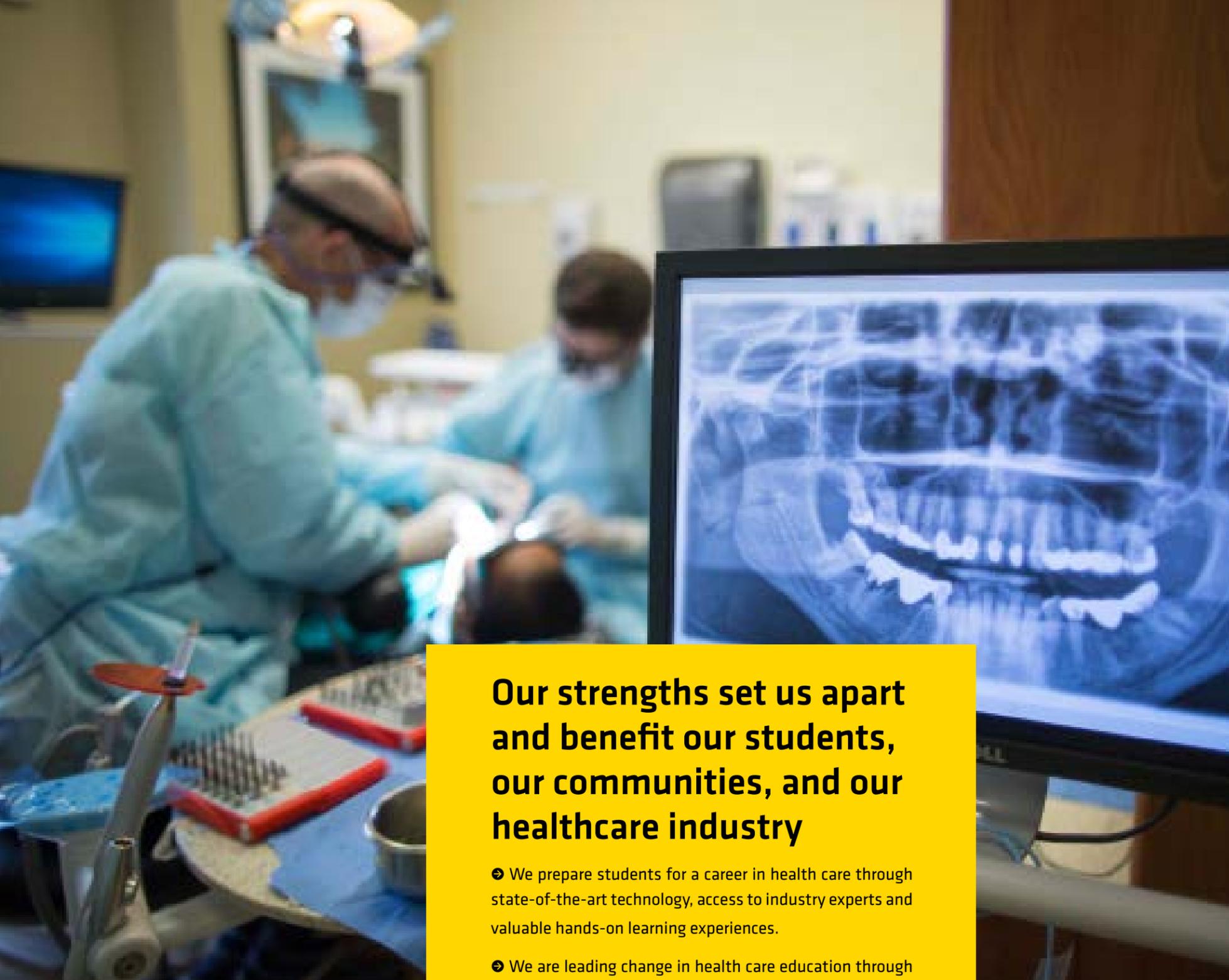


**ANNUAL
REPORT**



**COLLEGE *of* HEALTH
PROFESSIONS**

2022



MEANINGFUL WORK. UNLIMITED IMPACT.

From bench to bedside, from clinic to community, to populations, our goal is to shape health care leaders for the 21st century.

Our students, faculty and staff do real work that impacts health care, the economy, and the vitality of our communities.

EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

Preparing tomorrow's health care leaders

We offer 27 health professions programs from undergraduate through doctoral levels. Our Physician Assistant, Dental Hygiene Degree Completion and Advanced Education in General Dentistry are the only programs of their kind in Kansas.

Community Impact

Our patient-serving clinics provide affordable, quality care to our community and hands-on learning experiences for students.

Applied Learning

A major focus of our college is ensuring that our students have extensive opportunities for applied learning.

Professional Success

Graduates enjoy high post-graduation employment rates and exceptional success in advanced careers.

Our strengths set us apart and benefit our students, our communities, and our healthcare industry

- We prepare students for a career in health care through state-of-the-art technology, access to industry experts and valuable hands-on learning experiences.
- We are leading change in health care education through our innovative culture and passionate faculty and staff who are dedicated to student success.
- CHP students benefit from our exceptional health care industry partnerships, with clinical affiliation sites across the U.S. – from large hospitals and private practices to local schools and neighborhood clinics.





ABOUT US

MISSION

Improve the health of the community by engaging students, faculty, staff, and the larger community in the preparation of healthcare leaders, scholars, and professionals.

