

Institute Prepares Future SC Primary Care Providers

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South Carolinians living in rural communities can expect to see improvements in access to medical care thanks to a program that prepares future primary care providers.

The effort attracted Sudeep Sunthakar, a first-year student in the MUSC College of Medicine, to become a fellow in SC Area Health Education Consortium's "Institute for Primary Care Education and Practice" program. Sunthakar, who is interested in pediatric primary care, joined the program to learn about primary care medicine under the 2010 Affordable Care Act. He enjoyed the discussions offered through the spring seminar series that ended April 8.

The final seminar featured a presentation on the future of primary care medicine and health care reform by Bill Hueston, MD, a professor in the Department of Family Medicine.

The program is offered to advanced practice nursing, physician assistant and medical students who share an interest in primary care medicine and work collaboratively within interprofessional teams. It was established through a three-year funded grant from The Duke Endowment for students who want to receive guidance, education, support, mentorship and access to other related experiences to enhance their training. The program accepted 47 students as program fellows from the University of South Carolina and MUSC.

It is coordinated by SC AHEC members and faculty from MUSC and USC. David R. Garr, MD, SC AHEC

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Patients and Staff Celebrate Contribution to Matthews Hematology and Oncology



From Left: Kim Roberts, Cheri Plyler, Joyce Harriger, Erica Davis, Kendra Nesmith (HCA Student), Imogene Grubbs, Rebecca Jackson, Rose Mary Cauthen, Pam Harper

On November 15, 2012, Mid-Carolina AHEC's staff contributed 25 survivor packs for chemotherapy patients at Matthews Hematology and Oncology. In conjunction with their colleague and friend's chemotherapy regiment, the AHEC staff donated the contents of the travel bag, including a breast cancer awareness bracelet made by the Health Careers students participating in the regional program. The items in the travel bag address the numerous side effects associated with chemotherapy treatment.

Following the presentation of the travel bags to Dr. Foulk, the Director of Matthews Hematology and

Oncology and staff, they joined Mid-Carolina AHEC's staff in the parking lot for a "balloon release" celebration of Mrs. Julie Ghent's sixth and final chemotherapy treatment! In celebration of the completion of this phase of treatment, 24 balloons were released with love and thanksgiving for the

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Physical Therapy Instructor Gives Back

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On February 9, 2013, Lowcountry AHEC and Beaufort Memorial Hospital partnered to provide Physical Therapists (PT), Occupational Therapists (OT), PT assistants and OT assistants a full day of continuing education focusing on Trigger Point and Myofascial Release Techniques. The course was titled "Examination and Treatment of Myofascial Pain and Dysfunction Syndromes: A Manual Therapy and Exercise Treatment Approach."

The course instructor, David Morrisette PT, PhD, OCS, ATC, FAAOMPT, is a professor and Director



for the Division of Physical Therapy in the College of Health Professions at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC). Dr. Morrisette led a lecture and

skills practice course, where after learning about the origin of the patient's pain and the techniques used to treat it, the participants went into the lab to practice their newly acquired skills.

Very generously, Dr. Morrisette donated his honorarium to the MUSC College of Health Professions' Michelle Poulnot Scholarship Fund. With this donation and donations such as these, the College of Health Professions is able to continue to offer educational opportunities to future health professionals.

The following are some quotes from the program evaluations:

- One of the best assessment, dysfunction and treatment course's that allowed incorporation of neurological techniques
- Presenter was very knowledgeable and able to focus on areas asked of him
- Excellent, informed and meticulous instruction
- Great presenter...interesting and very well informed while still being clinically oriented

For additional information about upcoming training programs, please visit the SC AHEC calendar at <http://scahec.net>.

Mid-Carolina AHEC Supports Healthcare Professionals Through Statewide Conferences



Partnering with the NC/SC Perinatal Association, Mid-Carolina AHEC co-sponsored the 19th Annual Perinatal conference held in Myrtle Beach, SC September 30 – October 2, 2012. There were 210 attendees who traveled to the beach from across North and South Carolina.

