A Message from our President
Jerald F. James, Jr., AuD, CCC-A, F-AAA

The School of Allied Health Professions enjoyed another productive year in all areas of operation. We continue to evolve as a School in this exciting time of change and challenge. When nearing the campus, we are witnesses to a renaissance in the city of New Orleans via our view of the “cranes in the sky.” The reality of the forthcoming new hospitals in the area reminds us that we need to be proactive in getting ready as opposed to reactive.

I am proud to say that each of our Faculty Assembly committees has taken on their roles and charges in a proactive way. We continue to find ways to get our alumni involved in the mission of the school. We have continued to create an atmosphere where research is thriving and appreciated. The Recruitment Committee has developed additional ways to interact with young students who aspire to have a career in health care. The Student Government Association is as engaged in the mission of the school more now than at any other time that I can remember.

In the midst of everyone’s hard work individually, the spirit of volunteerism is alive and well in the Health Sciences Center. You will read below about how our students and faculty have a proudful presence in the community. We once again were able to bring our families together at the Health Sciences Center via the 5th Annual School of Allied Health Professions Family Day celebration. Congratulations to the administration, faculty, students, and staff of the School of Allied Health Professions on another successful academic year.

Dr. Jerald F. James Jr.
Faculty Assembly President
School of Allied Health Professions

Providing a means of communication between faculty and administration, and a formal mechanism for faculty input into academic processes

The FA Newsletter is produced annually to keep you informed of happenings and events in LSU-HSC and in the SAHP. This publication is a platform to inform others within the SAHP about news and events that impact us as health educators. Please address any suggestions or comments related to the newsletter to a member of the Faculty Assembly.

This is your newsletter, any and all suggestions are welcomed.
Academic Affairs/Curriculum Committee
Chair: John Dolan, RhD

The Academic Affairs/Curriculum Committee has met four times thus far this year to review/recommend and approve program proposal and or changes to the curricula of the School. The major activity of the committee was approval of the curriculum for the intended Physician Assistant Program (approximately thirty courses). In all, 39 program proposed changes have been approved this year. In addition, the committee met to discuss the new GRE scoring system. A conversion chart was given to all departments.

Alumni Affairs Committee
Chair: Tina Gunaldo, PT, DPT, MHS

The Alumni Affairs Committee spent the first half of the year preparing for Alumni Day. This year the Alumni Committee, Alumni Board and Student Ambassador Committee hosted the 2nd Annual Alumni Day continuing education event, focused on interprofessional education. Over 80 people were in attendance.

In addition, Michelle Willis has developed a fundraising event for the Alumni Association, Tigers and Tinsel, a holiday bazaar, will be held on Saturday, November 10, 2012 at John Calvin Presbyterian Fellowship Hall. Lucie Lafont (CPS), Marie Thomassie (PT) and Mindy Brown (CLS), student ambassadors, will assist in making this a successful event.

The Alumni Affairs Committee will conclude the year by working with the Dean’s Office to send out over 400 letters of appreciation to community members who have educated our students. This will be the third year that letters have been sent to those who have assisted in educating our students. We always receive a positive response from recipients. In 2011, a CLS clinician stated “I do enjoy teaching and hope my contribution is of use to these young professionals.”
Ad-hoc Emerging Technology Committee
Chair: Tina Gunaldo, PT, DPT, MHS

The Emerging Technology Committee includes faculty, student and IT representatives. The committee’s charge includes developing and recommending strategic initiatives for implementing emerging technologies in the academic programs in the School of Allied Health Professions; recommending a timeline and milestones for implementation of major components of the strategic initiatives; identifying educational technologies that may provide advantages over traditional approaches; and recommending the educational theories, principles, and features that should be considered when developing or purchasing educational technologies. The committee has met 3 times and has discussed the need for faculty and student education for current IT technologies. The Committee will host Moodle educational sessions for faculty this summer and the IT department will develop and integrate more educational sessions for current and new students.

