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On behalf of the faculty and staff of the College of Health and Human Services, I would like to welcome you to our second edition of REPORTS. The College of Health and Human Services is engaged in a number of extraordinary activities and this publication is distributed annually to allow us to share some of our accomplishments and activities with you.

In this issue, we feature stories from all four of our academic units: the Department of Athletic Training; Department of Human Services, Rehabilitation and Social Work; Department of Kinesiology and Health Promotion; and the School of Nursing. These articles highlight our program expansions on the Dothan Campus as well as study abroad initiatives and some of the accomplishments of our esteemed faculty.

The College of Health and Human Services is building a reputation as a caring provider of quality academic programs in the Health and Human Services disciplines. We are committed to providing undergraduate and graduate higher education in regional, national and international communities for both traditional and nontraditional students, and our scholarly activities are focused on expanding the knowledge base of our respective disciplines of study. In addition, the College of Health and Human Services is dedicated to building sustainable communities through service.

That service will continue well into the future thanks to developments taking place today. With the help of the Building Beyond Boundaries initiative and our generous donors, we are in the early stages of planning a new health and science center that will one day house not only the College, but also provide state-of-the-art laboratories and next-generation learning tools that will benefit our students and our community.

As evidenced by the stories in this issue of REPORTS, the College has enjoyed a very successful year and we are excited about meeting tomorrow’s challenge through our quality teaching, impactful research and dedicated service. Please take the time to explore this publication and discover what is happening with your College. If you are an alumnus of the College of Health and Human Services, we would particularly enjoy hearing from you! You can reach us at CHHS@troy.edu.

We hope to see you all on November 13 for TROY’s Homecoming!

Sincerely,

Dr. Damon Andrew
Dean, College of Health and Human Services
The annual Southern Sport Management Conference aims to provide sport management scholars, practitioners and students with current industry trends and issues through academic and professional presentations. Troy University has hosted the conference since its inception.

Dr. Packianathan Chelladurai, a sport management professor at Ohio State University, is the first-ever recipient of the Sport Management Scholar Lifetime Achievement Award which was presented during the fifth annual Southern Sport Management Conference at Troy University. The award was established by the conference’s organizing committee in conjunction with the TROY College of Health and Human Services to recognize individuals who have made significant scholarly contributions to the academic field of sport management.

Dr. Damon Andrew, dean of TROY’s College of Health and Human Services, presented the award to Chelladurai during a dinner held the opening night of the conference on April 16. "Dr. Chelladurai is a most deserving recipient of the inaugural Sport Management Scholar Lifetime Achievement Award,” said Andrew. "Out of all of Dr. Chelladurai’s numerous accomplishments, I most admire him for his desire and passion to impact the field through his mentorship of graduate students. Throughout his career, he has directly influenced aspiring scholars and broadly influenced those within the field of sport management through his insightful writing, research and counsel.” Chelladurai is an internationally recognized scholar of management science and has consulted or presented in more than 20 countries. He currently teaches courses in human resource management in sport, the management of sport delivery systems and research development in sport. He also conducts the doctoral research colloquium at Ohio State. Chelladurai has authored five books and has contributed more than 70 articles to sport management literature. He is the former editor of the Journal of Sport Management and current member of its editorial board as well as associate editor of the Journal of Intercollegiate Sport. Chelladurai has been honored with the Earle F. Zeigler Award from the North American Society for Sport Management and the Merit Award for Distinguished Service to Sport Management Education by the European Association for Sport Management. He holds a bachelor’s degree from the University of Madras, a master's degree from the University of Western Ontario and master’s and doctoral degrees from the University of Waterloo.

"We are very pleased with the results of our 5th Annual Southern Sport Management Conference,” said Dr. Fred Green, conference director and associate professor in TROY’s Department of Kinesiology and Health Promotion. "We had participants from 10 different states. The conference theme of melding professors with practitioners seems to be very well received. Students, professors and professionals in the field of sport management use the conference as a means to increase their knowledge and network with fellow sport management participants. We look forward to further growth and involvement from those interested in sport management.”

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING
STUDY ABROAD IN CHINA

The BSN program offered NSG 2290 Nursing in the International Community in spring 2009 for students planning on a summer study abroad to China. This course focused on cultural diversity in nursing practice. NSG 2291 Nursing in the International Community Practicum was then offered in summer 2009. Ten BSN students and two nursing faculty spent 15 days in China during the trip, which was coordinated with Confucius Institute at Troy University. The students toured local hospitals and traditional Chinese medicine clinics, held round-table discussions with Chinese nurses and nursing students and experienced Chinese culture. In addition to spending time in Beijing, the delegation was hosted by Hebei Normal University of Science and Technology (HNUST) in Qinhuadao. While at HNUST, students were able to interact with Chinese college students in their environment and even participated in a basketball game.
Troy University’s Dothan Campus will soon offer three new undergraduate degree programs and will provide additional on-campus support to students in an online nursing program.

The Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE) recently approved the expansion of the baccalaureate degree programs in Human Services, Social Work and Rehabilitation from the Troy Campus to the Dothan Campus.

Dr. Don Jeffrey, vice chancellor of the Dothan Campus, said he is pleased to offer more degree options for students in the Wiregrass area. “We are proud to be able to expand the horizons of opportunity for our students,” he said. “The majority of students we serve at the Dothan Campus are non-traditional students and this move gives them more opportunities to further their careers or pursue a career change.”

According to Dr. Damon Andrew, dean of the College of Health and Human Services, the three programs were selected for expansion to Dothan in response to growing demand for careers in the social and human service fields.

“The number of social work and human service careers is projected to grow by 34 percent for all occupations between 2006 and 2016, ranking these occupations among the most rapidly growing in the United States,” Andrew said.

The new programs scheduled to begin next fall will require the renovation of space at the Dothan Campus and the addition of faculty and staff.

“If we experience no construction delays and are successful in recruiting faculty and staff, the programs should be ready to implement in the fall semester of 2010,” Andrew said.

In addition to the three new degree programs, ACHe also approved TROY’s request to provide additional on-site support at the Dothan Campus for the online RN-to-BSN program.

The online program allows graduates of associate degree nursing programs to earn a bachelor of science in nursing. However, working nurses in the Wiregrass must currently travel to either the Troy, Montgomery or Phenix City campus to meet with nursing faculty and advisors.

“The extension of support services will facilitate the completion of students enrolled in the program and make the program even more attractive to registered nurses who wish to obtain their BSN credentials in the Wiregrass area,” said Andrew.

This expansion of programs from one TROY campus to another is the first approved by ACHe since the University’s merger of its separately accredited campuses into Troy University in 2005.
THE BEARS BECAUSE WE CARE PROJECT

The Bears Because We Care Project, by BC Farnam, is a partnership between students of the Department of Human Services and Rehabilitation/Department of Social Work and the Hope for Children and Families Foundation in response to the devastation in Haiti. The Foundation has elected to match all funds secured by TROY students, dollar for dollar, which will be used to purchase food, water and medical supplies for the people of Haiti. The students set a goal of $1,000, which the Foundation matched for a total of $2,000. These students truly demonstrated the amazing things that can be achieved through collaboration with individuals, groups and communities.

Teddy bears, contributed by community members, friends and family members, will be sent to a children’s hospital and given to young people who are experiencing serious medical conditions due to the earthquake. Although teddy bears are fun and cute, they’re also therapeutic. Children in crisis often benefit greatly from having an attachment object of comfort. The Bears Because We Care Project is unique because it meets psychosocial and physical needs.

Another unique aspect of this effort is its direct connection to the classroom. The program is being coordinated by students taking Social Work Practice with Groups and is giving them experiential learning opportunities that reach far beyond the walls of the classroom. Students work within a task group and collaborate with multiple community-based organizations and systems to achieve a desired outcome. This program broadens the horizons of our students and engages them in direct practice activities with positive international impact.

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SCHOOL OF NURSING

The School of Nursing Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program would like to acknowledge all members of the December 2008 and May 2009 graduating classes. All graduates from these two classes were successful on their first attempt on the NCLEX-RN examination required for licensure. Graduating in December 2008 were Jennifer Adams, Nick Beach, Stacey Booth, Brandy Burns, Perry Cauthen, Tamberli Clarkson, Jennifer Currie, Katie Douglas, Stephanie Franks, Amanda Goodson, Jessica Hardaway, Nikki Kilpatrick, Brent Kiser, Dawn Massey, Drew Morrow, Brent Nance, Sean Parker, Nicole Strickland, Jessica Tallent, Janine Thomas, Walter Watson, Caleb Whigham, Jessica Whitaker and Samantha Williams. Graduating in May 2009 were Brad Addison, Crystal Body, Magan Bond, Brittany Campbell, Alyssa Caudle, Sarah Clower, Laura Dalton, Joni Glover, Megan Grant, Breeann Hattaway, Erin Lee, Nicholas McSween, Hailey Morrison, Benjamin Nahass, Rachel Palmer, Ashley Perry, Kirby Pinson, Traci Pynes, Shasta Stephens, Amber Welch and Vanna Younce.