Cheryl Kilbourne, President of the SC Perinatal Association, said "Our partnership with Mid-Carolina AHEC made my life easier and the conference ran smoothly". Both the NC/SC Perinatal committee and Mid-

Carolina AHEC look forward to the 20th annual conference scheduled September 15 – 17, 2013 in Concord, NC.

Mid-Carolina AHEC also partnered with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control and the USC School of Medicine to provide registration and on-site services for the 29th Annual HIV/STD Conference held at the Metropolitan Convention Center in Columbia, SC October 24 – 25, 2012. This two-day event featured five keynote speakers and 49 concurrent sessions for 388 attendees. Each year, this conference grows and changes to meet the needs of both the providers and patients living with AIDS. The HIV/STD conference committee and Mid-Carolina AHEC are excited to begin planning the 30th annual conference scheduled in October 2013 in Columbia, SC.

Mid-Carolina AHEC also hosted its 1st Annual Social Work Conference at the SC Pharmacy Association in Columbia, SC November 30, 2012. There were four speakers covering several pertinent social work topics. The 50 social workers who attended were able to earn up to seven hours of social work credit. Based on the evaluations, Mid-Carolina AHEC plans to host the 2nd annual conference in November 2013 in the Columbia area.

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outstanding care, compassion and support that Julie received.

Several years ago, the Health Careers program chose to celebrate the contributions of Mrs. Angel Clark, Mid-Carolina AHEC's HCP coordinator, by raising awareness of breast cancer. The travel bags have been a vehicle used to involve high school students in learning more about breast cancer, early detection and support for women in treatment. Through the work of the HCP students across the state, hundreds of breast cancer travel bags have been distributed.

As the South Carolina AHEC system continues to raise awareness of breast cancer, Mid-Carolina AHEC is proud to partner with Matthews Hematology and

Oncology in supporting these patients in a small but meaningful way!

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Executive Director and Associate Dean for MUSC Community Medicine, serves as the Director of the Institute.

"This partnership between USC and MUSC has been enjoyable. The faculty leaders on both campuses have been enthusiastic about this program, and our video-conferencing system used to link our campuses has been very successful," said Dr. Garr.

The College of Nursing's Terri Fowler, DNP, RN, is an instructor teaching family and primary care in the Doctor of Nursing Practice Program. As a MUSC faculty mentor and preceptor with the program, Fowler also leads discussions with participating master's and doctoral-level nurse practitioner students.

"The students love the interaction and discussion offered through this program. They also enjoy meeting fellow students from other disciplines who share their interest in primary care and will be among those who make up the interprofessional health care teams. As nursing professionals, they realize the importance of understanding new policies and its effects on practice and the delivery of care. They want to stay involved," said Fowler.

In an effort to facilitate continuous communication, participants are encouraged to share information with other institute fellows using a password-protected Facebook page. This page will be used to help faculty stay in touch with students and for students to communicate with each other throughout the year.

According to Kristin Cochran, South Carolina AHEC's Director of Recruitment and Student Programs, a new cohort of students will be recruited in the fall. Other practicing primary care clinicians from across the state will assist as mentors and preceptors for students during their community-based clinical rotations. A preceptor retreat is scheduled for June 1 and an annual conference for both students and preceptors is set for spring 2014.



Interdisciplinary primary care students gather at a April 8 lecture at the SC AHEC office in Charleston. The program was linked to USC participants in Columbia via video conference. For information, visit <http://www.scahec.net/primarycare/>.

Mid-Carolina AHEC Health Careers Academy Creating HOPE



On December 1, 2012, Mid-Carolina AHEC Health Careers Academy students and parents joined together in fellowship to design and create Breast Cancer Bracelets. The bracelets were made out of pink and clear glass beads, sterling silver spacers and the Breast Cancer Charm. The Breast Cancer Bracelets were made in honor and memory of Breast Cancer Patients and Survivors. For every bracelet that is sold, one will be donated to the Breast Cancer Survivor Packs that will be given to a local breast cancer center in the Midlands region. Mid-Carolina AHEC would like to thank Kay Borer and Kathy Merlo for donating the sterling silver spacers. With their support the Health Careers Academy students were able to produce over 100 bracelets. We would also like to thank all of the students and parents for taking time to make this project come to life.