Diversity Committee
Chair: Meher Banajee, PhD, CCC-SLP

The Diversity Committee fulfilled its charge of arranging for the keynote speaker, Dr. Cathy Lazarus, for Research Day. She gave an inspiring talk on the Culture of Professionalism. Members of the committee participated in a recruitment caravan to Xavier and Dillard Universities in New Orleans, and Southern and Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. The committee would liked to develop and offer an inter-professional elective course in the future.

Grants & Research Committee
Andy Pellett, PhD, RDCS

The Grants and Research Committee hosted the 2012 Research Symposium. Cathy J. Lazarus, M.D., FACP presented “Creating a Culture of Professionalism” at this years symposium. Dr. Lazarus, is currently the Associate Chief of Staff for Education and Chief of the Workforce Development Service for the Southeast Louisiana Veterans Health Care System. Platform presentations, poster presentations and a reception followed.

SGA Student Series

The SGA sponsored, Real World 101: Professional Advice for the Professional Student, A Lecture Series for Students. The series featured Home Ownership Information, Finances and Insurance. This event was open to all LSUHSC students and the information provided should assist graduates with personal affairs after graduation.
2012 Copping Award Recipient
Jan Case, PhD, CRC

The Copping Award is named in honor of Dr. Allen A. Copping, who served as LSU Medical Center Chancellor and then President of LSU. Dr. Copping established this award to recognize faculty who are excellent teachers, have demonstrated a life-long quest for discovery and inspire their students.

Jan Case, the recipient of this year's Allen A. Copping Award for Excellence in Teaching, has enjoyed a very full and collaborative career. He joined the faculty of the Rehabilitation Counseling Department in January 2007, and he has been instrumental in teaching a number of courses, including Assessment in Rehabilitation Counseling, Foundations of Rehabilitation Counseling, Vocational/Career Development, Professional Communication, Ethics, Practicum and Internship Supervision, and numerous independent studies including grant writing, forensic rehabilitation, and transitional rehabilitation counseling. He is also the project director for the school's Five-Year Rehabilitation Services Administration Training Grant. Dr. Case completed his Master's and his Ph.D. at the University of Texas in Special Education and later followed these degrees with a Master's in Rehabilitation Counseling from LSUHSC. Along the way he has served in both public and private rehabilitation arenas, in addition to often serving congregations as an ordained Lutheran pastor. He has tried to infuse his teaching here at LSUHSC with a collaborative spirit, incorporating alumni and current students alike in the design and piloting of various instructional strategies and tools. Case's own experiences as a grandparent of a special needs child have also been instrumental in forming him as a passionate instructor for the next generation of rehabilitation counseling practitioners, some of whom will likely serve his own grandson in the years to come. In humbly accepting this award, Dr. Case wanted to emphasize that the award itself is a wonderful recognition of his own teachers, colleagues, fellow rehabilitation counselors, his family, and, of course, his beloved students.

Dean's Reception

The Dean's Reception, was held on Friday May 11, 2012 at Chateau Golf and Country Club. This event, honors graduating students in their academic accomplishment from the School of Allied health Professions.
PRE-COMMENCEMENT Ceremony

School of Allied Health Professions, Pre-commencement Ceremony, was held at the Hilton Riverside, in New Orleans, May 16, 2012.

![Award Winners](image1)

**Erin Graugnard Rushing**  
Doctor of Audiology  
**CHANCELLOR’S AWARD**

**Kristen Marie Reboul**  
Master of Speech-Language Pathology  
**DEAN’S AWARD**

**Randy Joseph D’Antoni**  
Cardiopulmonary Science  
**LINDBERG SCHOLARSHIP**

FAMILY DAY June 9, 2012

The Faculty Assembly and SGA of the School of Allied Health Professions along with the support of Dean Cairo and LSUHSC Administration sponsored the fifth Annual Family Day on Saturday, June 9, 2012.

Faculty, staff, students, family and friends enjoyed the day as departments sponsored Discovery Zones that captured the attention of all! The event focused on bringing in the students’ families and friends to enrich their understanding of the School of Allied Health Professions at LSUHSC – New Orleans.

