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Mary Kate Maready White (left) and Rebecca DiSandro began their lasting friendship in CTR 314.

Dean's Message



GREETINGS, HHS alumni and friends!

Have you seen more of our faculty and students in the news or in the community this semester? That's a good thing! Much of this activity is due to the progress we are making in key areas of our strategic plan. Here's an update:

Diversity and Inclusion

Dr. Andrea Hunter, an associate professor of Human Development and Family Studies, leads the Office of Diversity and Inclusion through a committee assignment as part of her regular faculty service. Together, Dr. Hunter and her committee have honed in on some opportunities for HHS. For instance, a recent survey of our faculty showed that: 1) 93 percent believe supporting diversity and inclusion is essential to our mission; 2) we have an opportunity to develop clear strategies to increase faculty diversity; and 3) we must also support inclusion efforts. As we all know, it's not enough to be diverse; we must ensure that all groups are included and supported. Look for more to come in this important arena.

In addition, our diversiTEAS continue across campus. Our most recent session – about the

importance of using inclusive language in the workplace – was co-sponsored by the UNCG Athletic Department. This spring, we expect to hear from a University of Michigan researcher about the science and the social context of diversity. Hope to see you there!

Internationalization

Students at UNCG are in for an international learning experience – sometimes without even leaving campus. That's part of the mission behind our HHS Office of Internationalization, led by Dr. Kristine Lundgren through a faculty committee assignment. (See article, page 3)

Dr. Lundgren, an associate professor in Communication Sciences and Disorders, works with five faculty members to ensure international experiences for students. This can mean bringing international information into courses, using virtual classrooms or promoting travel, such as our hallmark trip to Costa Rica each summer or a multidisciplinary course we are developing in Shanghai. This committee is also directly involved with UNCG's Quality Enhancement Plan as it relates to the goal of global engagement.

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DEAN'S MESSAGE, *continued****Community Engagement***

The School of HHS recently co-sponsored the Healthcare Faith Summit, which drew hundreds of community leaders and a key White House official to Mount Zion Baptist Church in mid-November. Dr. Bob Wineburg of Social Work, Dr. Vincent Francisco of Public Health Education and Rev. Odell Cleveland, UNCG Professor of Community Engagement and Chief Administrative Officer at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Greensboro, helped coordinate the event, which will kick-start an effort to transform the health of Greensboro.

Melissa Rogers, executive director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, was the keynote speaker. Faculty from five HHS departments led workshops or served as panelists, addressing such themes as aging in place, access to care, women's health, caregiving, chronic mental illness and youth in healthcare. (See article, page 7) The event proves that the university, the faith community and the healthcare sector don't have to operate in silos. We can all work together – and the end result will be a healthier Greensboro!

Our Board of Visitors

Our new HHS Board of Visitors held its first meeting in November. The Board includes corporate representatives, health and human science professionals and educators, and community engaged leaders. The Board's mission is to be "goodwill ambassadors for HHS, to advocate for the school in the community and state, and to heighten the visibility of HHS." We are grateful for their role in partnering with us to prepare new generations of professionals, leaders, scholars and entrepreneurs.

Catching Up with Alumni

While attending a health conference in Seminole, FL, I had the opportunity to visit Tom and Carol Crouse '63, who have given a scholarship, and also to see Anne Isley '51, a loyal alumna. In December, I will visit several UNCG alumni at local senior living communities – including Arbor Acres, Pennybyrn and River Landing – where we also have HHS students working in internships.

It's always nice to share some of the exciting work under way at HHS, either through personal visits or in the pages of this newsletter. All my best wishes to you and yours in 2014!

HHS BOARD OF VISITORS

Lisa Brenner, MSW, *Guilford County Schools*
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 Ted Shalek, MBA, *Chief Financial Officer, Pennybyrn at Maryfield*

Lundgren to Lead Internationalization Efforts

DEAN CELIA HOOPER has appointed Dr. Kristine Lundgren, an associate professor in Communication Sciences and Disorders, to lead the School of HHS' internationalization efforts.

This work is a key part of the School's strategic plan. It includes activities to bring departments together through an international curriculum, with or without study abroad and travel.

