July 1, 2009 is the beginning of a new fiscal year and after all the rain of June 2009, the beginning of summer. This message will be about the School itself. SHRP is 33 years old and many of the programs slightly older than that. We have thousands of alumni and within the next year we are going to focus on learning more about our alumni and having them learn more about us. Actually, this will be the last monthly report in its current format. Much will be the same but the primary audience will be for alumni and students and the secondary audience our staff and faculty. One new feature will be a departmental profile once a year or in nine issues of the year. Information directly related to staff and faculty will be communicated on SHRP website and through the weekly email.

We enter the new budget year with increased expenses but also increased revenue projections. The budget for FY10 (July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010) will be finalized later in this month, but it appears that there will be a 4% tuition increase and a fee of $25 per credit for the undergraduate laboratory/clinically intense programs. As the State continues to reduce state allocations to the schools, we must move closer to the actual cost of education. For a little perspective, twenty years ago, about 1/3 of our funding came from tuition and fees. In 2003, tuition and fees covered about 50% of our costs. In 2009, slightly over 70% of our unrestricted budget is tuition and fees. We anticipate that this will continue to increase as the State budget issues continue. We will meet the challenge.

This year we anticipate almost a 10% increase in student enrollment, actually moving from 1382 to about 1500 students. Compare this to 998 a record high in 2003. The size of our departments varies from 82 students in health informatics to 264 students in physical therapy. Our high school health science careers program is located in about 40 schools across New Jersey and actually has more students than the whole of SHRP. Learn more at http://shrp.umdnj.edu/programs/high_school.html. Moving to the college level, about 10% of the students are non-matriculants either taking a course with us or taking a short academic certificate program. Learn more at http://shrp.umdnj.edu/programs/cace/index.html#CertPrograms. For our formally matriculated students in certificate or degree programs, the breakdown is 34% undergraduates, 29% master’s and post-baccalaureate certificates, 22% practice doctorates and 5% PhD students.

We accomplish educating so many students so well because of the excellent faculty and staff we have, as well as our 30 partner institutions. Thank you for embracing quality student care, innovative educational methods and technologies, and respect for all health professionals. I look forward to working with you over the fall to develop our strategic plan for the next several years. I hope you enjoy the summer.

Regards,

Julie O'Sullivan Maillet, PhD
Interim Dean

“The quality, not the longevity, of one's life is what is important.”
—Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., (1929-1968), clergyman, activist and prominent leader in the African-American civil rights movement.
Upcoming Events

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5
New Faculty Orientation Part I—9am to 12noon
Scotch Plains

Dean’s Reception—3pm to 5pm
Scotch Plains

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26
New Faculty Orientation Part II—9:30am to 11:30am
Newark

UMDNJ Toastmasters, A Communication & Leadership Group — Meets in Newark—Open to All
1st & 3rd Thursdays, 12:00pm, SSB Rm 503
2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 5pm - UBHC Rm 1425

Go Newark Restaurant Week: July 6-16
Please visit the site for more information on ‘Go Newark Restaurant Week’.
http://www.gonewarkrestaurantweek.com/participating-restaurants.html

Faculty Time and Effort Reporting System
Attention: Faculty

The Faculty Time and Effort Reporting System is now open for Faculty to enter the semi-annual data. The system will be available until August 14, 2009 and can be accessed at https://fters.umdnj.edu or in the SHRP Community News and Events website.

Department Chairs, please take a moment to review your department’s information and ensure that all of your faculty with 50% and greater FTE are listed. If you have faculty who do not appear or faculty who are listed that do not belong to your department, please add or reclassify accordingly. Please contact Avril Lecky at leckyal@umdnj.edu.

Additionally, modifications to the system have been made to allow you to select faculty who do not require a bi-annual report (i.e., less than 50% FTE). At the end of the period you can denote faculty who had to complete a paper form (i.e., medical leave or 10-month faculty who are not available to complete the form on-line).

**comments must be noted for both scenarios.

Changes have also been made to the faculty report. Faculty can now report if they have 100% clinical activity. Additionally, they can save the report and make changes as needed. However, once they submit the report it becomes locked and can only be unlocked by an administrator or chair. This also allows you to review the reports and unlock them if any changes need to be made. The previous period can be viewed by selecting that field at the top of the report page. This information can only be viewed. No modifications can be made to the previous period.

Food Shortage: Needs Donations
As you may be aware, the Community Food Bank of New Jersey has an immense food shortage and needs our help. On your campus, there should be a location for food collection or contact your Dean’s Office or Director’s office. Gift certificates should be brought to the Dean’s or Director’s office. Please contact Avril Lecky when you are ready for a pick-up and further instructions will be provided.

Stretcher Available
The Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program has a stretcher available. This stretcher is stainless steel with side rails. It does not have a mattress pad and the height is non-adjustable. It is in very good condition. If you are interested in this item please call 908-889-2521 or E-mail Christie Tragno at tragnocl@umdnj.edu

High Demand for Skilled Labor Despite Recession
June 24, 2009 - New York Times

The June 24, 2009 New York Times speaks of strong demand in the job market for experienced members of certain highly skilled professions, including (in the health care field) respiratory therapists. The article shared that "Respiratory therapists, who help the ill breathe, are not easily found..." The article shares data and stories of other professions.

(Click for the article)

Success stories from graduates in the Respiratory Care Program

1.) Mr. Shane Cole—Respiratory Care - North Class of 1994 (AS) & Interdisciplinary Studies Class of 2009 (Master of Science Health Sciences), is currently a Clinical Project Manager at Hisamitsu Pharmaceutical, Florham Park, NJ. Mr. Cole is a graduate of two SHRP programs who has risen to overseeing the development and management of all Hisamitsu-sponsored clinical trials related to pulmonary medications.

