

COLLEGE OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES



Dean's Message. It is hard to believe that the winter semester has come to an end and we are shifting into Spring/Summer mode. After over 2 years (March 20, 2020), we are now starting to feel a sense of normalcy, with shedding masks as a step towards life after COVID-19. However, we continue to see so much in the media that may continue to cause stress that includes changes in sleep or eating patterns, fear and worry about your health or the health of loved ones, and difficulty concentrating. We have all heard various phrases being used to describe what we have achieved, such as overcoming adversity, mountains climbed, forging forward. All of which are true! However, it can also be said that we are the victors of this pandemic. No one would blame you for feeling buried by the circumstances, I certainly wouldn't as I have felt that way myself. I am sure you felt exactly like me, similar to treading water holding a 10-pound brick like in lifeguarding class. That feeling when you know you must keep your chin above the water, keep kicking your legs, and not let go of the brick no matter how heavy it might feel. Well, I am here to congratulate you because you did just that by finishing the winter term. For some, you will be taking time during the spring/summer semester to rejuvenate. Some of you may choose to find an outlet for self-exploration about your next steps and some may choose to create routines that serve you and help you reduce stress and anxiety. Summertime is one of the best times we look forward to in Michigan as we get the time to go outside more and spend more time with friends and loved ones. For those of you who have chosen to forge ahead and continue your studies during the spring/summer, I hope you too remember to make time for yourself. And lastly, for our graduates, I congratulate you on your victory and success as you move toward the next chapter of your life.

HHS RETIREMENTS



This upcoming semester we will be losing 3 very valuable members of the college. We hope that you will join us in saying good-bye and thanking them for their service. All the retirements will be hosted in the Curtiss Hall Banquet Rooms. Jenni Bridges party was on April 22, 2022. The other two retirements are listed below. Vanessa Brooks-Herd, Social Work was on May 10, 2022, 4pm. And Sally Decker's is scheduled for June 13, 2022, 4pm.

Saying Good-bye to Jenni Bridges



On April 22, 2022, HHS said good-bye to Jenni Bridges as she starts her next chapter in her life. Many of the campus community came out to wish Jenni well.

We are so proud of Jenni and appreciate all that she has done for the college and specifically Kinesiology.



FIRST ROBOTICS APRIL 14-16, 2022

Saginaw Valley State University saluted all the FIRST Robotics programs throughout Michigan. These events were held beginning April 14 to April 16, 2022. I would like to thank all those from HHS who took time out of their busy schedule, especially as we approached the end of the Winter term, for volunteering to man the academic booth during this event. It is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

FIRST ROBOTICS APRIL 14-16, 2022, Cont.

FIRST Robotics (Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Championship is the culminating, international event for youth celebrating science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) from high school students. This year's event theme was **RAPID REACT** presented by the Boeing Company. This is where teams re-imagine the future of safe and highspeed transport, rushing to load critical cargo and propel the evaluation of transportation forward. Regional events were held at SVSU, and the winners were invited to attend the world championship in Houston, Texas on April 20-23, 2022. It was a very exciting event. A team from Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan was one of the winners this year in the world competition.



BATS Event – April 21, 2022

BATS is an interdisciplinary, cross college experiential learning program that this year involves students from the Business, Art, Theater and Social Work disciplines. The event was held in the Rhea Miller Theater on Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 5:30pm. In addition, recognition ceremony was held on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, at 9:00AM. At this event, we celebrated the interprofessional interaction between the art department and nursing simulation.

Below are photos from both events. Students shared their experiences that specifically helped them become more successful leaders. Come out and show your support!



HONORS EVENTS

As the winter semester comes to an end, we celebrate the accomplishments of various students from across campus. HHS has amazing students, some of whom are graduating and some who will accept their honors and continue to grow as they approach graduation in the next few years.

Below are pictures from the various honors events that have occurred this past month. Additionally, following will be information highlighting a few of our amazing HHS students.



ROBERTS FELLOWS, 24th CLASS



Brooke Clauss of Vassar is a Neuroscience major, Chemistry minor who plans to become a Physician Assistant. In her application to the program, she described the limiting effects a chronic illness had on her leadership development. After treatment, she expanded her involvements to include service as a Biology and Chemistry tutor and an animal shelter volunteer. With other tutors, she is developing strategies to help students succeed in the Anatomy and Physiology lab practical exams, which are notoriously challenging. She is a Founder's Scholarship recipient. Recommenders recognized her "inquisitive, adaptive, and collaborative nature" as well as her bravery and fortitude in the face of challenges.