Mid-Carolina AHEC Health Careers Academy Paving a Path for Their Future



Mid-Carolina AHEC Health Careers Academy students went on a college tour October 31, 2012 to Clemson University and the University of South Carolina Upstate. The HCA students met with admission representatives, health profession professors, current students, and financial aid counselors at both universities. The HCA students also toured both campuses to get a feel for college life. The tour included viewing the dormitories, Health Science Building, Nursing Building, Cafeteria, Library, Bookstore, and the Admissions and Financial Aid Offices. Because of this tour, four HCA Students have committed to go to either Clemson University or USC Upstate. Mid-Carolina AHEC would like to thank all current students and staff at Clemson University and USC Upstate for their hospitality.

South Carolina AHEC Excellence in Family Medicine Education Award Presented to Sharm Steadman, PharmD

The third South Carolina AHEC Excellence in Family Medicine Education Award was presented to Sharm Steadman, PharmD, with the Palmetto Health Family Medicine Residency Program, at the South Carolina AHEC Resident Scholarship Symposium on June 11, 2012. This award was established to honor a non-physician teacher for excellence in resident education, with demonstrated skills in teaching, curriculum development, mentoring, research, and leadership in education.

Dr. Steadman received her Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy from the University of North Carolina in 1978 and received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the Medical University of South Carolina in 1981. In 1982, she completed a Clinical Pharmacy Fellowship in Family Practice at MUSC. She joined the USC Department of Family Medicine in 1987 and has been involved in Family Medicine education since that time. Dr. Steadman is currently a Professor of Family and Preventive Medicine at the USC School of Medicine and an Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor with the South Carolina College of Pharmacy.

Below are excerpts from the letter that Dr. Chuck Carter, Program Director of the Palmetto Health Family Medicine Residency Program, submitted on behalf of Dr. Steadman:

"Sharm's role as our PharmD educator is a core faculty member working with residents and students. She teaches throughout our curriculum on pharmacotherapy, clinical quality improvement, patient-centered care, and patient self-management. Her value to our residency program is difficult to put into words – she is involved everywhere and is essential to the success we've had as a program. She's taught over 200 residents – when one considers the value of a

family physician to a community that number alone speaks to a phenomenal impact!"

Dr. Steadman has been selected as an outstanding faculty member five times. Her peers in the South Carolina Pharmacy Association selected her as the Pharmacist of the Year in 2007.

Dr. Steadman has also been active in community service and health education regularly working with the SC Diabetes Initiative, SC Employees Prevention Partners, American Heart Association, and the SCORx academic detailing program. On the regional and national level she has served both the family medicine and pharmacy communities in leadership positions. She's routinely called upon to teach practicing clinicians as part of continuing education programs such as the SC Academy of Family Physician meetings.

A more recent accomplishment and joy for Dr. Steadman has been becoming a certified diabetes educator and regularly seeing patients as part of Palmetto Health's Patient-Centered Medical Home care team. Because of her work, she was recognized as the SC DHEC 2011 Diabetes Champion of the Year.

As Dr. Carter writes, "If there was a designation as an honorary family physician, she would be one - she truly believes and acts on the promise of our specialty in all she does with learners and patients. I can think of no one more deserving of this honor." Dr. Steadman is most deserving for this recognition as evidenced by her longstanding involvement in educating family physicians, her steadfast dedication to primary care, and her outstanding career as a teacher and leader.

Congratulations to Dr. Steadman!



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Complete an information request form online at www.scahec.net. Information will be sent to you for any of our programs.

Programs Include: Health Careers Academy, Summer Institute & Summer Health Careers Academy

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It Takes a Zoo - 2013 Annual Meeting

Lowcountry AHEC hosted the 2013 South Carolina AHEC Annual Meeting March 22, 2013 at Riverbanks Zoo and Garden in Columbia, South Carolina. This year's theme was "It Takes a Zoo," and a zoo is exactly what we became once everyone arrived in their finest animal attire. Each and every member of the AHEC system has different characteristics, traits, and abilities that they bring to the organization, and together we all make South Carolina's AHEC system a success! Collaboratively we make sure that students are being trained to become healthcare professionals, professionals are being supported, and that citizens of the state are receiving quality care. It may feel like a zoo at times, but for South Carolina that's what it takes.