Formerly the chair of Communication Sciences and Disorders, Lundgren has been involved in UNCG's Global Engagement Quality Enhancement Plan. She has many activities and interests in curricular, service, research and community engagement areas, and she will excel in this role, Hooper says.



Sharing Knowledge of Nutrition

Graduate students and faculty from the Department of Nutrition recently led a workshop for Guilford County Schools cafeteria staff.

Top: Nelli O'Hearn '12 (second from right) finished her dietetic internship in July 2013. She is shown here at the workshop.

Middle: B. Burgin Ross, MS, RD, LDN, (at left) an academic professional instructor, with three Guilford County Schools staff members.

Bottom: Elizabeth Schoenthal '14 (center) works with school nutrition staff. She is currently in the Dietetic Internship program, which she expects to complete in July 2013.





Barbara Wike (right) and Dean Celia Hooper (center) enjoy the opportunity to visit with Anne C. Thomas '57 at Homecoming.

Alumna Appointed to Lead Development for HHS



BARBARA WIKE '80 knows firsthand the power of alumni giving.

As an adult student years ago, she relied on generously funded scholarships and loans to attend UNCG. Today, she hopes to build on that support as the new director of development and gift planning for the School of HHS.

"This is work I love to do at a place that I love supporting," she says. "I have seen scholarships at UNCG make a difference not only in my life and my family's life but for my friends and classmates as well."

Previously the director of gift planning for UNCG, Wike joined HHS in July. She now works with alumni and friends to develop scholarships, professorships and program funds within the School specifically.

"I look at it as a partnership, helping individuals create their legacy to provide for future generations of students," she says.

Her work includes meeting with alumni, updating them on the School and helping them match their own passions with current student needs. With more than seven years of experience in gift planning, Wike can assist alumni in exploring tax-advantaged ways of giving, which lessen the impact on disposable income. With lifetime income, they can even increase their earnings.

"It's amazing the work we have going on here and how our degrees have grown and expanded into new areas," she says. "It goes way beyond classroom learning now. Students are doing research and getting experience directly in the community. They are really making a difference in their lives and for humanity."

When alumni understand that big picture, Wike says, they are more interested in making gifts to endow scholarships, send students to networking conferences or even help attract top-notch faculty. Development is a second career for Wike, who previously worked in IT management and then served as vice president of leadership relations for the United Way of Greater Greensboro. She lives in Greensboro and has two grown sons.

To meet with Wike or to learn more about how you can support HHS, contact her via email at bjwike@uncg.edu or by phone at 336-256-1272 (office) or 336-404-8469 (cell).

Healthy UNCG Moves to HHP Building, Gains New Director



Milroy

HEALTHYUNCG, the university's employee wellness program, is now located in the School of HHP building and has a new director with ties to the school.

Stefanie Milroy '04 MPH '06 took on the university-wide role in July.

HealthyUNCG offers university employees information, programs and services to help promote a healthier lifestyle and a better quality of life. It is a good fit for Milroy, who has served as adjunct faculty in the Department of Public Health Education at UNCG since 2007.

"Perhaps the most exciting part of HealthyUNCG's work is our new health coaching program, Well-U Coaching, available for free to UNCG employees to help them achieve their individual health goals," Milroy says. "HealthyUNCG offers employees 12 free sessions with a certified health and wellness coach. The Well-U coach will meet with the employee weekly to help them find ways to continue along a path to a healthier lifestyle and a more enhanced quality of life."

HealthyUNCG is always looking for opportunities to partner with alumni and the community to better serve employees, Milroy says. "Alumni are encouraged to alert us about wellness events and opportunities in the community and on campus," she says.

In addition, the program offers a Well-U health coaching training at various times throughout the year, and alumni are welcome to attend. "Becoming a certified health coach is a great way to continue

service and support to the UNCG community," Milroy adds.

Previously, Milroy was director of Health Education at the Martinsville Henry County Coalition for Health and Wellness and intervention coordinator for the Cooperative Lifestyle Intervention Program at Wake Forest University.

For the last three years, she served as the executive director of the Be Active-UNCG Partnership. Be Active North Carolina and UNCG collaborate to promote physical activity for people living in the Triad. The partnership works closely with local agencies and organizations, including North Carolina Cooperative Extension Services, health departments, school systems, hospitals, worksites, government agencies and other universities. It also provides service-learning opportunities for UNCG students.

