A note from the Dean of the College of Allied Health

One of my mentors was often heard saying, these are exciting times we are living in. In this issue of CAHP Connections you will read that our enrollment is at a record high, in April we graduated a record number of students, we have hired and promoted faculty, we have hired new staff, our faculty are engaged in research, and our students are engaged in learning (both online and in the classroom). In addition to the happenings in CAHP, at MSUB we have a new Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Dr. Mark Pagano. Dr. Pagano began in the fall 2011 semester coming to MSUB from Purdue University. All of this does contribute to exciting times. It is exciting to know that these changes make positive contributions to the allied health field, the community, the state and most importantly the lives of individuals. THAT is exciting!

Being part of the College of Allied Health Professions gives you a new perspective!
What’s Happening at the CAHP?

The College of Allied Health Professions celebrated the 2011 graduation in April. The graduating class of 107 students included 38 Master Degrees, 57 Bachelor of Science Degrees and 14 Associate of Arts Degrees.

CAHP enrollment continues to grow. With comparison to last academic year, both spring 2011 and fall 2011 semester enrollments are up 5%. The College of Allied Health Professions has had a 21% increase since four years ago with a current student enrollment headcount of 594 students.

Many faculty changes within the College of Allied Health Professions have taken place this academic year. A new Clinical Coordinator position for the Athletic Training Education Program has been filled by Patrick Hughes. Mr. Hughes has been the head athletic trainer at MSUB for the past ten years and also a physician extender at Ortho Montana. Lynne Fitzgerald has filled a new position for the Outdoor Adventure Leadership program. Ms. Fitzgerald comes from Frostburg State University, Frostburg, MD where she was an instructor for Outdoor Leadership. Thomas Dell, Rehabilitation and Human Services Department, has been promoted to a tenure-track position. Patricia Nichols has been hired to fill the University Lecturer position in Rehabilitation and Human Services. Ms. Nichols previously worked at Montana Vocational Rehabilitation and also has a private counseling practice. Amber McDermott is continuing as a fixed term appointment in Rehabilitation and Human Services. Dr. Kyle Colling retired at the end of the last academic year. The Rehabilitation and Human Service department is in the process of searching to fill the tenure track position vacated by Dr. Colling. Wendy Thompson has been hired as the administrative assistant to the Health Administration and Rehabilitation and Human Service departments. We welcome all of the new faculty and staff in CAHP.

Wilderness First Responder Course Offered Spring 2012 Semester

The MSUB Outdoor Adventure Leadership program is excited to offer a Wilderness First Responder (WFR) course March 3 - 11, 2012. Open to both MSUB students (can be taken for credit) and non-students, course instruction will be provided by the Wilderness Medicine Institute of NOLS (National Outdoor Leadership School). Nationally recognized as the leader in wilderness education NOLS is a not-for-profit educational institution based in Lander, WY.

WFR is designed to provide the student with the tools to make critical medical and evacuation decisions in remote locations. This 9-day class which includes classroom lectures and demonstrations will teach technical outdoor skills, leadership, and environmental ethics. For more information contact Lynne Fitzgerald, MSUB Outdoor Adventure Leadership Coordinator, at lynne.fitzgerald1@msubillings.edu or by calling 406-657-2229.

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New Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

In September, Dr. Mark Pagano assumed the position of Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at MSUB. Prior to coming to MSU Billings, Dr. Pagano was a Professor of Mechanical Engineering Technology and served as Dean of Purdue University’s Extended Campus in West Lafayette, Indiana. Dr. Pagano also served as the campus liaison for the Higher Learning Commission regional accreditation body. Pagano’s leadership work at Purdue has included oversight of continuing education, college of technology programs and accreditation planning at the university level.

Dr. Pagano will have oversight of the academic programs at MSU Billings for our five colleges. He will closely work with the other vice chancellors and deans on daily operations and university wide strategic planning.

CAHP welcomes Dr. Pagano to MSU-Billings. We look forward to exciting times.

Professor Blackwell Acknowledged in RCB

The Rehabilitation Counseling Bulletin (RCB) acknowledged individuals who made substantial and sustained contributions to the literature in the Rehabilitation Counseling field. Dr. Terry Blackwell, Chair of Rehabilitation and Human Services at MSUB, was named one of the top publishers of the last ten years, 2001-2011. Congratulations, Dr. Blackwell!

Health Administration Student Featured in U.S. Senate Committee on Finance Newsletter

The Fall 2011 Newsletter from the U.S. Senate Committee on Finance featured intern Sara Harshman, a student attending Montana State University-Billings, majoring in Health Administration.

Sara joined the Senate Finance Committee in May of this year to begin a summer internship. She has extended her internship until December 2011.

The U.S. Senate Committee on Finance is looking for students interested in a spring internship starting January 2012. Any student interested should contact Jim Frisk at jim_frisk@finance.senate.gov, or call at 202-224-4515. Applicants should submit an electronic cover letter, resume, short writing sample, transcript (unofficial is fine) and two references.

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CAHP Connections Feedback Form:
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Refer a Student:
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