“Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow.” — Melody Beattie

Message from the Dean

Juliet:
“Tis almost morning, I would have thee gone
And yet no farther than a wan-ton’s bird,
That lets it hop a little from his hand,
Like a poor prisoner in his twisted gives,
And with a silken thread plucks it back again,
So loving-jealous of his liberty.

Romeo:
I would I were thy bird.

Juliet:
Sweet, so would I,
Yet, I should kill thee with such cherishing.
Good night, good night! Parting is such sweet sorrow,
That I shall say good night till I be morrow.


Dear students, faculty, staff and members of the University community:

As this month of thanksgiving envelopes and surrounds us with aspirations of family reunions and breaks from studies, I want to spend some time in thanking all of you, who have so enriched my life at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. I have so much for which I am thankful that to fail in reciprocity of gratitude would belie my own experiences and betray your support and generosity.

First, to the students of the School of Health Related Professions, I extend and reiterate my thanks to you for choosing to learn with us; to place your trust in us and to work day-in and day-out with us to achieve your own goals to “learn to relieve suffering” of others. In many ways, and significantly so, you live the mission and motto of the University. You have chosen to enter professions that are essentially “other” oriented; you seek to help your fellow travelers in life with your own touch, much as Shakespeare’s “wan-ton” bird that stays its flight in trust of your more gentle hand.

To you, faculty and dear colleagues, I raise my glass in honor of you and in honor of all of your accomplishments, of which I am so very proud. You are the architects and builders of the School and its so many remarkable accomplishments. Most of all, however, your most important gift to the University and your students is your “loving-jealous” liberty of expression and discovery.

To the loyal and often underrated staff of the School, I appreciate that you are the “glue” of the School and University. You are, indeed, Shakespeare’s “silken thread” that “plucks” us back again to live fully our dedication to our core mission of service. I thank you for your care, your attendance to the needs of our students and those of the faculty who depend on your commitment and service.

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Dean’s Message continued...

To my most immediate core of advisors, the associate deans and chairpersons of the School, I am so very grateful for your honest, open and insightful advice and counsel that you have shared with me personally or together in our “corporate” meetings and annual retreats. I am honored that you felt free to disagree and even more honored that we could come to mutually agreeable and commodious conclusions that best helped our mission and goals’ achievements.

I am deeply grateful to this latter group of colleagues and friends and to all of my many and remarkable colleagues throughout this wonder-filled university, including in a special way our president, Dr. Owen, our Provost Dr. Rodgers and, in a very special way my fellow deans.

In the end, my deepest and most grateful sentiments are to a sensitive, warm, and very insightful woman, my wife Judy; then followed closely and very proudly by my sons, Geoff and his wife Kelly and John and his wife Jen. As if things could grow any better, I am thankful for Kaitlin, who allows me to be her “belly-kisser” grandfather; Ryan, my bouncing handsome grandson, and Elizabeth Ann our latest cuddling granddaughter who may become my latest little “skitter.”

In this month of Thanksgiving, “parting is such sweet sorrow,” made easier by you my friends and colleagues, students and stories yet to be unfolded. Thank you, thank you and thank you!

Happy Thanksgiving.

David M. Fien

Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER 3—10
Allied Health Week—See page 6
11/04—Piscataway; 12pm—Rm 610
11/05—Marriech; 5pm—Distance Learning Students; Night students—Rm 330
11/06—Stratford; 11:30am—Multipurpose room
11/07—Newark; 12pm—SSB 218

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10
Faculty/Staff Winter Reception 12—2pm
SSB—218, Newark

Toastmasters Meeting—1st & 3rd Thursdays—12 Noon-SSB Room 503, Newark and
2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month 5pm - UBHC Room 1461 & 1462, Newark

Informal walking group—daily at 12noon & 1pm

Yoga at Noon — Wednesdays for yoga in the Himalayan Tradition in the Rosemary Gellene Room, MSB B-515, 12:00 - 1:00 PM.

Revisions

Revised Faculty Benefits and Information

Attention Faculty

There is a revised “Faculty Benefits and Information” available to you at:

My.UMDNJ
- Groups
- Faculty and Staff Resources
- Files
- Faculty Information
- Right column: Faculty Benefits Info Rev 10-08.doc

Institute for Complementary and Alternative Medicine’s Fall Edition Newsletter

It is with great enthusiasm that we invite you to enjoy the latest edition of the Institute for Complementary and Alternative Medicine’s newsletter. Please click on the link: ICAM Newsletter.