VISION

Leading change in high-quality healthcare education.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- ➔ Equip graduates with applied learning skills necessary to address the challenges in healthcare.
- ➔ Strive for excellence and continuous improvement in healthcare education, scholarly engagement, and service to students, colleagues and the community.
- ➔ Exemplify stewardship and accountability for the resources provided by the citizens of the State of Kansas.
- ➔ Assure that all graduates are competent to provide evidence-based professional care within an interdisciplinary healthcare system.
- ➔ Promote and sustain a culturally diverse environment, which respects the values and perspectives of individuals and professional disciplines.

ENGAGE. LEAD. EDUCATE.



DEPARTMENTS AND PROGRAMS

DEAN'S OFFICE

SCHOOL OF NURSING

SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

SCIENTIFIC FOUNDATIONS DIVISION

COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS

MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCES

PHYSICAL THERAPY

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

PUBLIC HEALTH SCIENCES

SCHOOL OF ORAL HEALTH

ADVANCED EDUCATION IN GENERAL DENTISTRY

DENTAL HYGIENE

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Gregory Hand - Dean

Voncella McCleary-Jones - Associate Dean for Academic, Faculty and Student Affairs / Interim Chair, Medical Laboratory Sciences

Lisa Belt - Chair, Dental Hygiene

Diana Cochran-Black - Chair, Medical Laboratory Sciences (Chair term concluded June 2022)

Dean Elledge - Director, Advanced Education in General Dentistry

LaDonna Hale - Chair, Physician Assistant

Douglas Parham - Chair, Communication Sciences and Disorders

Debra Pile - Chair and Associate Dean for Nursing Practice

Nicole Rogers - Chair, Public Health Sciences

M'Lisa Shelden - Chair, Physical Therapy



MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



Greetings from the WSU College of Health Professions and welcome to our 2022 Annual Report. We are very proud of the work that has been accomplished as we emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic and refocus on realizing our vision of LEADING CHANGE IN HEALTHCARE EDUCATION.

Our new Scientific Foundations Division, a CHP unit that was created to consolidate our basic scientific courses into one strategic initiative, has been very active in creating new courses, providing a pathway for WSU Honors College students to receive credit for these courses, and hosting hundreds of high school students at CHP tours from as far away as Dodge City. Additionally, the new human simulation laboratory and microscopy laboratories are almost complete. This laboratory complex will be used at some point by every student who comes through our academic programs. We plan on holding a grand opening in spring 2023.

In fall 2022, the School of Nursing welcomed its first cohort of students at our new BSN program on the campus of Kansas State University. The students are working toward a dual degree consisting of a BS in Health Sciences from Kansas State and a BS in Nursing from Wichita State. Our hope is to reach an annual graduation rate of 40 nurses at the Manhattan campus.

The Physician Assistant program proudly celebrated its golden anniversary with an open house at our Old Town facility and a reception for alumni and other friends of the program. The PA program was one of the first in the United States. At the event, a name change was unveiled. I'm pleased to introduce you to the Department of Physician Associate. Our program is an early adopter of a trend that is spreading across the field of physician assistant.

The CHP and our High School Teacher Advisory Council hosted its first annual High School Health Science Teacher's Workshop during the summer. Most of the high schools in the greater Wichita area were represented by teacher attendees. Numerous faculty and staff presented cutting edge research topics and provided opportunities for teacher attendees to gain important hands-on experiences. We have begun planning for the second annual workshop in summer 2023.

These are just a few of the accomplishments that were achieved by our faculty, staff, students, collaborators, and alumni in 2022. I hope that you will enjoy reading more about the College and feel a sense of pride in the accomplishments being achieved with your support.

Gregory Hand

Dean and Professor
College of Health Professions

FACULTY/STAFF FAREWELLS AND WELCOMES

NEW FACULTY/STAFF

Advanced Education in General Dentistry

Jay Bhakta
Sydney Burtwistle
TJ Foley
Krista Hollinger
Maychen Johnson
Brenda Kistler
Mindy Slater
Erica Thomas

Communication Sciences and Disorders

Savina Jahnke
Danica Seirer
Brenda Vest

Dean's Office

Justin Bjork
Vicki Forbes
Kelsey Phillips
Jessica Raburn

Dental Hygiene

Rachael Wiebe

Medical Laboratory Sciences

Katie Baskins

Physical Therapy

Jennifer James
Justin Smith
Nicole Windsor

Nursing

Mary Beth Fund
Melody Cantrell
Robert Elledge
Christina Glennen
Helen Moore
Kayla Roecher
Jeri Rogers
Kara Shideler
Kenneth Sisley
Heather Sloan

Public Health Sciences

Allison Apaza

Scientific Foundations Division

Sam Smith

DEPARTED FACULTY/STAFF

Advanced Education in General Dentistry

Casey Curran
Randy Metzler
Monali Patel
Delanie Randolph
Anna Rueda
Arelly Sustaita

Medical Laboratory Sciences

Diana Cochran-Black (retired)
Kyle Osborn

Communication Sciences and Disorders

Dennis Cairns (deceased)
Joshua Carpenter
Katie Dhuyvetter
Sean Hess
Colleen Novak (retired)
Gina Riggs

Nursing

Mary Hobus
Emily Koch

Physical Therapy

Emma Anderson

Dean's Office

Molly Brown
Thad Henderson
Yadid Perez
Gina Stewart
Marta Warren
Susan Wells (retired)
Brandon Whiteside

Public Health Sciences

Sonja Armbruster (retired)
Ngoyi Bukonda (retired)
Debbi Lehner (retired)

COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS: BY THE NUMBERS

85% of students from
Kansas

Our **3** community-serving
clinics reported over
13,500
appointments in 2022

270
scholarship recipients

Approximately
500
graduates

12
CHP
student
organizations

81%
female students

Over **90** CHP students in
the Cohen Honors College

Over **70%** of students are
first generation

The CHP endowment has over
\$18 million in gifts

The College awarded over **100 scholarships**
totaling over **\$460,000**



EXCELLENCE IN HEALTHCARE EDUCATION



SIMULATION UPGRADES

The College of Health Professions continues our strategic initiative to provide truly cutting-edge educational experiences through simulation technology. The College has invested more than \$1.5M in simulation and has significantly expanded and upgraded our basic and clinical simulation capabilities across the departments. In addition to the new equipment and facility upgrades in the departments, our College has developed a human simulation laboratory on the first floor of Ahlberg Hall near the Gross Anatomy Lab. This lab, which includes synthetic models and high fidelity mannikins, also includes a microanatomy/microscopy room. We appreciate all who have provided much-needed financial support to accelerate our work in providing an exceptional learning environment for our students. We will continue to make investments to ensure that our students' educational experiences are second-to-none.

New Human Simulation and Microanatomy Lab Complex

The creation of the Scientific Foundations Division (SFD), the collection of courses that all undergraduate (and some graduate) students take as preparatory science courses for upper division and graduate programs, has been very successful. Our state-of-the-art Gross Anatomy Lab and Human Simulation and Microanatomy Lab Complex provides students with the unique opportunity to work with both high-tech simulation technology and real human cadavers, greatly increasing the quality of training and education in the basic and clinical sciences. The labs help develop students' knowledge and skills in anatomy, physiology, clinical neuroscience, pharmacology and pathophysiology. The labs are utilized by undergraduate and graduate students in their educational careers in the College of Health Professions.

All CHP students, starting from their first semester through graduate courses, benefit from the experiential learning gained in the labs. These labs are a particularly unique opportunity for undergraduate students, as very few universities offer these experiences to undergraduate students.

The simulation lab is envisioned as a partner to our Gross Anatomy lab. The Gross Anatomy Lab is one of only two anatomy labs in the greater Wichita area that use human cadavers and is one of the largest labs of its kind in the state of Kansas. The lab offers students vital hands-on experience working with actual human organs and structures. The gross anatomy lab provides students with an opportunity to develop a true 3-D understanding of the human body and interactions of anatomical systems.

"When students participate in hands on experiences you can see the application, engagement, and overall joy in learning." - **Sam Smith, Assistant Clinical Professor and Human Simulation Lab Supervisor**

"Having access to the simulation lab and technology was extremely helpful in my education. Hands-on learning was a unique experience that made the class exciting and engaging." - **Kylie Anderson, freshman, College of Health Professions**

If you want to support simulation and technology in our College, contact Amy Tully with the WSU Foundation at 316-978-3808 or visit foundation.wichita.edu/give/.



EXCELLENCE IN HEALTHCARE EDUCATION



PA Program celebrates 50th anniversary

The Physician Assistant program celebrated its 50th anniversary with an open house and reception for alumni, faculty, staff, students and supporters. Founded in 1972, the WSU PA program was the first program in Kansas and one of the first in the nation.

Introducing the Department of Physician Associate

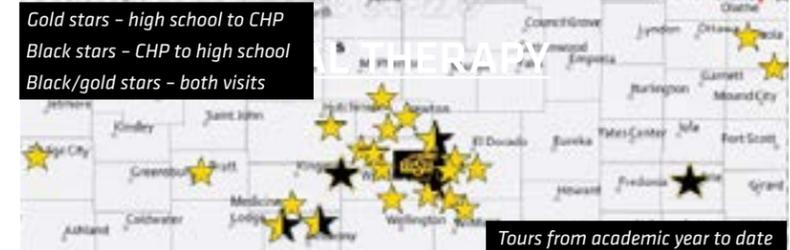
The Physician Assistant program has changed its name to the Department of Physician Associate. The AAPA House of Delegates passed a resolution altering the meaning of the acronym "PA" from "physician assistant" to "physician associate." The WSU PA program has a history of high-quality and innovative education. Continuing in that progressive spirit, the program will be one of the first PA programs in the nation to embrace the new title.

CHP welcomes inaugural nursing class in program at K-State

In fall 2022 the CHP welcomed the first class to its Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program on the Kansas State University campus. The Pathway to Nursing program with K-State is a unique dual-degree program that gives students the opportunity to simultaneously earn a Bachelor of Science degree from K-State, and a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from WSU. This is the first dual degree program between WSU and K-State, and the first and only BSN program in Kansas located at two state universities.

High school visits and tours

In 2022 the College of Health Professions hosted over 260 high school students from the Wichita area and across the state. Students and teachers were excited to see firsthand the new Human Simulation and Microscopy Labs and Gross Anatomy Laboratory. The tours have become very popular, and the College continues to receive requests for visits from high schools throughout Kansas.



Wichita State research team receives NIH funding to develop wearable fetal heart rate monitor

Public Health Sciences faculty member Nikki Keene Woods and her research team received over \$400,000 from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for their proposal, "Examining the feasibility of a wearable device for fetal heart rate monitoring through interdisciplinary research." The team is developing a wireless, non-invasive, wearable fetal electrocardiogram monitoring device. Algorithms and cloud-based health monitoring will be used to improve clinical care among pregnant women in rural communities. This is a collaboration between faculty in the CHP and the College of Engineering.



Pictured left to right: Jolynn Dowling (Nursing); Dr. Yongkuk Lee (Biomedical Engineering); Nikki Keene Woods (Principal Investigator; Public Health Sciences); Jamie Harrington (Nursing).

Program re-accreditations

The programs for Physical Therapy, Dental Hygiene and Nursing accomplished successful re-accreditation in 2022.



