



HSA Happenings



News from the Health Services Administration Alumni Club • Department of Health Professions • College of Health and Public Affairs
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News from the Program

Health Sciences Campus

With a task force touting facts, such as Orlando being the largest metropolitan area in the U.S. without a medical school, that the supply of physicians cannot keep up with demand, and that UCF is poised as a leader in the fields of science, medicine and technology, it was only natural that UCF would be the next prime location to operate a thriving medical school. The UCF Health Sciences Campus will be located on 50 acres in the Lake Nona community east of Orlando International Airport. The plan for the campus is to build it in three phases with the first phase beginning construction this spring. Phase 1 is envisioned to include the Burnett College of Biomedical Science building, a library and the College of Medicine building. Future phases devote space to nursing, allied health and communication sciences and disorders.



Upcoming Events

Third Annual State of Health Care in Central Florida Symposium

The UCF Health Services Administration Alumni Club will once again host its annual “State of Health Care in Central Florida” symposium on March 28, 2007, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. This year’s theme is “Growth in Health Care” and will feature experts sharing their opinions on the impact of the new UCF College of Medicine on Central Florida and what growth they see for their organizations. The event will take place at the *FAIRWINDS* Alumni Center on the Orlando campus. For more information, contact Andrea Keegan at akeegan@mail.ucf.edu or 407-823-2723.

Spring AlumKnight Out

The UCF Health Services Administration Alumni Club along with the Criminal Justice and Legal Studies Alumni Chapter and the Nursing Alumni Chapter will host an AlumKnight Out on April 12, 2007. For more information visit www.ucfalumni.com.

Departmental Happenings

Aaron Liberman, professor of health professions, was invited to address representatives from 14 African, South American and Caribbean nations at the AABB Annual Meeting in Miami Beach on Oct. 20. The AABB membership includes some 2,000 community and hospital blood banks, hospital transfusion services and laboratories from around the world. Liberman spoke on staff leadership and organization of programs related to the control of AIDS.

Professor Liberman was also a moderator at the Third Annual College of Health and Public Affairs Research Conference on October 27, 2006. The conference brought together the nation’s leading emergency management practitioners to share their scholarship and strategic agenda for resolving the most urgent emergency disaster management and planning issues of our time.

The MS–Health Services Administration Student Association presented a conference on “Diversity and Disparities in Health Care” for Diversity Week 2006

Professor Myron Fottler and Assistant Professor Donna Malvey published an article about the opening of clinics in Wal-Mart stores. In addition, Myron Fottler was interviewed for television about this development on October 5, 2006.

Diane Jacobs, professor and chair of health professions, was honored as a newly designated fellow of the Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions during its annual meeting in Chicago in October. The honor recognizes her significant contributions to allied health education.

Lynn Unruh, associate professor of health services administration, is the first appointee to a new yearlong Fellowship in Nurse Policy and Philanthropy sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. As a fellow, she is working at the Center for State Health Policy at Rutgers University in New Jersey during the 2006-2007 academic year.

Alumni Spotlight

Get to Know Karen van Caulil, Ph.D.

Education:

Duke University, B.S., Biological Sciences;
University of North Carolina, M.S.P.H.,
Health Policy and Administration;
UCF, Ph.D., Public Affairs



Current occupation: Executive Director, Health Council of East Central Florida and Adjunct Instructor at UCF

What is your typical workday like? "I attend a lot of meetings in the four county area. The Health Council works with over 50 workgroups and task forces. We assist with strategic planning, program implementation and evaluation."

What other positions have you held? "Project Manager, Orange County Primary Care Access Network; Healthcare Consultant (self-employed); Clinical Program Planning Coordinator, Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center."

What made you interested in Health Services Administration? "I took a class at Duke in the degree program 'Science, Technology and Human Values' in health policy and another in comparative health systems and switched my interest in field biology to health policy and administration."

What trends do you see for the HSA field in the next decade? "An increasing need for individuals who can assist with identifying best practices and evaluation as funds diminish. Also, only the programs that can prove they are effective will obtain grants and ongoing funding."

