BAPTIST COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES CHANGE NEWS







President's CORNER

This past summer you could find me almost every morning at sunrise on my back porch watching "my" hummingbirds. I have attracted a few of these beautiful visitors in previous years, but last year as they began their September migration back home, my feeders suddenly became the popular new place for them. I waited anxiously at the beginning of the summer to see if the increased number of hummingbirds would return, and much to my delight, they did! It has become a favorite new hangout in the neighborhood for these beauties, and I work diligently to make it as attractive and welcoming as possible. I keep the feeders clean and add flowers nearby. Multiple places for the birds to just perch as well as feed are in place. My husband has even helped with frequent runs to the grocery store for sugar so I can keep the feeders full all the time. While we were away on vacation, I gave explicit care instructions to my gracious, house-sitting friend. I miss them now that they're gone, but look forward to seeing them return again next summer.

The Baptist College's mission and work is much like my work with "my" hummingbirds. The faculty and staff are dedicated to creating a safe and engaging learning environment for our students. We work diligently to provide an excellent education for our students that will prepare them as health care professionals. While the students might disagree, it seems like they are only with us for a brief period before they move on to their destinations and careers.

In this issue, we remember our commencement and pinning ceremonies where we celebrated their accomplishments before they "migrated" away.

But just like the humingbirds' return, we always look forward to welcoming our students back - especially at our homecoming events. Homecoming is a great time to renew friendships and catch up with old friends. The enclosed story captures some of those special reunion moments. Please make plans now to join us next year. We would love to see you!

Until then, continue to spread your wings and soar.

Warmly.

Betty Sue McGarvey, PHD, RN

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CampusTap Network Launch

Baptist College Alumni Association has launched a social networking site just for our alumni — CampusTap. The site allows the Baptist College community to engage in professional networking, mentoring and industry knowledge sharing. It also allows alumni to stay connected to classmates, faculty and College staff and keep up with campus and alumni events and activities.

Using the CampusTap platform, Baptist College of Health Sciences community members will have access to key product features such as:

Personality & Interest-based Assessments: Ensure you're making connections with Baptist College community members who share the same personal and professional values.

My Team: Network with a trusted team of up to five connections at any given time. That way, you gain insight on various career development questions.

Events: Coordinate, promote, and receive updates regarding industry knowledge sharing and professional networking events with fellow students, alumni, and faculty/staff.

Companies & Jobs: Find out who in your Baptist College network may be working at your organization.

You should have received an email with an invitation to join CampusTap. If you have not received the invitation, please email us at alumni@bchs.edu with your updated personal information, including your email address.

College Board of Directors Approves New Major and Minors

On May 25, the College board of directors approved the new 120-credit hour Bachelor of Health Sciences degree major in population health. Population health majors will develop integrated knowledge and skills to promote health by creating public health practices and interventions focused on the reduction of disparities in both local and global environments. The program focuses on developing and investigating innovative solutions to health concerns from a behavioral, societal, biological, and organizational perspective. Students will choose areas of concentration through the selection of elective courses in global or socio-behavioral health. Graduates will be prepared for jobs in a variety of settings, including hospitals, nonprofit organizations, government, doctors' offices, private businesses, and colleges/universities. Enrollment for this program will begin in the fall of 2018.

The College board of directors also approved two new minors that began this fall:

Minor in Health Informatics will prepare students – in a primarily nontechnical context – for the planning and utilization of health information technology and health informatics in conjunction with the professional arenas associated with their programs of study in allied health, biomedical sciences and nursing.

Minor in Health Care Analytics provides students from all disciplines with historical, current and predictive views of business operations using the concepts associated with business intelligence.

General Education and Health Studies Welcomes New Associate Dean



Dr. Brian Alexander

Dr. Brian Alexander was named
Associate Dean of General Education and
Health Studies. Dr. Alexander has served
as academic dean at Concorde Career
College; division chair for online health,
physical education, and recreation at
Itawamba Community College; and
taught full time for Northeast Mississippi
Community College and Campbell
University. He earned a Bachelor of
Science in physical education from
Mississippi State University; a Master

of Science in human performance from the University of Southern Mississippi; was named an education specialist in secondary education by the University of Southern Mississippi; and earned a Doctor of Philosophy in community college leadership from Mississippi State University.

Allied Health Welcomes New Associate Dean

Mitzi Roberts, Ed.D. RT(R), RDMS, RDCS, has been selected as the new associate dean for the allied health division. The division is fortunate to have someone with Dr. Roberts' expertise on our team to support the division's operations. Dr. Roberts has more than 24 years of experience as a clinician and educator. Her work experience includes staff technologist, lead technologist, clinical preceptor, program clinical coordinator, assistant professor, program director, and director of planning and institutional effectiveness.

