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# Health Sciences Newsletter



May 2012

## Assistant Dean's Message

I had the good fortune to attend the ODU 2012 Commencement Ceremony at 9 am on May 5<sup>th</sup> and celebrate the academic achievements of over 2,500 graduates. Dr. Shelley Mishoe, Dean of the College of Health Sciences conferred 242 degrees: 164 BS degrees, 16 MS degrees and 62 doctoral degrees (PhD, DPT and DNP). At the 9 am ceremony alone 7,052 family members and guests joined in the festivities. Congratulations to all of the May graduates and their loved ones. I encourage alumni to stay in touch with their professors. The faculty and staff are very proud and want to celebrated your continuing success. This May issue of the College of Health Sciences newsletter highlights special achievements of just a few of our graduates and faculty members. We would love to learn more about all of our alums.



Congratulations!



Physical Therapy Graduation Reception held May 4, 2012 for the graduates and their families.

More information on page 5 & 8.

## Devon Taylor's Fan Base Grows to Include Harvard Medical School

Devon Taylor, the former high school truant who has made headlines at Old Dominion University because of his perfect grades and national prominence as an undergraduate researcher, has won a full scholarship from Harvard Medical School.

His award will pay all of his medical school expenses plus some living expenses. "This is exciting," he said this week, keeping true to his penchant for understatement.

Taylor will graduate from the College of Health Sciences in May with a perfect, 4.0 GPA. But first, he will travel to Washington, D.C., in April as one of 74 undergraduates nationwide to be invited to present research at the 2012 "Posters on the Hill" event.

The poster session, held annually by the Council on Undergraduate Research, will be April 24 in the Rayburn Office Building near the Capitol. Those in attendance will include members of Congress, congressional staff members and representatives of federal agencies. Congressmen Scott Rigell of Virginia's 2nd District and Bobby Scott of the 3rd District will be Taylor's hosts.

Taylor took on the research project that won him a spot in "Posters on the Hill" while he was a 2011 summer intern at Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions. The project focuses on a study of the genetic underpinnings of a complicated disease, atopic dermatitis.

As a teenager in Flint, Mich., Taylor lived in a housing project and barely managed to graduate from high school. He joined the Navy, and for nearly a decade he worked in the service's nuclear power program. "The Navy reconstituted my sense of hope," Taylor has said. "My self-confidence was rebuilt."

In the back of his mind throughout the Navy experience, however, was a long-standing dream to be a physician. He wanted to deliver health care to the less fortunate, to people such as the neighbors he remembered from Flint who didn't see a doctor very often and were uncomfortable with the interaction when they did. His participation in Navy relief efforts for the victims of Hurricane Katrina in 2005 only made him more determined to realize the dream. So when Taylor left the Navy in 2009 he enrolled in ODU's College of Health Sciences. "I felt old, like I had to make up time," he said. "I wanted to get my bachelor's degree in three years and the people here have done everything they can to help me. The personal attention I have gotten here has meant a lot to me."

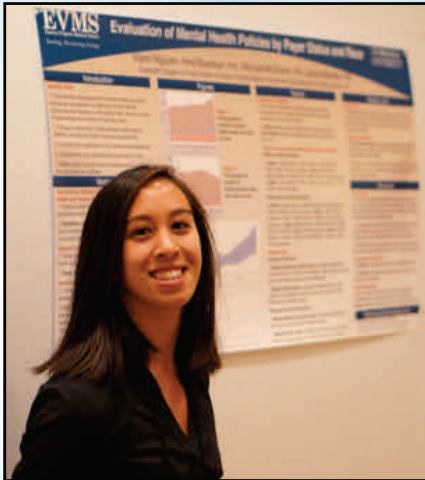
Jacqueline Sharpe, the director of the college's health sciences bachelor's program, took Taylor under her wing early on. "From the day I met him, he has expressed a most sincere desire to help people as a health care professional," she said. "That sincerity has been present in his written and oral work. He has outstanding people skills and his desire to become a doctor is genuine."

Read more about Devon Taylor at [www.odu.edu](http://www.odu.edu).



Pictured L-R: Secretary of Commerce and Trade, **James S. Cheng** (ODU graduate) from the office of the Governor, **Devon Taylor** and **Dr. Jacqueline Sharpe**, Community & Environmental Health faculty. The Governor of Virginia sent Devon a signed letter of congratulations.