Anna Peruski is a Nursing student from Oxford. In her application to the program, she described her desire to help others who are hurting, which stems from her faith and personal health experiences. She serves as a nursing tutor and mentor on campus and has provided volunteer service through Habitat for Humanity. An alumna of Oxford High School, she led efforts on SVSU's campus to honor the victims of the mass shooting at her alma mater in 2021. Those recommending her to the program praised her strong core values and moral code, and "limitless" potential for personal and professional growth.



ROBERTS FELLOWS, 24th CLASS, CONT.

Katelyn Taylor (Katey) is a Rehabilitation Medicine major, Athletic Coaching minor from Saginaw who aspires to become a chiropractor. She currently volunteers as a strength and conditioning coach at Freeland High School. On campus, she is a member of the Honors Program and Honors Corps. She has received the President's Award for Educational Excellence, the Award of Excellence of Valuable Contribution to the Community, the SVSU Founders Scholarship, and private scholarships including the Bierlein Scholarship, Nicole Shafer Memorial Award, CMU Medical Education Partners Scholarship, Dow Chemical Employees Credit Union Scholarship, and Saginaw Community Foundation Collaborative Scholarship. Her recommenders noted her empathy, capacity for growth, and willingness to "become comfortable with the uncomfortable."



Elisabeth Wollenzin of St. Clair Shores is a Nursing major who was inspired to pursue a healthcare career by the many members of her family who work in medicine. She is a member of SVSU's Equestrian Stock Team, a member of the CHAARG Fitness Community, a Founders Scholarship and A Nurse I Am Scholarship recipient. Recommenders praised her cultural sensitivity, interest in cultural perspectives and experiences different from her own, and her willingness to confront any challenges she encounters.



ALL-UNIVERSITY AWARDS APRIL 29, 2022

On April 29, 2022, SVSU hosted for the first time since 2019 an All-University awards ceremony. The All-University Awards Banquet is a tradition, held in April each year for employees. Awards are given to celebrate outstanding achievement in teaching, mentoring, involvement, and employee performance. Attendance is by invitation. It was amazing to see a room full of folks to celebrate the successes and accomplishments of our faculty and staff. This event celebrated the winners of 2020, 2021 and the current year 2022. Below are the folks from HHS that were acknowledged. Congratulations!

The Thomson Award for Empowering Learning in Community Engagement

Project Echo Team, 2021

Kathleen Schachman, Trisha Charbonneau-Ivey, Matt Mitchell, Kim Martini-Toth, Steve Houghteling, Jessika Gehrke, Kari Peckham, Jennifer Kreiner, Marilyn Skrocki, Scott Mellendorf

Outstanding Performance award - Administrative Professional

Sharon Panepucci, Nursing Simulation, 2020

Earl Warrick Award for Excellence in Research

Rebecca Schlaff, Health Sciences, 2021

Meghan Baruth, Health Sciences, 2020

Mary H. Anderson Adjunct Faculty Award

George Heron, Social Work, 2020

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Research Award

Mark A. Giesler, Social Work, 2022

Administrative Professional Outstanding Performance Award

Adrienne Galbraith, Nursing Simulation, 2022



Service Awards 2020

David Berry, 10 years

Andrea Fredrick, 10 years

Rebecca Toth, 10 years

Patrick Olivarez, 10 years

Sally Decker, 40 years

Service Awards 2021

Marilyn Skrocki, 10 years

Charles Weaver, 10 years

Jaime Huffman, 15 years

Vanessa Brooks Herd, 20 years

Rose Lange, 20 years

Lucy Mercier, 20 years

Service Awards, 2022

Teresa Beadlescomb, 10 years

Lisa Brewer, 10 years

Matthew Mitchell, 10 years

Rebecca Schlaff, 10 years

Mark Giesler, 15 years

Rene Hernandez, 15 years

Jean Prast, 15 years

Bonnie Harmer, 20 years

MAY 2022 COMMENCEMENT ACTIVITIES

Winter 2022 SVSU Commencement Activities

- ✓ BSN Symposium was Thursday, May 5, 2022, from 4-6PM. Activities held at the O'Neill Arena, Ryder Center.
- ✓ HHS Graduate Recognition Ceremony was Friday, May 6, 2022, from 9-11AM. Activities held at Malcolm Field Theatre.
- ✓ The HHS college ceremony was at 4:30pm on Friday May 6, 2022, at the O'Neill Arena, Ryder Center.

