Hello,
Greetings from the College of Health Sciences (COHS)!

The summer has moved along at a lightning pace marked by continued growth and change within the College. As you review the newsletter, one of the themes you will notice is the faculty success. Specifically, Dr. Pam Springer was named a Fellow in the Academy of Nursing, Georgia Girvan, former director of RADAR, was given a lifetime achievement award, Joie Burns was named Idaho Radiological Technologist of the Year, and Dr. Suzan Kardong-Edgren won the National League of Nursing Excellence in Research Award. Really amazing achievements, particularly considering this all happened over a three month period. In higher education, our focus is on the creation and dissemination of knowledge. The key to being successful in this endeavor is through quality faculty and staff. Certainly we are blessed in the College to have outstanding faculty and programs.

Enjoy the newsletter and what is left of the summer. In a very short time students will be coming to campus and another year will be beginning for the students, faculty and staff in the College.

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Pamela Springer Named Fellow in Academy of Nursing Education

School of Nursing Director Pamela Springer has been inducted into the National League for Nursing's (NLN's) Academy of Nursing Education as a fellow. She joins the academy's 144 fellows representing nursing schools and programs throughout the United States.

As a newly named fellow, Springer has been lauded for her faculty development, academic leadership, and collaborative educational, practice and community partnerships. Since joining Boise State in 1989, she has assumed increasingly complex leadership roles and currently is the associate dean of the College of Health Sciences and director of the School of Nursing. Springer was honored for her sustained focus on partnerships and her research in the area of faculty satisfaction and organizational culture in academe. Read more.

Emerita Director of Idaho RADAR Center Honored With Lifetime Achievement Award

Georgia Girvan, emerita director of the Idaho Regional Alcohol and Drug Awareness Resource (RADAR) Center, was given the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Idaho Conference on Alcohol and Drug Dependency (ICADD) on May 15 at the 29th annual conference, which was held in the Boise State University Student Union Building. ICADD chair Cheryl Johnson presented the award.

To be nominated for the ICADD Lifetime Achievement Award, the nominee will have demonstrated long-term devotion to the advancement of substance abuse treatment, including substantial contributions in the state of Idaho, either as a treatment professional or as an advocate of substance abuse treatment or both.

ICADD is the main training forum of the ICADD Foundation, an Idaho nonprofit foundation. The purpose of the ICADD Foundation is to provide education and training opportunities regarding alcohol and drug prevention,

Health Tip

Staying Cool and Hydrated in the Summer Heat

Extremely high or unusually hot temperatures can affect your health. On average, 675 deaths from extreme heat events occur each year in the United States. Most vulnerable are the elderly, those who work or exercise outdoors, infants and children, the homeless or poor, and people with a chronic medical condition.

Take the necessary precautions to prevent serious health effects such as heat exhaustion or heat stroke.

Stay cool

- Stay in air-conditioned buildings.
- Contact your local
intervention, treatment and aftercare issues for alcohol and drug professionals, educators, health care professionals, legal professionals, and recovery support.  

Read more about Girvan's work.

Suzan Kardong-Edgren Wins National League for Nursing Excellence in Research Award

School of Nursing Jody DeMeyer Endowed Chair Suzan Kardong-Edgren is being honored with the National League for Nursing Excellence in Research Award for 2013, which recognizes outstanding nurse researchers who have made enduring contributions to the field of nursing education research.

Kardong-Edgren is a national and international expert in simulation education and research. She has been involved in countless numbers of nursing research studies and has published numerous peer reviewed publications.

Kardong-Edgren recognizes that simulation is going to "fundamentally change nursing education, if not health sciences education, as we know it. Schools and budgets will be built around massive open online courses for didactic learning, a discussion group or home base group for socialization, and clinical will be built around a simulation core, then hospital experience for fine tuning."

Joie Burns Named Idaho Radiological Technologist of the Year

Joie Burns, director of the sonography program in the Department of Radiologic Sciences, received the Jean Machacek Memorial Award (JMMA) from the Idaho Society of Radiologic Technologists at their recent annual conference in McCall April 26-27. The JMMA is presented to honor the Society's "Radiological Technologist of the Year."

