CAHP Connections

News from the College of Allied Health Professions

Rehabilitation and Human Services / Health and Human Performance / Health Administration

Montana State University Billings

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A partnership is an arrangement where parties agree to cooperate to advance their mutual interests.

The College of Allied Health Professions continues to be a college on the rise. Academic Year 2012-13 saw the college develop stronger strategic collaborations while investing in conscious community service.

Collaboration is working with each other to do a task and to achieve shared goals.

The College of Allied Health Professions has teamed up with Great Falls College, adding a new BAS concentration option in Dental Hygiene.

Interprofessional education and research occurs when there are courses and other learning activities that involve planned, systematic interaction between students and faculty of different professions centered on health care related concerns for patients, families and communities. It involves an understanding of and respect for the role and unique contributions of the health professions, and practice of skills required for collaborative client-centered teamwork.

The College of Allied Health Professions welcomes Dr. Paul Cook, Director of Interdisciplinary Education for Allied Health. Funding and development of the “CAHP Center for Health Research and Interprofessional Education” is just one of the opportunities CAHP is working towards this academic year.

CAHP has a diverse degree selection, online, onsite or both—anytime, anywhere learning. Check us out at: http://www.msublillings.edu
**What’s happening at the CAHP?**

In May CAHP graduated another record number of students at 114. Our enrollments in the Spring 2013 semester were 566 across all disciplines. We are excited that students continue to pursue careers in the ever growing allied health professions field.

The College of Allied Health Professions is excited to welcome Dr. Paul Cook. Dr. Cook is the newest faculty member in the Health Administration Program. In addition to teaching courses in the master’s program in Health Administration, Dr. Cook is responsible for developing interdisciplinary education for all of the allied health professions. Dr. Cook most recently served as President and CEO of Rocky Mountain Health Network. In addition to health care management experience, Dr. Cook holds a medical degree from the University Of Oklahoma College Of Medicine. Along with teaching and advising MHA students, Dr. Cook will be participating in the preparation of the MHA program for accreditation and creating and developing the “CAHP Center for Health Research and Interprofessional Education”.

The Rehabilitation and Human Services Department is searching for a new full-time tenure-track faculty member. This new faculty member will be responsible for teaching graduate courses in mental health counseling. The addition of a new faculty member in this area will allow the Department to increase their capacity for students, who, once graduated will increase the number of mental health counselors in the region.

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**New this Fall 2013 in the Health Administration Department**

**Bachelor of Applied Science with a Concentration in Dental Hygiene**

This fall 2013 semester, the Health Administration program has added the option of obtaining a Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) degree with a concentration in Dental Hygiene. The Health Administration Program worked with Great Falls College to develop a collaborative agreement for a BAS with a Thematic Concentration in Dental Hygiene. This new curriculum, which is offered entirely online, is designed for individuals who hold an Associate of Applied Science degree in Dental Hygiene. Students will complete one year of advanced curriculum to obtain the BAS. This one year curriculum will enable the graduate to improve career opportunities and achieve personal and professional growth.

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**COMING SOON….**

**CAHP’S CLIMBING WALL**

A joint project by the MSUB College of Allied Health Professions, Recreational Activities, Student Services and Facilities Services was approved for funding in fiscal year 2013 with construction occurring this fall. The climbing wall will be 20 feet by 24 feet and will include lead rope climbing, a rappelling platform, and other features. The climbing wall is being constructed in a former racquetball court in the lower gymnasium in the PE building and will be used for instruction purposes, rec activities (student use), workshops, and other special events. This collaborative project was spearheaded by Ms. Lynne Fitzgerald, (Associate Professor for the Health & Human Performance department, Outdoor Adventure Leadership program), Mr. Jay Shaw, (Associate Professor for the Health & Human Performance department, Outdoor Adventure Leadership program), Mr. Steve Johnson, (Director of Recreational Activities), and Mr. Jason McGimpsey, (Director of Facilities). This is just one way CAHP is demonstrating how collaborative work can “move mountains”.

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Health and Human Performance faculty and students volunteer their time this summer

Montana State University Billings Athletic Training students Angela Cain, Matt St. Louis and Mikey Chai, along with their Program Director and Faculty Advisor, Dr. Suzette Nynas, recently volunteered their time for the 3rd Annual Northern Cheyenne Basketball Clinic August 9-11, 2013. The basketball camp not only provides basketball instruction but more importantly, provides nourishing meals, education and support to positively impact the youth on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation. Throughout the camp, the MSUB students provided athletic training services as well as spoke to the Native American youth ages 6-18 about the profession of athletic training, nutrition, sports performance, and drug and alcohol abuse prevention. The camp was sponsored by HabLab MT, Northern Cheyenne Tribal Health, and the Rocky Mountain Tribal Wellness Initiative, a program under the Montana Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council.

OUTSTANDING FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS DURING ACADEMIC YEAR 2012/2013

- Ms. Lynne Fitzgerald received a Faculty Excellence Award for Non-Tenured Faculty
- Dr. Tom Dell was given an Outstanding Faculty Award by the Associated Students of MSU Billings
- Dr. Suzette Nynas was honored by the Montana Center for Inclusive Education and Disability Support Services as one of two faculty members receiving Faculty Award for Exceptional Support of Students with Disabilities
- Mr. Jay Shaw was recognized for 45 years of service to MSU Billings

OUTSTANDING AWARDS FOR CAHP STUDENTS DURING ACADEMIC YEAR 2012/2013

- Elizabeth V. Collins was awarded MSU Billings Outstanding Senior Award
- Tammy Rene Hanify was honored as a Golden Merit Award Finalist
- Dustin Ahrens was recognized as CAHP ‘s Outstanding Graduate Student Award
- Lacey Marcele Habener received MSU Billings Outstanding Graduate Student Award

The College of Allied Health Professions

Mission Statement

The mission of the Montana State University Billings College of Allied Health Professions is to prepare allied health professionals for their chosen field, and to meet the needs of society through education, discovery and service.

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In the area of community service, three Health and Human Performance (HHP) faculty, along with three HHP students, and three high school students (two of whom are participants in Upward Bound) worked with the Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation. This group spent four days improving trails in the Bob Marshall Wilderness. The group improved over three miles of trail in the limestone pass area. HHP students prepared science instruction content for the benefit of the group from their areas of expertise as it related to the project. They spent their evenings discussing the implications of the day’s activities on what they had learned in the Outdoor Adventure Leadership courses, the nutrition for sport and activity courses, and biomechanics courses. HHP students also shared their perspective on what it means to be successful in college. It was hard work, but such a great learning experience, and team building par excellence! Plans are already underway to do it again next year.
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CAHP total headcount 587 for Fall 2013

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