![Family Day](image2)

Professional Development Series

The SGA and Student Ambassadors will present the 3rd Annual Professional Development Series and Job Fair during the fall 2012 semester. The first presentation is August 20th-Resume Writing, followed by lectures on Interviewing and Employee Benefits on August 27 and September 10th. Presentations are on Mondays from 12:10 - 12:50 PM in the MEB. Additionally, Thursday, September 20th, the students will have the opportunity to attend a Job Fair from 1:00 - 3:30 PM.
Audiology Program

Addie Dowell and Brittany Milligan took the lead roles as first authors for a peer reviewed article in the Journal of Educational Audiology. These students reviewed hundreds of video games to find ones that might be used during informal auditory therapy. This list will be useful to clinicians who would like to supplement formal therapy activities. Dr. Bradley Davis and Dr. Annette Hurley were faculty advisors and co-authors on this project.

Amanda Troyer and Eric Arriaga coauthored a paper with Dr. Hurley and Dr. Turner for the Journal of Educational Audiology. This case report reviewed assessment of the afferent and efferent auditory system in a patient after a hemispherectomy. Amanda & Eric also presented this case at the Global Perspectives on Central Auditory Processing Disorders in Boston, MA in April.


Cardiopulmonary Science Program

The Department of Cardiopulmonary Science accepted 18 new students for the class beginning in May of 2012: 10 in respiratory therapy and 8 in cardiovascular sonography. Tim Cordes, Assistant Professor of Clinical Cardiopulmonary Science, gave a talk this spring entitled “Becoming a Respiratory Clinical Preceptor” at both Children’s and St. Tammany Parish Hospitals. Tim used videos created in the Isidore Cohn, MD Student Learning Center with the assistance of Dr. Vadym Rusnak and students Jordan Killeen and Caroline Holland. The videos are designed to test inter-rater reliability among clinical preceptors when evaluating student performance in a clinical setting.

Clinical Laboratory Sciences Program

The Department of Clinical Laboratory Sciences had its site visit for accreditation renewal by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS) March 5-6. The accreditors complimented both the program and the SAHP during the site visit but the department will not know the final accreditation decision until October 2012. The accreditation process following the site visitors report includes review by the Programs Approval Review Committee in July and final action by the NAACLS Board of Directors in September. Accreditation can be awarded for a length of 2 to 7 years and in the past the CLS department has received the maximum 7 years. The CLS faculty continues to be active in professional organizations and in scholarly activities. Michele Zitzmann and Tabitha Taylor, a recent graduate, authored a case

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study article involving a 4-month old infected with *Dipylidium caninum* (dog tapeworm). An article describing a computer-based training tool to improve the White Blood Cell Identification skills of students authored by Dan Haun, Angela Foley, and Patsy Jarreau has been accepted for publication. The prototype tool has now been revised to a form that is web-based and can be accessed via personal computer and mobile devices. This tool allows students to enhance their skills through comparison to results from experts in the field and allows instructors to monitor student progression. The department will continue to refine this tool while using it as a classroom training device and will also adapt it for use as a tool for testing the competency of personnel in clinical laboratories. In the future the technology will be utilized for development of training modules in other subject areas.

The graduating class of 2012 attended the tri-state (LA, Miss, Tenn) medical technology meeting held April 10-13 in Tunica, MS and participated in the student quiz bowl competition against teams from Mississippi and Louisiana. For the fourth year in a row one of the teams from LSUHSC New Orleans won the competition. The members of the winning team were Brandon Garrett (captain), Chris Brummerhop, Evan Pierce, Cameron Gelis, and Jacob Morvant. Faculty members Patsy Jarreau and Angela Foley each received the Presidential Service Award from the Louisiana Society for Clinical Laboratory Science.

### Occupational Therapy Program

The Occupational Therapy Department has been very busy with scholarly and community engagement. We would like to share our pride in announcing that Rennie Jacobs has completed her PhD in Clinical Anatomy and is now Rennie Jacobs, MHS, LOTR, CHT, PhD! She is an asset to the department and will also be teaching in the Anatomy Department this summer.