She is an alumna of the Baptist
Memorial Hospital School of Medical
Radiography (1993) and Baptist
Memorial Hospital School of Diagnostic
Medical Sonography (1994). She
received a Bachelor of Science degree
in health care management in 1996 from
Southern Illinois University, a Master of
Science in 2001 from the University of
Memphis, and a Doctorate of Education

in educational leadership with a specialization in higher education in 2014 from Union University.

Dr. Roberts is involved in numerous professional and community activities that include serving as a site visitor for the Joint Review Commission on Diagnostic Medical Sonography, member of the board of directors and political action committee for the Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonography, article reviewer for the Journal of Diagnostic Medical Sonography, SACSCOC liason for Baptist College of Health Sciences. lifetime member of the DeSoto County Junior Auxiliary, volunteer at DeSoto Hills Baptist Church, and volunteer at multiple K-12 schools in Mississippi. Dr. Roberts' scholarly pursuits include giving presentations locally, statewide and nationally as well as authoring book chapters, a national certification review guide, and a journal



Dr. Mitzi Roberts, Ed.D. RT(R), RDMS

article. She was the recipient of the Baptist College of Health Sciences President's Award in 2015 and the Dr. Rose Y. Temple Distinguished Faculty Award in 2005, as well as the Kenneth R. Gottesfield Award for Outstanding Article Contribution in 2007 from the Journal of Diagnostic Medical Sonography.

Spiritual Renewal Week

Campus Ministries hosted the annual Spiritual Renewal Week from Feb. 20-24. This year's theme was "Exploring community through the five senses."

Monday: The week began with Dr. Keith Norman's sermon about how Jesus used senses as part of a healing ministry. Dr. Norman is Baptist Memorial Health Care's vice president of government relations and senior pastor of First Baptist-Broad Church in Memphis' Binghamton community.

Tuesday: Students had the opportunity to work with the following local ministries:

- Carpenter Art Garden in the Binghamton neighborhood, which assists local elementary school students. The children gathered at the garden to work on art projects and enjoy a healthy snack.
- Peace of Threads, a non-profit organization that empowers women who have come to the United States seeking refuge from war, persecution and poverty to make a new life for themselves and their family. The women make high-quality, one-of-a-kind handbags. Students engaged with the ladies by sorting fabric and listening to their personal experiences.
- Compassion Neighborhood Clinic, Inc. is a non-profit
 after-hours primary care health clinic located in one of
 the poorest neighborhoods in Memphis. Its mission is
 to provide free primary care services to the poor and
 uninsured. The students helped run the clinic and provide
 diabetes education.

On Tuesday night the College community engaged in a drum circle led by Frank Shaffer, as the sense of sound was explored.

Wednesday: Two artists, Jamin Carter and Miranda Griffin, shared their talents in a discussion called "Creative community – A Conversation with artist Jamin Carter and Ben Roberts." Miranda painted while discussing the idea of being a light in the world. Between the two sessions, The Seasoned Gospel Singers gave a concert, highlighting the sense of sound.

Thursday: Several local business owners shared their personal stories.

Lauren Young, owner of Sweet Lala's Bakery, shared her business partnership with Juvenile Intervention and Faith-based Follow up (JIFF), a juvenile intervention program dedicated to giving kids a higher purpose in living. Carlo Cosmini and Danya McMurtrey shared their experience with the Urban Bicycle Food Ministry. The mission of the ministry is to fulfill the Gospel on two wheels by offering food and other needs to the people affected by homelessness in the Memphis community.

On Thursday night the sense of sound was enjoyed as Brian and Hannah Craddock performed. The week ended with a session called "Fragrance of Love," led by Rev. Dorothy Wells and classical guitarist Aaron Brock.

Baptist College Wins Second Annual Case Study Challenge

Baptist College remains undefeated in the Annual Inter-Professional Health Care Case Study Challenge. Congratulations to our case competition team – Krista Rinehart, Bretley Agee, Amanda Deering, Taylor Wisdom, and Sarah Johnson – on their February victory over Christian Brothers University. This year's case study was designed to address specific aspects of care, care-coordination, and integration between public and private health care organizations as it relates to the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of Type II diabetes. The case also addressed how comorbidities such as obesity and hypertension

can make positive outcomes more difficult to achieve, especially in urban and inner city areas where a majority of the population are classified as low socio-economic status and are adversely affected by competing social determinants of health.

Students from both schools spent many hours researching Type II diabetes and the case that was presented to them. Three judges who are local public health care experts judged the competition.