## Master's of Public Health Student in the joint ODU EVMS Public Health Program present work at National Conference in Puerto Rico



We are thrilled to congratulate Viann Nguyen, an MPH student in the joint ODU EVMS program, for her recent presentation at the American Psychology Association – Law Society annual conference held in Puerto Rico from March 15 – 20, 2012. Ms. Nguyen presented a poster titled, “Evaluation of mental health policies by payer status and race”, which highlighted important issues related to disparities in mental health care. Her co-authors and faculty members, Dr. Jim Blando from ODU School of Community and Environmental Health, Dr. Michael McShane from ODU School of Business, and Dr. Hind Baydoun from the EVMS Department of Epidemiology were delighted to have Viann present this important work at a prominent national conference. Ms. Nguyen found that conference to be very beneficial and said, “I’m very grateful to the MPH program for sponsoring my first poster presentation at a national conference. I had a great time speaking to professionals and seniors in the field. I received positive and helpful feedback on my current research project -- it was definitely a great learning experience that I hope other graduate students will pursue!”

The citation for the poster presentation is:

Nguyen, V, Baydoun, H, McShane, M, Blando, J. *Presented at the American Psychology-Law Society: Division 41 of the American Psychological Association, San Juan, PR. March 16, 2012.*



## School of Dental Hygiene Shares Expertise at Homeless Connect in Norfolk

Annually, the city of Norfolk holds a special event to facilitate basic health services for the homeless. On April 18, 2012 six dental hygiene students, Brianna Budavich, Julia Cibrin, Jessica Elmore, Nicole Pensinger, Ellen Polakowski, and Kyle Viloria, and two faculty members, Dr. Lee Melvin and Carolyn Bland RDH, MSDH from the Old Dominion University School of Dental Hygiene participated in the *Homeless Connect Project* at Scope in downtown Norfolk, Virginia. The students provided oral screenings, periodontal debridement, fluoride therapy, and oral health education to fourteen homeless members of the Hampton Roads community. The faculty supervised the students and provided additional patient care services such as periodontal assessment and referral for further dental care. Lisa Doyle, BSDH and an ODU alumna also volunteered her time and service. Through community- based service learning, the students experience the impact of the economy, the political climate and unemployment on health status and social justice in health care. Moreover, the ethical responsibility of the dental hygienist in improving the quality of health and life in vulnerable populations was encountered first hand.



## Dissertation Defenses



L-R: Dr Kimberly Adams-Tufts, Dr. Karen Karlowicz (director), Cynthia Banks, Agatha Parks Savage and Phyllis Morgan

Cynthia Burrell Banks defended her dissertation entitled, “Factors That Influence Non-adherence Outpatient Medical Follow-up by African American with HIV/AIDS at an Outpatient Infectious Disease Clinic” on April 4, 2012. She is pictured above with her dissertation committee members.

Mrs. Banks is the wife of 38 years to Vernal Banks. They have two lovely adult children. Their daughter, Carita Banks is a nurse in the army and she obtained her Bachelor of Nursing in Science from Old Dominion University and their son, Buddy Banks is in the army and his field of work is computer intelligence. God is the head of her life and she is very active in christian ministries and in her church, Chapel Grove United Church of Christ in Windsor, VA. Mrs. Banks is employed as a nursing faculty at Sentara College of Health Sciences and have spent many years at Old Dominion University with obtaining my Bachelor of Science in Nursing (1987) and twenty-five years later, her PhD (2012). Mrs. Banks is very fulfilled woman and enjoy helping others to obtain their goals.



Ms. Sariyamon Tiraphat, is a doctoral candidate in Health Service Research program. Tiraphat defended her dissertation on May 4, 2012.

Tiraphat came from Thailand in 2002, now lives with her family (husband—Dr. Thongchai Phairoh and two children—Laeminda and Pluebest) in Richmond VA. She’s interested in preventive research.

Her dissertation topic was -- Multilevel Analysis of Physical Activity among U.S. Adults across U.S. Census Regions: The Role of Environmental Contexts.

Her dissertation committee included: Dr. Harry Zhang (Chairman), Dr. Laurel Shepherd and Dr. Joshua Behr.



Sariyamon Tiraphat and Dr. Harry Zhang

## 2012 Pathway Retention Award Winners

On April 12, 2012, 10 students from the College of Health Sciences were named winners of the Pathway Retention Scholarship. Each student had to be enrolled full time as a sophomore or junior with a minimum 2.5 GPA and a member of an underrepresented population within the student's major. They also had to complete a one page essay explaining how their unique perspective can positively impact the college and university.

Each winner received over \$3,500 in food and books for the fall and spring semesters of the award year.



