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COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

PREVIEW

SPRING 2018

IN FOCUS: HONORARY BULLDOG

Johnson and Johnson chairman and CEO Alex Gorsky receives Honorary Doctorate of Health Professions.

LEGISLATIVE LUNCHEON

Dental Hygiene students and staff advocate for change at the 2018 Michigan Dental Hygienists Legislative Luncheon.

REACHING FORWARD

The School of Nursing reaches strategic goals through health education partnerships with Big Rapids and Reed City Public Schools.

TURNING A NEW PAGE

Dr. Matthew O. Adeyanju announces retirement after serving six years as Dean of the College Health Professions.



ALEX GORSKY
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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the College of Health Professions is to train and educate future healthcare professional leaders through inter-professional collaboration, practice and academic excellence.

CORE VALUES

We believe in/that:

- High quality in education and learning for our students
- Leader-centered approach in all we do
- Our faculty members are active in both teaching and learning
- Developing our faculty and students into leaders (Opportunity)
- Healthcare professionals play a vital role in affecting healthcare outcomes, quality of care and costs (Collaboration, Diversity, Opportunity)
- Anticipating and responding to changes and opportunities in society and the healthcare environment
- Supporting collaborative, integrative, and inter-professional initiatives

VISION STATEMENT

The College of Health Professions will be a recognized leader in the preparation of healthcare professionals.

- Supporting partnerships for academic/professional excellence in Health (Collaboration, Diversity, Learning, and Excellence)
- Supporting creativity, innovation and professional ethics
- Open and diverse learning environments
- Programs should drive supportive resources
- Any learning process should involve practical applications
- Setting high professional performance standards for our students and ourselves (Professional Ethics)
- The importance of scholarly activities and professional service in terms of developing an active intellectual environment (Collaboration, Diversity, Professional Ethics, Excellence, Learning and Opportunity)

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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Welcome to the third edition of the new CHP Preview eNewsletter. Thanks to our readers for the supportive and valuable feedback on our previous publications. We have completed another productive academic semester and we are excited to share just a "preview" of the many great happenings and achievements throughout the College.

If you find any of the stories or spotlights inspiring, please share it with your friends and family. Also, we would love to hear from you. If you have a story or feedback to share with us, please contact us at CHP@ferris.edu

—LINCOLN A. GIBBS, ED.D, MPH, CHES



GRAPHIC DESIGNER

Our new graphic designer, Kayla Sheffield, worked hard to design this years newsletter. Please enjoy reading through the activities of the year!

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2018 HEALTH CARE FAIR



2018 MICHIGAN DENTAL HYGIENISTS' ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE LUNCHEON

The primary purpose of the Michigan Dental Hygienists' Legislative Luncheon is to talk with state Representatives and Senators showing MDHA support for various bills that hopefully will become new laws. The Michigan House of Representatives and the Michigan Senate make up Michigan's full-time legislature.

On May 9, 2018, the Michigan Dental Hygienists' Association (MDHA) recently hosted the 22nd Annual MDHA Legislative Luncheon at the House Office Building, Mackinac Room in Lansing, Michigan. Michigan's dental hygienists, dental hygiene educators, and selected dental hygiene students were invited to have lunch with Representatives and Senators from their districts to discuss two proposed bills.

Sarah Hubbard from Acuitas, MDHA's lobbying firm, presented a continuing education program prior to the luncheon sharing talking points of two current bills that impact dental hygiene.

Senate Bill 541 Dental Therapist: proposed by Senator

Shirkey, Hertel, Marleau, Booher and Warren is about cost-effective legislation creating a mid-level provider which will enable dentists to delegate routine procedures to dental therapists working under their supervision. A dental therapist will allow dentists to focus their time and skills on more complicated revenue generating procedures. SB 541 was passed on October 11, 2017 and now rests with the Committee on Health Policy for further action.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA), the accrediting body housed within the American Dental Association (ADA) for Dental Education Programs implemented standards for dental therapy education programs. CODA accreditation means a program has achieved nationally accepted level of safety and quality. For more information about this SB 541, visit MIDentalAccess.org.