Student Honors Convocation

On March 27, Student Services hosted the Student Honors Convocation with a reception in the College Assembly Hall. Students were recognized for their academic achievements, service, leadership, and spirit within the Baptist College community. Three special awards were presented by Jeremy Wilkes, director of Student Services, and Kasson Sanborn, student services officer. The 2016-2017 Leadership Award was presented to Will Curry, the Service Award to Angela Hughes and the Baptist College Spirit Award to Christina Cantrell. In addition, various faculty members presented certificates or special recognition to student leaders for their work as presidential ambassadors, tutors, resident hall managers and Student Government Association members.







Alpha Eta Honor Society Induction Ceremony

On March 27, the Alpha Eta Honor Society Chapter held its induction ceremony and reception on campus. The program was led by Debra Smith, clinical coordinator/instructor for the medical radiography program and current chapter president. The purpose of the society is the promotion and recognition of significant scholarship, leadership, and contributions to the allied health professions. The chapter invites senior students from the divisions of allied health, general studies and health professions who have maintained an overall grade point average of 3.5 or better (on a 4-point scale); have shown capacity for leadership and achievement in their chosen allied health field; and have been recommended by members and approved by the dean. Thirteen students were inducted along with three faculty members and an honorary member, Dr. Ajay Wagh, who was also the guest speaker. Dr. Wagh is a pulmonary and critical care physician at the Baptist Medical Group-Memphis Lung Physicians Foundation.





Commencement





The 31st commencement ceremony of the Baptist College of Health Sciences took place on April 13 at Bellevue Baptist Church. President Betty Sue McGarvey presided over the ceremony. Dr. William Cochran, chair of the board of directors, introduced the featured speaker, Jason Little, president and CEO of Baptist Memorial Health Care . Dr. Cochran presented diplomas to 131 graduates at the ceremony: three earned associate of science degrees in pre-health studies; 57 received Bachelor of Science in nursing degrees and 71 earned Bachelor of Health Sciences degrees. As of April 2017, Baptist Memorial College of Health Sciences has awarded a total of 3,173 baccalaureate degrees.

Dr. Loredana Haeger, provost of Baptist College, recognized special honors, including magna cum laude, summa cum laude and cum laude graduates, and those students who served in leadership roles at the College.

Dr. Cochran presented the Board of Directors award to Chase McGee. The award recognizes a graduate who has demonstrated outstanding academic performance, leadership skills, commitment to community service, commitment to Christian principles, and potential for leadership in the health care profession.

Sherita Martin, director of development for the Baptist Memorial Health Care Foundation, presided over the presentation of the remaining special awards.

The Elizabeth Farnell Achievement Award was presented to Reagan Leigh Odom. This award is named in memory of Baptist Memorial Hospital's vice president of nursing from 1971 to 1991. The recipient of this award has attained the highest cumulative grade point average among the nursing graduates.

The Dr. Ling H. Lee Achievement Award was presented to Kierra Shante Clay. Dr. Ling H. Lee was a longtime radiologist at Baptist Memorial Hospital and an inventor who was awarded seven patents for various inventions. The recipient of this award has attained the highest cumulative grade point average among the medical radiography graduates.

The Joseph H. Powell Award was presented to Krista Tolleson Rinehart. The award honors Baptist Memorial Health Care's third president and CEO, who provided a noteworthy legacy of leadership in health care and community service. The recipient of this award has demonstrated outstanding academic performance and the potential for advanced studies in the health sciences.

The Sarah Ainsworth Award was presented to William Curry. Established by a gift from her husband, Jim, a former Baptist Memorial Health Care vice president, this award honors the dedication and commitment she made to help her students learn and grow as health care professionals. The recipient demonstrates leadership potential, commitment to Christian values, and is ranked in the top 25 percent of the graduating class.

The Dr. John F. Rockett Award was presented to Stephanie Leigh Howard. This award is in memory of Dr. Rockett, an esteemed nuclear medicine physician at Baptist Memorial Hospital, who demonstrated outstanding academic performance in research methodology and a commitment to excellence in clinical practice in the field of nuclear medicine.



Recognition and Pinning Ceremonies

The Spring Recognition/Pinning Ceremony was held April 13, recognizing 45 new nursing graduates and eight RN-BSN graduates. This ceremony marks the rite of passage into the profession of nursing and serves as a reminder of nursing's historic promise to serve others. Additionally, graduates who were inducted into the Beta Theta Chapter-at-Large of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society, or who served as student mentors or presidential ambassadors, were recognized. The Beta Theta Chapter-at-Large of Sigma Theta Tau International Award for leadership, academic excellence and academic integrity was presented to Krista Rinehard (pictured right). The graduates presented Dr. Anne Plumb, dean of nursing, with a class gift of \$678 to support the Student Emergency Assistance Fund.