Her research and interest areas include chronic disease management, physical activity promotion, and access to healthy foods particularly as it relates to employee wellness.

Details about HealthyUNCG – including offerings for employees and the full leadership team – are at <http://healthy.uncg.edu//aboutus.php>.



COLLOQUIUM IN KINESIOLOGY

DR. KATE BARRETT, PROFESSOR EMERITA, SPOKE ABOUT THE HISTORY OF KINESIOLOGY DURING A RECENT COLLOQUIUM FOR FACULTY AND GRADUATE STUDENTS. DR. ROSEMARY MCGEE, PROFESSOR AND ACTING DEAN EMERITA, WAS A SURPRISE GUEST.

Athlete Health Institute Featured on UNC-TV

THE UNCG INSTITUTE TO PROMOTE ATHLETE HEALTH AND WELLNESS was featured on North Carolina NOW on UNC-TV on Oct. 22.

The segment focused on the Institute's work to prevent alcohol and drug abuse among collegiate student-athletes. The Institute also works to prevent interpersonal violence, develop stress management, decision making and communication skills and promote healthy relationships and emotional health.

The segment featured interviews with Dr. David L. Wyrick, Institute director and associate professor in the Department of Public Health Education; Dr. Jeff Milroy, associate director of the Institute; Dr. Todd Lewis, associate professor in the Department of Counseling and Educational Development; and Kim Record, director of UNCG Athletics.

The network airs statewide and in southern Virginia and northern South Carolina. The entire NC Now episode is available on video.unctv.org or on the network's You Tube page.



Milroy



Record



Wyrick

HHS Plays Key Role in Recent Healthcare Faith Summit

THE SCHOOL OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SCIENCES led the way toward addressing healthcare challenges during the recent Healthcare Faith Summit, co-sponsored with Mount Zion Baptist Church.

"This was a wonderful way to bring people from the medical, faith and educational systems closer together in a day of learning about how all of us can support better health for our entire community," said Dr. Bob Wineburg, Jefferson Pilot Excellence Professor of Social Work in the School of HHS.

Melissa Rogers, Special Assistant to the President of the United States and Executive Director of the White House Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships, was the keynote speaker. The event drew more than 750 people from academia, the healthcare field and faith communities. Attendees shared ideas, heard from experts and then worked together to create potential solutions.

"Bringing the faith community together with practitioners in the medical field to engage in open dialogue is a unique

"You are providing a model that we can all learn from," said Melissa Rogers, Executive Director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships. "What you are doing will make a difference not just in Greensboro but for all the United States of America."

opportunity to have those conversations that are much needed about healthcare," added the Rev. Odell Cleveland, UNCG Professor of Community Engagement and Chief Administrative Officer at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Greensboro. "That's what this summit was all about; finding solutions and setting us all on the right path as a community."

Dr. Vincent Francisco, associate professor of Public Health Education

said the event was the most important conversation about the future of the community's health this year. "Everyone in the community has a part to play in our health, and this Summit helped us determine the next steps for us all," he said.

Topics covered included a review of the state of the community's health, an overview of some faith-based programs and information about the Affordable Care Act.





HOMECOMING 2013

Clockwise from top left: CSD graduate students, Amelia Hopkins (left) and Ola Alsaman. Children enjoyed the petting zoo hosted by Community and Therapeutic Recreation alumna Deborah Meridith from Kopper Top Life Learning Center. The UNCG Speech and Hearing Center hosted an informational booth on Dangerous Decibels in the HHS Homecoming tent. The HHS Alumni Association held a drawing for a \$100 gift card from the UNCG bookstore. Randi Stewart (right), President of the HHS Alumni Association presented the card to the winner, Alaina Schippers.

HHS Alumnae Named as Women of Distinction

NINE OF THE 30 PEOPLE named Women of Distinction by the UNCG Alumni Association have ties to the School of HHS.

The recognitions were made during Homecoming Weekend in honor of the 50th anniversary of the transition from Women's College to UNCG. These 30 members of graduating classes between 1933 and 1963 demonstrated exceptional personal and professional achievement in their lives and careers.