Highlights from this year's meeting include a special presentation from a longtime friend of AHEC, Dr. Amy Brock Martin, several exploratory and team-building activities, and the annual award recognitions. The entire system left the meeting with a renewed sense of unity and drive.

Annual award highlights included:

South Carolina AHEC Ambassador

David Garr, MD



David Garr began his career practicing medicine from 1975-1981 in the small, underserved town of Tooele, Utah, which epitomizes the terms "rural" and "underserved". He then moved to Denver, Colorado, where he became the Director of Learning Resources at the Family Medicine Residency Training Program at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. David first became acquainted with the South Carolina AHEC in 1985 when he joined the faculty of the MUSC Department of Family Medicine (funded by the South Carolina AHEC) with the rank of Associate Professor.

In 1990, while still in the Department of Family Medicine, David served as the Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Hampton Community Health Foundation, Inc., which was started by the South Carolina AHEC with a Health Education Training Center (HETC) grant from HRSA. This entity would later become

the Harrison Peeples Health Care Center in Hampton, SC.

David's career at MUSC continued to reflect his rural roots as he was named Associate Dean for Primary Care in the MUSC College of Medicine in 1997 and Associate Dean for Community Medicine in 2002. In 2003, David was named the Executive Director of the South Carolina AHEC and remains in that role today. He continues to care for patients in the Family Medicine Center as well as providing informal medical support for those of us within the South Carolina AHEC Program Office - providing countless diagnoses for our aches and pains during the past ten years.

David has held leadership roles in numerous national organizations including the National AHEC Organization and recently was asked to serve on the NAO Board of Directors. Congratulations Dr. Garr for representing South Carolina AHEC as a consummate Ambassador!



South Carolina AHEC Outstanding Educator of the Year

Pam Collins, RN, MSN, CMSRN, RN-BC

Ms. Pam Collins has more than 30 years of varied nursing experience. Currently Pam owns and operates Consultation On-Call, LLC, a consulting firm based in Rock Hill, South Carolina. She has worked as a staff/charge nurse for medical-surgical and pediatric units. Her experience also includes nursing management, administration, education, and consulting. Pam also has extensive experience with the legal aspects of nursing practice and documentation including litigation support in medical malpractice cases.

While Pam currently works as an independent educational, medical, and legal consultant, she maintains her skills by working as a Clinical Nurse Specialist in Charlotte, NC, and maintains her certification in medical-surgical nursing. Pam speaks nationally on clinical and legal topics for the healthcare profession, and has worked closely with Upstate AHEC for over seven years. She is also a published author and has written articles that have been featured in professional journals. Pam's nomination was based on her passion, energy, presentation style and ability to engage diverse professional education audiences. Congratulations Ms. Collins!



South Carolina AHEC Practice of the Year

Lake City Community Hospital



The Lake City Community Hospital, located in Lake City, serves the lower part of Florence County. The 48-bed hospital offers expanded services and new technologies that enhance a commitment to community-based healthcare.

Lake City Community Hospital serves as a site for medical students, physician assistant students, nurse practitioner students, and pharmacy students on clinical rotation. They also serve as a host site for the MUSC Physician Assistant RISE Program. When in Lake City, students train at Lake City Community Hospital, Palmetto

Primary care, Pee Dee Family Practice, and The Medicine Cabinet. Lake City Community Hospital and its staff goes above and beyond the call of duty when it comes to training students, and is one of our state's standout clinical teaching sites. Congratulations Lake City Community Hospital!

South Carolina AHEC Special Recognition Award

Representative Todd Atwater



Representative Todd Atwater received the South Carolina AHEC Special Recognition Award at the AHEC annual meeting on Friday, March 22nd. Representative Atwater has a long history of public service having been Chief Council to Senator Strom Thurmond when he served on the United States Senate Labor and Human Relations Committee and Legislative Director for Governor David Beasley. Representative Atwater received this award for his years of leadership as Chief Executive Officer of the South Carolina Medical Association and for his enthusiastic support for the South Carolina AHEC.

