

SCHOOL OF  
**Allied Health  
Sciences**



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**Congratulations** to Gloria Sloan, SAHS Dean's Office, for successfully completing the Research Administration Certification and Education Program.

RACE is designed for departmental administrators, principal investigators, administrative assistants, business managers, lab animal services, and anyone on campus involved in research. It provides effective support for the faculty and the institution in obtaining extramural project funding.



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This year the School of Allied Health Sciences graduated a total of 285 students. This is the school's highest number of graduates in its history. Commencement was the culmination of week-long activities for graduates, including the School's Hooding and Honor Ceremony. During the Hooding and Honors Ceremony, Dean Shelley Mishoe encouraged allied health graduates to "cultivate compassion in all you do." She urged graduates to remember that "What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals. If you want to be happy, practice compassion. If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. You are all extremely blessed to do the work that is worth doing."



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# Summer Announcements



## Vista 8 Demo

Instructional Support and Educational Design will be conducting GeorgiaVlew Vista 8 drop-in sessions every Wednesday in June from noon until 1:00pm in EC3001. Handouts will be provided.



**June 5** - SAHS Faculty Council (12-1pm; EF145.)

**June 25** - Instructional Support and Educational Design will host: Teaching with Technology: Engaging Students for Success, (9:30am - 4:30pm, EC1210.) For pre-registration click [here](#).

**July 8** - SAHS Interdisciplinary Development Series, (12-1pm, EC1218.)

**July 23** - State of the School Address, (12-1pm; location TBD.)

**August 5** - SAHS Chair's Meeting, (9-10:30am; EF145.)

**August 21** - Professionalism Forum , (9am; Imperial Theater.)

**August 21** - SAHS Student Orientation, (1pm; location TBD.)



(Left to right: Kristen Wright, Dean Connie Drisko, Dean Shelley Mishoe, Stacey Arrington, and Assistant Professor, Sue Ward.)

The Class of 2009 Dental Hygiene students presented a \$500 check to Dr. Connie Drisko, Dean of the School of Dentistry, as a gift to support the School of Dentistry building fund, launched to create a facility that optimizes dental research, education and service.

## Congratulations!

Physician Assistant student, Jessica Martin, class of 2010, was awarded the Scott Sanders Waddell Memorial Scholarship during Homecoming on April 24.

The PA Class of 2003 established the scholarship to honor Scott's spirit of selflessness, perseverance and service to others. This annual scholarship allows Scott's story to be told and his spirit to be known by others who did not know him personally.



(Left to right: Dr. Bonnie Dadig, Chair, Jessica Martin and Assistant Professor, Dr. Laura Gunder.)

Scott entered the PA program in 2001. While working tirelessly to help tutor his classmates with courses such as anatomy, his classmates were unaware that he was suffering from cystic fibrosis as he never complained. This young man, who could not breathe himself, dedicated his life to helping others breathe easier when he chose to be a Respiratory Therapist as his first career. In spring of 2002, Scott postponed his studies and was placed on the lung transplant list. While waiting for a lung transplant, Scott was hospitalized and peacefully slipped away from this life. This scholarship and award is given to an individual who gives of themselves unselfishly and puts the needs of others ahead of their own needs. Scott's story and his life exemplified the importance of faith and hope during times of adversity. Let it be a reminder to us all that no higher calling can be found than that of service to others.

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## 2009 SAHS Outstanding Faculty Awards

### • Outstanding Faculty Award

Mary Anne "Mimi" Owen  
Assistant Professor of  
Biomedical & Radiological  
Technologies

### • Distinguished Service Award

Dr. Elizabeth Wark  
Assistant Professor of  
Physical Therapy and  
Assistant Dean for Faculty  
Practice

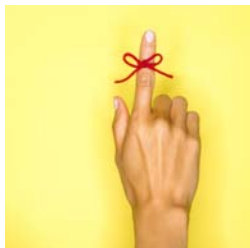
### • Outstanding Clinical Award

Dr. Celeste Ray  
Senior Physical Therapist at  
MCGHealth, Inc. and MCG  
alumna

### • Faculty Research Award

Dr. Abiodun Akinwuntan  
Assistant Professor of  
Physical Therapy

**Congratulations** to Dr. Guion on graduating with the Leadership Augusta class of 2009. To read more about the Leadership Augusta program please visit [LEADERSHIP AUGUSTA](#).



**Remember...** submit all new items for the July/August newsletter to Ramona Aune at [raune@mcg.edu](mailto:raune@mcg.edu) no later than August 1, 2009.



(Photo courtesy of Phil Jones)



## Welcome

**Rebecca Herzberg** – Office Manager,  
Department of Occupational Therapy  
(5/26/09)

## Allied health sciences professors teach tools of the trade

Four SAHS professors (*Rick Wilson, Ph.D., Sara Haddow, MSA, PA-C., Barbara Russell, Ph.D., and Kent Guion, MD., MA*) shared information with A.R. Johnson Freshman and Sophomores on April 17th about career opportunities in our school via a presentation. In addition, various pieces of equipment and hands-on demonstrations were presented. The students used goniometers, pulse oximeters, heart rate monitors, tuning forks, and handled dental models. They were also quizzed on their ability to interpret gel electrophoresis and match equipment to the different disciplines. These activities were part of our on-going relationship with A.R. Johnson and were coordinated by the AHEC office here on campus.

## Mark Your Calendar

### • SAHS Interdisciplinary Development Series

*"Focus on Technology in Education"*

July 8, 12-1pm (Bring your lunch, light snacks and water provided)  
EC1218

### • Instructional Support and Educational Design will host:

Teaching with Technology: Engaging Students for Success  
June 25, 9:30 - 4:30pm, EC1210

Pre-registration required at: <http://www.mcg.edu/ce/teachingtech/index.html>

## SACS self-study team designated

In 2011, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), the accrediting body for colleges and universities in 11 southern states including Georgia, will begin assessing the university's compliance with comprehensive standards in areas including mission, governance, institutional effectiveness and educational programs. The following key positions are in place to optimize MCG's readiness for assessment:

- Bill Andrews, vice chair of the University Faculty Senate, will chair the Self-Study Compliance Committee, ensuring adherence to SACS principles of accreditation.

- School of Allied Health Sciences Dean Shelley Mishoe will head the Self-Study Quality Enhancement Plan Committee, overseeing a faculty-driven effort to improve student learning outcomes.

- A Steering Committee will provide oversight for the self-study process and be led by Associate Provost Roman Cibirka, who is also MCG's SACS liaison.

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