House Bill 5241 Pre-Kindergarten Dental Screenings: proposed by Representative Scott VanSingel. Under HB

5241, all children starting kindergarten in Michigan would have a dental assessment in addition to the hearing and vision screenings that have been required for many decades. The screenings will be completed by either an RDH or a DDS. This bill has a great deal of support from Delta Dental, Michigan Dental Association (MDA), MDHA, Michigan Oral Health Coalition, Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association (MEMSPA). The first hearing for this bill is to occur on Wednesday, May 16, 2018.

Catherine Archer, RDH and Annette Jackson, RDH represented Ferris State University dental hygiene along with two second year dental hygiene students, Gracelyn Main and Turner Burnett. As various Representatives and Senators came to eat lunch, they were invited to sit with constituents and talk about HB 541 and SB 5241.

Also in attendance were Jan Miller, RDH (MDHA President), Amy Zaagman, Executive Director from

the Michigan Council for Maternal and Child Health (MCMCH) and Ann Lynch, Director of Governmental Affairs for the American Dental Hygienists' Association.

Amy Zaagman was welcomed to the Board of Directors as the MCMCH Executive Director in 2009 and also served as Associate Director of the Michigan Association of Community Mental Health Boards.

Ann Lynch previously served in the Minnesota State Senate from 2007-2010 and was the chief author of legislation that created the country's first mid-level dental practitioner in Minnesota in 2009.

Senator Mike Shirkey came to the luncheon and discussed SB 541. Representative Scott VanSingel also came to the luncheon and shared why he decided to write HB 5241. His personal story is why the bill came about.

The luncheon was sponsored by Delta Dental.



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STUDENT SNAPSHOT

Kayla Sheffield

Ferris State Student

The College of Health Professions would like to welcome our new addition to the staff, Kayla Sheffield. Kayla will be working on all of our graphic design needs. She is a student here at Ferris State University and is majoring in graphic design. She will be helping CHP with the newsletter, fliers, and much more! We are very excited to have her on our team and cannot wait to see what she creates in the future.



SCHOLARLY ENDEAVORS

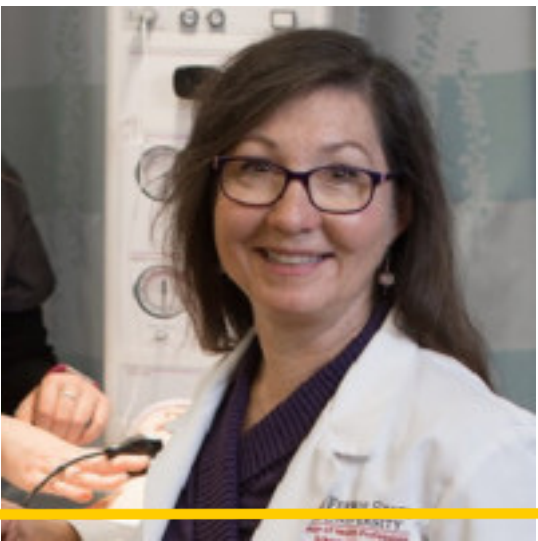
RESEARCH GRANT

Drs. **Fathima Wakeel** and **Anuli Njoku** received a Ferris faculty research grant of \$7,436 for their project entitled “Geographic and Socioeconomic Correlates of Prenatal Smoking in Mecosta and Newaygo Counties”. They will be working with an undergraduate Public Health student researcher Jaivon Caldwell and Dr. Austin Stanforth from the Geography department to carry out this project.



FOUNDATION GRANT

Congrats to **Pam Smyth** on her grant proposal award from the Ferris Foundation for the project titled “Inter-Professional Simulations with IV Therapy” in the amount of \$7,500



FACULTY RESEARCH GRANT

Congratulations to **Emmanuel D. Jadhav** for receiving \$4,700 for his proposal for a Faculty Research Grant. The research includes an assessment of leadership competencies in the field.



FOUNDATION GRANT

Congrats to **Susan Owens** on her grant proposal award from the Ferris Foundation for the “Inter-Professional Task Force Poverty Simulations” project in the amount of \$4,400.