Town Hall Meeting

President William F. Owen, Jr.
Invites you to a
TOWN HALL MEETING
Stratford Campus: Monday, November 10, 2008

Master Educators’ Guild

The Stuart D. Cook MD Master Educators’ Guild announces a Request for Proposals for Interdisciplinary Grants to Support Educational Scholarship.

The Master Educators’ Guild has committed to funding a limited number (3-4 projects) of University-wide interdisciplinary grants to support education research. These grants will be for a total of $6,000-$12,000 each and may be for 1-3 years. Projects that could be funded through this mechanism include the testing of new teaching methods and the development and evaluation of new curricula by UMDNJ faculty. The Submission Deadline is November 17, 2008.

The full RFP can be found on the home page of the Master Educators’ Guild website http://meg.umdnj.edu or at RFP

“Nothing is more honorable than a grateful heart.”
—Seneca
Online Graduate Survey

The Online Graduate Survey is now open in WebCT from Nov. 3-Jan. 15th 2009 for January 2009 graduates. Notification and instructions are being sent via email to all eligible students approved for graduation in January to complete the Online Graduate Survey. This important survey gives students the opportunity to provide comments and valuable information regarding their educational experience. We encourage you to complete the survey before the deadline and look forward to receiving your responses and comments. Congratulations and best wishes!

Walking Group (Newark)

An informal walking group has been formed. If you are interested in walking at lunch time, meet other interested walkers at 12 noon and 1:00 pm, first floor hallway of the Stanley S. Bergen Building by the security station.

Vaccinate Against Flu: We care About You

For more information about flu vaccine, please go to: Flu Vaccine Information.

Wellness Center

Attention: SHRP Faculty & Staff:

The Wellness Center, located on the first floor of the Stanley S. Bergen building room 109 is now open and available to all SHRP faculty and staff. There is a magnetic code to enter the room. All SHRP faculty/staff who would like to use the room will be required to sign a waiver form which can be found on the portal. The waiver form does not hold the University responsible if anyone gets injured in the room and the form prohibits faculty/staff to give access to another individual. Once the form is signed it will be submitted to the deans office and the faculty/staff will be given the access code to use the room. The forms will be kept on file.

To access the form:

- My.UMDNJ
  - Groups
  - Faculty and Staff Resources
  - Files
  - Forms
  - Misc. Forms
  - Right Column: Wellness Center Waiver Form

The room is equipped with two treadmills, two bikes, a bench and weights. If a faculty/staff does not know how to properly operate the machines, please convey this information to the deans office. Someone will be contacted to instruct you. The room is also equipped with a shower. You will be required to bring your own soap and towel if you choose to take a shower.

The Wellness Center is equipped with a red panic button located on the wall near the treadmills in case of an emergency. Once this button is pressed it goes directly to 911 emergency and a dispatcher will get on the phone to place the emergency. There is also a defibrillator located outside the room.

For more information contact Donna Cifelli at 2-6507 or email her at cifelldo@umdnj.edu.

Updating Personal Information

Please verify your mailing address shown on your paycheck or direct deposit advice by logging into the my.umdnj.edu portal and click on View Enhanced Paperless Paystub. Your W2 will be mailed to the address in Banner. If your address or telephone number has changed, update your information at the my.umdnj.edu portal and click on the Personal Information link found at the Banner Self-Service channel.

If you did not receive your 2008 Total Compensation Statement (which was mailed at the end of September), you may contact your campus Human Resources Benefits Office at one of the following telephone numbers:

Camden & Stratford (856) 566-6168
Newark (973) 972-5314
New Brunswick/Piscataway (732) 235-9417

Communicate changes in your marital status or number of dependents in writing with supporting documentation, i.e., marriage certificate, judgment of divorce, or Social Security cards for new dependents, to your Campus Human Resources Office by December 31, 2008. See contact information below.

You are required to present a new Social Security card when requesting a name change to your records.

