More than 2,000 students and nearly 4,000 guests registered this year for Admitted Students Day on March 24. Many of the students and their family members visited the College of Health Sciences.
From the Editor: Irvin B. Harrell

Putting your best foot forward to create awareness

You know, there has been a lot of civic activism going around lately and it can be a bit contagious. I figured I would try a little on myself. So I stuffed my size 10-and-a-halves in a pair of tight black pumps and off I went, participating in my first Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event on March 27. It was Old Dominion University’s 10th annual walk, which raised awareness for ending sexual violence against women. This year’s turnout was a record – close to 500 students, faculty and staff members participated.

I truly enjoyed the event, in fact, I plan to be a bit more daring next year. First I’m going to assemble a crew from the College of Health Sciences. I’ll be sure to get a pre-walk pedicure. Then I’m going find a pair of stilettos to walk in. And maybe I can get a little practice in before then. But first, I need to let my dogs recover from those pumps.
Van Lunen named new dean of college

By Betsy Hnath

Bonnie Van Lunen has been named the Dean of the College of Health Sciences, effective June 10. Austin O. Agho, provost and vice president for academic affairs, announced the appointment in a letter on Monday, Feb. 26. In it, he praised Van Lunen's years of dedicated service and her "vision and advocacy for faculty and students."

Van Lunen began her work in Old Dominion University's Darden College of Education in 1999. She currently serves as professor and chair of the School of Physical Therapy and Athletic Training, interim assistant dean of graduate education within the College of Health Sciences, graduate program director of the Post-Professional Athletic Training Program and graduate program director of the Health Services Research Doctoral Program.

"I'm excited and honored to serve as the next Dean of the College of Health Sciences," Van Lunen said "Having served 19 years in various roles for the University has only solidified my desire to continue to give back to such a great institution. The faculty within the College of Health Sciences are forward-thinking and visionary, and truly care for the student first."

Agho extended his "deepest gratitude to Dr. Richardean Benjamin for her excellent work as interim dean since January 2017. She did an excellent job in providing strong and stable leadership to the College."

Van Lunen has published 72 manuscripts and one textbook; presented 176 research presentations; procured 36 funded grants totaling over $2.5 million; and procured clinical services contracts throughout the Commonwealth totaling over $6.5 million for athletic training services.

Her scholarly contributions revolve around: lower extremity assessment, evidence-based practice in athletic training and outcomes within clinical education. She has worked with teams of researchers in these areas and has published various related manuscripts.

Van Lunen has been active in service to the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) and the Commission on Accreditation for Athletic Training Education (CAATE), including site accreditation visits, standards revisions and program reviews.

She received a service award from NATA for her contributions to the profession and was awarded designation as an NATA Fellow in 2012.

Van Lunen has served on 18 doctoral dissertation committees (15 as chair) and 40 thesis committees (31 as chair) as well as on the Graduate Advisory Council at Old Dominion. She was also involved in the development of a University-wide student wellness initiative, investigation of a Center of Excellence for Falls Prevention and the establishment of a universal doctoral program within biomedical sciences.

Van Lunen was a State Council for Higher Education of Virginia Outstanding Faculty Award nominee and finalist for the past two years. She has taught at the bachelor's, master's and doctoral levels and been active in program design and development, including the development of two different doctoral programs and a Master of Science in Athletic Training at the post-professional level.

Van Lunen holds a Ph.D. in sports medicine and a Master of Education in athletic training from the University of Virginia and a B.S. in physical education from Castleton State College.
ODU unveils health sciences expansion plans

By Jon Cawley

To embrace emerging technologies and address a critical shortage of health-care providers in the Commonwealth, Old Dominion University will significantly expand its health sciences programs at the Virginia Beach Higher Education Center beginning this fall.

The move will complement ODU’s health-sciences presence in Norfolk, introducing high-demand graduate programs in Virginia Beach such as telehealth, while enlarging other programs in the Schools of Nursing and Community & Environmental Health within the College of Health Sciences. The expansion will bring an additional 850 students and 62 faculty members to the Virginia Beach center.

In addition, Old Dominion expects to open a primary-care clinic, a substance abuse prevention center and a training center for patient simulation in Virginia Beach.

“Mayor Sessoms and the City of Virginia Beach have been steadfast supporters of Old Dominion's expansion in the VABeachBio corridor, and we are eager to advance our mutual mission to serve our community's needs today while providing world-class academic and research opportunities for the health-care practitioners of tomorrow,” Old Dominion University President John R. Broderick said. “I am confident this initiative will position ODU and Hampton Roads for national prominence in health-care innovation, research, telehealth and simulation technology. This initiative could not have moved along this efficiently without the leadership of the University's provost, Austin Agho, and the chair of our School of Nursing, Karen Karlowicz.”

Virginia Beach Mayor Will Sessoms said he was “delighted” to announce the expansion of programs that, “will focus on emerging technologies and will reduce the persistent critical shortage of health care providers in Virginia.”

“Virginia Beach is becoming a higher education powerhouse,” he said.

Old Dominion also plans to construct a new $75 million health sciences building on the University's main campus in Norfolk in the next several years to further expand its health sciences offerings.