Those with ties to HHS are highlighted in the list below (all were Physical Education majors, except for Shoffner and Kivett, who both have a background in Human Development and Family Studies):

Bonnie Angelo '44, '01 HONOR

Sarah Y. Austin '47

The late Mildred Caroon Bailey '40

The late Doris Waugh Betts '54x, '90 HONOR

Carole Slaughter Brake '63

The late Claudette Burroughs-White '61

Pat Shore Clark '58

The late Evon Welch Dean '42

JoAnne Smart Drane '60

The late Margaret Coit Elwell '41, '59 HONOR

Betty Flinchum '57

The late Maud Gatewood '54, '99 HONOR

Virginia Hester '39

Alice Joyner Irby '54

Dot Kendall Kearns '3, '74 MED

Lucy Spinks Keker '38

Vira R. Kivett '55, '60 MS, '76 PhD

The late Gwen Jones Magee '63

The late Ruth Rogers Magher '39

Beth Clinkscales McAllister '63

The late Jaylee Montague Mead '51, '03 HONOR

Lib Parker McPherson '51

Isabelle Perry '37

The late Emily Harris Preyer '39

Sue Rice '63

Jo Safrin '57

Sarah Moore Shoffner '62, '64 MS, '77 PhD

Carol Ward Thomas '57

Trilby Boerner Wallace '53

Sue Sigmon Williams '58



UNCG Offers Wide Range of Speech and Hearing Services

DID YOU KNOW:

UNCG can work with students and professors on foreign accent or dialect modification? There is no charge for instruction for those who enroll in CSD 219 section 01, a course offered through the UNCG Speech and Hearing Center.

THE SPEECH AND HEARING CENTER ALSO OFFERS CHILDREN AND ADULTS:

- Audiological services
- Speech-language-literacy services
- Fluency services
- Foreign accent modification/dialect services

People receiving services may have hearing impairments, tinnitus, cochlear implants, speech problems and/or language-literacy disabilities (reading, spelling, and writing).

The faculty also has expertise in the areas of aphasia, traumatic brain injury, voice pathology, stuttering, motor speech planning and autism.

The center is located on the main campus on the third floor of the Ferguson Building.

For more details, see the Department of Communication, Sciences and Disorders website (www.uncg.edu/csd/shc) or call 334-3924.



HHS held an awareness event for Better Speech and Hearing Month, hosted by professor Lisa Fox-Thomas (CSD), on the EUC lawn.

Gates Foundation Hears from HHS Student Success Coordinator

Michelle Hines contributed to this article

BILL JOHNSON, student success coordinator for the School of Health and Human Sciences, recently traveled to Seattle to represent UNCG at the 2013 Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's conference, "The Future of Higher Education: Is It Time for Transformation."

Johnson's proposal was one of only nine selected from 76 applications from across the country through the Momentum Advising Challenge, hosted by the Gates Foundation. While in Seattle, he shared his ideas with colleagues and about 300 grantors who support instruction.

"It was overwhelming and exciting at the same time," Johnson said. "It was a fantastic opportunity to promote UNCG in a great light."

The Gates Foundation works with global partners to tackle several critical issues, including educational improvement in the United States. Proposals for the Advising Challenge were chosen based on three key areas — mentoring, incorporation of life skills and measures of success.

Johnson's proposal, called "Make College Matter," sums up some of the ideas he uses with students in HHS. The plan focuses on five key ingredients for success — Story, Art, Vision, Allies, and Resilience (SAVAR).

Johnson teaches one-credit courses in both the Fall and Spring Semesters for first-year HHS students. Offered as group coaching sessions, these courses are designed to help students explore what they want to

achieve in their careers and their lives, stressing how they can create experiences that impact others.

The results show in the statistics, Johnson says. The five-year graduation rate for the Fall 2008 class from HHS was 61 percent, about 12 percent higher than the university average. The retention rate for the students from Fall 2011 to Fall 2012 was 81 percent, about 5 percent higher than the university average.

"We're asking students to think about why they're here and to plan for their future," he says. "That's the message I specialize in."

Johnson's role as a life coach for students is a rarity in higher education. HHS Dean Celia Hooper knows of only one other person in higher education with a vision like Johnson's — Andy Chan, Wake Forest University's vice president for personal and career development, "the only known cabinet-level career development professional in higher education."

Hooper says Johnson enables HHS students to "dream big."

