



College News Update



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EHHD HOSTS RECEPTIONS AND CELEBRATIONS TO END THE ACADEMIC YEAR

Dean Lynda Ransdell hosted alumni from the classes of 1944, 1954, and 1964 for the annual MSU reunions. On the Friday morning before commencement, alumni were treated to a reception and tours of Herrick Hall, Romney Gym, and Reid Hall. The college was honored to have Margaret Walker, a 91-year-old home economics alumna from Missoula, as one of several 1944 class reunion attendees. Margaret's husband Leland from engineering also attended the weekend celebrations.



FCS faculty and students from Phi Upsilon Omicron help out with the alumni reception in Herrick Hall.



Alumni from the class of 1954 at the Dean's Lunch

Both departments in the college hosted receptions to honor graduating seniors and graduate students on May 2. The Department of Education held their reception in Reid Hall, while the Department of Health and Human Development held theirs at the Holiday Inn. Families also joined in celebrating the accomplishment of their students.



Health & Human Development



Education

EHHD Outstanding Awards For 2013-2014

Department of Education:

Sara Schmitt-Wilson, Outstanding Teaching Award
Art Bangert, Outstanding Service Award
Carrie Myers, Outstanding Research Award

Department of Health and Human Development:

Christine Lux, Outstanding Teaching Award
Dawn Tarabochia, Outstanding Service Award
Carmen Byker, Outstanding Research Award

EHHD staff:

Elizabeth Bird, Outstanding Professional Staff
Micki MacGregor, Outstanding Classified Staff

Graduating Seniors:

Cameron Richards, technology education
Chelsea Hawkins, elementary education
Adam Stapley, secondary education
Aleisha Gornick, health and human performance
Bobbi Robinson, family and consumer sciences
Micaela Tacke, early childhood education/child services
Rebecca Wolf, health enhancement K-12
Kaylee Bradford, community health
Amy Foster, food and nutrition
Kara Landolfi, sustainable food systems
Janie Tikka, Barbara Miller Award, health enhancement K-12 student teaching

Outstanding Graduate Students:

Lindsay Jackson, adult and higher education
Elizabeth Quintana, educational leadership
Gus Nollmeyer, curriculum and instruction
Kelly Fulton, Northern Plains Transition to Teaching
Marlena Renwyck, counseling
Laura Horrigan, exercise and nutrition sciences
Marcy Gaston, food, family, and community health sciences

Distinguished Professor for 2014-2016:

Joanna Carjuzaa, associate professor in education

A Kentucky Derby themed event was held in early May to recognize the outstanding faculty in teaching, research and service, outstanding staff, outstanding graduating seniors, and outstanding graduate students. For the first time, the college also recognized a distinguished professor, which recognized an individual who has done outstanding work in all areas of teaching, research, and service.



A number of attendees modeled their Kentucky Derby hats at a "hat walk." The winner by audience applause was Robyn Chupka, personnel associate in the Dean's Office.



Outstanding graduate student Lindsay Jackson, center, celebrates with family.



Dean Ransdell presents an outstanding senior award to Bobbi Robinson (and baby)

POSTER AND RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS CLOSE THE ACADEMIC YEAR

HHD GRADUATE RESEARCH CELEBRATION



Laura Horrigan shares her research.

Kucha slide presentations, and lectures on a variety of topics in sustainable foods, nutrition, inflammation and insulin responses to concentric and eccentric exercise bouts, and slope style and downhill ski research. Advisors to the students were HHD professors Carmen Byker, Alison Harmon, Mary Miles and John Seifert.

Students presenting were Sarah Haack, Marcy Gaston, Tim Reusch, Danica Jamison, Anna Diffenderfer, Michael Fox, Laura Horrigan, Sara Jay, Karen Brown, Arielle Richard, Hannah Inabnit, and Shelby Harris.

Twelve graduate and undergraduate students in health and human development celebrated their research at an event in late April in Herrick Hall. Presentations consisted of posters, Pecha



Elizabeth Bird and Sandy Sward (above) and Chelsey Wilson (left) at Symposium.