In accepting the award, Representative Atwater thanked the audience for their dedication and service to South Carolina, and for all that they do to educate and increase the healthcare workforce in our state.

The South Carolina AHEC salutes Representative Atwater for his many contributions to the citizens of the state. Congratulations Mr. Atwater!

South Carolina AHEC Preceptor of the Year

Kahlil A. Demonbreun, DNP, RNC-OB, WHNP-BC, ANP-BC

This year Kahlil A. Demonbreun, DNP, RNC-OB, WHNP-BC, ANP-BC was selected as the South Carolina Area Health Education Consortium (SC AHEC) Preceptor of the Year. The purpose of this award is to bring recognition to an outstanding community-based preceptor serving South Carolina health professions students. Each year practitioners volunteer to provide many hours of clinical education to students from various health professions. It is their dedication to the education of the next generation of health professionals that is honored with this award.



Dr. Demonbreun currently practices as a Women's Health Nurse Practitioner at the Family Health Centers, Inc. in Orangeburg, South Carolina. He recently earned his Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) from the Medical University of South Carolina. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of South Carolina, and he earned a Master of Science in Nursing by completing the University of South Carolina's Women's Health Nurse Practitioner program.

He serves on several local nursing advisory committees and has participated on several regional and national committees to improve the health of women. Dr. Demonbreun serves on the MUSC and USC Student Advisory Committee and the Preceptor Advisory Committee for the SC AHEC "Institute for Primary Care Education & Practice." Dr. Demonbreun has been a member of the Lowcountry AHEC Board of Directors for six years. His service includes three years as Secretary of the Executive Committee and he is currently serving as Treasurer.

Dr. Demonbreun has been involved in health professions students' education for quite some time. He precepts physician assistant and nursing students from MUSC and other colleges and universities. He has even served as a preceptor for the Lowcountry AHEC Health Careers Program (HCP) summer internship program. Dr. Demonbreun exposes students to a wide variety of clinical experiences. The students appreciate his wealth of knowledge, and he is a very caring and compassionate practitioner. He provides a quality

learning experience for the students and they thoroughly enjoy working with him. The nomination criteria for the South Carolina AHEC Preceptor of the Year award requires a preceptor to be involved with three or more students per year and possess superior preceptor skills as evaluated by the students taught.

Dr. Demonbreun's students submitted excellent testimonials commending his precepting ability. One student said, "Mr. Demonbreun is the type of preceptor I hope to be one day. He is consistent, compassionate and reliable. Furthermore, he possesses a love for the profession and a sincere interest in and concern for the students."

A past student who is now a practicing provider wrote, "During the clinical portion of my Physician Assistant education, I was very fortunate to have multiple outstanding preceptors through Lowcountry AHEC. One in particular that deserves mention is Mr. Kahlil Demonbreun who served as my women's health preceptor. Needless to say, women's health can prove to be very awkward as a student, but this was absolutely not so with Mr. Demonbreun. He did everything possible to provide a comfortable environment for both patient and student to ensure I learned over and beyond our program's expectations. Daily, he encouraged my learning and growth as a student. By the end of this rotation, he allowed me much autonomy in efforts to build my confidence in history taking and examinations. To this day, I owe much of my confidence in clinical examining skills to Mr. Demonbreun."

The award committee was impressed by Dr. Demonbreun's commitment to the AHEC mission and his effort to provide excellence through education. South Carolina AHEC would like to honor Dr. Kahlil Demonbreun and extend thanks for his dedication! Congratulations to Dr. Demonbreun!

South Carolina AHEC Years of Service



5 Years

Traci Coward, Kelly Wynn, Kim Stephens,
and Kristin Cochran (Not Pictured)



10 Years

Rose Mary Cauthen and Dr. David Garr



15 Years

Ashley Breland, Diane Mathews, and Julie Ghent
(Not Pictured)

South Carolina AHEC Years of Service Continued



25 Years
Barbara Hicklin



35 Years
Jackie Brown



Halford Award for Leadership in Humane Education

Alexander Chessman, MD

Dr. David Garr, Executive Director of the South Carolina AHEC, announced Alexander Chessman, MD, as the recipient of the 2012 South Carolina AHEC James G. Halford Award at the South Carolina Academy of Family Physicians' Annual Meeting in Pawleys Island, SC on June 12, 2012. On June 22nd, Dr. Chessman was presented the award during the graduation dinner for the Trident/MUSC Family Medicine residents.

