Alison Shafer, a nursing and health services honor student was recently named the Great Lakes Valley Conference Scholar-Athlete of the year for women’s cross country. Last weekend, she ran 5th in a Boston national track meet in a 5000 meter event. She will be competing again soon in California in another national meet. May you be fleet of foot, Allie!

During the week of final exams, HP 2058 will be converted to a Hospitality Center for all CNHP students. There will be snacks, drinks, and music, a place to relax, and a spot to have a last minute review. The faculty and staff of Nursing and Health Professions with the support of Mr. John Lawrence provides the treats for the week long event. Please join us.

USI undergraduate nursing students’ team led by faculty Marilyn Ostendorf won the 2007 Tri-State American Association of Critical Care Nurses’ Critical Care Challenge on April 12. This is the 3rd year in a row that the USI team has won the event.
Susan Ahmad, program director for Occupational Therapy Assistant, was presented the prestigious Sydney L. and Sadelle Burger Faculty Community Service Award at the College of Nursing and Health Professions Honors Convocation on March 19 by Dr. Nadine Coudret. Ms. Ahmad has generously given her time and talents to area schools, rehabilitation facilities, and the Vanderburgh County Correctional Facility. Her passion for gardening and quilting is expressed in her work for the Master Gardener Program and her participation in the Angel Blanket Project for Raintree Quilters Guild. Congratulations, Ms. Ahmad.

Scholarship

Dr. Roberta Hoebeke, nursing, Dr. Julie McCullough and Lesa Cagle, food and nutrition, have been notified that their research study grant entitled, “Perceptions, Attitudes, and Beliefs of Low Income Women about Breastfeeding,” will be funded by the University of Southern Indiana Faculty Award for Research, Teaching, and Scholarship.

Dr. Jeri Burger, nursing, has written a chapter for Potter and Perry Fundamentals of Nursing textbook. The textbook will be published in 2008. She is also reviewing articles for McMaster for evidence-based journals.

Dr. Mayola Rowser, nursing, presented in Washington, D.C. at the American Association of State Colleges and Universities on the Jail/NPA Grant in early March. In mid March, she participated in HRSA Grant Reviews in Washington, D.C. Dr. Rowser, in collaboration with nursing faculty Julie St. Clair and Debbie Kinney, successfully submitted an abstract to the Indiana State Department of Health Conference which will be held in Bloomington in May. She and Debbie Kinney have also had an abstract accepted for another conference in Reno, Nevada in June.

Dr. Martha Sparks, nursing, collaborated in the writing of the spinal cord injury scope and standards of practice for the Hartford Institute of Geriatric Nursing Nurse Competence in Aging initiative. She has also been asked to lead the National Geriatric Nursing Association Fellows in a pre-conference on evidence-based practice. In addition, she will present Best Practices for Diagnosis and Management of the 13th Annual Case Management Conference in May.

LETTER MR. SIMS OUT OF THE BOX

The collaborative efforts of Connie Swenty, Gale Hoehn, Tracy Kinner, Kathy Phillips, and Gina Schaar, nursing, will appear in a poster presentation at a “2007 Hot Issues Conference” in Denver in April. The conference is sponsored by the American Association of Colleges in Nursing. The poster showcases successful uses of simulation in nursing education. SimMAN, a new resident of the skills lab, is a portable and advanced patient simulator for nursing and health professions students.
Health Services


Radiologic and Imaging Sciences

**Radiologic Technology**

**Associate’s/** Cora C. Melton, Amanda K. Purdue, Linzy S. Weber

**Bachelor’s/** Ashlea N. Barmes, Lindsey N. Betz, Holly A. Dicus, Amy C. Dotson, Jessica Elpers, Jennifer L. Estes, Rachelle L. Hall, Meagan L. Kline, Elizabeth A. Litherland, Kylie L. MacDonald, Sonia M. Meyers, Jocelyn R. Miller, Jessica L. Moore, Kelly N. Oeding, Amanda L. Walls, Natalie Wessel

**Diagnostic Medical Sonography**

**Bachelor’s/** Amanda N. Butler, Kara R. Dyrkopp, Paige E. Johnson, Ceslie M. Stringfellow, Brooke R. Yocom

Dental Assisting


Dental Hygiene


**Bachelor’s/** Holly A. Brazzell-Bex, Cindy K. Flanningam, Lydia J. Flora, Jennifer M. Gentry, Melissa K. Krausz, Jennifer B. Leslie, Sara L. Luker, Brittany M. McLaughlin
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Master’s/Clinical Nurse Specialist
Cheryl L. Lillegreaven

Master’s/Family Nurse Practitioner

Master’s/Nursing Education

Master’s/Nursing Management and Leadership
Susan M. Griffin, Jamie L. Houchins, Jolinda J. Sears, Sarah E. Shultz, Lucretia V. Tramill, Jan M. Wallhauser