Front Row (L-R) Jasmine Nicholson (Nursing), Haley McGree (Nursing), Ariel Branch (Nursing), Old Dominion University President John R. Broderick (center), Lakisha Blackley (Dental Hygiene), Rebecca Pagan (Dental Hygiene), Jamalia Mobley (Nursing) Back Row (L-R) ReNee Dunman, (Office of Institutional Equity and Diversity), Phillip Brandon (Human Services), Phillip Stringfield (Public Health/Health Service Administrator), Ayrat Gimranov (Nursing), Chelsey Harris (Dental Hygiene) and George Braxton (University's Diversity Coordinator).



Dr. Walker and Dr. Benjamin demonstrating commencement etiquette on Dr. Maihafer.



Dr. Maihafer demonstrating the joy of commencement as Dean Mishoe looks on.

# Student Recognitions and Awards

On April 19, 2012 the Office of Graduate Studies hosted its 2012 Second Annual Graduate Research Achievement Day. The event gave graduate students a chance to showcase their poster dealing with different topics and the community got a chance to interact with some of the brightest graduate students. Graduate assistants from the College of Health Sciences who exhibited their posters are:

- ★ **Denise M. Claiborne**, Dental Hygiene, MA, “Effects of Low Temperature Atmospheric Pressure Plasma on Tooth Whitening”
- ★ **Deborah Gray**, Doctoral of Nursing Practice, DNP, “Natural and Herbal Supplement Use in Primary Care Patients”
- ★ **Lisa Riha**, Doctor of Nursing Practice, DNP, “Information Seeking and Knowledge of HPV among College Students”
- ★ **Hazel L. Ruff**, Doctor of Nursing Practice, DNP, “Digital Rectal Exams and Prostate Cancer: A Nursing Intervention for African American Men”



Koren Goodman

- ★ **Lydia Wigglesworth-Ballard**, Health Services, PhD, “Improving Nursing Skills Training and Evaluation in a Simulated Hospital Environment”
- ★ **Lisa Rivera**, Doctor of Nursing Practice, DNP, “A Comparison of Outcomes in Nurse Provider Integrated Treatment in PTSD/Co-Occurring Substance Use Disorder in Outpatient Psychiatric Care”
- ★ **Koren Goodman**, Health Services, PhD, “Interactive Behavior Change Technologies to Enhance Patient Education Among Adults Diagnosed with Diabetes”

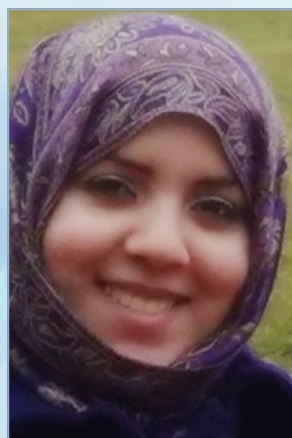


Lisa Riha



Lydia Wigglesworth-Ballard

- ★ Leadership Lecture Series is an experience like none other where students can learn how to improve their skills as a leader. If students attend three or more sessions they are awarded a Leadership Certificate and Leadership Medal to wear at graduation. Those awarded from the College of Health Sciences for Spring 2012 are **Sabha Al Shatrat** and **Rasha Alotaibi**, both students enrolled in the MS in Dental Hygiene program.



Rasha Alotaibi

- ★ Landmark Communication Inc. established the Kaufman Prize to honor Charles L. Kaufman. The prize is awarded to a graduating senior “who has exerted an exceptional and constructive influence on the university, its students or the community by demonstrating the highest qualities of leadership and service. College of Health Sciences Kaufman Prize finalist is **Sherleen Espinosa**, BS in Environmental Health.



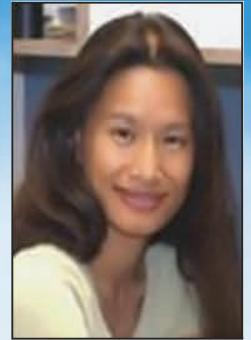
Sherleen Espinosa

- ★ **Rasha Alotaibi**, Master’s candidate in the School of Dental Hygiene is completing a summer administrative internship in the Dean’s office.

# Faculty & Staff Recognition and Awards

- ★ **Anna Jeng** is the college winner of doctoral mentoring award. Each year, the Office of Graduate Studies acknowledges the hard work of ODU faculty put into building relationships with students. The award underscores the importance of mentoring to the growth and development of graduate students.

**Anna Jeng** has been teaching and researching in the College of Health Sciences since 2004. She grew up on a small island in the Taiwan Straits. Her concern about the pollution in the air and water of Taiwan led her to be interested in public and environmental health. As a mentor Jeng says she strives to be “a positive role model who exhibits intellectual leadership and professional responsibility to my mentees.”