The Summer Recognition/Pinning Ceremony was held Aug. 10, recognizing 51 new nursing graduates and three RN-BSN graduates. Additionally, graduates who were inducted into the Beta Theta Chapter-at-Large of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society, or who served as student mentors or presidential ambassadors, were recognized. The Beta Theta Chapter-at-Large of Sigma Theta Tau International Award for leadership, academic excellence and academic integrity was presented to Trasheda Swims. The graduates presented Dr. Anne Plumb, dean of nursing, with a class gift of \$444.30 to support the St. Joseph Finish Line Grant.





Alumni Reunion and Ambassador Council Fundraiser

At the annual Alumni Reunion on June 2-3, more than 100 alumni attended, along with the class of 1967 celebrating its 50-year anniversary.

The theme of the weekend was a New Orleans-style "Midnight at the Masquerade." The weekend kicked off Friday night with a Murder Mystery Dinner fundraiser, with proceeds benefiting the Ambassador Centennial Scholarship.

On Saturday, a luncheon was held at the College Assembly Hall for an afternoon of networking and mingling with friends. A new reunion format was announced at the luncheon in response to our alumni's requests for a change to the format.

A fall homecoming event was held on Oct. 13, and a spring reunion will be held in late April 2018. Each year special awards are presented to alumni who have achieved significant accomplishments in their profession or provided exemplary service to the College. The 2017 Young Alumni Award was presented to Justin Cole, a 2011 graduate of the nuclear medicine technology program. The 2017 Service Award was presented to Ruth Reyes, a nursing graduate from the class of 1966. The Distinguished Alumni Award was presented to Phyllis Dorrough, a nursing graduate from the class of 1972.



Class of 1992, celebrating 25 years



Class of 1967, celebrating 50 years



Ruth Reyes received the the 2017 Service Award



Phyllis Dorrough received the 2017 Distinguished Alumni Award

Faculty and Staff Accomplishments

DR. CHRISTOPHER CHURCH, professor of philosophy and religion, returned as a guest lecturer for the Graduate Biomedical Engineering Seminar at the University of Memphis on Feb. 17. His lecture was titled "Technological Advances and Bioethical Dilemmas." Dr. Church was also a guest lecturer in March 2016, when he presented "The Birth of Bioethics." He also served on an expert panel addressing "Life's Last Decision: When and How Do I Want to Let Go?" at the Mid-South Coalition for Comfort Care and Bioethics community meeting on April 4.

DR. JULIE LASLEY, chair of radiation therapy, was inaugurated as a member of the board of directors for the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Sciences on April 27. She will serve a three-year term with the option to continue after the third year. She attended the 2017 Radiologic Technology Editorial Review Board on March 20-22 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. This meeting is sponsored by the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) to discuss strategies for journal proposals, grow readership abroad, and to develop or change criteria for submitted articles.

DR. MITZI ROBERTS, associate dean of allied health and director of planning and institutional effectiveness, participated as a site visitor for the Joint Review Committee on Education in Diagnostic Medical Sonography in Sacramento, California, Jan. 25-27.

DR. LILIAN OGARI, assistant professor of biology, and DR. RICHARD EWOOL, assistant professor of mathematics, presented information on Kenya and Ghana, respectively to the Cultural Exchange Club on Feb. 27-28 at Baptist College of Health Sciences. Dr. Ogari and DR. MARY-GWYNNE MILLIONE served as advisors and worked with the organization's officers to create games, serve authentic food, and set up the meeting. DR. OGARI, DR. EWOOL, DR. MILLIONE, DR. CHRIS CHURCH, AND DR. SUMEDHE KARUNARATHNE dressed in traditional attire.

DR. LILIAN OGARI, presented a talk titled, "Moving Upstream: Examining Economic Hardship and Life Expectancy in Shelby County Tennessee" at the Walk the Talk Health Equity Symposium held at University of Tennessee on April 3. She also presented "More than Smoke: Tobacco Use, Health Determinants and Life Expectancy in Shelby County," as a keynote speaker at the #Wedontpuff community presentation meeting at the Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library on May 3.

DR. MARY-GWYNNE MILLIONE,

professor of general studies, accepted a \$5,000 award for student leadership presented to the Baptist College Cultural Exchange Club at Jenzabar's annual meeting on May 31 in Washington, D.C.