In addition, faculty and students have been busy in the community. Kerrie Ramsdell, MS, LOTR has been selected to sit on Touro’s Rehabilitation Advisory Committee. In addition, a student advocacy group (Jane Bailey, Kristin Davis, Andrea Couvillon, Lindsey Gravgnard, Jessica Salvadras and Lanie Woodruff) attended legislative day with the Louisiana Occupational Therapy Association in Baton Rouge on March 27th. Not only did the students learn about the legislative process; they were introduced on the Senate floor and received a warm welcome. Lastly, students have been finishing up over 26 leadership projects within the community. They range from organizing and participating in Breast Cancer, Autism and ALS Awareness events to helping local families adjust to new medical conditions that have altered their ability to perform valued occupations.

At a national level, Kristin Davis, was elected as the student delegate for the American Occupational Therapy Association. Kerrie Ramsdell, MS, LOTR presented “Preschool Special Educators Perceptions of Occupational Therapists Roles and Services” at the AOTA national conference in Indianapolis and students (Kristin Davis, Meredith Sanders, and Brooke Stewart) presented a poster session entitled “Utilizing The Center for the Developing Child To Promote EBP Occupational Therapy in Early Childhood.” The department is proud of the faculty and student accomplishments.
Physical Therapy Program

In May, we said good-bye to the class of 2012 and welcomed the class of 2015. On May 17, 2012, thirty-nine physical therapy students received their Doctorate of Physical Therapy degree. The faculty wishes them much success in the future. The class of 2015, which consists of 35 students and their family and friends attended an Open House hosted by the Physical Therapy Department on April 13. The first day of class for this new group of students was May 23rd. We look forward to getting to know them over the summer semester.

Noelle Moreau, PT, PhD joined the faculty on June 1st. She comes to LSUHSC by way of the Medical University of South Carolina. Dr. Moreau is a Louisiana native and obtained her BS in Physical Therapy from LSUHSC-Shreveport, her PhD in Motor Behavior with an emphasis in Biomechanics at LSUBR and completed a post-doctoral fellowship at the Washington University School of Medicine. She has expertise in gait analysis and her research interests include measuring the impact of strength training in children with cerebral palsy. We are excited to have her join the faculty and look forward to working with her.

The Physical Therapy Department opened a second site to provide physical therapy services at the LSUHSC Health St. Charles Avenue location. John Ware, PT, MS, FAA-OMPT began seeing patients at this location in January 2012. John still maintains an active practice at our faculty practice clinic located on the 7th floor of the Nursing/Allied Health Building. Referrals at both locations have steadily increased.

One of our 2012 graduates, Ashley Miramon, completed her yearlong participation in the Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LEND) program. This is a unique training opportunity through the Human Development Center Interdisciplinary Traineeship (HDCIT) program known as the ArkLaMiss Collaborative. This program brings students together from a variety of backgrounds such as nursing, audiology and speech & language pathology for the purpose of gaining interdisciplinary experiences in the area of neurodevelopmental disabilities. Dr. Kirk Nelson was her faculty sponsor in the program. Because of the unique professional experiences that Ashley had, we hope that several of our students will apply to be selected for participation in the program next year.

In October and November 2011, the second year DPT student held two separate health and wellness events in the New Orleans area. The two events were aimed at improving skills in planning a community health-focused event and working as a team with other health care professionals. The first event was held on campus and the students set up a “Highway to Health” which included over twenty stations to test different aspects of an individual’s health as well as stations that assessed an individual’s knowledge on their own health. The second event was held in conjunction with the American Heart Association’s annual Heart Walk at Audubon Park. Students set up four booths along the walking route that provided assessments in cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength, flexibility and body composition. The students also provided information on health-related concepts.

Our students participated in several events to raise money for charitable causes over the past year. In October, they hosted a “Think Pink” night at Grits bar to raise money for breast cancer research and most recently, they hosted a “Mustaches for MS” at 12 Bar on Fulton Street to raise money for the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation. Finally, last August, students and faculty participated as a group to help build a house for Habitat for Humanity. Students continue to look for opportunities to donate their time and efforts to the community and the faculty are pleased that they organize these events and support their endeavors in these areas.
Rehabilitation Counseling Program