EXCELLENCE IN HEALTHCARE EDUCATION



NEW VIDEO SHOWCASES COLLEGE'S TECHNOLOGY AND OPPORTUNITIES

The College is proud to share a new video that highlights the opportunities and technology students receive with an education from the College of Health Professions. Viewers are taken on a journey through various health professions programs and campus opportunities that make Wichita State stand out – including simulation technology, top-notch facilities and upbeat student life.

HIGH SCHOOL HEALTH SCIENCE TEACHER'S WORKSHOP

The College of Health Professions' High School Advisory Council hosted the first annual High School Health Science Teachers Workshop. The workshop featured cutting-edge health science presentations, hands-on projects in the new human simulation laboratory, and educational takeaway materials. High school teachers learned more about innovation, best practices and technical skills. This event was a robust professional development opportunity and rare occasion for networking among health sciences teachers from Kansas high schools.



UNITED HEALTHCARE PROVIDES DONATION FOR DEVELOPMENT OF HEALTH CARE ANALYTICS AT WSU

Establishment of a health care data analytics center spearheaded through a partnership of the College of Health Professions and the National Institute for Research and Digital Transformation (NIRDT) took a major step forward with a \$100,000 donation from UnitedHealthcare Community Plan for Kansas. The Kansas Center for Advancement of Healthcare (KCAH) will be a collaborative center comprised of major universities, hospitals, and other clinical research, education and health care delivery organizations in Kansas. The mission of the KCAH is to provide a systematic and state-wide approach to health data management and analytics for research and innovation from patient treatment to population-level disease prevention.

INCLUSION, DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND ACCESS PLAN DEVELOPED FOR CHP

The CHP has developed a new Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access (IDEA) plan to be implemented in 2023-24. The CHP Diversity Council is developing guiding principles that align with the University IDEA principles. Each department will have the opportunity to develop goals that prioritize student-centered support for diverse students, recruit and retain a diverse student body, recruit and retain diverse faculty and staff, and incorporate IDEA components into program curriculums. The CHP Diversity Council is collaborating with the Office of Diversity and Inclusion regarding website enhancements and creating a calendar for holidays, celebrations, festivals and observance days related to various cultures. The College looks forward to creating a stronger foundation for all students, faculty and staff in the CHP.



IMPACTING OUR COMMUNITIES

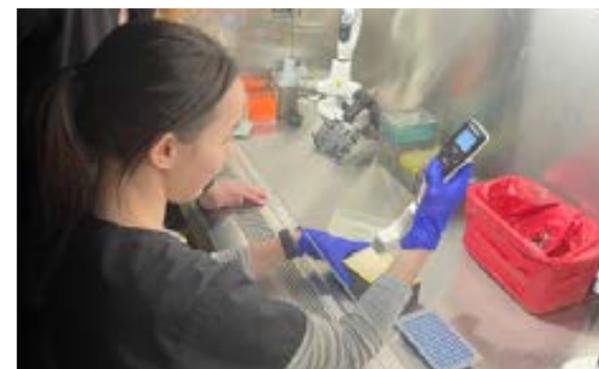
Development of Wichita Biomedical Campus continues to move forward

Wichita State University, WSU Tech and the University of Kansas Schools of Medicine and Pharmacy – Wichita are working to build a joint health science center, currently called the Wichita Biomedical Campus in downtown Wichita. The development of the Wichita Biomedical Campus will create many opportunities for interprofessional education, discovery, engagement and clinical practice. It is anticipated the campus will be a major draw for both private and public entities associated with healthcare. The new facility should be completed in fall 2026.

MHA program preparing to be accredited

The Department of Public Health Sciences' Master of Health Administration program is beginning the process to become accredited through the Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education (CAHME). Seeking accreditation is an important marker as we continue to train healthcare leaders during a time of dynamic growth. CAHME-accredited programs offer students a competitive advantage when seeking employment in the healthcare industry. The application for accreditation is expected to be submitted in May 2023.

"Healthcare, across the spectrum of health clinics to tertiary care hospitals, presents a complex and challenging environment for those entrusted to lead and manage...A Master's in Healthcare Administration is one important ingredient for the competent and confident healthcare leader. The WSU masters educated administrator, infused with the Shocker commitment to excellence and innovation, with an added seasoning of the Shocker entrepreneurial spirit, will have a strong positive impact on the health and economic vitality of the community in which they serve..."
– **Robert Kenagy, President and CEO, Stormont Vail Health**



New research at WSU Molecular Diagnostics Laboratory

Faculty and students in the Department of Medical Laboratory Sciences (MLS) are very involved with the WSU Molecular Diagnostics Laboratory (MDL). In an effort to meet community needs and provide applied learning to MLS students, the MDL is expanding into a full clinical microbiology laboratory. The MDL has several ongoing research projects to improve diagnostic testing for respiratory pathogens using saliva, as well as potential collaborations and partnerships evaluating collection devices for saliva.

Growing relationship with Wichita Veterans Affairs

The College of Health Professions is developing a strong partnership with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Several CHP faculty members are now research faculty at the VA.

Faculty member Erin O'Bryan (Communication Sciences and Disorders) is working to establish a research program that would provide training and strategies for healthcare professionals to treat adults with communication disorders. The goal is to improve accessible communication and healthcare for veterans with communication disorders, such as those resulting from stroke and brain injury. This is the first step in a long-term collaboration between the CHP and the VA's Research Department. Future projects will focus on improving accessible communication, speech-language pathology services and other aspects of healthcare for veterans.