Dr. Wei-ju Chen, Dean of School of Nursing in Jinan University, was awarded an Honorary Doctorate Degree in Nurse Practice from SVSU at commencement. This honors her decades of work to support nursing and nursing education in China and as the long-standing partnership between Jinan University in Guangzhou China and SVSU.



Significance of the graduate hoods. The hoods are the most expressive component of the academic costume. They serve to communicate the graduate's school, degree, and field of study through their length and the colors of the lining and binding. The tradition of special academic dress entered the USA in the 1880's.

- ✓ The hoods for all degrees are lined with silk of the colors of the academic institution conferring the degree (Cardinal Red and Royal Blue).
- ✓ The edging or trim of the hood is a wide velvet band, the color of which indicates the academic field of study.
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- ✓ The doctoral hood differs from the master hoods as they are longer, have a wider velvet edging, and expose more of the silk lining.
- ✓ The gowns themselves also are different. The sleeves of the master's gown are **oblong** with the base being square cut forming a pocket-like space. The doctoral has velvet trimming down the front and three bars of velvet across the sleeves which can be either black/gold as in my case, or the color of the degree.

MAY 2022 COMMENCEMENT ACTIVITIES

SENIOR TOAST

April 25, 2022



BSN Symposium Celebration for BSN Graduates

MAY 2022 COMMENCEMENT ACTIVITIES, CONT.



GRADUATE RECOGNITION CEREMONY



MAY 2022 COMMENCEMENT ACTIVITIES, CONT.

HHS COMMENCEMENT



SPOTLIGHT ON HHS STUDENTS

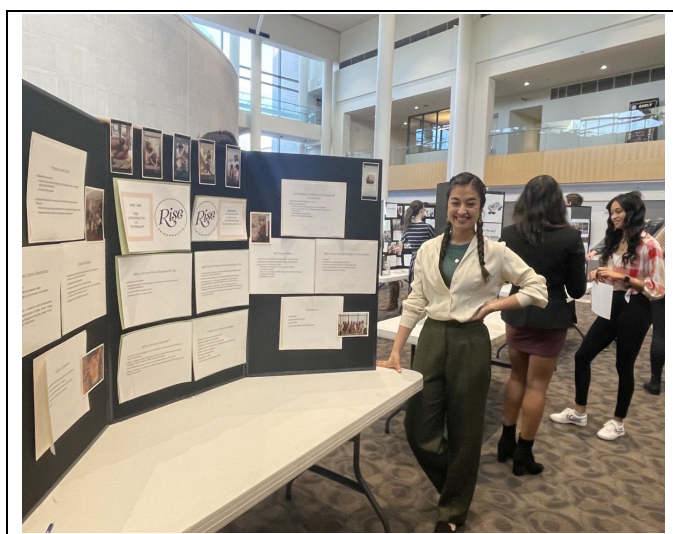


Madelene L. Cifrulak

After being a member of the Honors Program and working through my thesis, I can with good conscience say that it has been a worthy, challenging, and rewarding experience that has prepared me well for graduate school and further research opportunities. I hope to continue my education and research in a Nurse Anesthesia Program within the coming years.

Jackie M. Dicks

Jackie Dicks graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Exercise Science. The past four years has taught Jackie to be ambitious and resilient in both her education and in her daily life. Her love for holistic healing and helping others stems from having a large family who encouraged creativity and who always stressed the value of being in service to others. Jackie has made the most of her time at SVSU by not only taking advantage of her education, but by participating in the Student Exercise Science Association where she volunteered in her community. She is excited to be starting at Palmer College of Chiropractic this Fall to work on obtaining her Doctor of Chiropractic Degree. Jackie is passionate about chiropractic medicine and looks forward to sharing that passion with others. We wish Jackie the best in her future endeavors.