Old Dominion has maintained a presence in Virginia Beach for 30 years. Its Higher Education Center is adjacent to Tidewater Community College.

“The new initiative in Virginia Beach will strengthen the University's position in the VABeachBio innovation corridor,” Agho said. The corridor houses biomedical companies, research organizations, higher education institutions and health-care providers such as LifeNet Health’s world headquarters, Sentara Healthcare, Operation Smile and the Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters.
The expansion, Agho said, will also enhance the ability of faculty members to conduct pioneering health-care research. Research labs will also be available for upper-level students.

“We are excited to have a strong health sciences presence in both Norfolk and Virginia Beach that will provide great new opportunities for our students and the community,” said Ellen Neufeldt, vice president for student engagement and enrollment services.

Starting in the fall of 2018, the Virginia Beach Higher Education Center will offer upper-level undergraduate and graduate courses in nursing and telehealth training, providing students dynamic new classroom and hands-on opportunities in these critical fields. That will place an additional 350 students and 45 faculty members at the center, bringing the total to more than 1,200.

“The faculty and staff of the School of Nursing are extremely excited about the expansion to the Virginia Beach Higher Education Center,” Karlowicz said. “This will enable us to increase the size of our clinical simulation training facilities to accommodate growing enrollments in our undergraduate and graduate programs.”

When a proposed School of Public Health is launched, the center’s population will grow by an additional 500 students and 17 faculty members, Agho said.

This fall, Old Dominion will open a telehealth education and research center, which will capitalize on the potential of telehealth to revolutionize health-care delivery. Telehealth involves the use of technology to enhance care and improve patient outcomes by connecting health-care providers and patients at a distance.

“ODU will be one of a select few universities that is positioned to provide critical telehealth training to undergraduate and graduate students - our health-care providers of tomorrow,” Agho said. “Teaching students as well as community health-care providers to use this innovative technology will have far-reaching effects on residents in Hampton Roads, as well as provide critical support for providers and patients in rural and underserved communities throughout Virginia and beyond.”

The School of Nursing had already incorporated telehealth education into its graduate curriculums, Karlowicz said. “Pre-licensure students will now also have the unique opportunity to develop skills in telehealth — something not typically included in an undergraduate curriculum.”

The University later plans to launch a primary care clinic — which will provide other services such as physical and speech therapy — and a substance abuse prevention center.

Adams Tufts selected as 2018-19 Entsminger Fellow

Kimberly Adams Tufts, professor and Interim Associate Dean for Interprofessional Education, was selected as one of ODU’s 2018-19 Entsminger Fellows. This year’s Entsminger Fellows will play a leadership role as entrepreneurship advocates within their respective colleges and/or departments. They will also collaborate with the Division of Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (DEED) to actualize the vision articulated by President Broderick.
Dr. Elizabeth Locke, Director of Clinical Education at the School of Physical Therapy & Athletic Training, was elected to serve a 3-year term on VersAbility Resources’ Board of Directors from January 2018 through December 2021. VersAbility Resources is a regional non-profit organization with global contracts that serves 1,600 persons with disabilities annually in early childhood, day support, community living, and four diverse employment programs.

“Dr. Locke has dedicated her professional career to physical therapy and research,” said Kasia Grzelkowski, the President and CEO of VersAbility. “Her passion for improving the lives of people in the community and experience in health care advocacy are assets to VersAbility, as they create opportunities for people with disabilities to live, work, and thrive in our communities.”

VersAbility Resources has been supporting people with disabilities for 65 years. With a budget of $44 million and more than 1,000 employees, they are a major business and employer. VersAbility serves the Hampton Roads region, as well as the 10 counties on the Middle Peninsula. They have offices in Hampton, Newport News, Gloucester, Norfolk, and Virginia Beach. Dr. Locke currently serves on VersAbility’s Board of Directors’ Budget and Finance Committee.

“As an advocate for persons with disabilities in Hampton Roads and in the state of Virginia for nearly 40 years, I am committed to serving on boards and commissions that facilitate advancement and equal opportunities for all persons in the areas of health care, employment and education,” Dr. Locke said. “Shared vision, a clear mission, and quality of executive leadership led me to this non-profit organization. VersAbility Resources’ leadership continue to attract active, like-minded colleagues from various sectors of the health care, business and higher education communities to advance its mission of service to persons with disabilities in Hampton Roads.”