2.) Mr. Narciso Rodriguez—Respiratory Care - North Class of 1995 (AS) & Interdisciplinary Studies Class of 2006 (Bachelor of Science Health Sciences), Assistant Professor-Respiratory Care Program-North, Mr. Rodriguez is a minority graduate of two SHRP programs who has become an integral part of the Respiratory Care Program and SHRP faculty.

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
Presentations

Robin Eubanks, PhD, Associate Professor, Interdisciplinary Studies, presented the commencement speech for Arts High School in Newark, NJ on June 26, 2009.

Barbara Gladson, PhD, Professor, Rehabilitation and Movement Sciences; Director, Biopharma Education and Curriculum Development, presented “Cultural diversity and ethnopharmacology in clinical trials” at the annual Drug Information Association meeting, San Diego, California, held on June 25, 2009.

Faculty Highlights!

Grants

Adam Perlman, MD, MPH, Associate Professor and Chair, Primary Care; Executive Director for the Institute for Complementary and Alternative Medicine, received a $1.4 million federal grant to study the impact of massage on osteoarthritis for a two-year period. The study is funded with an R01 research grant through the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine, part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The grant money is provided through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The ARRA was signed into law in February 2009 to help stem the current economic crisis.

Special Recognition

Barbara Gladson, PhD, Professor, Rehabilitation and Movement Sciences; Director, Biopharma Education and Curriculum Development, was appointed co-chair of the Student and Professional Poster Committee of the Drug Information Association for a three year term.

Student Highlights!


Publication

Craig L. Scanlan, EdD, Professor, Interdisciplinary Studies; Albert J. Heuer, PhD, MBA, Associate Professor, Program Director, Primary Care; Louis M. Sinopoli, EdD, RRT, FAARC, AE-C, Professor and Director, Respiratory Care Program, El Camino College. Certified Respiratory Therapist Exam Review Guide. Jones and Bartlett Publishers, Inc.; August 2009.

Hafiz M. R. Khan, PhD, Assistant Professor, Health Informatics, Serge B. Provost, PhD, Professor, Dept. of Statistical & Actuarial Sciences, UWO, and Amparo Amparo, Graduate Student, Dept. of Health Informatics, UMDNJ, “Predictive densities from the Rayleigh life model under Type II censored samples”, Journal of Statistics & Management Systems, pages: 305 - 317, Vol. 12(2), 2009.

Diane Rigassio Radler, PhD, Associate Professor, Nutritional Sciences and Delores Truesdell, MS, Doctorate in Clinical Nutrition student, “Management of irritable bowel syndrome: concepts and strategies for registered dietitians” in Nutrition in Complementary Care, 2009; Vol. 11(4):57,60-63.

Jane Ziegler, DCN, Assistant Professor, Nutritional Sciences; Barbara Gladson, PhD, Professor, Rehabilitation and Movement Sciences; Director, Biopharma Education and Curriculum Development; Tracey J. Smith, Doctorate in Clinical Nutrition student, “Pediatric Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease. Topics in Clinical Nutrition, April-June 2009, Volume 24, pgs. 114-121.

Staff Information

New Staff:

The Office of Student Services is pleased to welcome Sandie Armand, as the new Administrative Coordinator (EOF). She will be based in Newark and can be reached at 2-8513.

Mayra Paredes joins the Physician Assistant Program as their new secretary. She can be reached at 5-4445 or paredema@umdnj.edu.

With sympathy to...

Pamela Boyle, Rehabilitation and Movement Sciences. Her husband, Jerry Boyle, passed away on June 30, 2009.

With sincere sympathy to Pamela and her family in this time of sorrow.

“From small beginnings come great things.” —Proverb
With the summer holidays, some of our students and especially students graduating from high school are wondering...

Hmmmm...
What career should I choose?
Why should I choose a career in allied health?

Did you know... you can have a healthcare career without being a nurse or doctor?

Who are Allied Health Professionals?
Most people in healthcare belong to another group of professionals called Allied Health Professionals.

These professionals work to deliver high-quality patient care services for the identification, prevention and treatment of diseases, disabilities and disorders. That’s a long way of saying that allied health providers work to make sick or injured people healthy and keep them healthy. There are HUNDREDS of allied health professions and over six million people in allied health jobs! That means that most people in healthcare are not doctors.

Common Questions????

Must I finish high School?
You MUST finish high school! After that, it depends on the job you do how long you’ll need to go to school. For some jobs the training takes a few months, others take several years. You can start your allied health career with a certificate program and work up to a PhD level.

There are so many jobs to fill and not enough people to fill them, which means it will be easy for you to start a career in an allied health profession once you have the right training.

What is the salary like?
How much you get paid depends on which job you choose to do and how long you go to school. Usually, the jobs that require the least amount of education pay the least while jobs that require more training pay a lot more. And, you can keep advancing by going back to school.

Anywhere healthcare is provided, allied health is there! From hospitals, clinics and nursing homes, to government agencies.

For more information, visit : SHRP Enrollment Services or call 973.972.5454.
Are you having any teeth problems? Are you suffering from toothaches? Are you badly in need of dental care? Can’t afford the costly dental treatment?

Come join us for the Pankey Dental Access Day!

Screenings will begin on July 16.
Dental treatment will be provided on July 17 and 18, 2009.

Call the Dental Patient Services Facility in the School of Health Related Professions — Allied Dental Education Department: 908-889-2410
To be placed on the contact list

Location:

UMDNJ—SHRP
Scotch Plains Campus of the
1776 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains, NJ.