EDUCATION RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

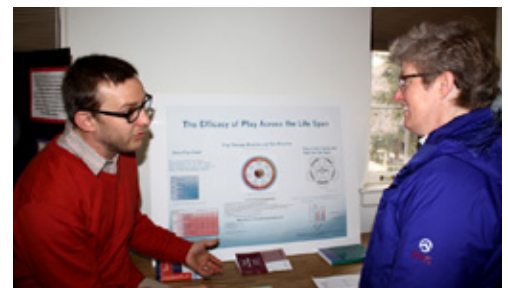
Forty student presenters (the most ever) set up research posters and displays at the annual Education Research Symposium on April 24 in the Strand Union Building. The students, who are all graduate students in the adult and higher education, educational leadership, or curriculum and instruction programs, were also on hand to discuss their research with faculty, other students, and administrators.

BEST PRACTICES COUNSELING POSTER SESSION

Health and Human Development second-year graduate counseling students from the "Mental Illness and Family Counseling Best Practices" class held a poster presentation to fulfill one of the class requirements this spring. Students of Assistant Professor Rebecca Koltz addressed a variety of topics, all dealing with issues facing families, such as post-traumatic stress, adolescent depression, and elder abuse and Alzheimer's.



Billy Deffer discusses his poster on "Attachment Disorder" with counseling professor Cristen Wathen



Dean Lynda Ransdell visits with Scott Salzer about his poster on play

MSU Student Research Celebration 2014

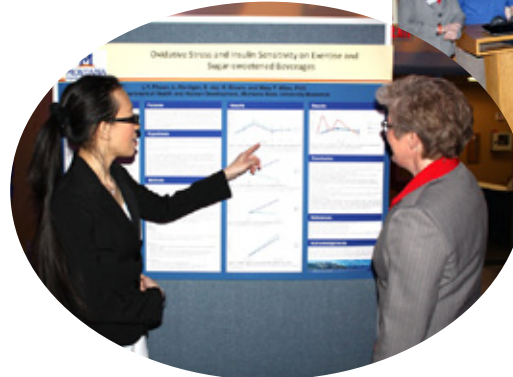
The College of EHHD was well represented at the 20th annual student research celebration in the SUB Ballrooms. New this year to the celebration was an evening community social reception with keynote speaker, MSU Vice-President for Research and Economic Development, Renee Reijo Pera.

EHHD research students and their mentors

Megan Baker (Renee Harris)
 Kelly Borden (Laura Stanley, Carolyn Plumb)
 Stephanie Johnson (Laura Larsson, Alison Harmon, Melody Anacker)
 Lai Yee Phoon (Mary Miles)
 Arielle Richard (John Seifert)
 Caroline Rowe (Renee Harris, Erin Bills)
 Sarah Devitt (Dawn Tarabochia)
 Yanet Eudave Marin (Suzanne Christopher, Bethany Letiecq)
 Michael Fox (Alison Harmon, Mary Miles, Carmen Byker)
 Sarah Haack (Carmen Byker)
 Lindsey Jackson (Marilyn Lockhart)
 Tim Reusch (Alison Harmon)
 Lidice Tobar (Suzanne Christopher, Bethany Letiecq)
 Rachel Bochy (Chris Seitz)
 Technology Education Students (Lydia Haughey)



Left: HHD Student Rachel Bochy with poster.
Below: Tech Ed students show off their robot at the evening reception.



Lai Yee Phoon explains her project to Dean Lynda Ransdell



Graduate Research Summit

EHHD Associate Dean for Research Development, Suzanne Christopher, was one of the panelist for the second annual Graduate Student Summit in April. Other panelists from MSU included I LEAD program manager and panel organizer, Catherine Johnson, Professor Jessi Smith (psychology), Associate Professor Cody Warner (sociology) and guest social scientist Kelly Ward, professor and department head from Washington State University, who is an expert in the area of faculty/family balance, especially women faculty. The panelists offered insights and advice to the audience of graduate students based on their own research experiences.

The goal of the summit was to provide graduate students with information and skills to conduct research and to become successful in their academic careers and beyond. In addition to the panel discussion, the summit also featured several well-known keynote speakers, who focused on general strategies for performing quality research and the importance of communicating research to a broader audience.