SCHOLARLY ENDEAVORS



SMOKING AWARENESS

Dr. Anuli Njoku, Public Health faculty, conducted a smoking awareness workshop for the Endless Opportunities youth mentoring program at the Baxter Community Center in Grand Rapids on April 11, 2018. Endless Opportunities was founded to provide life-changing experiences to people of all races, genders and backgrounds, with a goal to enhance the community by giving back and providing opportunities to those in need. The presentation was well-received by attendees and the youth were very engaged. This is one of the many instances of Ferris employees collaborating with individuals and organizations surrounding the University.

BANGKOK

Anuli Njoku presented “Stimulating Awareness, Interest and Motivation among Students in an Undergraduate Rural Public Health Course” at the 29th International Conference on Teaching, Education & Learning, held December 2017 in Bangkok, Thailand.



DIABETES RESEARCH

As a faculty mentor for the Center for Latino Studies' Promesa Scholars Program, Dr. Anuli Njoku supervised Public Health student Maria Alvarado and Social Work student Taylor Flannigan to develop a research poster titled “Diabetes in the Michigan Hispanic Community”. The research examined 2014 Hispanic Behavioral Risk Factor Survey data to explore factors associated with increased diabetes risk among Hispanics over the age of 18 in Michigan. This research was presented at the ninth annual La Academia del Pueblo Undergraduate Research Conference at Wayne State University on April 21, 2018, and received a top poster award at the conference.

KICK BUTT!

As part of the “Tobacco-Free Generation Campus Initiative” grant from the American Cancer Society, Dr. Fathima Wakeel worked with three Public Health students (Alyson Hill, Anthony Picard, and Ali Quilitzsch) to organize and execute the Ferris “Kick Butts Day” event at the University Center on March 21. “Kick Butts Day” is a nationwide event that aims to increase the awareness of and advocacy for tobacco cessation, especially among the youth.



LA ACADEMIA DEL PUEBLO

Anuli Njoku and Fathima Wakeel were among faculty mentors for the 9th annual La Academia del Pueblo Undergraduate Research Conference at Wayne State University. The event was supervised by Anuli Njoku.

FLORENCE DOOD

Florence Dood had received the Excellence in Education Award from the Sigma Theta Tau Kappa Epsilon at -large Chapter Honor Society of Nursing last December in 2017.



SCHOLARLY ENDEAVORS



SUMMER OLYMPICS

In June 2018, some Ferris dental hygiene students and staff participated in providing dental screenings and patient education in the healthy athlete village at the Special Olympics Summer Games and Center Michigan University. Some of the students got to play tooth fairy for the day! It was a great opportunity for students to educate athletes. This is an annual event that anyone can volunteer for.



THE LGBTQ PERSPECTIVE

Dr. Fathima Wakeel worked in collaboration with the Public Health Student Association to organize campus-wide events for National Public Health Week from April 2-6. Three important events that elicited substantial campus participation included the “Bulldog Mental Health: The LGBTQ+ Perspective” event on April 2 (collaborators included Kendree Berg from the Ferris LGBTQ+ Center and Lindsay Barber from the Birkam Health Center); the Community Health Fair on April 3 (this event was planned by the CHP Community Health Fair Planning Committee, which includes Tracy Glentz, Cathy Archer, Sandy Burns, Anuli Njoku and Fathima Wakeel); and the Spring Cleaning Campus Cigarette Clean-up on April 4.



GETTING OUR DUCKS IN A ROW

Gail Bullard had the opportunity to speak at the AUPHA annual meeting. Her topic is about synchronous learning in an online program. Using learning platform tools and technology, students are able to experience student-centered learning through synchronous sessions in each course, every semester.

