How time flies … seems like only yesterday that the leaves on the trees were still bright green and we were just beginning the Fall semester!

The changing of the seasons brings with it new opportunities for learning and professional growth, and the past few months are no exception. Have we been busy! Our undergraduate and graduate faculty have been involved with many interesting projects, both in and out of the classroom, and they are assisted by the many dedicated community members who donate their time, talent and expertise to ensure our students are receiving the best education possible. Thank you to all for working together this semester to fulfill our mission:

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CNHP volunteers saluted for service to college

College of Nursing and Health Professions’ preceptors and advisory council volunteers donated over 112,148 hours during the past year, according to information compiled by the individual programs and the USI Alumni & Volunteer Services office. Many of these volunteers were recognized at the annual Fall Volunteer USI Banquet.

Here is the breakdown:

Dental Education Advisory Council: 61 hrs.
Dental Hygiene Clinic Volunteers: 224 hrs.
Nursing Clinical Teaching Associates: 72,578 hrs.
Occupational Therapy Assistant Preceptors: 113 hrs.
Occupational Therapy Preceptors: 21,360 hrs.
Respiratory Therapy Preceptors: 8,500 hrs.
Radiological Clinical Instructors: 9,312 hrs.

The Deaconess 5100 Dedicated Education Unit (DEU) manager and four of the RNs who serve as Clinical Teaching Partners (CTP) were among the honorees at the Fall Volunteer USI Banquet. From left are Susan Seibert, USI DEU Liaison; Libby Ivy, CTP; Angie Smood, 5100 Unit Manager; Shana Evans, CTP; Julie Stadenburg, CTP; Lena Ruminer, CTP; and Dr. Ann White, CNHP Dean.

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Feb. 10 Free screening of The Soloist movie
Feb. 11 Homeless Symposium 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Carter Hall
Around the College

Dr. Gabriela Mustata Wilson, assistant professor of Health Informatics, and Susan Seibert, clinical assistant professor in Nursing, have been selected for CNHP Faculty Development Awards for 2013-14. Dr. Mustata Wilson’s project title is “Prepare for Healthcare’s Future with Data Analysis.” Seibert’s project title is “Indiana DEU’s.” This award is chosen by the Faculty Affairs Committee. The next application and award cycle will be Fall 2014.

Dr. Roberta Hoebeke, professor of Nursing, received a Leadership Award from HOLA, a non-profit promoting cultural diversity and inclusion of Latinos in the Evansville community. In addition to her full-time teaching duties, Dr. Hoebeke practices part-time as a family nurse practitioner in Evansville. She and her students have partnered with HOLA and the Juan Diego Center for the past four years to promote community health by writing grants and helping with health screenings and physical examinations during the health fairs at Nativity Church.

Dr. Hoebeke was also elected from a national slate of candidates to the 2013 Nominating Committee of the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

Joy A. Cook, clinical assistant professor and clinical coordinator for the Radiologic and Imaging Sciences Program was selected as one of two speakers for the International Speakers Exchange Award for 2014 by the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT). This is a competitive selection process, and one award recipient presents in England and one award recipient presents in Canada. Joy will be presenting her work on MRI safety and burns in England this coming June 2014.

Heather Schmuck and Joy Cook, clinical assistant professors of Radiologic and Imaging Sciences, chaired the annual ASRT conference Oct. 3-4 at the Holiday Inn Airport, Evansville. Both were installed as new ISRT officers for the 2013-14 term; Cook as president and Schmuck as secretary.

Dr. Mikel Hand, assistant professor of nursing, has two new roles with the Midwestern Nursing Research Society. He is chair of the 2013 Qualitative Methods Research Section, which advocates the use of qualitative research and mixed methods to study healthcare issues. He also was appointed to a two-year term on the Grants Review Committee, where he will review research grant proposals.

Dr. Gabriela Mustata Wilson and Melissa Bullock have been elected to three-year terms to the board of directors of the Indiana Health Information Management Systems Society (HIMMS). Mustata Wilson is assistant professor of Health Informatics. Bullock, an adjunct instructor, earned a MHA degree from USI and is a solutions development analyst at St. Mary’s Medical Center.

Dr. Serah Theuri, assistant professor in Food and Nutrition, has been elected Division of International Nutrition Education chair for the Society of Nutrition Education and Behavior.

Dr. Mayola Rowser, assistant dean for the College of Nursing and Health Professions and director of the Doctor of Nursing Practice Program, was selected to participate in the Leadership for Academic Nursing Programs fellowship program, which is designed to enhance the executive leadership skills of new assistant deans.