"The Dole VA is thrilled to add five faculty members from the WSU College of Health Professions as investigators to our research program. Combining the VA's vast quantity of data with the critical research expertise of CHP faculty, we envision a tremendous positive impact on the health of the Veterans we serve." – **Christine Faulk, Associate Chief of Staff for Research, Dole VA Medical Center**



BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

FRIENDS OF THE COLLEGE VISITS

Dean Greg Hand continues to travel around Kansas to meet and greet supporters of the CHP. Discussions and updates focus on several critical topics for the CHP, including 1) Creating pathways to healthcare education by engaging high schools and partnering with industry; 2) Developing strategic partnerships with other higher education institutions in the state; 3) Establishing WSU's role in educating and supporting decision makers in Kansas.



If you are interested in hosting the CHP dean at an alumni event, contact Coni Nutter at 316-978- 5661 or coni.nutter@wichita.edu.

CONNECTING WITH EMERITUS FACULTY

Dean Hand and the College welcomed retired nursing faculty, along with President Muma and first gentleman Rick Case, to a Shocker baseball game.



Pictured front row (from left): Marty Shawver, Phyllis Fletcher, Heather Hull Baker, Betty Sullivan, Savina Schoenhofer, Alicia Huckstadt
Back row (from left): Shirley Hazen, Mary Koehn, First Gentleman Rick Case, President Muma, Eileen Hawkins, Dean Greg Hand, Betty Elder

➡ Please contact us if you would like to get involved or be an ambassador for the College of Health Professions.

RETIRED FACULTY SPOTLIGHT - BETTY SULLIVAN, SCHOOL OF NURSING

Betty Sullivan grew up on a farm in eastern Kansas. Betty's personality is a natural fit with nursing, but early in life she also witnessed health issues in her family that inspired her to be a caregiver to others.

In high school she worked as a nurse's aide at a local hospital. The Director of Nursing recommended that Betty earn her baccalaureate in nursing, and she went on to graduate from the University of Kansas. She worked as a nurse and taught in psychiatric nursing, and eventually returned to KU for her master's work.

Betty's physician husband accepted a position that moved their family to Wichita. She received her master's degree in clinical counseling and began teaching at Wichita State in the psychiatric nursing program. In the 80s and 90s few universities in Kansas focused on psychiatric nursing at the master's level, and many students came to WSU because of the program. She was given tenure and earned her PhD in from the University of Texas. She returned to Wichita State and retired in 1999. Betty says she thoroughly enjoyed teaching students and the positive relationships she experienced brought her joy.



Betty says what she is most proud of during her career is improving the master's psychiatric program and becoming a significant educator through the years when there wasn't an emphasis on mental health. She is proud of her students who went on to practice in mental health centers and make significant contributions to the community.

Betty says her background in 4-H taught her important skills like public speaking that prepared her for leadership positions. Her faith has also been important during her career.

After retirement Betty led a support group for women in her church who were sexually abused as children, which made a major positive contribution to the mental health of the members. She uses her nursing skills to work with homebound members of her Sunday school class.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHTS

HOLLY COBB | *Public Health Sciences*

Holly Cobb is a graduate of the Wichita State Healthcare Administration program. She went on to receive her registered nurse and masters' degree as an Advanced Family Nurse Practitioner from Washburn University. Since 2015 she has been the co-owner, founder and operator of Oasis Family Medicine, a direct primary care (DPC) clinic with more than 2,800 patient members. DPC benefits patients by providing substantial savings and a greater degree of access to, and time with, physicians. DPC allows family physicians to care for the whole person while reducing the overhead and negative incentives associated with fee-for-service third party-payer billing.



Prior to co-founding Oasis, Holly worked in immediate and primary care for St Francis Medical Center as well as serving as adjunct clinical instructor for Washburn University School of Nursing. Holly received her certification from the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners and is a member of Sigma Theta Tau Nursing Honors Society. She completed the point of care ultrasound fellowship in 2021. Cobb was on the Mental Health Advisory Committee for the state of Kansas and has been on the executive board of the Kansas Association of Advanced Practice Nurses. She volunteers on the Race Against Breast Cancer board of directors and was a member of Leadership Greater Kansas class of 2022.

Her areas of special interest include women's health, office procedures and health across the life span.

Holly is married to fellow shocker sweetheart, Alan Cobb, '88. In her free time she enjoys running, biking, hiking and being with her family.

JUNETTA EVERETT | *Dental Hygiene*

Junetta Everett is a 1979 graduate of the Dental Hygiene Program and made history as the first African American to graduate from the program. She practiced for nine years as a registered dental hygienist and moved to the corporate world, eventually becoming Vice President of Professional Relations at Delta Dental of Kansas.



Junetta established the Junetta M. French Everett RDH, BSDH Scholarship in 2013 to encourage professional excellence, promote quality care and support dental hygiene. This scholarship is for full-time dental hygiene students entering the 1st year of the program, with preference given to African Americans and Hispanics.

Junetta is now retired and remains very involved in the community. She serves on several boards, including the Wichita Chamber of Commerce, Kansas Health Foundation, Kansas Children's Service League, Oral Health Kansas Dental Champions. She has stayed closely connected to her alma mater and serves on various advisory committees and boards at WSU. She has been recognized as a distinguished alumna and was honored with a granite paver at Wichita State's "Plaza of Heroines."



DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS

The College of Health Professions is grateful for the many alumni and friends of the college who came together to make 2022 a wonderful year. The collective impact of generous donors coming together will result in many students and programs being impacted for years to come. From individual alumni and former faculty establishing funds to large scale crowdfunding efforts to honor a long-time faculty member, the College is grateful.