The Halford Award is presented to a Family Medicine residency training program faculty member in recognition of outstanding leadership in providing humane education. Award winners demonstrate a caring attitude and respect for patients, residents and students; value human dignity; demonstrate a passion and joy for teaching, learning and working with others and participate in community service activities.

Dr. Chessman graduated from Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine and completed Family Medicine Residency at the Medical University of South Carolina. He has been an integral part of the Family Medicine Residency Program and the Department of Family Medicine at the Medical University of South Carolina since 1985. Between 1989 and 2012, Dr. Chessman served as the Pre-Doctoral Education Director for the department. In this position, he has educated and influenced countless number of medical students. Dr. Chessman has been a driving force for primary care education at MUSC and across the state. Many of these students have selected family medicine as a career and sought training in the South Carolina AHEC Family Medicine Residency Programs.

Dr. Chessman also has a national reputation as a leader in Pre-Doctoral Family Medicine Education, most notably the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine. In addition to Dr. Chessman's professional services to family medicine, he is devoted to his family and the community. He has volunteered on numerous occasions on behalf of his church and has served his local community on boards and associations.

In summary, Dr. Chessman truly embodies all of the attributes sought in a recipient for the Halford Award.

Congratulations to Dr. Chessman!

Mid-Carolina AHEC Health Professions Students

The Junior Doctors of Health curriculum, which helps to fulfill Interprofessional Service Learning Project goals across the state, continues to gain traction in the Mid-Carolina region. Coordinator Jeff Cauthen conducted four JDOH sessions this past clinical year, alternating between Pine Ridge Middle School and Longleaf Middle School, both in the Greater Columbia area. Health Careers Program Coordinator Erica Davis suggested JDOH to the career specialists she works with at the two schools, demonstrating collaboration between both the Health Professions Student and Health Careers Programs councils. The Junior Doctors programs this year incorporated a total of thirteen health professions students from the Medical University of South Carolina Physician Assistant program and the South Carolina College of Pharmacy. The participating career specialists, teachers and middle school students have asked for more programs next year, and have spread the word to their colleagues in other middle schools in their respective districts. Approximately 80 young people took part in JDOH this year and Mid-Carolina AHEC hopes to match or exceed those numbers in clinical year 2013-2014!

On February 27th, Jeff Cauthen, along with HPS coordinators from the other three regional South Carolina AHECs, spoke to the MUSC PA class members who were completing their didactic year and preparing to start clinical rotations in September 2013. This is an annual effort between the HPS coordinators and the PA program to facilitate the transition students make into clinical practice. Topics presented included: housing availability; the fact that pre-rotation requirements among the different hospitals are not standardized and will require close communication between the students and the local AHEC; and the availability of AHEC coordinators to students as accessible resources during their clinical year through graduation.

Mid-Carolina AHEC Health Careers Program

Mid-Carolina Health Careers Program coordinator Erica Davis received her Master of Science in Nonprofit Management and Leadership from Walden University on March 5, 2013. In completing requirements for the degree, Erica blended academic theory with practical applications, while learning to apply concepts, principles, and skills related to nonprofit leadership, management, budgeting, finance, fund-raising, board management, and strategic planning.

In April 2012, Erica also received her Global Career Development Facilitator (GCDF) Certification. GCDFs help students meet career goals by providing career facilitation and guidance. Congratulations to Erica for her continued academic achievements!

Explore, Educate, and Encourage: Improving South Carolina's Health

So what if you don't win the first time - submit a theme again! Jasmine Barnes did just that and is the 2013 Health Careers Summer Institute's "Name That Theme Contest" winner. Her theme, "Explore, Educate, and Encourage: Improving South Carolina's Health", rings true with South Carolina AHEC's desire to educate students. Jasmine says Pee Dee AHEC Center Director Gail Weaver encouraged her to submit the theme and others provided inspiration along the way.