High-schoolers visit cadaver lab

Bayside High School brought a group of students who are interested in the field of athletic training to visit the Brain Injury and Research Lab and talk with Dr. Julie Cavalario about the discipline of athletic training. This is one of many groups who come to the campus from various schools, usually to partake in an activity in the cadaver lab.
Winter Weekend draws more than 200

More than 200 attended the 15 hours of continuing education offered by the School of Dental Hygiene at the Dental Hygiene Winter Weekend, held Feb. 23-25 at the Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront. The three-hour courses included:

- Interprofessional Collaboration and Telehealth: The Future is Now; Dr. Tina Haney from the School of Nursing
- The Crisis of Addiction and What Dental Hygienists Can Do to Make it Stop; Dr. Carole Pratt, Senior Advisor & Confidential Assistant, Advisor for Opioid Policy Implementation, Office of the Commissioner, Virginia Department of Health. Opioid overdose and Naloxone education were provided with each participant receiving a REVIVE! Kit.
- Remote Supervision: Guidelines for Practice; Marge Green, Susan Pharr, Susan Reid-Carr, Tracie Hill, Trish McDougall
- Closing the Gap Between What We Know and What We Do! - Connecting Dental Science to Clinical Practice; Dr. Josefine Wolfe
- Gen Z: Choices and Challenges; Linda Blackiston

Tami Filipiak, President of the American Dental Hygienists’ Association (ADHA); Ann Lynch, Director of Education and Professional Advocacy; and Maddie Hilpert, Director of Membership, were present during weekend as part of a membership campaign sponsored by Crest Oral B. During the weekend, 52 participants joined the association, exceeding established goals.

Among the sponsors and association vendors were Hu-Friedy and EMS, Colgate, Crest Oral B, Philips Sonicare, Orascopic, Surgitel, Crosstex, 3M, Center of Veterinary Expertise, American Dental Hygienists’ Association, Tidewater and Peninsula Dental Hygiene Components, and the student of chapter ADHA.

The school’s third alumni reception in conjunction with the Winter Weekend was held Saturday, Feb. 24, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Forty-five people attended the event.
Students deliver free screenings, cleanings, exams

In late January students and faculty from the School of Dental Hygiene provided free dental exams, oral cancer screenings and dental cleanings for 36 homeless men and women participating in Homeless Connect Norfolk. In addition to dental care, this annual event held at the Scope in downtown Norfolk offers many free services including medical and eye exams, assistance in obtaining ID cards, legal concerns, food stamps, and details about other available community social services.

The school’s patient care was coordinated by part-time faculty member Sharon Stull and included 34 senior dental hygiene students and 11 dental hygiene faculty. Many of the patients seen at this event had not been seen by a dental healthcare professional for many years and were very appreciative of the dental care. The school has participated in this event for the past 10 years. The students provided more than $9,000 of donated preventive dental hygiene services this year with plans to participate in 2019.
Center welcomes new advisory board members

The Old Dominion University Center for Global Health is approaching its fifth year at the College of Health Sciences. During this time, the center has launched more than 28 research and service initiatives within and outside the university including the Graduate Global Health Certificate Program, Study Abroad Summer Program in Germany, Healthy Chesapeake Project with the Chesapeake Health Department, the Mosquito Control Summer Program with the Norfolk Department of Public Health, the Global Health Heroes Program with Horizons Hampton Roads and the Public Health and Transportation Working Group of Hampton Roads.

Because of its diverse advisory board composed of top leaders in academia and the private sector, the center has been able to cultivate a wide variety of projects and programs. Past board members have come from organizations such as Physicians for Peace, City of Norfolk Community Services Board, Virginia Beach Health Department, Anthem Virginia and the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. Current members include Ron Sconyers, Brigadier General and Former CEO of Physician for Peace; Dr. Cynthia Romero, founding director of M. Foscue Brock Institute for Community and Global Health at Eastern Virginia Medical School; and Catherine Scherer, a community representative. This year, the center welcomed several new members to the current advisory board who are prominent figures locally, nationally and internationally. The new board members include Michael Jakubowski, senior vice president of TowneBank; Dr. Nancy Jallo, associate professor in School of Nursing at Virginia Commonwealth University; Dr. Shelley Mishoe, a professor with the School of Community and Environmental Health at ODU; Dr. Nancy Welch, director of Chesapeake Health Department; Claire Winiarek, vice president of Megellan Health; and Jennifer Krzewinski, student programs associate vice president of Operation Smile Global Headquarters.

On Dec. 1, 2017, the entire board (current and new members) met with the Center for Global Health team to help guide the center in implementing strategies to communicate with different community stakeholders and identify areas of needs and priorities within the community for 2018.

The team identified new potential collaborators in Global Health and received great financial support for the center’s Global Health Heroes Crowdfunding Campaign, which raised $1,802 from 26 donors. The money raised surpassed the goal of $1,500. After consulting with the advisory board, the center plans to pursue three community grant opportunities, another community participatory collaboration with the Virginia Department of Public Health and a long-term partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of Southeastern Virginia in this coming year. The center hopes to continue to foster strong relationships with the community to improve awareness of global health issues in the local and global community.
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April 9  Military Appreciation Luncheon – 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. –
         COHS Annex Room 1008
April 23 Spring Classes End
April 24  COHS Annual Faculty Meeting and Awards Ceremony:
         Goode Theatre: 4601 Monarch Way (back of COHS Building)
         9:30 – 11:00 a.m. – Faculty Meeting – Lite Breakfast
         11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Awards Ceremony – Heavy Hors d’ oeuvres
April 24  Reading Day
April 25  Exams Begin
April 27  Research Day – 9 a.m., Education Building

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May 2   Exams End
May 4 & 5 Spring Commencement, Ted Constant Convocation Center
May 28  Memorial Day Holiday (University Closed)