On December 8, at the first ever fall commencement ceremony at USI, degrees were awarded to nine bachelor’s candidates and 15 associates’ candidates from the College of Nursing and Health Professions. Bachelor’s degrees were awarded to Ann Finley Buchanan, Katrina Lynn Leslie, Stephanie Leigh Oyler, Jodi Lynn Rexing, Barbara Ann Sherwood, Kara D. Shook, Alexandra Marie Whetstine, Brittany McKinney, and Patricia J. Fell.

Associate’s degrees were awarded to Staci J. Albert, Rachel Lynn Ball, Brandi G. Buckman, Deann M. Carver, Karina Cox, Candace Earlean Davenport, Krystal Dawn Elpers, Christa Dawn Gilford, Achsah Cy’bill Martin, Megan Renee Niemeier, Bethany Morgan Porter, Kyle Eugene Reed, Sarah Marie VanKirk, Elizabeth J. Waldroup, and Heidi Schneider. Congratulations from the faculty and staff of Nursing and Health Professions!

On Friday, December 8, the third class of the Masters of Health Administration (MHA) candidates were honored in a special ceremony. Kristie Bell, Brent Bridges, Lois Curtis, Greg Gilliatt, Robert Feldbauer, Cynthia Moore, and Michael Novak were presented their ceremonial hoods by Dr. Nadine Coudret and Dr. Otis Stanley. Dr. Kevin Valadares, program director, officiated at the ceremony; Barbara Zellerino, a recent graduate of the MHA program was the guest speaker. Students, faculty, and guests were honored with a reception following the ceremony.

When you know a thing, to hold that you know it; and when you do not know a thing, to allow that you don’t know it — this is knowledge.

Confucius (551 BC - 479 BC), The Confucian Analects
The University of Southern Indiana Department of Athletics recently announced the selection of the inaugural class of the USI Athletic Hall of Fame that will be inducted during homecoming week in February. The class of seven individuals was selected from 90 nominations by a nine-member USI Athletic Hall of Fame Committee.

**Mike Fetscher**, Coordinator of Instructional Broadcast here in CNHP, is USI’s only three-time All-American in baseball. He exploded onto the scene as a freshman throwing two no-hitters, one a perfect game. Fetscher settled into the closer role as his career went along and still holds the career record for saves and strike outs. He also is tied for second all-time in wins and is tied for most wins in a season. Fetscher also holds the record for strikeouts in a game with 14. He was member of USI’s NCAA II Tournament team in 1992, 1993, and 1994; the GLVC title team in 1993; and the back-to-back 40 win seasons.

**FACULTY AND STAFF NEWS**

Jessica Macleod, instructor in Nursing, was recently awarded a research grant from Sigma Theta Tau Omicron Psi, the University of Southern Indiana’s chapter of the international nursing honor society. Ms. Macleod, a PhD candidate at Indiana University, will use her grant funds to help her fund her research for her dissertation on the everyday living of adolescent girls with epilepsy.

Lesa Cagle and Dr. Julie McCullough, Food and Nutrition faculty, gave a presentation at the annual meeting of the National Association for Kinesiology and Physical Education in Higher Education. The presentation was titled "Results of a Student-Led CHD Risk Factor Screening and Counseling Program on a University Campus". NAKPEHE is an organization for professionals in higher education; its purpose is to provide a forum for interdisciplinary ideas, concepts, and issues related to the role of kinesiology and physical education with respect for social, cultural, and personal perspectives.

**STUDENT NEWS**

**Spirit of the Holiday Season Stories**

Second and third year Nursing students and the USI Association of Student Nurses under the supervision of instructor, Linda Evinger, donated lots of special gifts this Christmas to residents of Evansville State Hospital. Music, gift cards, comforters, clothing, shoes, and sports memorabilia were among the favorite gifts of patients. The hospital’s community service director forwarded her own thanks to the students along with hand made cards from patients in appreciation of the Christmas gift giving.

Dental Hygiene students provided an extraordinary holiday for an area family during Christmas. Michelle Elliott, one of the students, enlisted the help of her grandparents to host and serve a Christmas eve dinner for the family of four, a single mother and children, ages 12, 8, 7 and 6 months. The children received new clothing, candy, music, and toys; Mom was given gift certificates for shopping and a visit to a salon. This annual event is sponsored by the Student American Dental Hygienists’ Association.
Faculty and staff here at CNHP used its Christmas tree to hold gift ornaments for an area family of five whose lives are affected by HIV/AIDS. Our College participates annually in the AIDS Christmas project.

**Float Like a Butterfly, Sting Like a Bee .....**

Former Occupational Therapy Assistant student, Josh Eldridge, playfully delivers a stiff upper right to the jaw of Mohammed Ali, former heavyweight boxing champion, at the HealthSouth Rehabilitation Center in Scottsdale, Arizona. Josh met Mohammed Ali while serving an internship at the center. Josh graduated in December with his degree in Occupational Therapy Assistant.

**New Beginnings**

A new class of 74 students began their baccalaureate Nursing studies on January 8. Seventeen Radiologic Technology students and 10 Diagnostic Medical Sonography students also began their Radiologic and Imaging Sciences bachelor’s programs on January 8. Congratulations to all!

**Blackboard Training Available**

Beth Thompson, director of the Charles E. Day Learning Resource Center, notes that all staff and student workers of the Center are available to assist students with Blackboard questions and training. The LRC is open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The LRC is closed on Saturdays and Sundays.

**January is named after the Roman god Janus, who was always shown as having two heads. He looked back to the last year and forward to the new one.**

**January Babies**

1/1 Bob Hooper  
1/6 Mike Fetscher  
1/13 Toni Vessels  
1/18 Jon Reidford  
1/30 Jeri Burger

**Circle of Life**

Peggy Graul’s father, Leslie Wilson of Carmi, Illinois, passed away on Christmas eve. Peggy is director of Continuing Education. Marie Palladino, Advising and Recruitment Coordinator in Nursing and Health Professions, is a second time grandmother. Her daughter gave birth to Jillian Caitlyn on December 31.
Take Advantage of Academic Skills Tutoring Programs

**Academic Skills** in ED 1111 has recently extended its hours of tutoring. Tutors are available on Monday–Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on days when classes are in session. Tutoring is free to all students. Math, writing, and study skills are available during most hours. Biology, chemistry, and accounting tutors are also available during specific hours. Check Academic Skills’ website for more information.

The **Writers’ Room** in ED 1102 has peer writing consultants available to help all USI students with any writing project for class. In the one-to-one sessions, consultants help students become aware of effective writing processes and strategies while providing feedback at any stage of the writing process. Some areas a student might focus on during a session include brainstorming, revising, writing a thesis statement, organizing ideas, citing, or using language effectively and correctly. Appointments and more information about these free services are available by calling 461-5359. You can also contact Deanna Odney, Writing Specialist with Academic Skills at 464-1743 or email her at dodney@usi.edu.

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