The Jean Machacek Memorial Award recognizes individuals

- Do not rely on a fan as your primary cooling device.
- Limit outdoor activity, especially midday when it is the hottest part of the day, and avoid direct sunlight.
- Wear loose, lightweight, light-colored clothing.
- Take cool showers or baths to lower your body temperature.
- Check on at-risk friends, family and neighbors at least twice a day.

Stay hydrated

- Drink more than usual and don't wait until you're thirsty to drink.
- Drink from two to four cups of water every hour while working or exercising outside.
- Avoid alcohol or liquids containing high amounts of sugar.
- Make sure your family, friends and neighbors are drinking enough water.

Stay informed

- Check your local news for extreme heat warnings and safety tips.
- Seek local information and tips for preventing heat sickness online.
- Keep your friends, family and neighbors aware of weather and heat safety.
who positively affect the profession, peers and students; demonstrate leadership and service in the profession; display a commitment to continued education beyond the requirements of the profession; and has made significant contributions to the profession in areas of research, publication, and presentation. This award is named in honor of Jean Machacek, who was an exemplary radiologic technologist in the state of Idaho from 1959-1978.

Innovation in Administration and Funding Models Allow School of Nursing to Grow Despite Decrease in State Support

Facing a vacant chair of graduate studies position with new graduate programs in the final stages of the development process, the School of Nursing reflected on the needs of each of the programs. Director Pam Springer, Vivian Schrader, who has been the director of the RN-BS Online/Distance Completion Track, and Ann Hubbert, who has been the chair of undergraduate studies for the school, recognized that self-support online programs were the only way to fund the new programs and that self-support online programs require a different mindset than traditional, on campus, state-funded programs. This led the school to begin developing a new structure, with faculty discussion throughout the process.

Schrader will be taking on the oversight of the brand new self-support graduate programs in Nursing - the master of nursing, Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner (AGNP) program; the graduate certificate AGNP program; and the doctor of nursing practice program; all of which were approved by the State Board of Education in February and, additionally, the AGNP programs were approved by the State Board of Nursing in May. Schrader has been promoted to chair of the AGNP program, DNP program and RN-BS Online/Distance Completion Track.

Meanwhile, Hubbert is taking on oversight of the existing Master of Nursing and Master of Science in Nursing program, which is funded in a traditional way with appropriated dollars. This results in more than 40 faculty directly reporting to Hubbert, as their salaries come from appropriated dollars. Hubbert has been promoted to chair of the Bachelor of Science Pre-Licensure program and Master of Science program.

Seek medical care immediately if you have or someone you know has symptoms of heat illness like muscle cramps, headaches, nausea or vomiting.

Courtesy of the CDC
Department of Respiratory Care Undergoes Successful Re-Accreditation Visit

In May, the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC) conducted an on-site re-accreditation review of the Boise State University Department of Respiratory Care. The visit was extremely successful, with CoARC documenting several program strengths in their report and no citations.

The committee wrote that: "The respiratory care program at Boise State is a strongly recognized regional program that is expanding that reputation to a nationally and internationally recognized one."

At their July 2013 meeting, CoARC will assess whether the respiratory care program is in compliance with the standards and guidelines for the profession of respiratory care, taking into account the entire accreditation record for the program, including this last comprehensive review conducted by the CoARC committee.

Read more about the visitor's positive feedback.

Faculty Observes World Culture During Sabbatical

Ever dream of observing a variety of world cultures? Sarah Toevs, professor in the Department of Community and Environmental Health and director of the Center for the Study of Aging, enjoyed traveling the world with her husband during her sabbatical to observe the variety of world cultures, particularly those aspects that relate to the health sciences.

Because it is nearly impossible to describe Toevs' eight months of experiences in 15 distinct countries, Toevs is writing a four part series for the College of Health Sciences' news blog. The series includes posts on travel advice, gerontology and aging, environmental health, and social norms around food and exercise.
"Part One: The Adventures of a Global Traveler: A Sampling of 15 Countries" and "Part Two: Travel as Viewed Through the Lens of a Gerontologist" are available online now. Additional entries will be posted in the next month and will be linked to part one.