Bachelor’s/ Kelly Allen, Linda Beltz, Jessica Bowman, Holli Brouillette, Roger Burton, Shannon Conklin, Teresa Duncan, Emilee Epers, Natalie Epers, Patricia Fell, Cynthia Fifer, Kara Fulkerson, Jessica Good, Leslie Gray, Michael Hagerman, David Head, Victoria Heavrin, Cassie Helfrich, Misty Hill, Troy Hirsch, Kayla Hoehn, Patricia Hoops, Cara Huebner, Jessica Jones, Cassandra Kern, Matthew Key, Dodie Kirkendoll, Amanda Lechlitner, Katie Lineback, Megan Markowski, Brian Marvell, Sarah McDonald,

Nursing

Michelle Muller, Bridget Nelson, Kimberly Orth, Leigha Pettigrew, Sarah Reising, Sara Schaefer, Angela Schell, Natalie Scherle, Suzanne Seiler, Anita Simpson, Dorothy Smith, Barbara Steele, Wendy Tuley, Randa Wade, Monica Weissling, Kimberly Wilkerson, Stephanie Ziliak

Associate’s/ Stephanie Alltop, Michelle Amento, Alison Ash, Megan Baehl, Britney Barthel, Stephanie Becker, Ashley Boon-Lanning, Jessica Bowman, Laura Brosmer, Emily Burkett, Kelsie Conapinski, Britney Craddock, Daniellle Crowley, Glenn David, Lauren Edling, Megan Erny, Whitney Fish, Theresa Hagedorn, Laura Hall, Tammy Harrington, Hannah Hartman, Tiffany Haywood, Melissa Hopf, Jennifer Igel, Megan Jahn, Melissa Jassim, Rachel Jones, Sara Key, Emilee Madden, Leslie McDermott, Margaret McFarland, Jessica McKinley, Amanda Miley, Lindsey Miller, Lauren Mitchell, Angela Mushrush, Katie Oeding, Kristen Partenheimer, Amy Perry, Leigha Pettigrew, Amanda Phelps, Sara Rainey, Nicholas Rhoades, Kisha Russell, Ashley Sanders, Jeanette Schafer, Sara Schaefer, Megan Smith, Tess Starks, Laura Stocker, Amy Taylor, Julie Todd, Heather Townsend, Amanda Vaught, Justin Waninger, Amber Wheeler, Christina Wiggand, Denise Will, Holly Wimberg, Malea Wolfe, Christina Woodrow, Daphne Young

Congratulations, Grads, From the CNHP Faculty and Staff
Faculty News

Lesa Cagle, food and nutrition, is co-chairperson of the upcoming Healthier Evansville Week that begins on Sunday April 29 and continues through May 6. Evansville’s second annual Healthier Evansville Week will kick off at the end of April to raise community awareness regarding health issues—focusing on physical fitness, nutrition, prevention, and making healthy choices. FOX News recently interviewed Ms. Cagle here at USI for the upcoming event. For more information, visit Healthier Evansville’s website: www.healthierevansville.org.

STUDENT NEWS

The USIANS (USI’s Association of Nursing Students) recently held elections. The results of the elections are Co-Presidents – Lisa Rickey and Laresha Williams; Co-Vice Presidents – Sara Schulte and Valerie Wills; Co-Treasurers – Lindsay Curl and Kate Womack; Co-Secretaries – Theresa Buse and McKenzie Kramer; Co-Projects Chairpersons – Jordan York and Andrea DeCamps; Co-Newsletter Correspondents – Holly Williams and Bobbie Jo Schultz; and Nominating Committee Chairperson – Amy Burkett. Congratulations to all!

The group is advised by nursing faculty Linda Evinger, Marilyn Ostendorf, and Wanda Douglas.

Occupational Therapy graduate students have been performing service learning activities during the spring. One group has worked with SolarBron and the Southwest Indiana Regional Council on Aging, addressing the problems of leisure and wellness for older adults. Another group has worked with employees of the Vanderburgh County Correctional facility by providing ergonomic training.

Thirty-two fourth year students are completing their second, 3 month clinical assignments. Two OT graduate students are completing internships abroad this semester, one in Japan and the other in Ghana.

Circle of Life

Welcome to the world, William Benjamin. Will is the son of Joy McBride, radiologic and imaging sciences faculty. He was born on March 27 and weighed 7 lb. 14 oz. He is a beautiful baby!

April is the fourth month of the year in the Gregorian Calendar. The derivation of the name (Latin Aprilis) is uncertain. The traditional etymology from the Latin aperire, "to open," in allusion to its being the season when trees and flowers begin to "open," is supported by comparison with the modern Greek use of ???????(opening) for spring.
Dental hygiene students tour Chicago facility

Dental Hygiene students recently toured the Chicago manufacturing facility of Hu-Friedy Corporation, the world’s largest producer of dental instruments. Phyllis Maddox, dental programs faculty, accompanied the students. In addition to the tour, the group was treated to a special luncheon.

FINAL EXAM WEEK
HOSPITALITY CENTER OPEN 8-6

April Birthdays
Marie Palladino 4/1   Janet Kilbane 4/14
Rohn Butterfield 4/14   Jennifer Bartek 4/16
MaraBeth Womack 4/23   Kathleen French 4/28

April is National Kite Month

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