Homecoming: Behavioral Sciences Hosts Alumni in the Classroom

Southeastern Oklahoma State University’s Department of Behavioral Sciences hosted the second-annual “Alumni in the Classroom” during the week of Homecoming 2012. Returning alumni had the opportunity to speak to or teach a variety of classes. The guest speakers for this year were, Frank Coolbroth for COUN 5923/5933 Counseling Internship, Amy Jamison for COUN 5123 School Counseling Orientation, Tim Boatmun for PSY 1113 Introduction to Psychology, and John Williams for COUN 5873 Counseling Consultation, Administration and Program Evaluation. Faculty and staff hosts for the event were Dr. Reba Criswell, Dr. Charla, Dana Clure, Dr. Daniel Weigel, and Dr. Ed Mauzey. Director of Alumni Relations Stephanie Davison said, “This is a wonderful way for our alumni to connect with our students and an opportunity for them to share real-life career stories while interacting with them.” Students enjoyed the presentation by John Williams, a Southeastern Alum and Professor Emeritus. “I really appreciated hearing from our guest speaker. Hearing him talk about him experiencing different thing throughout his career was uplifting and helped to make me feel confident. I also appreciated his enthusiasm.” “I had a lot in common with the speaker today. The things he said, I found were interesting and useful.” “Thank you, John Williams.”
Busy Year for Clinical Mental Health Counseling Students

Counseling graduate students, under the coordination of Dr. Kimberly Donovan, held a "Tackle Domestic Violence" fundraising event for the Crisis Control Center in Durant. For this event, a bake sale was held in Morrison Hall from January 31, 2012, to February 2, 2012. Several students prepare baked goods and staffed the bake sale table on a voluntary basis. The total amount raised from this event was $1,300.00. Also in the spring, CMHC participated in "Relay for Life." Team, "Counseling All-Stars," was started by students Ashley Drake, Lacey Oldham, and Dave Harbin. This fall, the Clinical Mental Health Counseling (CMHC) Master's Degree program at Southeastern Oklahoma State University was granted formal approval to charter a local chapter of Chi Sigma Iota, the Counseling Academic and Professional Honor Society International.

The Clinical Mental Health Counseling (CMHC) Master's Degree program at Southeastern Oklahoma State University has been very busy over the last few months. In February, the second year in a row, the Clinical Mental Health Counseling graduate students, under the coordination of Dr. Kimberly Donovan, held a "Tackle Domestic Violence" fundraising event for the Crisis Control Center in Durant. For this event, a bake sale was held in Morrison Hall from January 31, 2012, to February 2, 2012. Several students prepare baked goods and staffed the bake sale table on a voluntary basis. The total amount raised from this event was $1,300.00. Also in the spring, CMHC participated in "Relay for Life." Team, "Counseling All-Stars," was started by students Ashley Drake, Lacey Oldham, and Dave Harbin.

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CMHC Receives CACREP Accreditation

The clinical mental health counseling master's degree program at Southeastern Oklahoma State University recently received accreditation from the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). Southeastern is one of two universities in Oklahoma with CACREP accreditation, the first in the state to earn the prestigious accreditation for a "Clinical Mental Health Counseling" (CMHC) master's degree program.

The CACREP accreditation was based on the board's extensive review of documents, the visiting team's report, and Southeastern's response. The eight-year accreditation period is the longest period of time for which a program can receive accreditation.

"This is a significant achievement," said Dr. Douglas McMillan, vice president for academic affairs at Southeastern. "This specialized accreditation demonstrates the quality of our counseling program and is a real tribute to the efforts of our faculty. In addition, it will enable us to better serve students in a critical field of mental health." CACREP accreditation adds to numerous other specialized accreditations held by Southeastern, including the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education; the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International; the Aviation Accreditation Board International; and the National Association of Schools of Music.

CACREP accreditation has many benefits for students, according to Dr. Daniel Weigel, professor of counseling at Southeastern and the chair of the University's CACREP Accreditation Task Force. "The CACREP accreditation will greatly benefit graduates seeking employment and Licensed Professional Counselor licensure in Oklahoma or any other state," said Weigel.

Vicky Hudson Honored with Virginia Peters Higher Ed. Award

Vicky Hudson, Chair of the Department of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (OAH- PED) on October 15, 2012 in Edmond, Oklahoma. The award was presented at the State Convention of the Oklahoma Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (OAH-PERD) on October 15, 2012 in Edmond, Oklahoma. The award was named in honor of Dr. Virginia Peters, a long-time professor in the Department of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance and former coach at the University of Central Oklahoma. The recipient must prepare Oklahoma public and private school physical education teachers; oversee, direct, and/or advise student teachers in the field of physical education; serve as a positive role model epitomizing personal health and fitness; share the enjoyment of activity, and demonstrate sensitivity to the physical and emotional needs of all students.

Professor Vicky Hudson

Teacher Education Candidates Prepare to Student Teach

Forty-three Southeastern teacher education candidates prepare to complete their 60 day student teaching experience at their assigned schools. Teacher education candidates will complete student teaching in 30 school districts in southern Oklahoma and north Texas. Candidates from the departments of Elementary Education, English Education, Health and Physical Education, Mathematics Education, Science Education, Social Studies Education, Special Education, and Vocal Music Education met on September 13, 2012 with Dr. Jerry Stout, to participate in a seminar to discuss the policies and procedures which govern the completion of student teaching and final requirements for their respective degrees. Mrs. Susie Wilson provided information on the state certification process which the candidates complete after graduation.
In April, the SE chapter of Psi Chi traveled to Oklahoma City for the annual Southwestern Psychological Association (SWPA) conference. Students listened to presentations of cutting-edge psychological research, and participated in International Psi Chi organizational meetings and discussions regarding careers and graduate school. Presenters included world-famous psychologists Robert Sternberg (Oklahoma State University), James Pennebaker (University of Texas – Austin), and Daniel Schacter (Harvard). In addition, three SE students presented posters at the conference. Cody Chapman presented “The Effect of Time on the Availability Heuristic.” Angela Welborn and Natasha Tom presented a poster on “Pet Ownership, Life Satisfaction, and Well-Being.” Faculty members Dr. Blythe Duell (SE Psi Chi Advisor), Dr. Charla Hall, and Dr. Jennifer Hicks also attended the conference. Students spent much of the year fund-raising, and their efforts paid off. Much knowledge was gained, and many memories were made, and Psi Chi hopes to attend the conference again next year, when it will be held in Fort Worth.

Daniel Weigel & Kim Donovan Receive Awards from NCACES

Dr. Daniel Weigel, Professor of Counseling, was awarded the North Central Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (NCACES) Professional Leadership Award at the annual NCACES conference. NCACES represents 13 states. Only one award for the region is made each year. Dr. Weigel received the award in honor of his excellence in leadership in the state of Oklahoma and his dedication to the counseling profession.

Dr. Kimberly Donovan, Associate Professor of Counseling, was awarded the North Central Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (NCACES) Outstanding Professional Teaching Award. She was honored at the NCACES annual conference for her excellence in teaching in a counseling program in the North Central Region. Only one award is made in the region by NCACES each year.