Anna Jeng

- ★ At the College of Health Sciences Annual Celebration of Accomplishments **Lynn L. Wiles**, Ph.D., RN, MSN, CEN received an award for “Excellence in Technology-based Teaching Award” and **Suzanne W. Van Orden**, MEd, MSN, RN for “Excellence in Teaching Award”.

- ★ **Betsy Thomas**, College Resource Manager, completed a two year Associate Applied Science Degree (AAS) in Management on August 16, 2011. She continues to pursue Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in Marketing/Management. Ms. Thomas notes, “My tenure here at ODU has afforded me many learning opportunities, which I believe have propelled me in my desire to continue to move forward. It is my hope that my achievement will encourage and motivate others full time employees to take the opportunity that is available for us and bring a lot more accolades to ourselves and the University.” Ms. Thomas’s has served the College of Health Sciences with sincerity, a driven work ethic and dedication to her responsibilities.



Betsy Thomas

- ★ Dr. Jacqueline Sharpe, Environmental and Community Health, was recognized during the May 2012 Commencement Ceremony as the “Most Inspirational Faculty Member”. One faculty member from each College is selected by an honor graduate. Devon Taylor selected Dr. Sharpe as the faculty member who inspired him the most during his studies at the University.



Dr. Jacqueline Sharpe

- ★ **Trina Hawkins**, Administrative and Program Specialist, Medical Laboratory and Radiation Sciences, was installed as the 2012 HACE President on May 9<sup>th</sup> during the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual HACE luncheon. Trina joined this association in August 2010. Trina coordinated the luncheon event for 2011 and 2012. This year, we had over 90 classified and hourly employees which included President Broderick. The guest speaker was Dr. Mickey Collins and she motivated everyone to apply the 5 C’s of Leadership, “Competence, Commitment, Communication, Credibility and Change in your daily work duties regardless of your title. We are all leaders. Trina has also participated in the Annual HACE Christmas party each year by assisting the children in making various Christmas gifts for their family.



Former HACE president, Katherine Meredith (left) and Trina Hawkins



## **Juliana J. Kim , BSDH '93, MS '95, PhD, MBA Named 2012 Outstanding Dental Hygiene Alumna**

At the April 28 *Dental Hygiene Student and Alumni Awards and Networking Event* on the campus of Old Dominion University, in front of students, faculty, administrators, and alumni, Dr. Juliana Kim was honored as the 2012 Outstanding Dental Hygiene Alumna. Dr. Kim is the new Vice President for Scientific Affairs and Professional Relations for Sunstar Americas, Inc.,. For over a decade, Dr. Kim has been involved with the oral care industry. During her tenure as Director of International Professional Relations at Philips Oral Healthcare, Dr. Kim initiated a formal partnership between Philips Sonicare and the American Association of Orthodontists. This partnership, which still thrives to this day, raises professional and consumer awareness about the importance of oral hygiene in orthodontic care, and made Philips Sonicare the leading power toothbrush among orthodontists. Dr. Kim hosted a Philips global symposium for dental hygiene thought leaders and researchers on the emerging science supporting the oral health-systemic link; she provided a forum for dental hygiene education and practice in other countries, and facilitated global collaborations. She also started the *RDH Magazine/Philips' Mentor of the Year Award*, inspiring dental hygienists to mentor others.



Always a pathfinder, Dr. Kim was the first dental hygienist to earn her PhD in the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of British Columbia. She also completed an MBA from INSEAD and The Wharton School of Business where her studies took her to Singapore, France and Philadelphia, subsequently securing a position in Switzerland for Nobel Biocare AG. Dr. Kim is the first dental hygienist to serve on the Dean's Advisory Board for the Harvard School of Dental Medicine, has participated in two dental missions to the Dominican Republic and one medical mission to Haiti. And while she worked in New Jersey for GlaxoSmithKline, she witnessed the 9/11 events unfold from her office window, and subsequently volunteered in the forensic identification of victims from the World Trade Center disaster. Dr. Kim's career trajectory and achievements are inspirational.



## **Physical Therapy Reception for 2012 Graduates**

The DPT class of 2012 assembled for a final group picture on Friday, May 4th. They finished their clinical internships and returned to campus for a reception in their honor.

Friends, family and faculty joined in congratulating graduates on their hard-earned accomplishments. Graduates enjoyed light refreshments and camaraderie while applauding award winners and getting final instructions from George Maihafer on how to proceed through the "hooding" ceremony for their doctoral degrees.

Jacquelyn Gooden and Arielle Poe received Academic Achievement Awards for maintaining a 4.0 average through 117 graduate hours of classes. Maricel Navarro was selected by clinical instructors for this year's Clinical Excellence Award.