DR. RICHARD EWOOL, assistant professor of general studies, along with DR. ZACHARIAH SINKALA professor of mathematics at Middle Tennessee State University, co-authored an abstract titled, "Global Existence and Convergence of Solutions to a Cross-Diffusion Phenotypic Switching on Glioblastoma Growth and Invasion System." The paper was presented at the Special Session on Differential Equations and their Application to Biology at the American Mathematical Society, Spring Central Sectional Meeting at Indiana University on April 1. The abstract can be found at: http://www.ams.org/meetings/sectional/2233_ program_ss27.html#title

DR. DARIUS WILSON, chair of medical laboratory science (MLS), served as the chair of the Education Scientific Assembly (ESA) at the Clinical Laboratory Educators Conference in Boston. Dr. Wilson moderated a session and chaired and facilitated the ESA meeting. She prepared a webinar for the American Society for Clinical Pathology titled "Professionalism and Phlebotomy: Why it is Still Important to Stay Focused and on Track." She was a speaker at a Biomedical Sciences Series event held on March 27 for students interested in MLS. Dr. Wilson served as the site team coordinator for the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences' site visit to the University of Mississippi Medical Center's MLS program in Jackson on April 18 -19. She also reviewed

poster abstracts for the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science-Education Scientific Assembly committee.

DR. DAVID ROSENTHAL, chair of health administration, has been named a co-investigator representing Baptist Memorial Health Care on the "Benefits of Stroke Treatment Delivered Using a Mobile Stroke Unit Compared with Standard Management by Emergency Medical Services: The BEST-MSU Study."

DR. HURLEY SHEPHERD, science lab instructor, presented a talk titled "Genetics, Evolution, and Distribution of the Liliaceae Family" at the Dixon Gallery and Gardens on April 20.

DR. ARNOLD ARREDONDO, dean of enrollment management, presented a second session on "Bridge Building: Connecting with Adult Learners and Gen Z," with **CHRISTOPHER COTTON, admissions** officer, at the 2017 Annual Conference of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers. The session was selected for presentation as the Best of the Best state presentations. Additionally, Dr. Arredondo co-presented with Susan Hines, registrar at Longwood University, and Vinny Cataudella, registrar at St. Vincent's College, on "Building the Relationship between the Faculty and the Registrar's Office." Dr. Arredondo submitted a chapter on southern Africa in "Etiquette and Taboos around the World: A Geographic Encyclopedia of Social and Cultural Customs." The book was published by ABC-CLIO in October. The book will be used as a high school textbook.

BEN ROBERTS, baccalaureate instructor, published a journal article, "Patient-Centered Radiation Safety," that was published in *Radiologic Technology*, May/June 2017, Volume 88, Number 5.

DR. LISA HIGHT, professor of biology, and MICHELLE MCDONALD, assistant professor of biology, presented a workshop titled, "Knowledge Transfer Using e-Portfolios," at the national Human Anatomy and Physiology Society meeting in Salt Lake City on May 27.

HONORS AND AWARDS



DR. SUMEDHE KARUNARATHNE,

assistant professor of physics, was a co-author of the publication, "Initial Electric Field Changes of Lightning Flashes in Two Thunderstorms" published in *Journal of Geophysical Research: Atmosphere* on April 4. He was a co-author of the publication "Electric Field Change Measurements of a Terrestrial Gamma Ray Flash," published in *Journal of Geophysical Research: Atmosphere* on May 27.

ANGEL BOLING, MSN, RN, assistant professor of allied health and program chair, and DR. KIRA ANDERSON, assistant professor of nursing, presented their abstract, "Interprofessional Education: A Clinical Practicum with Baccalaureate Nursing and Respiratory Students," at the 13th Annual Faculty Development Workshop at the University of Kentucky on May 12. This abstract represents their active work on the QEP initiative – PULSE – at the College.

ANGEL BOLING, MSN, RN, received a research award for her dissertation from the Sigma Theta Tau International, Beta Theta Chapter-at-Large on May 1. She is working on her Ph.D. in nursing at the University of Missouri in Kansas City.

DR. KIM KENNEL, assistant professor of nursing, published a journal article titled, "Academic Persistence Among Nursing Students: A Concept Analysis," in the *Journal of Nursing Education and Practice,* Vol. 7 No.11. Kennel, K., Ward-Smith, P. (2017, June). In addition, she has satisfactorily completed her written and oral comprehensive examinations toward her Ph.D. in nursing at the University of Missouri in Kansas City.

DR. PAMELA CHERRY has been promoted from assistant professor to associate professor of nursing effective August 2017.

JULIE DARBY, assistant professor of nursing, has satisfactorily completed her written and oral comprehensive examinations toward her Ph.D. in nursing at the University of Missouri in Kansas City.

KATHY HUNT, chair of nuclear medicine technology, was appointed to the Radiologic Imaging and Radiation Therapy Board of Examiners as a member on Aug. 7. The board will be responsible for making recommendations to the Department of Health to establish policies. The board will also be responsible for reviewing applications.

DR. LEE DANLEY, assistant professor of health administration, successfully defended his dissertation and has earned an Ed.D. in organizational leadership from Northcentral University.