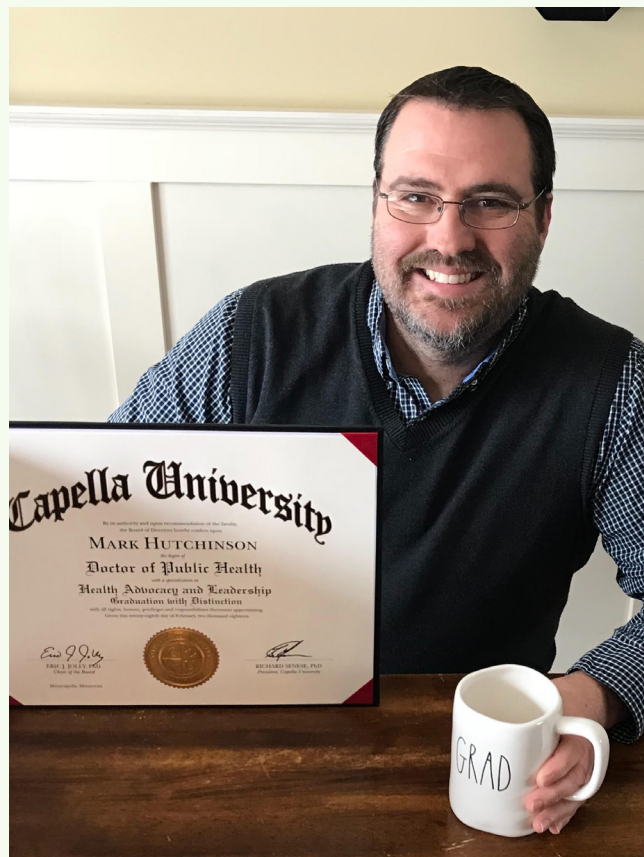
As a result of attending this session, participants will gain insight into one method for incorporating synchronous learning in a fully online graduate program and participants will learn how student and faculty feedback impacted change in the synchronous learning methods.

DOCTORATE DEGREES!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE WHO EARNED THEIR DOCTORATE DEGREES THIS YEAR!

INCLUDING...