Maricel Navarro receiving her Clinical Excellence Award from Dr. Mira Mariano

# College of Health Sciences May 2012 Student Award Winners

## University Alumni Award Winner from the College of Health Sciences

Devon Taylor

## Alpha Eta-National Honor Society for Allied Health

### Cytotechnology

Amy Day  
Jennifer Hedrick

### Dental Hygiene

Jennifer Clauss  
Sarah De Bowes  
Lauren Glass  
Anh Ho  
Kyle Vilorio

### Community and Environmental Health

Kelsey M. Leo  
Amber A. Michel

### Medical Technology

Elizabeth Westgard  
Rosimar Z. Zaragoza-Rivera

### Nuclear Medicine

Denise Ramos

### Physical Therapy

Emily Hawkins  
Bridget Holroyd  
Nathan Michels  
Kevin Parcetich

### Public Health

Micheal Allen Brasko

## Upsilon Phi Delta-National Honor Society for the Bachelor of Science in Health Science degree

Luis A. Muniz  
Dale Scanlan  
Holly J. Seymour  
Melinda K. Stuart  
Benjamin Rhenshaw Van Zandbergen

## Sigma Phi Alpha-Honor Society, Dental Hygiene

Jennifer L. Clauss  
Lauren D. Glass  
Anh N. Ho  
Amber N. Waters

## Epsilon Chi-The ODU chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, The Nursing Honor Society

Virginia Adelsen  
Princess Alviar  
Heather Blackburn  
Katherine Bowyer  
Danny Chappell  
Maureen Clifford  
Fauzia Dabre  
Meghan Franklin  
Jessica Green  
Rebecca Hall  
Christie Hoban  
Nina Jackson  
Jeremy Jordan  
Arianna Jumper  
Michelle Kosco  
Kim Lyko  
Melissa Letourneau  
Danielle Mason  
Andrea Mercereau  
Andrea Ness  
Erica Nicoletti  
Lauren O'Conner  
Jean Oman  
Susan Pachal  
Ashley Payne  
Rebecca Patrella  
Lacey Pollak  
Lauren Quinn  
Katherine Raccardi  
Allison Ross  
Mara Santiago  
Rachelle, Santo Domingo  
Stephanie Setzer  
Sonija Shrestha  
Jennifer Stephens  
Jamie Squibbs  
Melissa Uribe  
Lotte Vanderbilj  
Ann Vanegas  
Valerie Vick  
Jocelyn Weidner  
Heather Woodard  
Yulia Yartseva  
Audrey Yeiter  
Stephanie Zeiber



Jennifer Hedrick, Cytotechnology



## College of Health Sciences 2012 Student Award Winners (cont.)

### College Awards

#### Student of the Year in Environmental Health

Kelsey Leo

#### Outstanding Undergraduate Dental Hygiene Graduate

#### Procter & Gamble Academic Achievement Award

Jennifer Clauss

#### Outstanding Dental Hygiene MS Degree Graduate

#### Gene W. Hirschfeld Excellence in Dental Hygiene Award

Sara L. DeBowes

#### Nursing Academic Achievement Award

Lauzia Dabre

Rebecca Hall

Kim Lydo

Andrea Mercereau

Andrea Ness

Katherine Riccardi

Melissa Uribe

Jocelyn Weidner

#### Physical Therapy Academic Achievement Award

Jacqueline Gooden

Arielle Poe

#### Histotechnology Student of the Year

Amy Day

#### Outstanding Medical Technology Student of the Year

Tchotchovi Ekoue

#### Outstanding Nuclear Medicine Technology Student of the Year

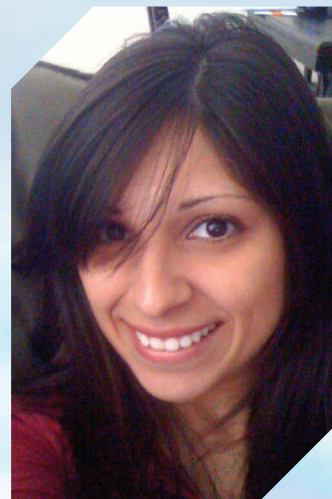
Jennifer Blanchard

#### Most Outstanding Ophthalmic Technology Student of the Year

David A. Weber



Amy Day and Professor Faye Coleman



Rosimar Z. Zaragoza-Rivera

# Have a great summer!



Dr. Giles, Dean Mishoe and Dr. Walker attended the Physical Therapy Graduation Reception on May 4th.