Faculty and Staff Honors Convocation

On March 7, the Faculty and Staff Honors Convocation was held in the Assembly Hall. Dr. Kendricks Hooker, 2016 Rose Y. Temple Distinguished Faculty recipient, delivered the address. Faculty and staff were recognized for their scholarship and community service during the past year. Faculty and staff who completed degrees were also recognized and presented with a special bookmark bearing the College seal. President McGarvey announced the 2017 Rose Y. Temple Distinguished Faculty recipient as Dr. Pam Cherry, associate professor of nursing. Dr. McGarvey also announced that the 2017 Rose Y. Temple Distinguished Staff recipient was Shirley Morquecho, academic operations coordinator in the division of nursing. Both individuals were nominated by colleagues for their service, leadership and commitment to the mission of the College. Dr. Anne Plumb, dean of nursing, presented the 2017 DAISY Award for extraordinary nursing faculty to David Parker, assistant professor of nursing.





Cultural Exchange Club wins Student Leadership Award

Baptist College's Cultural Exchange Club (CEC) recently won the Jenzabar Foundation's Student Leadership Award for 2017. The Jenzabar Foundation's Student Leadership Award is an annual competition that recognizes student-led campus groups and projects that have made a significant contribution to better the world outside of their own institutions. The CEC has been actively involved in raising funds to support World Relief, one of nine voluntary agencies contracted by the State Department to resettle refugees. Its World Relief Memphis office serves approximately 200 clients a year from Nepal, Somalia, Iraq, Afghanistan, Sudan, and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The CEC also has collaborated with the Student Government Association in sponsoring the campus-wide screening of the film "The Queen of Katwe," as part of the College's Black History Month celebration in February. Additionally, the organization, along with the SGA, co-hosted a screening of "McFarland USA," which underscores the successes of a group of students who were expected to fail based on the stereotypes of their economic and cultural backgrounds.

The CEC also organized a campus-wide Heart Health Fair featuring health screenings, education, and heart health awareness.

College Spirit Award

The second Baptist College Spirit Award was presented to Cristen Adkins, administrative secretary. This award is funded through an endowed Baptist Memorial Health Care Foundation fund. Colleagues nominate a team member who demonstrates selflessness, a mentoring spirit and serves continually as a College ambassador. The award recipient receives a cash award and a statue.





ALUMNI PROFILE:

Katie Cody, Diagnostic Medical Sonography Class of 2009

Not only did Katie Cody get the education and training she needed at Baptist College of Health Sciences to be successful in diagnostic medical sonography, she now is helping other students do the same.

Katie graduated from Baptist College in 2009 with a Bachelor of Health Sciences degree. She is a credentialed Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer (RDMS) with specialties in obstetrics and gynecology sonography and abdomen. She's also a Registered Vascular Technologist (RVT). She began her career at Baptist Memorial Hospital-Memphis, where she worked for eight years. Now, Katie serves as clinical coordinator of the Diagnostic Medical Sonography program at Baptist College.

Katie helps students stay on track and obtain the competencies they need, keep up their grades and fulfill the requirements of the program.

"Having graduated from the College's program, then working in the hospital, and now returning to Baptist College, I can offer perspective from both sides," said Katie. "I love working so closely with the students. It's rewarding to help them hone their skills and watch them grow as they proceed through the sonography program."

For Katie, studying sonography at Baptist College was a rewarding experience. "I jumped right in and I've loved it ever since. The fact that the College has a smaller campus makes a big difference. The faculty works well together, as do the students. Our sonography classes range from 9 to 14 students, allowing each student the opportunity to work closely with their instructors. And though I did not live on campus when I was a student, I see now, working on campus, how active campus life is here. They have events all the time and try hard to make things easier for these hard-working students. And there are many resources on-site to help them with any issues."



"I love working so closely with the students. It's rewarding to help them hone their skills and watch them grow as they proceed through the program." – Katie Cody

Katie is grateful to the Baptist College for helping her get her start in a career she loves, and she's able to share her unique perspective with her students.

"When I worked at the hospital as a sonographer, I always enjoyed my job and the time I spent there," said Katie. "It's such a rewarding field. And I very much appreciate the quality of education I received at Baptist College.

"I now can tell students that once they graduate from the diagnostic medical sonography program at Baptist College, they are prepared to go wherever they want. They will have learned what they need to know and will be ready to start right away. And that's a great feeling."

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The Baptist College of Health Sciences and the Baptist Memorial Health Care Foundation wish to thank the following alumni and friends for their generous support in 2016. These gifts allow us to offer student scholarships and awards in addition to enhancing our instructional activities. With your gifts, our students can fulfill their callings.

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The Baptist Memorial Health Care Foundation has partnered with the estate planning firm Thompson and Associates to provide complimentary estate planning services to our Baptist College alumni. Jeremy Pharr, JD, is our representative, and he is on-site monthly at the Baptist Memorial Health Care Foundation.