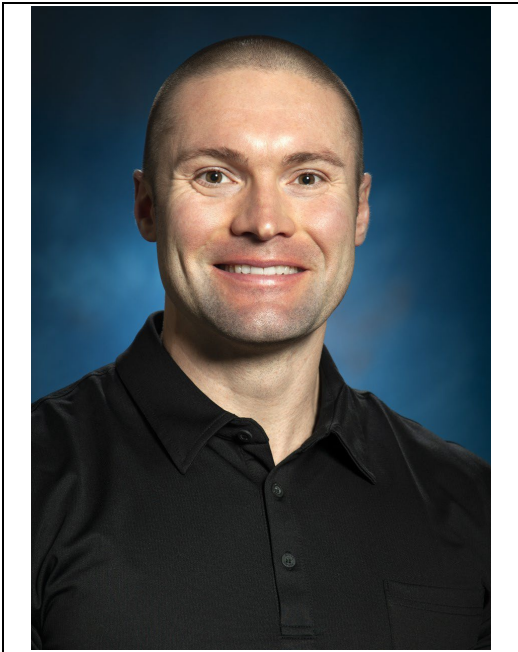
SPOTLIGHT ON HHS STUDENTS, CONT.



Austin Notter

Austin Notter graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Exercise Science and is getting ready to start graduate school in Physical Therapy. In this picture, Austin was presenting his poster for incoming freshmen students.

SPOTLIGHT ON FACULTY MEMBER



Kinesiology Faculty Member

Merrick Lincoln PT, DPT, CSCS is an Assistant Professor of Kinesiology and physical therapist who serves as the advisor to 'pre-Physical Therapy' students at SVSU. His research areas are applied biomechanics and exercise program design for performance and injury-reduction. When not in the classroom or Human Performance Lab, Dr. Lincoln enjoys working with special populations as a physical therapist, training athletes as a volunteer high school hockey strength coach, writing columns for popular fitness and scholarly publications, and helping coaches and clinicians improve practice through the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA).

Merrick says, "To be a faculty member at SVSU is to align my actions with the aspirations of my students. I lead students through experiences that set a foundation for career readiness and push them to pursue opportunities that set my students apart from their competition."

SPOTLIGHT ON FACULTY MEMBER, CONT.

Dr. Merrick is an excellent role model and mentor for his students. He currently serves as an Advisory Board Member for National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA). He developed and implemented the first-ever NSCA Michigan Clinic Student Strength and Conditioning Research Symposium at the NSCA Michigan Clinic in Adrian, MI on April 2. It was a successful event with SVSU and GVSU being equally represented as the top two schools with sports science and strength and conditioning student research presentations. Three of our KINE students submitted Abstracts and ultimately presented posters.

Publications

- ✓ Lincoln, M. A., Wheeler Jr, S. G., & Knous, J. L. (2022). Safety Squat Bar Squat Technique and Biomechanics-Driven Programming. *Strength & Conditioning Journal*. Published ahead of print. doi: 10.1519/SSC.0000000000000717. Highlight on Sheldon Wheeler Jr who is a recent SVSU Exercise Science graduate who co-authored this paper with me and Dr. Knous.
- ✓ Lincoln MA, Seifferlein KM. Leveraging landmine barbell exercises. National Strength and Conditioning Association Michigan State Clinic. April 2, 2022. Adrian, MI. This was a 1-hour "hands on" course taught in the gym at Adrian College by me and Kelsey Seifferlein a 2021 SVSU Exercise Science grad. 100+ strength and conditioning coaches were in attendance---including the entire professional staff of the SVSU Strength and Conditioning Department. Kelsey began working with me on a research project on landmine exercises in 2019 as a student. Kelsey is now a student in the GVSU Doctor of Physical Therapy Program.

STUDENT PRESENTATIONS MENTORED BY DR. LINCOLN

NSCA Michigan Clinic Student Strength and Conditioning Research Symposium, Adrian, MI, April 2, 2022

- ✓ Birchmeier CJ, Osterhoff KM, Lincoln MA. Completion of an 8-week Progressive Neuromuscular Training Program on an Unstable Surface is Associated with Significant Improvement in Balance Test Performance among Runners. Student Strength & Conditioning Research Symposium. National Strength and Conditioning Association Michigan Clinic, April 2, 2022. Adrian College, Adrian, MI, USA.
- ✓ Franz CJ, Osterhoff KM, Lincoln MA. Isometric Foot- and Ankle Strength Adaptations among Recreational Runners Completing a Specialized 8-week Neuromuscular Training Program. Student Strength & Conditioning Research Symposium. National Strength and Conditioning Association Michigan Clinic, April 2, 2022. Adrian College, Adrian, MI, USA.
- ✓ Nixon K, Osterhoff KM, Knous JL, Berry DC, Lincoln MA. Effects of a Supervised Neuromuscular Training Program on a Novel Foam Surface on Performance- and Injury Risk- Related Outcomes among Recreational Runners. Student Strength & Conditioning Research Symposium. National Strength and Conditioning Association Michigan Clinic, April 2, 2022. Adrian College, Adrian, MI, USA.