MARK HUTCHINSON



TAMI WOLVERTON



KIMBERLY MCVICAR



ANTIONETTE EPPS



JULIE WARD

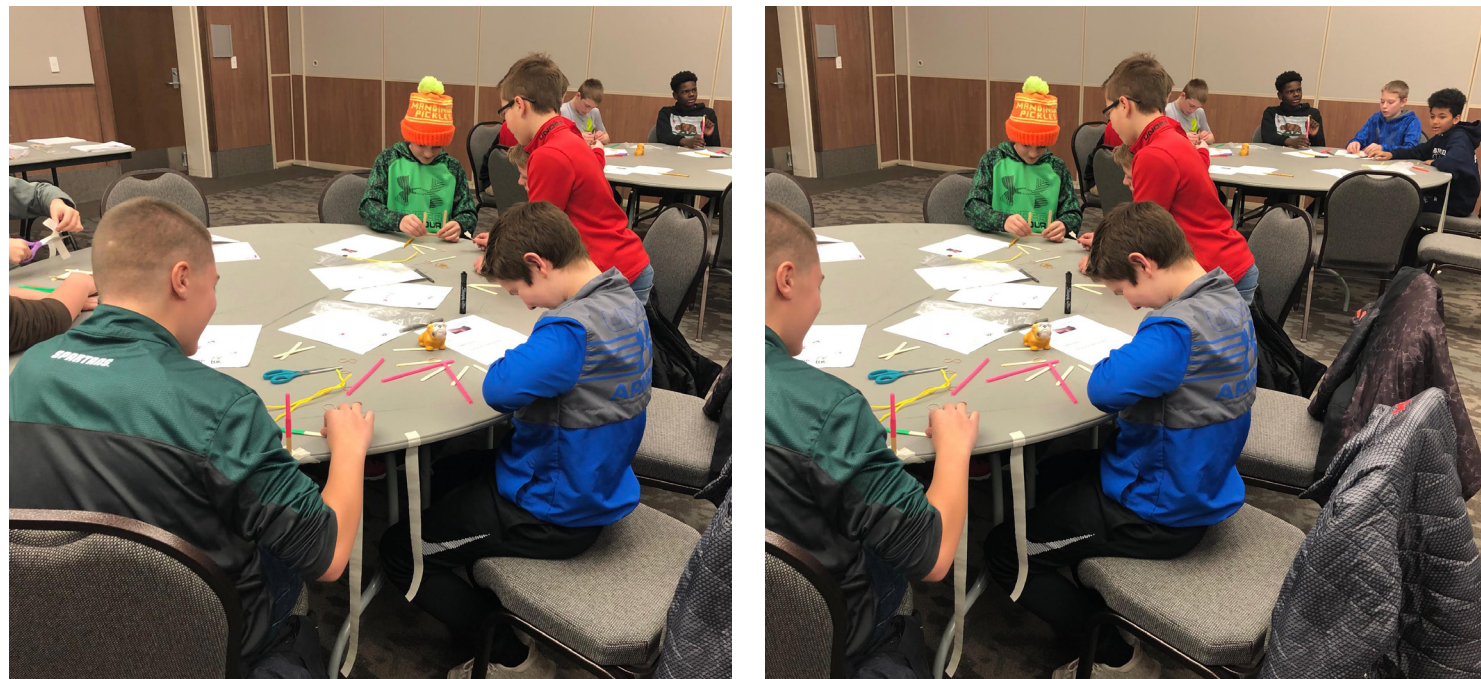


CHP HIGHLIGHTS

HANDS ON STEM

70 middle school boys visited Ferris State University and learned a lot about the different health career programs that Ferris State University offers.

There were many fun activities for the middle schoolers. For example, the boys had a fun activity to experiment and learn about STEM.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Congratulations to these students that earned the Community Service award! These students had participated in 50+ hours of community service! Thank you for helping our community.

Congratulations to...

Ali Quilitzsch, Alyson Hill, Paige Ohlman, Alexis Hartzell, and Anthony Picard!

RETHINK YOUR DRINK

There is a new display in the dental reception room in the dental hygiene building. The kit informs visitors passing by, how commonly known drinks are affecting your teeth. In the image above, Ally Baier and Tim McClelland are learning about the different drinks and their health facts. The goal for the kit is to inform people and have them be aware of what they are drinking.

PEOPLE NEED TO RETHINK ABOUT WHAT THEY DRINK.

The kit was generously donated by the Michigan Dental Association and the West Michigan District Dental Society. We are all very excited to have it on campus!

Go check it out and find out what your drinks contains and how it affects your health!





Forgot Your Lunch?

CHP FOOD BASKET

There is a food basket that is open to anyone who may need a little something to help get through the day. It is sitting on the table by the microwaves in the CHP building. You can take whatever you need! If it needs to be refilled please contact Linda Morris (VFS 400) or Dr. Gustman (VFS 305).



REACHING FORWARD

Pediatric clinical sites for nursing students are often problematic to secure due to the increased petition for suitable sites. The need for alternative locations that promote the essential clinical learning objectives requires an 'outside of the box' approach. As healthcare is shifting to a more community based versus acute care focus, Dr. Florence Dood (community health faculty) and Dr. Susan Owens (pediatric faculty) discussed the prospect of approaching the Big Rapids Public Schools (BRPS) as a possible clinical site. In the spring of 2015, a meeting with the assistant superintendent provided the opportunity to initiate a beginning partnership between Ferris State University School of Nursing and BRPS. The SON would help with the health education and training of BRPS staff and BRPS, as a clinical site, would meet the goals for nursing students to observe growth and development of various age groups, implement health promotion concepts, and serve as role models for the pursuit of higher education.

In the fall of 2015 and spring of 2016, Dr. Owens and Dr. Dood provided education to staff/teachers on asthma control, medication administration and diabetes management. Bachelor of Nursing Science (BSN) students

initially came to observe these training sessions and later participated for service learning hours. In addition, Dr. Dood, along with students, provided several diabetic trainings for staff with newly diagnosed diabetics in their buildings. In the fall of 2016, Dr. Dood was instrumental in continuing a relationship with BRPS. Her doctoral project, The Implementation of a School Based Asthma and Allergy Program at BRPS focused on the gap in care regarding asthma medications, asthma action plans, and epi-pens. She and nursing students provided staff training regarding school health issues. In 2017, the BRPS obtained a part time school nurse supported by Spectrum Health Healthier Communities. This provides an additional opportunity for students to observe the role of the school nurse. The school nurse covers BRPS and Reed City Public Schools (RCPS).

The BRPS became an official FSU SON pediatric clinical site in the fall of 2017 with faculty, Professor Mariah Lab, taking two different groups of eight students to the schools. During the rotation at BRPS, nursing students spent time in the classrooms observing stages of development and assisting

the BRPS nurse with ill student assessments. One of the goals while working with the students and staff of BRPS was to educate students on healthy lifestyle choices. FSU nursing students provided hand washing education in several classrooms as a health promotion project.

