Welcome to a new decade. I look forward to a decade of innovation and renewed interest in health. That should position SHRP and UMDNJ well. We are in the process of doing our strategic plan and your feedback would be helpful. I have three questions for you. I really hope you answer at least one.

1. What else should we be doing on the web at the advanced practice level? Many of our programs, especially at the advanced level, are fully web-based. We cover advanced practice in numerous fields including:
   - our BS in Health Sciences, http://shrp.umdnj.edu/programs/HSBS/index.html
   - our MS in Biomedical Informatics, http://shrp.umdnj.edu/programs/informatics/masters.html
   - our MS in Clinical Trial Sciences, http://shrp.umdnj.edu/programs/biopharma/certificates/index.html
   - our MS in Health Sciences, http://shrp.umdnj.edu/programs/MS_Health_Sci/index.html
   - with a clinical lab track, http://shrp.umdnj.edu/programs/cls/MSHS_CLS.html
   - our MS in Health Systems, http://shrp.umdnj.edu/programs/MS_Health_Sys/index.html
   - our PhD in Health Sciences, http://www.umdnj.edu/idsweb/documents/phd_flyer.pdf

Glance at a few of the programs and let us know what other suggestions you have for advanced program over the next decade. You can either send messages directly to me (maillet@umdnj.edu) with strategic plan in the heading or to our confidential suggestion box at http://shrpnet.umdnj.edu/suggstbx/suggestion_intro.cfm

2. What new and emerging skills or fields should SHRP be looking into in the future? SHRP offers a number of continuing education programs and short term certificates to prepare students and practitioners for the future. A few that we already have are listed at http://shrp.umdnj.edu/programs/cace/documents/certificates.pdf. It includes certificates in allied dental, aging, psy rehab, medical coding, clinical lab sciences, rehab counseling, health professional education, clinical trial sciences. Take a look.

We also are thinking about new courses, certificates or degrees in imaging sciences, genetic counseling, occupational therapy assisting, pathology assistants as examples. What would be useful to you? Again can either send messages directly to me (maillet@umdnj.edu) with strategic plan in the heading or to our confidential suggestion box at http://shrpnet.umdnj.edu/suggstbx/suggestion_intro.cfm.

3. Finally, three. Most of you are alumni, preceptors or friends of SHRP, the reason you are getting this newsletter. How could we better prepare our students? Where do our students excel? Where do you see weaknesses? How can we use technologic to improve education? Please let us know so that we can strengthen our alumni and improve the health of the public. Again can either send messages directly to me (maillet@umdnj.edu) with strategic plan in the heading or to our confidential suggestion box at http://shrpnet.umdnj.edu/suggstbx/suggestion_intro.cfm.

Thank you for your support of UMDNJ-SHRP. I look forward to the next decade. Happy 2010!

Sincerely,

[Signature]

To our Alumni & Friends ~

Hearing from you is important to us.

Share with us your experiences—where are you working now, your volunteer activities, honors, awards, new addition to your family, etc.

Photos are welcomed. SHRP and your program’s students will learn from your experiences.

Send your latest news and information to: SHRPnews@umdnj.edu
Department Highlight:

Health Informatics

The Department of Health Informatics in the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey - School of Health Related Professions (UMDNJ-SHRP) offers an avant-garde comprehensive curriculum leading to M.S. and PhD degrees in Biomedical Informatics, and a Post-baccalaureate Certificate in Health Care Informatics.

The Certificate Program in Health Care Informatics has been offered since 1989. The Master’s Degree Program was offered first in 1993 followed by the inception of the PhD degree Program in 1996. Historically speaking, the UMDNJ-SHRP was the first academic institution to have started Biomedical Informatics degree programs on the eastern part of the United States. Since then the department has continued to maintain its popularity and the quality of the students graduating from its three degree programs. The department now offers its Certificate and Master’s programs as online programs in addition to their traditional in-class counterparts.

The students enrolling in the M.S. and PhD Degree Programs have the option of selecting one of the four areas of specialization: Bioinformatics, Clinical Informatics, Consumer/Patient Care Informatics, and Hospital/Healthcare Information Management. Upon graduation the students have a wide choice of career opportunities as managers, specialists, scientists, researchers and educators in various health care settings including: hospitals and health care facilities, laboratories, pharmaceutical companies, private and governmental agencies. From molecular imaging, drug discoveries, data modeling and mining techniques to clinical and translational research, the Department of Health Informatics is always on the move to offer most innovative concepts and forward-looking methods and techniques in the academic programs to cater to the emerging needs of the biomedical and clinical sectors.

Since its inception, the Department has also been offering both post-doctoral and pre-doctoral fellowships.