"It's an exciting time to be part of the current wave of momentum in the College of Health Professions. It's so important that we elevate and celebrate the past to continue the momentum in the future. We are grateful for those who have supported programs and scholarships established for the College. Big or small, all donations make a difference." – **Amy Tully, Senior Director of Development, College of Health Professions**



MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCES STUDENTS EARN SCHOLARSHIPS FROM SOUTHCENTRAL PATHOLOGY

Medical Laboratory Sciences students Stephanie Pham and Amanda Moler are the 2022 recipients of the \$280,000 annual endowed scholarship gift from Southcentral Pathology Laboratory. Dr. Joel Alderson, president of Southcentral Pathology in Wichita – the largest group of surgical pathologists in southcentral Kansas – established this fund in 2021 to provide two full-ride scholarships each year in WSU's Medical Laboratory Sciences program. Recipients are chosen based on merit and financial need, and each student receives an equal amount of funds. This is the largest scholarship donation to the program.

"With this scholarship we hope to provide an incentive for talented students to choose the field of medical technology and do our small part to reverse the current national shortage of technologists and give back to our community." – **Dr. Joel Alderson, President, Southcentral Pathology**

SHIRLEY HAZEN RN-BSN ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

The School of Nursing has received a \$35,000 endowed scholarship gift from retired faculty member Shirley Hazen through the Shirley E. Hazen RN-BSN Endowed Nursing Scholarship. Hazen, a retired longtime faculty member in the School of Nursing, established this fund to provide financial support for registered nurses returning to school to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. The scholarship is merit-based and is awarded annually in the spring.

PATTERSON FAMILY FOUNDATION AWARDS \$100,000 FOR WSU HEALTH PROFESSIONS

The WSU College of Health Professions was awarded a \$100,000 grant from the Patterson Family Foundation to support scholarships for health professions students from rural Kansas counties. The scholarship was awarded to 10 students during the 2022-23 academic year, helping close the gap of unmet financial needs. This grant will advance the work of Wichita State to partner with community organizations and other universities to stimulate collaboration to support students. With more than 90% of Kansas counties designated as a Health Professional Shortage Area, the need to support education for CHP students is significant.



DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Our students are thankful for the financial support they receive. Here's what they're saying.

"...the scholarships I received are impacting my education by making it easier for me to focus a majority of my energy on school. Scholarships have helped provide me with the security I need to be able to focus on school and work for a non-profit while pursuing my degree. I am grateful for the people who are willing to enhance students' education experience through the gift of financial aid."

– **Taygen Altenburg, Mary A. Varhanik and Hazel & Ed Brookings Scholarship recipient**

"The Southcentral Pathology scholarship has allowed me to create a pathway of success for myself. With Dr. Alderson's generous donation, I am able to fully immerse myself in my studies and focus on becoming a competent Medical Laboratory Scientist."

– **Stephanie Pham, Southcentral Pathology Laboratory endowed scholarship recipient**

"I am so very thankful to have been blessed with this scholarship. It has helped provide needed resources to continue my nursing education and focus on my career goals toward becoming a nurse educator." – **Rhonda Smith, Shirley Hazen RN-BSN endowed scholarship recipient**

CHP WELCOMES NEW SCHOLARSHIP AND EVENTS COORDINATOR



The College of Health Professions is pleased to welcome Kelsey Phillips, Scholarship and Events Coordinator for the CHP. Kelsey helps students, faculty and staff navigate the scholarship process via ScholarshipUniverse. She provides information and connects students with campus resources regarding scholarship activities and programs. This collaboration helps match students with scholarship opportunities more effectively and ensures students' success. Kelsey also connects with students through the Health Professions Living Learning Community (LLC), coordinating with our departments to engage and prepare LLC students for CHP professional programs. She represents the CHP for university-level student recruitment and other student events.

For information about supporting our students through scholarship donations, contact Amy Tully with the WSU Foundation at 316-978-3808 or visit foundation.wichita.edu/.



STUDENTS



PUBLIC HEALTH SCIENCES HOME TO TWO GORE SCHOLARS

The Department of Public Health Sciences (PHS) welcomed Gore Scholar and Health Sciences student Brynna Mays (pictured left) from Topeka West High School. Brynna joined fellow PHS student and Gore Scholar Sarah Buie (pictured right) in the department, making it the first time there have been two Gore scholars at the same time in the College of Health Professions.

The Harry Gore Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually to freshmen entering WSU who display outstanding potential for leadership. Each year, through the Distinguished Scholarship Invitational scholarship competition, three students are awarded \$64,000 to attend Wichita State University. It has become one of the most prestigious and coveted awards in the U.S.

CHP STUDENTS SERVE ON WSU'S STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Each year CHP students volunteer their time to serve on the Student Government Association (SGA). Thank you to these students for serving the student body and Wichita State community.



"...In SGA, you have opportunities to affect real change on campus and leave your legacy for years to come. Each day, you engage with students and understand their needs and find ways to advocate for student priorities....SGA has provided me many opportunities to give back to the students, and I hope SGA continues to be a catalyst for change on campus." – David Liu, Health Professions Senator

"From my experience in SGA, I learned how important it is to let your voice be heard. My experience in SGA has been built on the principle of giving back to the students. It is not always an easy task to do, especially when you face adversity...I was lucky to learn to stay loyal and be committed to my community and our well-being." – Olga Lesnik, Health Professions Senator



CSD STUDENT'S DEBUT DOCUMENTARY CHOSEN FOR TALLGRASS FILM FESTIVAL

The Tallgrass Film Festival has become a staple in Wichita's arts community, engaging audiences with world-class programming in a celebration of cinematic arts. Communication Sciences and Disorders student Corri Newman's short documentary, "Kansas Honor Flight," was selected for screening during the 2022 festival. The documentary focuses on Kansas Honor Flight, a nonprofit all-volunteer organization that works to honor Kansas veterans of World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War by providing them with an all-expenses paid journey of honor and remembrance to visit memorials in Washington, D.C. Corri says she decided to focus on Kansas Honor Flight because of her passion for veterans. Her goal is to serve veterans by providing speech-language pathology services in her career.