SVSU Student Showcase, April 22, noon, Curtis Hall

- ✓ Nixon K, Osterhoff KM, Knous JL, Berry DC, Lincoln MA. Effects of a Supervised Neuromuscular Training Program on a Novel Foam Surface on Performance- and Injury Risk- Related Outcomes among Recreational Runners. 2022 SVSU Student Showcase, April 22, 2022. Saginaw Valley State University
- ✓ Moore K, Osterhoff KM, Lincoln MA. Effects of a Neuromuscular Training Program Performed on a Foam Device on Lower Extremity Stability and Change of Direction Ability per the Dynamic Leap and Balance Test. Health and Human Services Showcase. April 14, 2022. Virtual Oral Presentation.

SPOTLIGHT ON FACULTY MEMBER, CONT.

SVSU Student Showcase, April 22, noon, Curtis Hall, Cont.

- ✓ McQuiston M, Osterhoff KM, Lincoln MA. Performance of an 8-week Neuromuscular Training Program on a Foam Proprioceptive Device is Associated with Improved Balance Test Performance among Runners. Health and Human Services Showcase. April 14, 2022. Virtual Oral Presentation.
- ✓ Dunigan E, Osterhoff KM, Lincoln MA. Effects of a Neuromuscular Training Program Performed on a Foam Device on Lower Extremity Stability and Change of Direction Ability per the Dynamic Leap and Balance Test. Health and Human Services Showcase. April 13, 2022. Virtual Oral Presentation.
- ✓ Isola M, Osterhoff KM, Lincoln MA. Measuring Changes in Isometric Foot and Ankle Strength in Recreational Runners Completing an 8-week Neuromuscular Training Program. Health and Human Services Showcase. April 11, 2022. Virtual Oral Presentation.
- ✓ Nixon K, Osterhoff KM, Knous JL, Berry DC, Lincoln MA. Effects of a Supervised Neuromuscular Training Program Performed on a Novel Foam Surface on Performance- and Injury Risk- Related Outcomes among Recreational Runners. Health and Human Services Showcase. April 11, 2022. Virtual Oral Presentation.
- ✓ McCarthy C, Cleveland J, Osterhoff KM, Lincoln MA. The Effect of a Supervised Neuromuscular Training Program on Countermovement Vertical Jump and Static Vertical Jump Performances among Runners. Health and Human Services Showcase. April 11, 2022. Virtual Oral Presentation.

FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS/CONTRIBUTIONS

Michigan Academy of Science, Arts & Letters Annual Conference

March 11, 2022, Hosted Virtually via Zoom

Poster Presentations

- ✓ Educating about the stresses of poverty: An experimental design to study the physiological measures of stress experienced in individuals participating in a poverty simulation. Rose Lange, Saginaw Valley State University; Sherry Kaufman, Saginaw Valley State University; Robert Kelch, Saginaw Valley State University; Gary M. Lange, Saginaw Valley State University; Janet Ofori-Darko, Saginaw Valley State University; Tami Pobocik, Saginaw Valley State University; Jean Prast, Saginaw Valley State University; Stacie Webster, Saginaw Valley State University
- ✓ Inter-professional collaboration to develop a medication dosage math simulation program for nursing students. Robert Kelch, Saginaw Valley State University; Beth Kelch, Delta College; Erica Rettelle, Saginaw Valley State University

Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention Workshop

Lisa Brewer

April 8-9, 2022

- ✓ Community practitioners in occupational therapy and physical therapy attended the workshop, as well as students from the SVSU MSOT program. The training was coordinated by Lisa Brewer in collaboration with Ralph Dehner from the Tai Chi for Health Institute (taichiforhealthinstitute.org).

FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS, CONT.

Quality and Safety in Nursing: A Competency Approach to Improving Outcomes, 3rd Edition, 2022

Edited by Gwen Sherwood and Jane Barnsteiner, August 2022

SVSU contribution for their QSEN academic partnerships between SVSU and Jinan University.

