr. Art Taft at 706-721-3554 or ataft@mcg.edu.) To download a copy of the registration form, please [click here](#).

Clinical Laboratory Science/Medical Technology Presentation, 1-2:30pm, EC-1204. (Contact Jan Bane, 721-3046). To download a copy of the registration form, [click here](#).

Hospitality Suite, 3-5pm, Marriott Hotel and Suites, Terrace Room.

(Friday – April 24) continued

Biomedical and Radiological Technologies Reception, Dinner and Awards Program, 6:30pm reception, 7pm dinner/awards, Savannah Rapids Pavilion. (Contact: Jan Bane, 721-3046)

Medical Illustration Get-Together, 6:30-9:30pm, Location TBA (Contact: Grace Miller, 721-1011)

Physical Therapy Class of 1989 Reunion, 6:30pm, Location TBA, (Contact 721-2141)

(Saturday – April 25)

Physical Therapy: A Balanced Breakfast, 8-9am, EC-1317 first floor. (Contact: 721-2141)

Orville Parkes CE Program, 8:45-11am, EC-1210. (Contact: Grace Miller, 721-1011)

Physical Therapy CE Program, "PT Management of Fracture," 9-11am, EC-1317. (Contact: Eric Robertson, 721-2141)

President's Cookout, 12-2pm, President's Home

Hospitality Suite, 3-5pm, Marriott Hotel and Suites, Terrace Room

2009 Orville Parkes MCG Alumni Art Exhibit Pre-Reception, 5-6pm, Marriott Hotel and Suites (Contact: Grace Miller, 721-1011)

2009 Orville Parkes MCG Alumni Art Exhibit, 6pm, Marriott Hotel and Suites 2nd floor (Contact: Grace Miller, 721-1011)

School of Allied Health Sciences Reception, Banquet and Distinguished Alumnus Presentation, 6pm reception, 6:30pm banquet, Marriott Hotel and Suites (Contact: Grace Miller, 721-1011)

MCG Homecoming Dance, 9:30pm-until, Marriott Hotel and Suites, Oglethorpe Ballroom

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SAHS Appointments



Dr. Doug Keskula
Interim Associate Dean for
Academic Affairs, School of
Allied Health Sciences,
effective 4/1/09.



Ms. Donna Domyslowski
Interim Chair for Department
of Occupational Therapy,
School of Allied Health
Sciences, effective 4/1/09.

Remember to send information for the May/June newsletter to Ramona Aune at raune@mcg.edu no later than May 20th.

ART HARDY MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

WHERE: Forest Hills Golf Course - Augusta, Georgia

WHEN: Friday, April 24, 2009 - 12:30 pm

Shotgun Start, Captain's Choice Format

COST: \$65.00 per person, lunch is provided



Respiratory Therapist Art Hardy died on Saturday, August 7th, 1993, when the plane carrying the Neonatal Transport Team from The Medical College of Georgia crashed near the Augusta, Georgia airport. Art Hardy, 35, was a 1991 graduate of the B.S. Respiratory Therapy Program at MCG. Tragically, there were no survivors and the nurse, pilot and baby were also killed in the crash. Fellow respiratory therapists, other health care workers, friends, family and the entire community mourn the loss of Art Hardy.

Art Hardy was a Green Beret who traveled the world and had an impressive military career. Art also worked as an O.J.T. Respiratory Therapy Technician over a span of twelve years before deciding to pursue a degree in 1988. On his application to MCG's Respiratory Therapy Program, Art wrote, "As a respiratory therapist, I could earn a good living, raise a family, help others and enjoy what I am doing. I cannot think of any better reasons to want to go into a field." Art realized his dream and became a B.S. graduate and a registered respiratory therapist, but he did not have the chance to raise a family as he had planned.

We may never know what happened on that gloomy Saturday afternoon, but we do know that Art died doing what he loved. He loved children and he loved being a neonatal respiratory therapist. Art used to joke about his job and say, "Where else can you go to work, wear pajamas and hold babies all day?" This is just one example of Art's good humor and love of life.

Art died, just as he lived, giving selflessly of himself to care for others. He had the uncanny ability to make friends and keep friends. It is not surprising that so many of us in and out of respiratory care feel a tremendous loss. We will miss him and remember him.

Written by: Dean Shelley Mishoe

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