STUDENTS

➡ CHP graduates achieved national professional board pass rates above the national averages in each of our accredited programs.

➡ The CHP has the highest percentage of first generation and underserved students among WSU colleges.

➡ In 2022 the CHP Advising Center had over 3,086 student appointments and sent over 5,204 emails, texts and chat messages to students.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT - CAITLYN IDLEMAN, PHYSICAL THERAPY

Caitlyn Idleman is a native Wichitan and a student in the Physical Therapy (PT) program at Wichita State. Growing up, she didn't always want to take care of other people, but some harrowing life experiences changed her path in life.

When her 9-month-old daughter was diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy and then she almost lost her life during her second pregnancy, Caitlyn decided that her future should be in healthcare.

Working full-time as an insurance agent, she went back to school and earned her associate's degree in massage therapy from WATC. When she realized what she was capable of, and with the encouragement of her daughter's inspiring physical therapist, Caitlyn completed the Shocker Pathway program and earned her bachelors in exercise science from WSU. Inspired by the impact Physical Therapy had on her daughter's health, she applied to the PT program at WSU. When she learned that she was accepted into the program, she was so excited that she cried.

Caitlyn says the PT program at WSU is amazing. She appreciates the state-of-the-art technology, the cadaver lab, and the ability to learn while building connections in the community and impacting lives. She also values faculty members who have played a huge part in bringing an orthopedic focus to pediatric active programs in Wichita. The supportive staff in the Office of Adult Learning at WSU also played a big part in her success.



Caitlyn is passionate about giving back to the community and volunteers for GoBabyGo, a program where physical therapy students, engineering students and community partners work together to modify ride-on vehicles for children with disabilities. Caitlyn was also instrumental in bringing the national iCanBike program to Wichita, where volunteers help teach children with disabilities to ride bikes. The PT department will be hosting the program in Wichita this summer, and Caitlyn is ecstatic about the opportunity for the community and the hands-on applications she will experience.

Her advice for future PT students is "Go for it! Make a goal and don't be afraid to ask for support. Don't let anyone tell you that you won't make it. I had someone tell me that there was no way I was going to make it into the PT program. I am glad to say that I am proving them wrong every day."

"I love how WSU and the PT program feels like family. Everyone is so supportive and outgoing. It really makes me feel like I can't fail as long as I am putting in my best effort."

For more information about supporting our students through scholarship donations, please contact the WSU Foundation at 316-978-3808 or visit foundation.wichita.edu/give/.



CHP STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

ALPHA ETA HONOR SOCIETY

FUTURE HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS

HEALTH (HEALTH EDUCATION ADVOCATES FOR LEADERSHIP, TEAMWORK, AND HUMANITY)

AGING STUDIES STUDENT ORGANIZATION

STUDENT AMERICAN DENTAL HYGIENISTS' ASSOCIATION

KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF NURSING STUDENTS (KANS) - WSU CHAPTER

MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCES STUDENT ORGANIZATION

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PA STUDENT ORGANIZATION

PRE-PHYSICAL THERAPY STUDENT ORGANIZATION

PRE-PA STUDENT ORGANIZATION

WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT SPEECH-LANGUAGE-HEARING ASSOCIATION (WSUSSLHA)

STUDENT ORGANIZATION HIGHLIGHT – PRE-PA CLUB

The Pre-PA Club is a student-run, student-centered club for anyone at Wichita State who is interested in the Physician Associate profession and/or getting into a PA program. The club's focus is to better prepare WSU students for the extremely competitive application process and for the rigors of PA school. The Pre-PA Club teaches students what PA programs are looking for in students such as high GPA, high science GPA, direct patient care hours, shadowing experience, and experience in the courses that will help them succeed. The club also works on interview skills, letters of recommendation and knowledge of the profession that will make them more attractive to programs around the country.

"Our ultimate goal is to prepare our WSU undergraduate College of Health Professions students so that they are the most attractive candidates for the WSU PA program and other PA programs across the country. We would love to see increased numbers of WSU students get interviews, and ultimately, get into the WSU PA Program."

— Chris Dudley, Assistant Clinical Professor and Admissions Coordinator/Fellow, Department of Physician Associate



PATIENT SERVING CLINICS

Our three patient-serving clinics continue to achieve our missions of education through practice experience and serving our communities through access to care. All of our clinics are open to the public and accepting new patients.

EVELYN HENDREN CASSAT SPEECH-LANGUAGE-HEARING CLINIC

The Cassat Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic provides services to people across the lifespan who have communication difficulties, including speaking, hearing, swallowing, and spoken and written language impairments. wichita.edu/SLHclinic

- 4,230 appointments in 2022
- Gold Winner **Best of Wichita** award in the "Audiologist / Hearing Center" category from the Wichita Eagle.
- The Clinic offers Pediatric Feeding Groups for preschool children who are picky eaters and problem feeders. Faculty and students use strategic play-based and evidence-based activities to encourage children to explore new foods in a fun, relaxed atmosphere. The program has received very positive feedback and is the only program of its kind in the area.