"When we hired Bill more than five years ago, we wanted to address any retention/graduation issues in HHS, and we wanted help for those very anxious students who needed to get into graduate school to achieve their health career goals," she says.

"Bill understood that student success and real advising is more than just helping a student figure out what courses to take in a major, or even more than details about a major or a profession. He understood that life planning and life goals are important to our students for the rest of their lives."



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Support Continues to Build for Middle College

Now in its third year, the Middle College at UNCG continues to build partnerships with campus faculty and area professionals in healthcare and education. At the same time, organizers are working to pursue additional support from the community.

“We’ll be having our inaugural class graduate in 2015,” says Dr. Tom Martinek, a Kinesiology professor and UNCG’s liaison to the Middle College.

“We are grateful to have so much support from faculty who provide courses for students and help with tutoring,” he adds. “The university has been very supportive. I think everyone sees it as a part of UNCG and wants to make it work.”

The principal of the Middle College, Angela Polk Jones ’89 ’07 MS, agrees.

“Chancellor Brady and the UNCG community have really made me feel like I’ve come home,” she says. “As a former student athlete and now the principal of a Guilford County high school, it means such a great deal to have the support of the chancellor and the UNCG faculty.”

The Middle College serves high-school students who have an interest in health, medical or youth development service careers. In addition to taking honors-level classes, students may earn up to two years of college credit and may also take Advanced Placement courses. The school, which opened in the fall of



Middle College students serve as leaders during after-school sport programs for youth.

2011 with 50 ninth-graders, is adding a new class of ninth-graders each year until it reaches its maximum enrollment of 200 students in 2014-15.

The Middle College’s Pathways program provides all students the opportunity to shadow professionals one day a week to prepare them for college and/or career paths in the health field. Students can also spend two days each week working with special-needs children through service-learning experiences at area education centers. In addition, some students provide values-based sports programs to three underserved communities in Greensboro through the College’s After-School Youth Leader Corps.

“The Middle College is a great program to have on campus,” says Dr. Jerry Walsh, a professor in UNCG’s department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, which has provided tours and lab space for the Middle College.

“We’re always eager to inspire students and get them excited about the contributions of science and potential careers in science,” Walsh says. “So many aspects of health and human sciences are rooted in chemistry and other sciences. Anything we can do to enhance these students’ foundation will contribute to their professional success in the long run.”

PHE Launches Health Coach Training Program

AS HEALTHCARE INCLUDES MORE emphasis on wellness, experts are in demand to help patients understand how to manage their own health, take their medications and adhere to care plans.

The Department of Public Health Education is working to fill this need through a new Health Coach Training Program for health professionals, including staff of hospitals and physician practices.

Fifteen people attended the program’s first three-day training session in late September at Gateway

University Research Park. The session included a combination of classroom time, case study work and an online test for a certificate of completion.

Part of the health coach’s role is to start dialogue with patients, help motivate them, set goals and introduce more accountability, Suzanne Lineberry ’11 MPH said in a recent Business Journal article. Lineberry is a health coach with Cone Health’s primary care residency program and works with the training program.

The program has attracted participants from Triad Healthcare

Network, a partnership between Cone Health and local physicians, as well as from Novant Health practices, area health educators and public health graduate students.

The late Bill Evans, assistant professor of public health who passed away in October, was instrumental in the development of this program. “We see this as an initiative that will really grow and be something good for the university,” he said in the Business Journal article.

Program Sponsors Conference on Injury in Female Athletes

MORE THAN 80 professionals came to UNCG recently for a two-day conference about injuries in female athletes.

The group of doctors, athletic trainers, coaches, teachers and students attended to learn more about the latest research and applied skills, said Dr. Donna Duffy, an assistant professor of Kinesiology and director of the Program for the Advancement of Girls and Women in Sport and Physical Activity, which sponsored the event. Topics included ACL injury, concussion and gender, nutrition, the psychology of injury and recovery, and strength training for injury prevention.

“Since the passage of Title IX in 1972, there has been a tremendous increase in female sports participation at all levels,” Duffy says. “This also means an increase in the incidence of sport-related injuries.”

In fact, some research suggests that female athletes experience dramatically higher rates of specific musculoskeletal injuries compared to male athletes and that female injuries are often more severe than male sport injuries.