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ALUMNI PROFILE:

Joshua Witham, Nursing Class of 2013



Almost 700 miles might seem like a long way to walk for something you believe in.

But Baptist College of Health Sciences alumnus and traveling nurse Joshua Witham loves the outdoors, hiking, and most of all, his family. So, when his sister was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes (T1D), Joshua combined his loves and made an impact.

The plan: Hike the 1,200-mile Pacific Northwest Trail as a fundraiser for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). Joshua set up a special Facebook page and accounts on hikefor.com and jdrf.com, and asked friends, family and others to donate a dollar for every mile walked.

Joshua completed the almost two-month hike on Sept. 11, raising approximately \$700. His hike was interrupted by forest fires in Montana, but he was still able to end at the trail terminus in Olympic National Park.

"What is so cool is how many people stepped up and got involved," said Joshua. "Having the support of friends, family, their friends and parents I met who have children with T1D was awesome. Many were inspired while I was out there spreading the word about this disease. I posted facts about T1D online to help people learn more."

Joshua has six sisters, and the whole family rallied together when the diagnosis came. "My parents and I have medical backgrounds, so we understand the disease. And my sister has been quite the trooper." T1D is an autoimmune disease in which a person's pancreas stops producing insulin, a hormone people need to get energy from food. T1D strikes both children and adults at any age, and there is currently no cure.

As for the hike, it was the longest adventure Joshua has attempted. "The Pacific Northwest Trail is one of the shorter scenic trails, but also one of the most technically challenging due to the terrain and elevation gains and losses," he said. "Most people on the trail are second- or third-time through hikers. It was very hard starting out; I had a difficult time acclimating, dealing with bad blisters, terrible fatigue and so on. But it was so empowering, and I was very motivated to do this as a fundraiser."

Joshua began in Glacier National Park in Montana, passed through Idaho and eastern Washington, and then, after hiking 575 miles, the trail was shut down due to forest fires. "I bussed to Olympic National Park and did the last 100 miles because I wanted to end in one of the most beautiful areas of the trail."

To say Joshua's sister is proud is an understatement. And he is already planning his next adventure—again for a greater cause. "I'm considering doing the Mackenzie River in Canada via standup paddle-boarding with some family members. And I'd like to raise funds either for this cause or another. It's such a good experience."



Alumni Awards Call for Nominations

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

The Baptist College of Health Sciences is pleased to announce that nominations are now being accepted for the 2017 Distinguished Alumni Award. The award will be given in late April during the alumni reunion luncheon. The award recognizes and honors alumni for distinguished personal and career achievements and for exemplary contributions to society that bring credit to the Baptist College of Health Sciences. One award is presented each year.

Criteria

- 1. Recipients must be of such integrity, stature and demonstrated ability that the award reflects positively on the Baptist College of Health Sciences.
- 2. Personal achievement through outstanding service to their community.
- 3. Achievements, patent on a new discovery or an innovation in a new technology.
- 4. Outstanding contribution to health care.
- 5. Regional, national or international reputation in the alumnus' field.

If you would like to submit a nomination, please complete the form below and return to Megan Bursi, director of marketing and alumni affairs, Baptist College of Health Sciences, 1003 Monroe Ave., Memphis, TN 38104. You can also email Megan at megan.bursi@bchs.edu or fax to

901-572-2599. This is an excellent opportunity to recognize our graduates who have had a very positive impact on their profession and their community.

ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD

The Alumni Service Award acknowledges significant contributions of time and energy on behalf of the College and the Alumni Board/Association. Award selections will be made by a sub-committee of the Alumni Board of Directors.

Criteria

- 1. Significant contributions Recipients have shown dedication to their alma mater over time by volunteering their time to assist in whatever way they feel they can best serve. We acknowledge "significant" as meaning above and beyond the normal commitments. Finally, their dedication has been an inspiration to others.
- 2. The recipient may be a graduate of the Baptist School of Nursing, any of the Baptist schools and/or the Baptist College of Health Sciences.
- 3. Candidates must perform community service in addition to service at the College.
- 4. Candidates must possess the highest standards of integrity and character that reflect the College's values.

Selection Process

- 1. The Alumni office gathers recommendations made by alumni, faculty, staff or other students and passes the recommendations to the awards committee for review.
- 2. A letter must be submitted indicating the significance of the service rendered to the College by the nominee, along with a detailed list of accomplishments.

YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD

The Young Alumni Service Award recognizes a recent graduate (fewer than 10 years) whose early volunteer service for Baptist College sets an example for their peers, helps to keep other young alumni involved and shows promise for continued service and leadership in the future. Qualified candidates will also have made significant strides in their chosen profession.