KINESIOLOGY AND HEALTH PROMOTION

The Faculty of the Kinesiology and Health Promotion Department at Troy University highlights Rebekah Gordon, an outstanding senior majoring in Health and Physical Education. Gordon is our first recipient of the KHP scholarship, which is awarded to the KHP student who best represents the department not only in academics, but in character as well. She was also chosen to represent the College of Health and Human Services as a committee member to serve in the selection of the 2010 Ingall’s Award winner. Gordon was inducted into two prestigious honor societies: Phi Epsilon Kappa fraternity for outstanding individuals engaged in or pursuing careers in the field of kinesiology, and Phi Kappa Phi honor society, which selects students who are in the top ten percent of their class. Gordon not only excels in the classroom, but is involved in many campus activities. She currently serves as the public relations committee member in Baptist Campus Ministries leadership. She is also very active in athletic intramurals and competes on numerous sports teams. Our department is very proud of her accomplishments as well as her hard work and positive attitude.

HUMAN SERVICES

The faculty of the Department of Human Services at Troy University recognizes Nick Derzis as an outstanding graduate. Nick Derzis entered Troy University in the fall of 2003 and graduated with a Human Services degree at the end of the 2006 fall semester. As a student, Derzis stood out among his fellow undergraduates. He was recognized by the staff for his academic endeavors and exhibited a gift in the written and spoken word. After completing an internship at Easter Seals of the Birmingham Area, Easter Seals invited him to join their staff. After much deliberation, however, he decided to enter the Master of Education degree program at Auburn University in the spring 2007. There he made an impression on the faculty and became a graduate research assistant for Dr. Peggy Shippen. As a result of his academic abilities and a “never say no” attitude, Derzis received a rehabilitation scholarship for his master’s program. In the summer of 2008, he completed a 600 clock-hour internship under the Transition Unit at the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services in Homewood, Alabama. In fall 2008, he received a scholarship to begin working on his doctoral degree and has worked as the clinical coordinator for the undergraduate and graduate rehabilitation students. He will present on clinical supervision at the National Educators Conference this spring in California. In addition to his educational pursuits, Derzis has volunteered as a Youth Leadership Forum (YLF) staff member every year since 2005. He represents the best of TROY with his strong intellectual abilities and his willingness to do whatever is asked of him.

ATHLETIC TRAINING

Stephanie Lennon, MS, ATC/L, Troy University (Class of 1985) is president of The Florida Athletic Trainers Association, a position she has held for the last six years. In 2001, she was named Outstanding High School Athletic Trainer by the Southeastern Athletic Trainers Association and received the National Athletic Trainers Association’s Service Award. In 2008, she received the National Athletic Trainers Association Award as “Most Distinguished Athletic Trainer.” In 2009, Lennon was inducted into the Florida Athletic Trainers Association Hall of Fame. In the spring of 2008, Lennon lost her lower leg in a tragic motorcycle accident. After several operations, this outstanding graduate is now fully recovered and back on the job doing what she loves best. You will find Lennon somewhere on a field or training room as head athletic trainer of 25 years at Oak Ridge High School in Orlando, Florida.
The National Athletic Trainers Association has designated March as National Athletic Trainers Month. This year’s theme was “Sports Safety is a Team Effort” and students in the Troy University Athletic Training Department were prepared to help the cause.

Students enrolled in Dr. Amanda Andrews’ AT 3302 Clinical Experiences in Athletic Training course were given the task of promoting the profession of athletic training in Southeast Alabama. They kicked off their efforts by attending the Alabama Athletic Trainers Associations “Hit the Hill Day” in Montgomery, Alabama on February 25, 2010. Attendees met with Alabama Athletic Trainers Association Board members and were there when Senate Bill 454 was approved out of committee. Students were also given the opportunity to meet with various legislative members. Pat Sullivan and Siran Stacy were in attendance to show support for the bill and students had an opportunity to meet and speak with these distinguished guests.

On campus, athletic training students wore their medical packs to all of their classes and handed out snacks to students with information about Athletic Training. Students also designed and distributed informational flyers on the profession of athletic training to area medical professionals’ offices.

Other student activities designed to promote athletic training included a high school preview day offered during Fall semester and supervised physicals for high school athletes. Both activities were conducted under the direction of Ms. Alyson Steed, Assistant Athletic Trainer in Athletics.