Given the developmental differences between female and male athletes with the onset of puberty, scholars and medical doctors suggest that physical differences become more prominent at about age 10 or 12. At this time, girls start to perform



Speakers addressed the latest research and applied skills in female injury prevention and treatment.

differently than boys in sport and physical activity settings, which can have implications for performance, injury and recovery.

The Program for the Advancement of Girls and Women in Sport and Physical Activity is housed in the Center for Women’s Health and Wellness in the School of Health and Human Sciences.

Two HHS Programs Receive Grants from Cone Health Foundation

THE CONE HEALTH FOUNDATION has made grants to two programs affiliated with the School of Health and Human Sciences.

The Congregational Social Work Education Initiative has received \$84,634 from the Cone Health Foundation to help continue its operations for another year.

The initiative provides internship opportunities for social work students from NCA&T and UNCG to serve people in the community in partnership with the Congregational Nurse Program. Students provide assessment, counseling, referral and educational services to those who are unserved or underserved.

Additionally, the Partnership to Address Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Co-Occurring Disorders in Vulnerable Populations (The Partnership) received \$204,177 from the Cone Health Foundation over a two-year

period, beginning Oct. 1. This project involves the Congregational Nurse Program, the Congregational Social Work Education Initiative and the Center for New North Carolinians, all working closely with those who are homeless and immigrants, including refugees.

Jay Poole is the principal investigator for both projects. Fran Pearson is the CSWEI Program Director, Lelia Moore is the Congregational Nurse Program Director, and Kathy Hinshaw and Maha Elobeid represent The Center for New North Carolinians.

“It is so gratifying to see representatives of HHS partnering with experts in other disciplines and from other universities to provide this important outreach into our community,” says Dean Celia Hooper. “These are outstanding programs, and I expect continued progress in these important areas for years to come.”



As the population ages, experts came together to discuss the future vision for the Gerontology program at UNCG.

Event Examines Future of Gerontology Studies

WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS for the Gerontology program at UNCG?

That was the topic of the “Flash Back << >> Fast Forward” visioning session held in September for Gerontology faculty, staff, students and alumni.

“Considering our aging population, our new relationship with Well•Spring and our many students who work with older adults, the Gerontology program is more important than ever,” says Dean Celia Hooper.

The program works best as an interdisciplinary effort, with faculty and courses offered campuswide, she added.

Other speakers included Emeritus Professor Vira Kivett; former gerontology program chairs Virginia Stephens, Rebecca Adams, Mariana Newton, and Kathleen Williams; and most recent UNCG Gerontology Program Director Jan Wassel.



HHS Supports Alight Foundation Education Programs

The School of Health and Human Sciences has been a key sponsor of community health education workshops sponsored by the Alight Foundation and held at Cone Health.

The Alight Foundation supports local breast cancer patients and their families, in the greater Greensboro area, by providing financial, educational and emotional assistance as they navigate through their diagnosis, treatment options and plan of care.

Dean Celia Hooper is a member of the foundation’s board.



Faculty/Staff News

WANT TO READ MORE ABOUT YOUR DEPARTMENT IN HHS ONLINE?

Share your good news with Michael Scott, Facilities and Communications Manager, at mfscotto@uncg.edu.

Dr. Catherine Ennis, professor of Kinesiology, has received new funding from the National Institutes of Health for the “Ennis SEPA project.” The project will design and field test a middle school healthful living curriculum to increase students’ knowledge and interest in health-related science, encourage their pursuit of life science-related careers, and improve the communities’ understanding of NIH-funded research. Through the project, more than 33,000 young adolescents will conduct experiments about how healthful living choices impact weight, stress management and preventable diseases.

Dr. Anne Fletcher, an associate professor of Human Development and Family Studies, has received a 2012-2013 teaching excellence award from UNCG. Fletcher and nine other UNCG faculty members received a cash award provided by UNC General Administration.

Dean Celia Hooper has been named a Fellow of the Association of Schools of Allied Health Professionals, the national association of health deans.

Dr. Andrea Hunter, an associate professor of Human Development and Family Studies, recently read personal essays on “Real People, Real Stories” on WFDD, the local NPR station. The essays included “Going Home to Where I Been” and “MLK and Me – For My Son.” Hunter leads the Diversity and Inclusion efforts in the School of HHS and also writes on that topic in the Town Square section of the News & Record.