The SON is reaching strategic goals with these partnerships and the school systems are receiving much needed health education. RCPS developed an interest in having nursing students come to their district when the school nurse discussed the partnership the SON had with BRPS. Formalities were taken care of in the fall and in spring 2018, nursing students assisted in providing CPR training to RCPS high school seniors. The relationship building process has started with Evert Public Schools and it is anticipated that this will be an additional pediatric clinical site for fall 2018. The SON looks forward to the expansion of health promotion education in the schools as community opportunities continue to expand to other districts.



(Pioneer photos/Meghan Gunther-Haas)

Ferris student Shannon Moreno (left) times RCHS pupil Drew Arnold as she works on chest compressions.

Ferris students Hakeem Dodd (below) and Lauren Doyle instruct Reed City high-schooler Chandler Larson in the technique used to administer CPR.



IN MEMORIAM

MARGARET WAN



While serving as International Director, Margaret earned her PHD from USF in occupational health and safety. After her term in Toastmasters she started a non-profit “Better Trainers” to fill a gap in the Toastmasters training.

Her most recent years were spent working as a college professor at Ferris State University in Big Rapids, MI. When she wasn't working, traveling to NY for treatments or visiting Florida for “Better Trainers” she was traveling the world ticking off items on her bucket list. She had a LONG list.

She was in Greece a few weeks before her passing. Margaret had a reputation of hardly sleeping. You could find her online all hours of the day and night. It was hard to keep her still. She made the most of her final years and passed with grace and dignity.

Laura Jean Macfarlane at the age of 91, of Paris MI, passed away peacefully on April 7, 2018, in Big Rapids, Michigan.

She was born on Feb. 11, 1927. She graduated from Big Rapids High School in 1945 and took secretarial courses at Central Michigan University. She had a sizable raspberry pick/you-pick plantation on the farm throughout the 1960s and, then, she became a departmental secretary in the Ferris State College School of Allied Health, where she touched the lives of countless coworkers and students, retiring in 1990.

She worked tirelessly as a member of the Paris United Methodist Church, including serving as treasurer and on many boards over the 50-plus years of her attendance. Many will remember the flowers she tended and the beautiful arrangements she brought to so many Sunday services. Always growing a bountiful and immense garden, she loved to work the soil, loved nature, all animals big and small and life on her farm.

LAURA JEAN MACFARLANE

THANK YOU CHP!

A previous CHP student that has had an amazing experience with a CHP program and wanted to share her gratitude!

“I would like to thank the three of you (and Lisa) for my education. I'm so thankful now for simlab, and all of the opportunities that you gave us. Other interns have barely seen anything, and only had 2 “unknowns” per class. Those unknowns were always purity plates, and they had never seen what any type of culture should have looked like. They don't know about chemistry analyzers, or what tests are included in what panels. They don't know how cells should look with certain stains. For a good part of my education, I don't think I realized how lucky I was to receive my education at Ferris, and to be taught by you. You've prepared me so well, and I'm so incredibly grateful for everything that you did.”

—Zoe Horn

INAUGURAL CHP GOLF SCRAMBLE RAISES MORE THAN \$8,000 FOR EMERGENCY STUDENT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE SCHOLARSHIP

Twenty-Four golfers participated in 18 holes of scramble golf at the Katke Golf Course at Ferris State University, raising scholarship funds for CHP students who find themselves in need of emergency economic assistance.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

1ST At 17 under par;
Jeff Smith, Brad Halladay, Jen VanEck and Don McGreehan

2ND At 15 under par;
Dr.'s Kristi Haik, Steve Durst, Phil Walling and Lincoln Gibbs

3RD At 11 under par;
Mike Ross, Craig Wilsey, Holly Sheerin and Jason LaFave

CONTEST RESULTS

Marshmallow Longest drive – Jeff Smith

Men's Long Drive – Don McGreehan

Men's Closest to the Pin – Craig Wilsey

Women's Long Drive – Dr. Kristi Haik

Women's Closest to the Pin – Betty Wakefield and Dr. Kristi Haik

Longest Putt – June Allen



The College of Health Professions hosted its first Annual Charity Golf Tournament in Big Rapids, Michigan on Wednesday, May 23. Approximately \$8,000 was raised to fund the Student Emergency Economic Assistance Scholarship Fund. Following dollar-for-dollar match by the Ferris Foundation, this results in total funds raised by this year's event to over \$16,000.