Campus Human Resources Offices

Sherry Lee
Camden and Stratford, UEC, Suite 1126
856-566-6160
leese@umdnj.edu

Jessie Ramos
Newark, ADMC #824
973-972-5315
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Dorothy Copeland
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Margaret Yardley Fellowship for Women

The New Jersey State Federation of Women’s Clubs of GFWC is the largest volunteer women’s service organization in the state and a member of the General Federation of Women’s Clubs. They provide opportunities for education, leadership training, and community service through participation in local clubs, enabling members to make a difference in the lives of others, one project at a time.

The Margaret Yardley Fellowship is awarded annually by the NJSFWC to a deserving female New Jersey resident who is a graduate student doing advanced work in special fields of study. The fund was established in 1930 to honor Margaret Yardley, the first president of the NJSFWC.

For any questions, please contact us at our Federation Headquarters at 732.249.5474 or visit our website at: NJSFWC.

Click here for Eligibility and Application.

Essex County College - Open House

Approximately 100 students attended the Open House on, Thursday, October 16, 2008 that was standing room only.

In attendance from Essex County College were:
- Dr. A. Zachary Yamba (President)
- Dr. Vernell Patrick, Executive Vice President & Provost
- Dr. Ladylease White, Dean of Faculty/Academic Affairs
- Professor Prisca Anuforo, Chairperson, Nursing & Allied Health.
- Plus several faculty members in Social Sciences & Biology & Chemistry

Attending from SHRP:
- Julie O’Sullivan Mailet, PhD
- Nora Barrett, MSW
- Peter Basto, MS
- Al Heuer, PhD
- Tami Mackle, MS

UMDNJ Staff (Enrollment Services)
- Diane Hanrahan

Students—Department of Allied Dental Education:
- Elaine Raffino
- Sarag Obiri-Yeboah
- Neda Nazem

Welcome to Winston Watson, who joined SHRP on October 20th, 2008. Winston works in the SHRP-Business Office as Senior Financial Analyst. He can be reached at 2-7275 and by email at watsonwi@umdnj.edu. His office is located in SSB—room 134.

UMDNJ Day at the State Capitol

On October 23, 2008, the School of Health Related Professions was exceptionally well presented by Dean Edward Kelley II, Douglas Lomonaco, Bianca Thompson, Associate Professor Margaret McKay and most importantly by the Dietetic Interns, Dental Assisting and the Dental Hygiene students.

We had three tables, SHRP Enrollment Services, Dental Assisting, Dental Hygiene, and Dietetic Internship. The most significant focus of the day and the most beneficial to the students was for them to be where the action was! They all gathered in a meeting room and the introductions from VP Armitage, April-Coage Davis, Ms. Elaine Mahoney-Kennedy and the Legal Public Affairs Staff really set the tone for the day. Students were placed into subgroups and attended various committee meetings, had a tour of the statehouse and then during lunch had the opportunity to hear welcoming remarks from various state legislators and a photo opportunity.

Welcome to Karen Malone, MA. Ms. Malone is the new Director of Education at ICAM and Assistant Professor within the Department of Primary Care.

There will be a welcome gathering in her honor on Monday, November 24, 2008, 2:00 - 4:00 PM, Room 301, 3rd floor of the Stanley S. Bergen Building. Light refreshments will be served.

SHRP NEWS AND EVENTS

For up-to-date information regarding SHRP’s news and events, please visit:

http://shrp.umdnj.edu/news_events/community/index.html
Faculty Highlights!

Presentations

**Riva Touger-Decker, PhD**, Professor and Chair, Nutritional Sciences, presented a session entitled “Differentiating between Nutrition and Medical Diagnoses” at the American Dietetic Association Annual Session in Chicago on October 28, 2008.

**Special Recognition**

**Matthew McQuillan, MS**, Associate Professor, Primary Care-Physician Assistant Program, was recently appointed as Commissioner for the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA). He was nominated by the American Academy of Physician Assistants and will serve a 3 year term beginning in January. The ARC-PA is the accrediting agency that protects the interests of the public and PA profession by defining the standards for PA education and evaluating PA educational programs within the territorial United States to ensure their compliance with those standards.

**Elaine M. Keohane, PhD**, Professor and Chair, Clinical Laboratory Sciences, has been co-teaching courses in hematology to medical technology students at Korea University, College of Health Sciences, Seoul, with host professor Dr. Kyung Jin Cho since March 2008. The online educational software used by Korea University allows for live, real-time class interaction between Dr. Keohane in New Jersey and the students in Seoul. The class is held once a week from 9 a.m. to noon in Seoul (8 p.m. to 11 p.m. the previous day in New Jersey).