DELTA DENTAL OF KANSAS FOUNDATION DENTAL HYGIENE CLINIC

The Dental Hygiene Clinic offers a wide range of low-cost preventative, therapeutic and educational services. wichita.edu/DHclinic

- 5,230 appointments in 2022
- Services include cleanings, dental sealants, X-rays, individualized oral health instruction, and more.
- The clinic serves multiple communities, including children and underserved populations. The cost of clinical care is scaled to serve underserved populations.



WSU GENERAL DENTISTRY PRACTICE

The WSU dental clinic provides a full range of services including cleanings, whitening, fillings, and implants, along with in-house specialists for periodontics, endodontics, oral surgery, and prosthetics. wichita.edu/WSUdentalclinic

- 4,204 appointments in 2022
- The dental clinic has a new, redesigned website that is more patient friendly.
- The dental clinic has moved to 3-D dentistry with the capacity to create crowns and other dental prosthetics during the patient's visit. The process produces dental products with very high precision, at a much faster rate, and at a fraction of the cost. This new technology reduces patient wait times and results in fewer visits for completion of dental procedures.



If you want to support the important work of our clinics, contact Amy Tully with the WSU Foundation at 316-978-3808 or visit foundation.wichita.edu/give/.



DEAN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL

The CHP Dean's Advisory Council is comprised of a distinguished group of local and national academic, community and industry leaders. Their collective expertise, perspective and strategic counsel on the most pressing matters of the College of Health Professions is critical to realizing our vision of "Leading Change in High-Quality Healthcare Education."

The Dean's Advisory Council (DAC) met in the spring and fall of 2022. DAC members were updated on the College's progress in strategic initiatives and discussed two main topics: 1) building connections with the industry and development of the Wichita Biomedical Campus and 2) potential buildout of the CHP School of Oral Health building. Members also heard presentations from M'Lisa Shelden, Physical Therapy Chair, about the Department of Physical Therapy and physical therapy needs in Kansas, and Amy Tully, Senior Director of Development with the WSU Foundation, about development and fundraising efforts for the College.

NEW MEMBERS

Joel Alderson
President, Southcentral Pathology

Chad Austin
CEO, Kansas Hospital Association

Susan Butler
VGlobal Head, Corporate Development and Strategy at Astrix Technology Group

Christine Faulk
Associate Chief of Staff for Research, Dole Veterans Affairs Medical Center

Mark Finucane
Managing Director with Alvarez & Marsal Healthcare Industry Group, New York City

Jay Moskowitz
James Buchanan Duke SmartState Chairman Emeritus for Healthcare Quality and Retired Health Scientist Administrator and Dean at the University of South Carolina

Marq Sams
Periodontist, Implant & Perio Center of Kansas

Kevin Sparks
President and CEO, UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Kansas

"Being a member of the Dean's Advisory Council for the WSU College of Health Professions offers the opportunity to be actively engaged as a community partner in assisting the College to be a leader in health care education and increasing the College of Health Profession's impact in the community."

– Laurie Labarca, hospital president, Ascension Via Christi Hospital St. Teresa and Ascension Via Christi Rehabilitation Hospital

2022 MEMBERSHIP

Pamela Clancy Ammar
Attorney, President of the Board-Kansas Humane Society, Chair of the CHP Dean's Advisory Council

Alex Ammar
Vascular surgeon, President and CEO-Wichita Surgical Specialists, Professor and Chair-Department of Surgery-University of Kansas School of Medicine in Wichita

Tim Church
Physician and scientist, Chief Medical and Strategy Officer-Naturally Slim, Cofounder and Board Member-Catapult Health

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Carolyn Harrison
Nurse, WSU National Advisory Council

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Robert Kenagy
President and CEO, Stormont Vail Health

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David Ramos
Emergency Medicine physician for Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System in Salinas, CA

Arthur Ross
Pediatric surgeon, former campus executive or Dean for four university based medical schools, academic medicine consultant

David Todd
Cofounder and Owner Advanced Physical Therapy/Physical Therapist

Bill Voloch
President and CEO of Wesley Healthcare

Tony Waldrop
President Emeritus of the University of South Alabama



IN MEMORIAM - TONY WALDROP

"It is with great sadness that I announce the passing of Dr. Tony Waldrop. Before serving on the Dean's Advisory Council, Dr. Waldrop was President of South Alabama University, Provost at the University of Central Florida, and Vice President of Research at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. I first met Tony in 1991 and he has been a true mentor to me over the decades and an individual of high integrity and intelligence who always supported education and the search for truth. He will be missed as a member of the DAC, but more importantly he will be missed as a friend and colleague."

– Gregory Hand, dean, College of Health Professions



NOTABLE AWARDS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

CHP AWARDS

Rodenberg Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award:
Debbi Lehner (Public Health Sciences)

Hodson Outstanding Research Faculty Award:
Rob Manske (Physical Therapy)

Outstanding Staff Support Award:
Karla Sharp (Dental Hygiene)



WSU AWARDS

WSU President's Distinguished Service Award:
Melanie Bayles (Physician Assistant);
Jolynn Dowling (School of Nursing)

Academy for Effective Teaching Faculty Award:
B.J. Lehecka (Physical Therapy)

WSU Foundation Community Impact Award:
Sarah Nickel (Medical Laboratory Sciences)

NOTABLE AWARDS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Induction as Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing:
Voncella McCleary-Jones (Dean's Office)

Wichita Business Journal Excellence in Health Care Awards:
Gregory Hand (Dean's Office); Voncella McCleary-Jones (Dean's Office); Debra Pile (School of Nursing); Amy Drassen Ham (Public Health Sciences)

Neurological Clinical Specialist Certification:
Christina Ashbrook (Physical Therapy)
Justin Smith (Physical Therapy)



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