“Our inaugural event at Ferris’ Katke Golf Course was a huge success! After a cool and damp spring, this date was the warmest of May and was nearly perfect. The golf course was in spectacular condition and we’re already looking forward to next year’s event. Thanks to all who

participated, sponsored and volunteered. We couldn’t have done it without you.”

Following a continental breakfast, tournament participants enjoyed a variety of competitions in addition to 18-holes of scramble golf tournament play. Activities included a “Marshmallow Long-Drive” competition as well as men’s and women’s longest drive, longest putt and closest to pin competitions.

A catered luncheon and awards concluded the event with a Kayak and 50/50 raffle as well as numerous door prize drawings.

“It is such a joy to be able to host members of the greater Big Rapids and Ferris

communities, Clinical Affiliates, local business leaders and supporters of the scholarship benefit at our inaugural Golf Tournament” says Greg Zimmerman, Event Host and Academic Department Head with the College of Health Professions. “We are fortunate to have family and friends who so generously support the efforts to help students in emergency economic need.”

A huge thank you goes out to the sponsors who helped make the golf tournament an exciting and successful fundraising event.

Ace Sponsors (\$1,000 donors) – American Proficiency Institute, Dr. Paul Blake

Eagle Sponsors (\$500 donors) – Dr. Kristi Haik & Dr. Steve Durst, FSU College of Education and Human Services, Metron (Miko Enterprises)

Birdie Sponsors (\$250 donors) – Dr. Matthew Adeyanju, Tom & Dr. Gail Bullard, Kurt Knoth, NxGen MDx, Dr. Sue Owens

Par Sponsors (\$100 donors) – Dr. Jason Bentley, Dr. Tom Daugherty, Ferris’ Alumni Assoc., Ferris’ Dental Hygiene Program, Ferris’ College of Engineering Technology, Dr. Scott Garrison,

Dr. Jennifer Hegenauer, Mark Kopson, Lowe’s Big Rapids, Michael & Sheila MacEachron,

Phyllis Marchesotti, Dr. David Nichol, Dr. Kathryn Niemeyer, Spectrum Hospital Big Rapids/Reed City, Dr. Fathima Wakeel, Prof. Dr. Julie & Jerry Ward, Dr. Tami Wolverton, Tim Vanderlaan, Dr. Gregory Zimmerman.

Prize sponsors – AMC Theatres, Applebee’s, Avstar, Inc., Barnes & Noble Bookstore, Falcon Head Golf Course, Ferris Katke Golf Course, Ferris Alumni Assoc., Lowe’s Big Rapids, Meijer Big Rapids, Otterbox, Tina Smith, Wal-Mart Big Rapids, Wendy’s Big Rapids.

Perhaps golf participant and donor Betty Wakefield, summarized it best, “The fundraising cause, helping students in need

is very important in our current student loan crisis. Many students have to borrow all of the funds that allow them to further their education and rise above the life that they have lived so far. The thought of a student having to stop college to earn more money in order to finish a semester or a school year is scary because so many never return. Every student that is willing to prove that they are serious about their education deserves to be able to complete it. Since I love golf, it was a very fun and easy way to support such a worthy cause for our hard-working, deserving students.”



Ferris State University

2ND ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE

JUNE 7, 2019

FALCON HEAD GOLF CLUB

SPONSORED BY
COLLEGE OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

\$75 PER PLAYER
18-holes of golf, Cart, Breakfast,
and Lunch Package

Scholarship Benefit

All money generated will be applied toward Ferris State University's College of Health Professions Endowed Scholarship Fund in support of student economic assistance

Register Online:

www.ferris.edu/giving/golf_scramble.html

Ferris State University is an equal opportunity institution. For information on the University's Policy on Non-Discrimination, visit ferris.edu/non-discrimination. If you have a disability and require accommodation to participate in this event, contact 231-591-2313 to request accommodations at least 72 hours in advance.