Congratulations Sally Decker, Elizabeth Row, and Wei-ju Chen

Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS)

The Annual Conference and Exhibition, Reimagine Health HIMSS 2022, took place 14-18 March in Orlando, FL, USA. This is often considered the can't-miss healthcare event of the year, where professionals throughout the global health ecosystem connect for the education, innovation and collaboration they need to reimagine health and wellness for everyone, everywhere. This year SVSU provided information about the MSHAL Executive Cohort program to interested attendees. This year Marilyn Skrocki and Angela Reinert attended on behalf of SVSU. If you would like to know more about HIMSS student memberships, reach out to Marilyn Skrocki.



WELCOME PATRICK OLIVAREZ



Patrick Olivarez, Administrative Assistant in Dean's Office.

Patrick began working at SVSU in 1989 and has been working in the Deans' office for the past few months. We are happy that he has decided to join us. When he joined, the newest building was the Ryder Center and the only housing was Buildings A, B, C, D, & E, known as the Zoo, and Buildings F & G. Throughout the years, he watched the campus grow and mature. Patrick working in Campus Facilities for about 25 years known then as Physical Plant, providing him the opportunity to I have worked in every building on campus and implemented many procedures that are still in place today. I made a transition into the secretarial/clerical department beginning my journey in the Registrar's Office, then moving into the Diversity Office, and today I'm here with you. Thank you for welcoming me!

HHS FACULTY AND STAFF PARTICIPATE IN IMPLICIT BIAS TRAINING

Implicit Bias Training

On May 4, 2022, almost 50 faculty and staff members of HHS participated in implicit bias workshop. The workshop was conducted by Dean Ditmyer and covered implicit bias and the provision of equitable access while serving diverse populations in educational and healthcare setting. Explore research on implicit bias and mechanisms to operate effectively despite adversity in educational and healthcare settings. Discover adaptive strategies to make the most immediate, positive impact and reduce disparities in educational and health care settings. During the course of the 3-hour training, participants engaged in several immersive activities to demonstrate concepts discussed.

Based on feedback, the next workshop will be scheduled for fall 2023. The topic will be Communication and Conflict Management.



LANE FAMILY AWARD FOR NURSING FACULTY

The Lane Family Award for Nursing Faculty

This award is established to recognize SVSU full-time teaching faculty in the Department of Nursing who consistently engage students in a positive, meaningful manner, shaping the lives of compassionate professional nurses. The genesis of this award springs from two sources: the focus upon the Department of Nursing is born from the multi-generational Registered Nurse legacy of Sherylann Lane's maternal grandmother (Bernadette Kendzora), mother (Joan Lane), and her own career. The other source lies in Robert's commitment to teaching for his entire adult life. His teaching career entails nine years of secondary school and more than 30 years as a college professor, and he has tried to both model and support excellence in teaching at SVSU. The intent is to give both recognition and a gift of some substance to members of the nursing faculty who consistently model compassion and make an impactful commitment of the professional developed of their students.



The 2022-2023 Lane Family Award for Nursing Faculty winner was Dr. Elizabeth Roe

Frank N. Andersen Foundation Support



Frank N. Andersen Foundation has graciously supported the nursing department since 2008. This gift supports a Clinical Professor in Nursing to help develop and implement innovative programs. The individual who fills this role is selected based on their expertise in nursing and healthcare to create and oversee research, service, or academic programs. Any programs or projects that are created will be noted as being developed, created, implement, etc. by the generous support from the Frank N Andersen Foundation. This year, Dr. Rose Lange has been selected to fulfil this role for the 2022-2023 academic year. We are very excited as Rose will be looking to help plan, develop, and implement innovative BSN and graduate nursing programs for SVSU. Any program or project that is implemented will be provided the following tag line: This program/project was supported by the generous contributions from the Frank N. Andersen Foundation.

ADVOCACY SOCIETY EVENT

Creating Drivers of Change Exploring Discoveries in Health Professions Education

Date and Time: Thursday, May 12, 2022 6:00PM – 8:00PM

Location: Crystal M. Lange College of Health & Human Services Saginaw Valley State University

HHS is hosting its first ever Advocacy Society Event. HHS is reaching out to SVSU donors to give thanks and provide them with a hands-on opportunity to see what SVSU does. Folks will be enjoying hors d'oeuvres, refreshing beverages, and an engaging exploration of advancements in health education.

