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Amber Buchheit	Ashley Ferrell	David Ludolph
Joshua Buchheit	Morgan Fuwell	Cassidy Sawyer
Jacklyn Burke	Matthew Gillardi	Natalie Schlimpert
Brandi Crain	Kristin Hoey	Kristy Shirrell
Chelsea DeLay	Brooke Horrell	Marinda Wallman

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Wyatt Balcer	Caleigh Huffman	Amber Tucker
Alexa Barnes	Courtney King	Whitney Uhrhan
Courtney Beggs	Tara McCoy	Melissa Way
Wendi Beussink	Ashley McNeely	Sierra Welker
Christian Buck	Jessica Meade	Brittany York
Frances Devine	Jasmin Morgan	
Crystal Edwards	Brittany Mueller	
Ryan Fortner	Jerina Reese	
Amy Franks	Harley Robertson	
Whitney Glueck	Angela Smallen	
Nicole Hagedorn	Scott Smith	

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**Blood Drive upcoming
on April 15th!**



NCLEX-RN

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The National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses, or NCLEX-RN, is the examination that all nursing school graduates must pass in order to work as registered nurses. Earlier this month, the program was notified that 98.15% of the College's nursing graduates passed the examination on the first attempt in 2018, surpassing both the state and national pass rates! Congratulations to all of the 2018 graduates!

MENDY HAHS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are now available for the Mendy Hahs Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship will be awarded to two deserving students. This scholarship is offered in memory of Mendy Hahs, former college secretary, who lost her life to cancer. Two five hundred dollar scholarships will be awarded.

Eligibility requirements included students enrolled in the final year of any healthcare program at the college, a faculty reference, a brief essay, and completion of the application form. The deadline for submission is February 28, 2019, and the scholarships will be awarded in mid-March.

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

Three new members were inducted into the Beta Sigma Kappa chapter of Phi Theta Kappa on November 5, 2018. Congratulations to **Chelsea Delay, Morgan Fuwell, and Courtney King!** The honor society grew by three additional transfer members who now attend the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, and moved their membership to the Beta Sigma Kappa chapter.

The Honor Society had a very busy and productive fall semester. Members organized a clothing/personal item drive to benefit individuals seeking treatment and assistance at the Gibson Center in Cape Girardeau. The Gibson Center provides intensive in-patient detox treatment, as well as residential treatment and transitional housing for individuals battling addictive behaviors. Donations from PTK were very welcome to the individuals in these programs. The Honor Society members also partnered with the Humane Society of Southwest Missouri to bring puppies to the college during finals week, to provide stress relief to students. The HSSEMO was grateful to receive donations of pet food, cleaning supplies, and monetary funds from our students.

Radiology Tech Program news

The College's Radiography Technology (RT) Program recently received two gifts which will greatly improve the education of students enrolled in the RT program. First, Southwest Missouri Hospital generously donated digital imaging equipment, installed in the fall 2018 semester, which replaced older imaging equipment previously in use in the laboratory. More recently, the RT program received a donation of two training phantoms. A "phantom" is a specially designed object that is scanned or imaged in the field of medical imaging to evaluate, analyze, and tune the performance of various imaging devices.

RT director Peter Barger noted that the donated digital imaging equipment provides students with access to technology that they will encounter during their clinical education and upon gaining employment in radiography. This access will further augment the preparation students receive and make them "work ready" upon graduation. The use of phantoms will also help the College's RT students to acquire a greater understanding of radiographic techniques, thus increasing the likelihood that their future patients will receive less radiation per exposure. Both first and second-year students are enjoying the new lab and new tools that have been donated.

The first-year class is beginning to experience clinical rotations, and learning the difference between imaging with a "phantom" and with a real patient. The second-year class is working hard to get to graduation, and hoping to extend the RT program 100% pass rate for yet another year. Many of the second-year students are beginning to look for full-time employment for after graduation, and are finding many opportunities available to them. Employer satisfaction with RT program graduates remains high, helping our students find employment in the area.



National Student Nurses Association (NSNA)

On Saturday, December 1, Southeast Missouri Hospital College of Nursing and Health Sciences students who are members of the National Student Nurses Association (NSNA) participated in an Ugly Sweater 0.5 K Fun Run at Health Point Plaza in Cape Girardeau. This event raised \$250 for an NSNA scholarship along with many non-perishable food items for Plentiful Packs. Faculty members Jill Sanders, MSN, RN, and Lisa Moses, Director of the Associate of applied Science in Nursing program, worked with the NSNA students to make the project a success. Plentiful Packs are distributed to children in the Anna, Illinois School District where, on Friday afternoons and on the day before holiday breaks, the Student Council at the school packs backpacks full of kid friendly food to be sent home to families in need. For the last several summers, a weekly pickup of food has also been established for these families. Local churches, businesses, and individuals contribute regularly to keep this program going. At this time, there are over 20 families in this small district that benefit from the program.



First Floor Renovations

First floor renovations at the College are almost finished. The Coffee Bar now has a large Keurig coffee machine for student use, and a new soda vending machine and snack machine that will have cold food meal options will be arriving soon! The “drive thru” classroom has recently been completed, and several televisions and computers will soon be installed throughout the first floor area, making the space even more comfortable and useful for students. If you need to see anyone in Student Services (including the registrar, billing officer, and financial services), please visit them on the back hallway on the first floor. The Foundation will be holding an Open House (starting at 3pm on March 27th) to display the newly renovated space. Students are encouraged to hang out in the Vault, alumni room, or lobby! Enjoy our new spaces!



Dr. Steven Langdon, EdD selected as new College President

Dr. Steven Langdon, EdD will begin his duties as President of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences on February 18th. Dr. Langdon holds a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Oakland City University, a Master of Science in Athletic Training from Ohio University, and a Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training from the University of Kansas. Dr. Langdon has previously served as Academic Dean of Health Sciences at Vincennes University in Indiana, Provost/Chancellor at Resurrection University in Chicago, Illinois, Academic Vice President and Provost at Mercy College of Health Sciences in Des Moines, Iowa, and most recently as Interim Academic Vice President at the University of Providence in Great Falls, Montana. Dr. Langdon is committed to student success and making a positive community impact. Dr. Jerry Durham will remain at the College until the end of the Spring term.



Dr. Steven Langdon

Dr. Langdon visits with students in the commons area during his visit to the College in the fall.



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