Summit panelists:
 Kelly Ward, Jessi Smith, Suzanne Christopher, Cody Warner, and Catherine Johnson



Education Students Awarded Scholarships at Big Sky Retired Educators Lunch



Scholarship Recipients Joseph Quinones and Chelsea Bourque

Poster to Honor Professor Unveiled

A large poster celebrating the life and work of Associate Professor Betsy Palmer was unveiled in the Dean's Conference Room in Reid 123. Many of Palmer's former students and education faculty and staff attended the unveiling, with the poster being displayed in the glass showcase. Palmer tragically passed away last year in a trekking accident as she was leading a group of students on a trip in Nepal. Many of those students attended the reception.



A number of Department of Education faculty, staff and students were invited to attend the April meeting of the Big Sky Retired Educators' scholarship lunch at the Holiday Inn in Bozeman. Each year, the retired educators recognize outstanding education students with a \$500 scholarship, and this year, two music education juniors received scholarships—Chelsea Bourque from Kennewick, Wash., (also on the MSU track team) and Joseph Quinones from Helena. Guest speaker for the lunch was MSU head football coach, Rob Ash, who shared his personal philosophy and guiding principles for coaching.

Annual Teach Montana Career Fair and Reception

The 13th annual Teach Montana Educators' Fair was held at the end of April on the MSU campus. The event kicked off with an informal evening reception where education students mingled with administrators from districts around Montana who were seeking teachers. The following day, the career fair allowed students to directly visit with representatives in a more formal process from more than 20 districts. The event was sponsored by MSU Career Services, the Department of Education, and the College of EHHD.



Dietetics Student Shares INBRE Research

For the past year, Stephanie Johnson, graduating senior in dietetics, and cell biology and neuroscience and an INBRE intern, worked with Laura Larsson, professor in the College of Nursing, on exploring treatment barriers to postpartum anemia in rural WIC participants. Postpartum anemia can cause fatigue, dizziness, and shortness of breath. Johnson and Larsson found that one in five women have post-partum anemia on the Blackfeet Reservation in northern Montana. By interviewing health care providers, they discovered many barriers, such as poverty, food insecurity, isolation, misuse of WIC benefits, and lack of self-care. In addition to barriers, they also explored ways to address the issue. Their recommendations include connecting WIC and health services so both organizations are giving similar information and creating digital messaging for clinic offices on post-partum anemia.

Johnson used her talents as a graphic designer to create materials to help with the lack of knowledge and resources on the subject.

“Stephanie’s work is showing up in offices all across Montana,” said Larsson.

Another project Johnson has worked on for the last three years is exploring food insecurity at MSU, interviewing almost 400 students and discovering that 39% of students have some food security issues. She concluded that MSU had higher food insecurity than the rest of Montana and the nation. She recommended that MSU start a nutrition education class and possibly start a satellite food bank program on campus. She presented her poster, “Exploring Food Security at MSU through Food Group Choices,” in Washington, D.C. in June at the Fifth Biennial National IDeA Symposium for Biomedical Research Excellence. She is one of five students selected by INBRE to attend the conference and her poster was highlighted at the scientific session for behavior and health sciences.

A Bozeman native, Johnson, who will be heading to Virginia Tech’s campus in Falls Church to become a dietetic intern this fall, recently received the 2014 Outstanding Dietetic Student Award from the Montana Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics in June.



**Stephanie Johnson (center)
with mentors, Laura Larsson and
Melody Anacker**



Latest MDI Cohorts Graduate

At a lunch celebration at the Big Horn Resort in Billings, Mont., 18 students from the third cohort of the Montana Dietetic Internship (MDI) program graduated on May 30. HHD Department Head Sandra Bailey welcomed students, family members, and registered dietitians from across Montana who were attending the Montana Dietetic Association’s (MDA) state conference. Internship director, Coleen Kaiser, shared personal comments, slides, and stories about each graduate before presenting them with their certificates. MDA President-elect Katie Bark from MSU’s Montana Team Nutrition told the graduates she was impressed with “their knowledge, creativity, leadership, and enthusiasm.” Kaiser echoed those words and said MDI is a “win-win” for the professionals in the state, as well as for the interns in the program.

“What makes MDI different from many other states is that the whole state is an internship,” said Kaiser.

Interns spend 10 months of rotations in food service, clinical settings, and community nutrition and are placed with preceptors (mentors) all across the state, even in remote rural areas.