Henry McCarthy was busy at the annual conference of the American Counseling Association (ACA) in San Francisco March 21-25, 2012. Besides attending many sessions, he made a presentation, “Long-Term Disaster Relief Work in Haiti: Personal Reflections and Lessons Learned,” about the needs and caveats of doing trauma work, based on his service trip to a tent city in Haiti in the summer of 2011. Each year, the American Rehabilitation Counseling Association (ARCA), a division of ACA, gives a research award for the best research article in a rehabilitation journal published during the prior year. At the ARCA Awards reception at the conference, Henry’s article, “A modest Festschrift and insider perspective on Beatrice Wright’s contributions to rehabilitation theory and practice” received the 3rd place award in the competition. He also was involved in the annual Editorial Board meeting for Rehabilitation Counseling Bulletin, the peer-reviewed journal for which he serves as one of two Associate Editors.

Speech-Language Program

Graduate students, Amy Shipley, Andrea Pizza and Justin Whitley, traveled to work in Guatemala at a camp for children with severe disabilities over winter semester break. Campamento Kikotimal is an overnight recreational camp for people with severe disabilities in Guatemala, made up of about 45 participants, half counselors and half campers. Each camper is assigned one-on-one to a counselor who is responsible 24-hours-a-day to ensure that all of their needs are met, building a close relationship with them and seeing that they are having a great experience. (This requires a certain degree of maturity and relational skill.) In a foreign country and a second language, no less, counselors must forget about their own needs and focus completely on their camper, day and night. Despite never having cared for a person with severe disabilities before, they tackled each challenge without hesitation, including helping their campers with daily care such as bathing and dressing and helping them to navigate social challenges within the camp community.

Amy Shipley shares a little bit about their experience. We traveled to Guatemala for two weeks together as a group. Campers and counselors basically made any situation "doable," despite the campers’ disability. If we wanted the campers to get on a boat, we would haul their wheelchairs on the boat, haul them onto the boat, enjoy the boat, and then get them off. It was the same thing for the chicken bus that we rode around (Andrea Pizza and I climbed on top of the bus to help hoist wheel chairs up- totally awesome). I left the camp with bigger biceps, of course. But I also left with a keen awareness of some of the daily struggles that come with severe disabilities. And, most importantly, I got a chance to really get to know some amazing, dynamic Guatemalans, who will be my friends for life.
Recruitment Committee
Chair: Michele B. Zitzmann, MHS, MLS(ASCP)

The SAHP Recruitment Committee continues to be very active in attending both high school and college recruiting events. Over the past several months, members of the committee attended events at Chalmette High School, University of New Orleans, and the Archdiocese of N.O. College Fair at the Pontchartrain Center. In addition to outside events, the committee also invited Warren Easton High School to LSUHSC. The students were able to tour all of the SAHP departments, as well as the Simulation laboratory. Members of the 2011-2012 Recruitment committee are Yudi Stoute (Student Affairs), Ha Hoang (PT), Jerald James (COMD), Aloma Lykes (COMD), Henry McCarthy (RC), Jo Thompson (OT), John Zamjahn (CPS), and Michele Zitzmann (CLS). Although committee members attend meetings and plan events, all faculty members are invited to attend recruitment events.

In Memory of Susan M. Daniels, PhD

Susan M. Daniels was the first department head for the Rehabilitation Counseling program at LSUHSC in New Orleans in 1978.

She went on to serve in three senior Federal positions: Associate Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration in the Department of Education, Associate Commissioner of the Administration on Developmental Disabilities in the Department of Health and Human Services, and Deputy Commissioner for Disability and Income Security Programs at the Social Security Administration (SSA).

She was appointed as SSA’s Deputy by President Clinton to oversee programs serving over 11 million Americans with disabilities. Her work at SSA and her efforts on the 1999 Ticket to Work and Work Incentive Improvement Act - landmark legislation that supports workers with disabilities - are viewed as her greatest accomplishment.

Dr. Daniels received the prestigious Henry B. Betts award (2004) of the Prince Charitable Trusts and the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago and played a key role in international forums in Africa, Europe and Asia.

As principal of Daniels & Associates, LLC, she assured the continuance of her projects on policy, advocacy and electronic tools for people with disabilities. Of great importance to her legacy is her work with young college students and graduates with disabilities.

On October 20th, 2011, Dr. Daniels passed away.
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