

Fall 2015

We're about halfway through the fall semester and hopefully everyone is settling into their new office and classroom space. As I walk around our new Health Science Campus (HCS), I see faculty working hard to ensure good teaching and learning, conduct meaningful research, and provide service to the University and community.

We have well over 500 undergraduate and graduate students in 8 different degree programs. As we continue to expand our program offerings and the number of majors in the Department of Public Health Sciences (PHS), we would do well to remember the words in Ephesians 3 and those from Alice Walker.

While this is not intended to be an exhaustive list of department activities and accomplishments, I wanted to quickly highlight the great work that our staff & faculty continue to provide in service of our Lord.

Blessings,

Robert



Students participate in the ALH495 Practicum orientation.

We have welcomed **Ashley Parks, Mark Deharo, Dr. Lesley Mayne,** and **Dr. Bryan Ness** to the faculty in the Department of Public Health Sciences (PHS). All are settling in at CBU, active in SOFAP, and confirming each day why we are blessed to have them at CBU.

We have submitted an application for accreditation of our Master of Public Health (MPH) program to the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH). **Dr. Melissa Wiggington** and I attended the CEPH accreditation workshop in Washington, DC in August.

Dr. Namhee Kim provided opportunities for CBU students to serve the community at the My Play Club Carnival & Disability Resource Fair and the Reach Out Annual Community Health Fair in October.

Dr. Candace Vickers, with help from department faculty, has submitted an application for accreditation for the Master of Science in Speech and Language Pathology to American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA).

Dr. Melissa Wiggington continues to develop student interest in the Public Health Club at CBU.

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. (Ephesians 3:20-21)

Dr. Sangmin Kim continues to serve as our Program Assessment lead and submitted a program assessment plan in October.

Dr. Meg Barth continues to set an example of excellence in teaching, research, and service with her leadership in the UST/CBU obesity study, involving CBU students in the Lancer Fuel Program and sport nutrition course for CBU student-athletes, and developing partnerships with Nanjing Agriculture University in China.

Dr. Marshare Penny has represented the department at the CBU Welcome Weekend and CBU Graduate Student Open House.

Dr. Shasha Zheng is hosting Prof. Wei and Prof. Nini from China. They will be observing several PHS courses and learning about University culture.

Dr. Sangmin Kim continues to develop a program of research by working with Claremont Graduate University and Raincross Medical Group on a health coaching program.

Margret Appenzeller has established relationships in the community to secure agreements for the SLP clinical sites.

Lisa Schwartz, our wonderful department secretary, continues to support faculty and students with patience and grace. **Melissa Fletcher** and **Krissy Ruiz** are student workers in the PHS department.

Mark Deharo continues to lead the Radiological Science program by developing the Radiological Sciences curriculum and establishing agreements with hospitals and medical groups for clinical internship sites.

Dr. Sangmin Kim, with assistance from **Lori Torres**, has completed a review of the student practicum experience for undergraduate students and have revised the ALH495 course policies and procedures to align with accreditation standards, professional needs, and best practices.

Several faculty and I have met with **CBU Admissions** and **CBU Advising** staff to provide them with an overview of our programs and curriculum to increase the number of majors in our department, ensure student success, and academic quality.

Dr. Meg Barth and **Dr. Sangmin Kim** hosted Drs. Suarez and Dones from the University of Santo Tomas in the Philippines. We continue to work on a research project with the University of Santo Tomas and the University of South Australia.

Look closely at the present you are constructing.

It should look like the future you are dreaming. (Alice Walker)

Several faculty members including **Dr. Melissa Wiggington**, **Dr. Meg Barth**, **Dr. Namhee Kim**, and **Dr. Shasha Zheng** continue to be active in research and scholarship with several presentations at national research conferences and manuscript submissions to peer-reviewed journals. Department faculty will be presenting or attending the American Public Health Association (APHA) and the American Evaluation Association (AEA) in November. Many of the faculty in the CDS program will be presenting or attending the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) in Denver in November.

We have several adjunct faculty members including **Dr. Jessica Miller**, **Adleit Asi**, **Fay Kazzi Sherlyn Benois-Green**, and **Vince Daniels** that serve the department by filling teaching needs in several academic programs.

You should see **Jessica Folmer** around the department. Jessica is a staff research associate in my research lab working on several funded research projects including the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services (SAMHSA) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Several undergraduate and graduate research assistants have joined my research lab this fall. Thanks to **Sam Lively** for assisting with the transfer of grants and equipment.

An application to form a chapter of **Eta Sigma Gamma (ESG)** at CBU has been submitted. ESG is the national health education honorary society that recognizes excellence in academic achievement and student research in health education and promotion. CBU public health majors with at least a 3.0 GPA will be invited to be initiated into ESG and be attending the Society for Public Health Education National Conference with me in March 2016.

We have established an agreement with **Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM)**. Prospective freshman and current CBU students can gain early acceptance into medical school by their sophomore year. We hosted Jaime Murphy, LECOM Director of Admissions, for a visit in October.

We have developed a relationship with the **CBU School of Behavioral Sciences** to offer a course in health anthropology. ANT400-Holistic Health and Healing will be offered in spring 2016. This interdisciplinary course will bring together students from nursing, anthropology, sociology, and public health sciences to explore various beliefs about health and healing, as well as to consider the broader structural issues that can be barriers to administering health care domestically and around the world.