Dr. Esther Leerkes, an associate professor of Human Development and Family Studies, has been appointed to the Psychosocial Development, Risk and Prevention Study Section at the Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health.

Fifteen new faculty members have joined the School of HHS. They are:

- Candice Bruton** – Community and Therapeutic Recreation
- Roger Mills-Koonce** – Human Development and Family Studies
- Anne Brady** – Kinesiology
- Louisa Raisbeck** – Kinesiology
- Lenka Shriver** – Nutrition
- Natasha Brown** – Nutrition
- Emily Janke** – Peace and Conflict Studies
- Ali Askerov** – Peace and Conflict Studies
- Laura Taylor** – Peace and Conflict Studies
- Carrie Rosario** – Public Health Education
- Jennifer Erausquin** – Public Health Education
- Stephanie Baker** – Public Health Education
- Danielle Swick** – Social Work
- Justin Lee** – Social Work
- Jeffrey Shears** – Social Work

Returning to ‘Collage’



Provost **David Perrin** joins **Rosemary McGee**, professor emerita of physical education and former acting dean, (left) and **Marian Solleder**, professor emerita and former dean, at the Collage 2013 event to kick off the new academic year for the UNCG School of Music,

Theatre and Dance. Collage features more than 300 students from throughout the school presenting one work after another without pause. Special lighting directs the audience’s attention to performances in multiple locations around the auditorium.

MEMORIAM



Bill Evans, MPH '98, an assistant professor of Public Health Education, died Oct. 22.

Evans, who was 49, dedicated his life to the service of others. He was an enthusiastic promoter of health and wellness in both his work and personal life. Most recently, he was the driving force behind UNCG's new health and

wellness coaching program. He was also an author whose publications ranged from scholarly articles to poetry. He was a spiritual man and had many interests.

"Bill Evans was one of those faculty members I call 'the glue of a department,'" says Dean Celia

Hooper. "He held everyone together and helped them work as a team. He was the most positive person I knew, and he inspired me. Since his death, his department chair and I have received emails and notes from all over campus and the community, indicating what a positive influence he had outside of PHE and HHS."

He is survived by his loving wife of 21 years, Janet; his mother, Madge Evans '49, of Winston-Salem; two sisters, Ellen Campbell and husband Bill of Winston-Salem, and Sharon Bulger of Virginia Beach, VA; and a host of nieces, nephews, in-laws, colleagues and friends.

He spoke often of his love for his students and his confidence that they will make a difference in people's lives.

Students Highlight Friendship that Began in Inclusion Class

WHEN TWO STUDENTS met in a UNCG Peer Companion Program in the Fall 2012 semester, they knew they would hit it off immediately.

As Rebecca DiSandro says, their story should be called "Best Friends Forever for Life."

Rebecca, a student in Beyond Academics at UNCG, met Mary Kate Maready White in the UNCG class, CTR 314 - Recreation Services with Underrepresented Groups. Every semester, this course partners Community and Therapeutic Recreation students with same-age peers who have a variety of disabilities.

"The goal is to help educate CTR and other students about creating inclusive environments on the UNCG campus and throughout the broader community," says Dr. Stuart Schleien, professor and chair of the Community and Therapeutic Recreation department. Schleien developed the Peer Companion Program, which he has administered in the CTR 314 course for the past 15 years.

"Rebecca has helped me stay strong, positive and show excitement for every single day we are blessed to have," Mary Kate said in a recent blog post.

She adds that Rebecca taught her to chase her dreams, live with enthusiasm and always use "people first" language, recognizing that the person comes before the disability.

Rebecca values the friendship just as much. "Mary Kate is so sweet and kind, and she treats me very well," she says.



The two visit one another regularly, even after their time at UNCG. "I am incredibly blessed that this class helped introduce us," Mary Kate says. "I knew one semester was not going to be the end of our friendship, but rather the beginning."

To read more about this friendship, visit <http://marykwhite.wordpress.com/2013/10/22/rebecca-i-love-you-this-big-5/>



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Middle College students enjoy new furniture and lounge space on campus. Shown here are Joy Jacobs, Symeon Davis, Rayshawn Parker and Jazzmin Glass. The former furniture it replaced is pictured in the upper left.



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