Nominations can be made by alumni, faculty and staff. The nomination is in the form of a written letter to the Baptist College Alumni Office. Nomination forms for both the Alumni Service and Young Alumni awards are given to the alumni office and forwarded to the awards committee. Awards are granted on an annual basis and announced at the June alumni reunion.

Distinguished Alumni Award 2017

Please address nominations to: Megan Bursi, director of marketing and alumni affairs, Baptist College of Health Sciences, 1003 Monroe Ave., Memphis, TN 38104. Deadline for submission is March 1st, 2018.

Nominated by:			
Address:			
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I nominate:	Field:	Class of:			
Address:					
Phone number(s)					
Reason for nominating the alumnus					
Information regarding professional career					
Information on other honors/awards					

Note: Attach a current resume or biography to this form. You may need to contact the nominee for this information.

Baptist College on a Mission in the Dominican Republic



In April, a Baptist College team participated in a medical mission trip to Barahona, Dominican Republic. The week held many challenges, such as massive rain and flooding. During a five-day period, the team of 31 students and faculty were able to care for more than 600 patients—despite flooding complications and difficulties with reaching patients who were isolated in villages. Students represented nursing, diagnostic medical sonography, radiation therapy, respiratory care, medical radiography and biomedical sciences majors.







AROUND CAMPUS



The Alumni Fall Homecoming, held on October 13, 2017, included a movie and picnic on the lawn.



Allied Health faculty at the 2017 Quest Symposium.



Nuclear Medicine students at MERI



Medical Radiography students at MERI



Radiation Therapy students at MERI



Baptist College hosted a Solar Eclipse Party on August 21, 2017.

AROUND CAMPUS





Presidential Ambassadors solve the crime at the Murder Mystery Dinner.



Student Leaders Retreat - May 2, 2017



The Baptist College Student Veteran's Association is a new student organization on campus.



The American Chemical Society is a new student organization on campus.



Faculty, staff and students participating as judges at the Magnolia Heights School science fair.



Nuclear Medicine juniors during Nuclear Medicine Week







Diagnostic Medical Sonography students attending the annual SDMS conference.





Medical radiography students attending the annual TSRT conference.



Medical radiography students at the annual TSRT conference.



Respiratory Care senior students presenting *CQI: A Concurrent Study of the Application of Mechanical Ventilator Alarm Settings* at the West Tennessee Chapter for Respiratory Care Seminar.

CONGRATULATIONS

NURSING

Class of 2012

Alyssa Miller Galloway and her husband, Chad, had their first child, Aubrey Lynn, on June 21. They reside in Arlington, Texas.

Class of 2013

Shanley "Shay" Compton Brasher graduated from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center on May 18. with her Doctorate of Nursing Practice. (1)

Megan Wilson and her husband welcomed their baby girl on October 2, 2017. (2)

Class of 2016

Jessica Stanford won the Practice Award for Baptist Nursing Excellence in May 2016, and The DAISY Award in April 2017.

NUCLEAR MEDICINE TECHNOLOGY

Class of 2006

Jason Coley is the VP of Outpatient Services at Magnolia Regional Health Center. Jason is married to Danielle and has an 8 year old daughter, Analyse. They live in Booneville, Mississippi.

Class of 2013

Brad Collins was promoted to Medical Imaging Manager at Centennial Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee. Brad manages the Nuclear Medicine. PET/ CT and medical radiology departments. In addition to his role as manager, Brad has been involved with research on Post Y-90 treatment imaging with PET/CT for nonresectable liver tumors.

Class of 2015

Ian Alexander married Lindsay Toland on April 1 at Bellevue Baptist Church in Cordova. Tennessee. Ian is a nuclear medicine technologist at West Cancer Center. He is also a theatrical designer and choreographer at Bellevue Baptist. (3)

HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

formerly named Health Care Management

Class of 2016

Jeff Halbert was admitted to the Master of Healthcare Administration program at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, and he started attending this fall.







IN MEMORIAM

Phyllis Weaver, class of 1950, passed away on August 28, 2017.

Kimberly Jo Austin Harris, class of 1999, passed away on August 15, 2017.

Marian Rooker Bailey, class of 1945, passed away on August 9, 2017.

Fannie Moore, class of 1953, passed away on July 19, 2017.

Frances Pearson Jabbour, class of 1948. passed away on June 29, 2017.

Margueret E. Ruddick Davidson, class of 1954, passed away on April 18, 2017.

Madonna Sue Jones, class of 1960, passed away on April 12, 2017.

Theresa Doran McGary, class of 1974, passed away on April 13, 2016.

Nellie Jeanette Harwell, class of 1952. passed away on November 27, 2016.

Daythel R. Stokes, class of 1953, passed away on November 17, 2016.

Marjorie Campbell Paysinger Lee, class of 1946, passed away on March 15, 2016.

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