The Department’s constant striving to provide quality educational and research opportunities has resulted in three institutional articulations two here in New Jersey and the third abroad in India. The department’s programmatic articulation with Ramapo College of New Jersey allows students in their B.S. Degree in Bioinformatics program to enroll in an accelerated version of the department’s master’s degree program. In collaboration with Kean University of New Jersey the department offers a B.S. in Health Information Management wherein the students having completed the first two years of study at Kean University go on to finish their third and final year of professional studies here in the Department of Health Informatics. Besides the two local articulations, the department has a research and programmatic articulation with the Sai Biosciences Research Institute (SBRI) of Chennai, India. This articulation allows SBRI students to enroll in the departmental master’s degree program upon finishing specified courses in that institution. Besides the educational collaboration the department faculty helped SBRI to convene two International Conferences on Bio-medical Informatics in Chennai, India during the years 2008 and 2009. They were both grand events with over 100 speakers and over 200 participants with the Minister of State for Health presiding as the Chief Guest along with other dignitaries from the Ministries of Information and Health.

Inauguration of the International Conference on Biomedical Informatics, Chennai, India with Dr. Haque and Dr. Mital serving Keynote and Inaugural Addresses.

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Enclosed is my gift for the SHRP Alumni/Scholarship Fund.

- $ 2,500
- $ 1,000
- $ 500
- $ 250
- $ 100
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My gift will be matched by my employer, ________________________________

Enclosed is the matching gift form.

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- Check enclosed, made payable to Foundation of UMDNJ.
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I would like to receive:  
- Monthly SHRP News
- Department/Faculty news from: Department ______________________________ Program_________________________

SHRP is proud of you!  
Please share your education or career news.

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Alumni Highlights

William Kohlhepp
Class of 1979 ~ Physician Assistant Program

William Kohlhepp of North Haven, Connecticut, associate professor of physician assistant studies in the School of Health Sciences at Quinnipiac University, has been elected secretary and treasurer of the Physician Assistant Education Association.

PAEA is the only national organization representing physician assistant educational programs in the United States. PAEA provides services for faculty at its member programs, as well as to applicants, students, and other stakeholders.

Kohlhepp joined the Quinnipiac faculty in 1996. He holds bachelor's degrees from the University of Connecticut and Livingstone College, a master of health administration from Quinnipiac, a doctorate in health sciences from Nova Southeastern University, and a physician assistant certificate from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. He also received an honorary doctor of humane letters from A.T. Still University, Mesa, Ariz.

Kohlhepp has been active in PAEA since 1996. He currently serves on the Association’s Governance Committee and, for the last eight years, has served as the PAEA appointee to the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA), the national credentialing organization for the PA profession. He has also served on the association’s Finance Committee.

Kohlhepp’s professional service includes terms as member of the NCCPA Board of Directors and 2006 chair of the board; president in 2000 of the American Academy of Physician Assistants Board of Directors and 2001 chair of the board; and terms as secretary, treasurer, and president of the Connecticut Academy of Physician Assistants. He is the co-author of the chapter on “Professionalism” in Physician Assistant: A Guide to Clinical Practice, 4th edition.”

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Student Highlights

Tracey J. Smith, student in the PhD in Health Sciences, Nutrition Track, presented a poster of her research, Comparison of a Circumference-Based Prediction Equation with Dual Energy X-Ray Absorptiometry for Predicting Body Composition Changes in Male Soldiers, at the 27th Scientific Meeting of the Obesity Society on October 25, 2009 in Washington, DC. The abstract was published in the journal Obesity 17, suppl 2, page S112.

Faculty Highlights

Special Recognition

Congratulations, to David Kietrys, M.S., Associate Professor, Rehabilitation & Movement Sciences successfully defended his doctoral dissertation on December 11, 2009. The title of Mr. Kietrys’ dissertation is “The effects of high repetition low force motion on tendon integrity and motor behavior in an animal model of work-related musculoskeletal disorders.” His degree, PhD in Physical Therapy will be conferred in May at Temple University.
UMDNJ Partners with Cumberland County College to Expand Degree Program in Psychiatric Rehabilitation

Submitted by Dr. Nora Barrett (University News Service Release of 1/4/10)

UMDNJ-School of Health Related Professions has partnered with Cumberland County College to expand the associates degree program in psychiatric rehabilitation and treatment and is accepting students for the semester beginning in January, 2010. Students enrolling in the new program will complete 31 credits of general education requirements at Cumberland County College in Vineland and then complete 30 credits of professional courses in psychiatric rehabilitation at the UMDNJ campus in Stratford.

“Psychiatric rehabilitation is a growing field that assists in promoting the recovery of persons with severe mental illness through community based interventions,” said Dr. Kenneth Gill, chairman of the Department of Psychiatric Rehabilitation and Counseling Professions at the UMDNJ-School of Health Related Professions. “Practitioners work in many different settings including assertive community treatment teams, supported employment, supported housing day programs, residential and crisis centers. They also provide outreach and advocacy services for organizations that support individuals with psychiatric disorders.”