What advice do you have for alumni looking for jobs in the field? "Look beyond hospitals. Only 10 percent of the work in health administration can be found there!"

If you knew then (while at UCF) what you know now what would you have done differently? "I would have taken more statistics courses than the minimum requirement."

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Valerie Danesh (M.S., in Health Services Administration and B.S., in Nursing, '06) presented her paper "Hidden Workplace Violence: What Your Nurses May Not Be Telling You" at the Southern Management Association annual meeting on October 25-28, 2006. The paper was mentored and co-authored by HSA faculty members Donna Malvey, Ph.D., and Myron Fortler, Ph.D. She has submitted the paper to a journal for review.

Student Spotlight

Get to Know the HSA Student Club

The Health Services Administration Club's mission is to provide a vehicle for constructive student involvement, recognition and representation in the profession of health-care administration for both undergraduates and graduates of the Health Services Administration Program. Please contact them at: HSAClub@gmail.com to learn more.



President - Christina Orta (far right)

Christina is from Jacksonville, Fla., and in the fall semester completed an internship at Baptist Hospital in Jacksonville. She plans to graduate this spring and is in the process of planning her wedding.

Secretary - Natalie Mead (second from right)

Natalie is from Jacksonville, Fla. She received her B.S. in HSA in spring 2005, summa cum laude, and received the outstanding student award for HSA. Natalie is currently enrolled in the M.S. program for HSA and hopes to go into long-term care administration after graduation this summer. She currently works as a graduate assistant in the radiologic sciences program and also has a marketing internship that she received after working with the facility on a strategic planning project for school.

Special Events Coordinator - Julie Corbitt (third from right)

Julie graduated from UCF in 2004 with a B.S. in HSA and plans to graduate with her M.S. in fall 2007. She hopes to enter the field of hospital administration after graduation. Julie currently works for Florida Hospital in the billing department and is also currently planning her wedding.

Treasurer - Darlene Merrill (far left)

Darlene graduated from University of Florida in Health Sciences Education and currently works at the student Health Center. Darlene plans to graduate in spring 2008 with her M.S. in HSA and is looking forward to a career in health promotion and education.

Vice President - Kevin Whitmyer (not pictured)

Kevin is attending graduate school while also continuing his career in the Navy. He has worked as a surgical technician for the past 10 years, and after graduation in fall 2007 he hopes to further his career with the Navy.

University of Central Florida
Health Services Administration Alumni Club
presents

3rd Annual
State of Health Care in Central Florida Symposium

March 28, 2007

FAIRWINDS Alumni Center, Orlando campus
5-6 p.m. **Career workshop for students**
6-6:30 p.m. **Refreshments, networking**
6:30-8 p.m. **Symposium**

Free for students
\$5 for UCF Alumni Association members
\$10 for nonmembers

Please RSVP: Visit www.cohpa.ucf.edu and click on the symposium link for the registration form or call 407-823-2723 for more information

Join the following experts from the local health-care community as they share their points of view on health care in Central Florida:

Keynote Speaker

- Deborah German, *Dean*, UCF College of Medicine

Panel Speakers

- Tim Liezert, *Medical Center Director*, VA Hospital
- Rich Morrison, *Vice President*, Florida Hospital
- Kevin Sherin, M.D., *Director*, Orange County Health Department
- Karen van Caulil, Ph.D., *Executive Director*, Health Council of East Central Florida
- Don Langmo, *Founder and CEO*, Healthcare Support Staffing



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So, You Want to Get Involved? Great, Here's How:

Get connected and stay connected by joining the UCF Alumni Association and the HSA Alumni Club!
Visit www.ucfalumni.com to join today.

Already a member? Great, come out to one of our spring meetings held the first Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm at the *FAIRWINDS* Alumni Center.

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Don't forget to register for the

**“State of Health Care
in Central Florida”
Symposium**

Wednesday, March 28, 2007

5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

at the

***FAIRWINDS* Alumni Center
UCF Orlando Campus**

Visit www.cohpa.ucf.edu to
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form today!



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