Brief introduction by President Liana Bachand, Provost Huntley, and Dean Ditmyer

The college will be featuring: • Innovations in disruptive technology • High-fidelity simulations • Human performance assessment • Assistive technology in Occupational Therapy • Case study suites promoting interprofessional education, and much more. Member of the inaugural HHS advisory board will be introduced.

Faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to volunteer and help promote the college to past, current, and future donors. We appreciate all efforts and thank you in advance to helping to elevate the profile of HHS.

FOUNDATION BOARD MEETING EVENT

Explore New Discoveries, Technologies, and Innovations, *Producing Drivers of Change for 21st Century Health Care Delivery*

Date and Time: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 from 3PM to 4:3PM

Location: Crystal M. Lange College of Health & Human Services Saginaw Valley State University

In an effort to demonstrate the integrative nature of the college, the Foundation Board has requested an on-site meeting at the college. The focus will be on what HHS does and how the health professions interact with one another. An interprofessional educational scenario involving all departments will be used to allow board members see how important it is to integrate in education.

Our talented faculty, staff, and students have volunteered and help promote the college to the Foundation Board members. We appreciate all efforts and thank you in advance to helping to elevate the profile of HHS. This Interprofessional event will be unique and promise to demonstrate the approach for preparing students to enter the health workforce, where teamwork and collaboration are important competencies.

PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH

SVSU Board of Control has retained WittKieffer, an executive search firm, to assist in the search for SVSU's 5th president. Beginning February 21, a series of listening sessions began including various SVSU stakeholders. The goal was to gather information regarding their thoughts on the characteristics and experience that the next president should have. In addition to the listening sessions, a survey was available to gather information.

A presidential search advisory committee, co-chaired, by Vicki Rupp, Chair of SVSU Board of Control and Raj Wiener, Vice Chair of the Board of Control, has been formed. The list of committee members can be found [here](#).

The committee will continue to update the campus throughout the search. Recommended finalists should be identified by late spring or early summer.

Updated information can be found on the [SVSU University Presidential Search page](#).

INAUGRIAL HHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We are very excited about the announcement of a Crystal M. Lange College of Health & Human Services Advisory Board. We are proud of the diversity of the board and look forward to formal announcement at the Advocacy Society Event on May 12, 2022. Below are the inaugural members.

- ✓ Nana Kwame Akowuah, Managing Accountant at Tri City Business Services
- ✓ Catherine M. Baase, MD, FAAFP, FACOEM, Michigan Health Improvement Alliance, Inc. (MiHIA), Board Chair
- ✓ Beth Charlton, RN, President & Chief Executive Officer at Covenant HealthCare
- ✓ Shane Hunt, RN, MHA, Interim CNO, Ascension Northern Ministries
- ✓ Janey J. Lamar, JD, Lamar Law Firm, P.L.L.C.
- ✓ Darrell Lentz, MBA, President and CEO, McLaren Bay Region
- ✓ Colleen Markel, MSN RN, SHRM-CP, Director of Talent Acquisition & Workforce Development, Human Resources
- ✓ Michael Nanzer, President & CEO, Scheurer Hospital
- ✓ Delicia Pruitt, M.D., F.A.A.F.P. Medical Director, Saginaw County Health Department
- ✓ Beth L. Roszatycki, Regional Director, Michigan Small Business Development Center, Lake Huron Region
- ✓ Samuel Shaheen, MD, FACS, President - CEO CMU Medical Education Partners and Professor of Surgery
- ✓ Joel Strasz, Public Health Director, Bay County Health Department
- ✓ Stacey Webster, Occupational Therapist
- ✓ Fred Yanoski MPH, Director/Health Officer, Midland County Health Department

NEWSWORTHY INFORMATION

LOOKING FOR NEWSWORTHY ITEMS FOR THE HHS NEWSLETTER!

Submit any newsworthy items for the next edition of the HHS newsletter that will come out in June/July 2022.

We are always looking for faculty and staff achievements, external funding, recent publications and accepted presentations since the last newsletter, including those you have completed with students, research projects going on, creative activities, community service activities, and anyone special in the college (faculty, staff, or student) you would like to highlight.

To submit information, please use this [link](#).

Deadline for June/July edition is June 24, 2022