The UMDNJ-School of Health Related Professions has, for many years, maintained similar programs in Middlesex, Union, and Warren counties. This program’s expansion will extend access to interested students throughout New Jersey. Graduates will be prepared for entry level positions in the field of psychiatric rehabilitation. The UMDNJ-School of Health Related Professions also offers a certificate program in psychiatric rehabilitation.

Individuals wishing to enroll in January have until January 15th to register as non-matriculated students. They can then apply for regular admission for the following semester. Classes begin on January 19, 2010. More information about the program is available by e-mailing Annette Backs at backsean@umdnj.edu or by phone at 609-481-7489. Student’s who have already begun undergraduate coursework should contact Nora Barrett, program director for advisement, barretnm@umdnj.edu or at 908 889 2431.

Food Donations

The winter holidays have passed but hunger continues.

Please consider bringing in your non perishable food items. We continue to collect food for the Community Food Bank of New Jersey. Your donation is greatly appreciated.

Donations to date: July—168 items ~ November—325 items

Please place your non-perishable food items in the box on the 1st floor of the Stanley S. Bergen Building, Newark.

Please, no expired items.
Department Highlight: Health Informatics
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The Department Chair, Dr. Syed Haque was invited to present the Keynote Addresses as also tutorials for both the conferences while Dr. Mital served as the Conference Chair and Dr. Srinivasan as an Advisor in both of them. Convening and active participation in such events are clear evidence of the quality of the faculty in the department who have various peer-reviewed publications and invited presentations to their credit. Indeed the department faculty members are in the editorial boards of several peer-reviewed journals such as Information Technology in Health Care, International Journal of Telemedicine and Applications and the International Journal of Medical Engineering and Informatics, International Journal of Biomedical Engineering and Consumer Health, International Journal of Computational Intelligence and Healthcare Informatics. They also serve as external reviewers for doctoral dissertations from other departments at SHRP and elsewhere. Furthermore, Dr. Syed Haque serves as a member of the Scientific Review Panel for NIH & CDC grants.

In all humility, we are pleased to state that the Department of Health Informatics is internationally recognized for its leadership in both educational and research aspects of Biomedical Informatics.

Career Fair for Veterans

SHRP participated in G.I. Go Veterans Career, Education, Support Services Expo at the Teaneck Armory in Teaneck, NJ on December 1, 2009. Students and faculty had the opportunity to meet and converse with veterans and their families from across the State of New Jersey.

Shown above, Barbara Manger of the Department of Health Informatics, B.S. Health Information Management Program. Also present were Carolina Caballero & Lois Rockson - Clinical Laboratory Science Dept.; Janice Oursler and Joseph Berkman, Psychiatric Rehabilitation and Counseling Professions.

Student Writing Competition in Legal Medicine and Bioethics

Deadline—January 11th

Every year, the American College of Legal Medicine (ACLM) presents a $1,000 award for the outstanding original paper on Legal Medicine in various categories and up to $1,000 for three outstanding original papers written by law or health professions students on topics in Bioethics.

Information & Application Criteria on Writing Competition

Information and Application Criteria for Bioethics Student Writing Competition
The Office for Diversity and Academic Success in the Sciences (ODASIS) is an academic support unit within the Division of Life Sciences at Rutgers University. The goal of ODASIS is to increase the recruitment and academic success of underrepresented students, as well as educationally and economically disadvantaged students, who are interested in pursuing careers in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics professions. ODASIS intends to improve the percentage of underrepresented students entering the scientific fields by encouraging academic achievement in the sciences through a unique and rigorous academic support program. By cultivating the number, participation, and success of underrepresented and disadvantaged students who pursue scientific disciplines, ODASIS aims to minimize the achievement gap in professional education as well as create a highly qualified and diverse workforce.

The December 4th workshop proved to be a huge success with over 400 students in attendance.
SHRP’s Thirtieth Convocation

Call For Nominees

Tuesday, May 25, 2010
6:00 p.m.
Pines Manor
Edison, New Jersey

Hotel Accommodations:
Available at the Crowne Plaza Hotel
(across from the Pines Manor)

Transportation:
Depending on need, transportation will be available between
the hotel and the commencement location

The link to the list of awards with deadlines that are presented annually to students, faculty, staff, and friends for their outstanding accomplishments or service to the school and community is below. Please nominate individuals you deem deserving of an award by the deadlines listed.

2010 - Call for Nominees - more Info
http://shrp.umdnj.edu/news_events/community/index.html#17

List of Awards with deadlines

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