REGISTRATION 8AM
check-in and continental breakfast

SHOTGUN 9:00AM
4 person scramble format, 18-holes

LUNCH AND PRIZES
1:00PM
Lunch, Drawings and Prizes awarded

SPONSORSHIP OPTIONS

Ace Level - \$1,000

(\$800 recognized as tax-deductible) Golf for a 4-person team in the event, product/informational display at the luncheon, printed recognition on the rules sheet, recognition on a "Wall of Friends" display during luncheon, banner display on a hole during event, and recognition in the CHP Preview Newsletter.

Eagle Level - \$500

(\$400 recognized as tax-deductible) Golf for two(2) players in the event, printed recognition on the rules sheet, recognition on the "Wall of Friends" display during luncheon, a banner display on a hole during event, and recognition in the CHP Preview Newsletter.

Birdie Level - \$250

(\$250 recognized as tax-deductible) A banner display on a hole during event and recognition in the CHP Preview Newsletter.

Par Level - \$100

(\$100 recognized as tax-deductible) A banner display on a hole during event and recognized in CHP Preview Newsletter.

Raffle Prize(s) - Please briefly describe item(s):

Contact Name: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Total Amount Due: \$ _____

REGISTRATION FORM

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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

2nd Member Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

3rd Member Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

4th Member Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Golf, Cart, Breakfast and Lunch Package

____ x \$75 per person = \$ _____ (\$35 tax-deduct, per person)

We welcome single golfers and will gladly assign you to a foursome. All skill levels also accommodated! Please fill out completely (*singles, twosomes, threesomes welcome; we will assist with rounding out foursomes*)

Make checks payable to Ferris State University. If you are paying by credit card, please circle payment method and provide all required info.

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Card Number: _____

Expire Date: _____

Signature: _____

Register Online: www.ferris.edu/giving/golf_scramble.html

Mail this registration Form with Payments to:

College of Health Professions

Attn: Greg Zimmerman

VFS 402

Ferris State University

Big Rapids, MI 49307

Please call Greg Zimmerman at (231)591-2313 or email at:

gregzimmerman@ferris.edu with any questions

ALEX GORSKY



“WE’RE LIVING IN ONE OF THE MOST PROMISING TIMES IN HUMAN HEALTHCARE AND THIS INDUSTRY NEEDS PASSIONATE PEOPLE...”

Graduates of Ferris State University’s College of Health Professions and the Michigan College of Optometry will gain the perspective of an esteemed business leader, as Johnson & Johnson Chairman and CEO Alex Gorsky will receive an Honorary Doctorate of Health Professions, during their commencement ceremony on Friday, May 4 at 3:30 p.m.

Gorsky is recognized as a longtime advocate of diversity, inclusion and veteran’s issues, having recently been named one of the “100 Most Inspiring Leaders” by PharmaVOICE magazine. He also received the ROBIE Achievement in Industry Award from the Jackie Robinson Foundation, in 2017, and a variety of other awards throughout his career. Gorsky left the United States Army with the rank of captain, completing six years of service after graduating from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. He has also earned his Master of Business Administration from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

Some graduates will receive their second opportunity to hear Gorsky speak this academic year, as he offered thoughts on “Global Healthcare, Perspectives for Students and Faculty” during the fifth annual Victor F. Spathelf Lecture in Williams Auditorium on Friday, Sept. 29, 2017. Gorsky said his commencement remarks will focus on the immense career opportunities available in healthcare, today.

“We’re living in one of the most promising times in human healthcare and this industry needs passionate people, like these graduates, to help move the needle on health and wellness for the global community,” Gorsky said. “Their degree from Ferris State University will take these students wherever they want to go; wherever there is a need for better health and a big heart.”

Gorsky also was keynote speaker for the university’s inaugural Spathelf Lecture, in 2013.

Also receiving honorary doctorates in Ferris’ Spring 2018 commencement ceremonies will be Ferris alumna Teresa McKay, of the Department of Defense Finance and Accounting Service and Robert and Ellen Thompson, of the Thompson Foundation.

Approximately 1,900 Ferris students will participate in the Spring Commencement ceremonies on Friday, May 4 and Saturday, May 5 in Big Rapids.

The university’s ticketed commencement ceremonies will be held in Jim Wink Arena in the Ewingleben Sports Complex. Those guests without tickets will be able to watch the ceremony via a live stream on the university’s commencement website.