Dr. Rowser also is serving a two-year term on the Midwest Nursing Research Society program planning committee.

Yvonne Beavin, college administrative associate, and Kim Sullivan, senior administrative assistant for undergraduate nursing, have completed a USI/Development Dimensions International (DDI) Certificate in Leader Excellence, which is a year-long course.

Welcome Aboard!

Melissa Hobson, CNHP receptionist and administrative assistant for Respiratory Therapy, is a 2013 USI graduate with a BS in Psychology and Spanish. She most recently worked at the Vineyard Bookstore, and she will be working there seasonally this winter. Did you know? People might be surprised to learn that Melissa enjoys creative writing in her free time. She also loves to paint, refurbish, and repurpose old furniture.
USI programs team up with Ice Men

The Food and Nutrition Department, along with the Department of Kinesiology and Sport, have teamed up with the Evansville Ice Men professional hockey players to help them train and monitor their performance.

During the first two sessions, students monitored the players’ heart rates during practice to evaluate how well-conditioned they were.

Beth Young, Food and Nutrition instructor, and Rayne Salyers, senior dietetics student, have also been providing nutrition education and individualized counseling sessions for the hockey players.

“The Ice Men are incredibly receptive, and their coach is very supportive of this service,” said Young. “They seek us out to ask questions, and they are realizing that their endurance, stamina and performance on the ice are all linked to proper nutrition.”

To watch a video about the Ice Men partnership, click on the camera or visit http://health.usi.edu/

CNHP Study Abroad Programs

The CNHP and USI Office of International Programs and Services are accepting applications now for three opportunities for undergraduate students to earn course credit and also a global perspective on health care by studying in Osnabrueck, Germany, during Spring and Summer 2014. Application deadlines for all three trips is January 15, 2014. Listed below are the dates and CNHP instructors that will accompany the USI students to Germany:

May 2-11 with Dr. Ethel Elkins for Block Week
June 27-July 24 with Dr. Mayola Rowser and Dr. Connie Swenty
July 4-July 25 with Dr. Gabriela Mustata Wilson

For information about the application process or to learn about scholarships to help finance a study abroad experience, email one of the instructors listed above.

Homeless Symposium to feature film

The College of Nursing and Health Professions is joining forces with other colleges at USI to offer the second annual Homeless Symposium for students on Tuesday, February 11, 2014 in Carter Hall.

The featured speaker will be Evansville native Terri “Detroit” Hughes, former resident of “Skid Row” in Los Angeles. Hughes is featured in the documentary film, Lost Angels: Skid Row is My Home.

Hughes also has a role in the film, The Soloist, starring Jamie Foxx and Robert Downey Jr., which depicts the true story of a Los Angeles journalist who befriends a homeless Julliard-trained musician. Hughes will be introducing a free screening of The Soloist at USI on February 10, the night before the symposium.

Julie St. Clair, clinical nursing instructor and committee chair, urges faculty within the CNHP and other colleges to consider making attendance at the The Soloist screening and/or the USI Homeless Symposium part of their Spring semester curriculum.

For details, contact St. Clair at jstclair@usi.edu.
Happy Birthday

to:

Nov. 8 – Linda Evinger
Nov. 11 – Roberta Hoebeke
Nov. 15 – Marty Reed
Nov. 16 – Beth Bonham
Nov. 16 – Jody Delp
Nov. 16 – Sharri Herriott
Nov. 17—Kerseclia Patterson
Nov. 22 – Jane Friona
Nov. 23 – Kim Sullivan
Nov. 25 – Wes Phy
Nov. 26 – Ann White
Dec. 2 – Karen Parker
Dec. 8 – Kevin Valadares
Dec. 10 – Joy Cook
Dec. 12 – Dawn Worman
Dec. 15 – Charlotte Connerton
Dec. 31 – Susan Seibert

Radiologic and Imaging students win state Quiz Bowl competition

During the October conference of the Indiana Society of Radiologic Technologists (ISRT), a student team representing USI’s Radiologic and Imaging Sciences program won first place in the annual Quiz Bowl, competing against 16 teams from across the state. Team members included, from left, Claire Tuggle, Alyssa Schutte, and Janessa Sproles. They were coached by Jarrod Brown, clinical instructor for Deaconess Gateway Hospital.

The Quiz Bowl consisted of 30 certification exam-type questions in two timed rounds.

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