**Ruth Fixelle Celebrates 30 Year Anniversary with UMDNJ PA Program**

Ruth Fixelle, EdM, PA-C, recently celebrated her 30 year anniversary with the UMDNJ Physician Assistant Program. A 1978 graduate of the program, Ruth joined the faculty after graduating and was named Program Director in 1981. Since that time she has graduated over 750 PAs. Ms. Fixelle was honored by the faculty at a Primary Care Department meeting on October 2, 2008. She was also honored at the Dean’s Reception that was held on September 22, 2008 at the Scotch Plains Campus.

![Ruth Fixelle, EdM, PA-C, surrounded by the program’s faculty on the occasion of her 30th anniversary with the program.](image)

Publications


**Riva Touger-Decker, PhD**, Professor and Chair, Nutritional Sciences, “Dr. Riva Touger-Decker finds that yes, the internet can help you adopt a healthy lifestyle”. Founders Affiliate Research ’08—’09, American Heart Associate/ American Stroke Association. page 10.

*click on Founders Affiliate Research ’08—’09 for full article

Student Highlights!

**ALUMNI NEWS**

Jody Koutz, a 2008 alumnus of the M.S. Clinical Nutrition program received the Margaret Simko Poster Competition Award at the American Dietetic Association Annual Session in Chicago on October 26, 2008.

**Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure**

Students, faculty, and friends of the Physician Assistant Program participated as ‘Team UMDNJ PAs’ in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure to raise money to fight breast cancer. The 5K race was held on Sunday, October 5, 2008 at Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson, NJ.
Allied Health Week will be held the week of November 2nd through November 8th. Dean Gibson will be visiting each campus in order to provide students insight as to where Allied Health is going. A lunch will be provided on each campus. Please see the schedule below and we hope that students will be available to attend. We are requesting Program Directors to let Donna Cifelli (Newark), Frances Dudley (Scotch Plains), Barbara Weisberg (Piscataway) and Pat Kelly (Stratford) know approximately how many students will be attending on the respective campus.

**Monday, November 3rd** – Dean Gibson will travel to the Scotch Plains campus and will have dialog with the students beginning at 1:00 p.m. in room 330/334 and a lunch will be provided.

**Tuesday, November 4th** – Dean Gibson will travel to the Piscataway campus and will have dialog with the students beginning at 12:00 p.m. in room 610 and a lunch will be provided.

**Wednesday, November 5th** – Distant Learning Students to participate in Allied Health Week through Marri-tech at 5:00 p.m. & Newark night programs will be provided a late lunch at 5:30 p.m in SSB room 330.

**Thursday, November 6th** – Dean Gibson will travel to Stratford campus and will have a dialog with the students beginning at 11:30 a.m. in the MultiPurpose Room in the Academic Center and a lunch will be provided.

**Friday, November 7th** – Dean Gibson will be on the Newark campus and will have a dialog with the students beginning at 12:00 a.m. in room 218 and a lunch will be provided.

A simple story of how the different allied health professionals work together to make a difference.

**The Health Care Practitioners that make a difference!**

*click on the title to follow the link*
Seasons Greetings!

The holiday season is here again. We are collecting non-perishable food items for clients of the Infectious Disease Practice and their families-in-need, affected with HIV/AIDS at the UMDNJ’s Ambulatory Care Center on the Newark campus. The more food that is donated, the more families served!

The following foods/items are badly needed:

- Rice—any type
- Dry or canned beans
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Stuffing
- Mashed Potatoes
- Canned Yams
- Canned vegetables
- Canned or Dried Fruit
- Cranberry Sauce
- Gravy and/or Broth
- Tomato Sauce or other sauces
- Powdered / Boxed Milk
- Pancake Mix
- Hot or cold cereal
- Pastas
- Cake/Cornbread Mix
- Olive or canola oils
- Peanut Butter or other nuts
- Low sodium or sodium free Seasonings
- 100% Fruit Juices
- Supermarket vouchers from *Pathmark or *Shoprite

Food boxes are on each campus
*Bring vouchers to the Deans office

Collection Date: November 19, 2008

Please contact: Marissa Ciorciari at 973-973-4698 / ciorcima@umdnj.edu if you have any questions