One of the ways Jasmine began exploring health careers was by volunteering as a candy striper. "I think I started when I was thirteen," says Jasmine.

From there, Jasmine was introduced to the Pee Dee AHEC Health Careers Program (HCP). "Jasmine is an excellent student, but an even better person. She's caring and very polite," adds former Coordinator, Tavy Smalls.

Now a senior at Hannah-Pamplico High School in Pamplico, SC, Jasmine has been a part of the Health Careers Program since the 9th grade and has earned enough



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credits to be designated an Achiever. She confesses that science is becoming her favorite subject – even over math. Last year Jasmine attended the Summer Institute and interned at the McLeod Pediatric Rehabilitation.

“I love the hospital atmosphere...and helping people,” says Jasmine with excitement.

For Jasmine the HCP summer program experience continues to be one of her favorite activities. She enjoys the travel to the host college, and also enjoys meeting AHEC students from other regions of the state. Besides the HCP summer activities Jasmine enjoys volunteering. Over the years she has volunteered for The American Heart Association Heart Walk, Diabetes Health Fair, and other regional events.

“I do what normal teenagers do, but maybe it’s my upbringing. People did things for me so I want to return the favor,” says Jasmine.

With three colleges on her short list, Jasmine is still unsure of where she will go in the fall. She understands the need to keep the cost low for her undergraduate degree since she also aspires to go to graduate or medical school. Right now, Jasmine is thinking of becoming a nurse anesthetist, a nurse practitioner or a doctor. Now aware of the “Bench 2 Bedside” initiatives at participating colleges across the state, Jasmine knows she will have a new way to stay connected with South Carolina AHEC while in college.

Jasmine plans to attend the 2013 Summer Institute at The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina from June 11-14, 2013. As the contest theme winner, her registration fee this year (valued at \$180) is on the house. From Pee Dee AHEC (and the entire AHEC system), way to go Jasmine!

Health Professions Data Book Recognized by State Library



The South Carolina State Library has selected the “2012 South Carolina Health Professions Data Book”, published by the Office for Healthcare Workforce Analysis and Planning, as one of the most notable South Carolina state government documents of 2012. Document librarians around the state along with the staff of the South Carolina State Library annually select the winning documents.

According to South Carolina State Library Interim Director, Leesa Benggio, “South Carolina state documents provide a wealth of information, statistics, and share a broad range of knowledge about our state. I am pleased that we are able to publicly recognize these important publications and websites as notable documents and it is my hope that all South Carolina state agencies continue to produce high quality documents such as these.”

The South Carolina Health Professions Data Book compiles existing information from a variety of sources into a highly visual resource containing maps and charts about the health status of the population in South Carolina and the number and distribution of healthcare providers actively practicing within the state. The intention of the book is to provide an easily accessible resource for state, county and local planning groups as they address healthcare needs and access issues. Each year thousands of printed and electronic copies of the book are disseminated across the state.

“It is wonderful that a publication meant to help inform policy makers about healthcare workforce issues has been recognized as being beneficial to the citizens of South Carolina”, said Linda Lacey, Director of the Office for Healthcare Workforce Analysis and Planning within the South Carolina AHEC.

Awards were presented to the winning agencies and authors on May 13th in Columbia. The Data Book can be downloaded at: <http://www.officeforhealthcareworkforce.org/data.php>. All winning documents are available to view at the State Library website: (<http://www.statelibrary.sc.gov/sc-state-documents-depository-notable-documents-award>).

Morse Receives Ramage Award for Leadership in Humane Education

The seventh Annual Raymond C. Ramage, MD Award for Leadership in Humane Education was presented to Harold G. Morse, MD during the graduation of the AnMed Health Family Medicine residents on June 29, 2012.

The Ramage Award was established by the South Carolina AHEC to recognize a deserving faculty member in a specialty other than Family Medicine. The award is based on a similar award, The Halford Award, which recognizes leadership in humane education in Family Medicine. Dr. Raymond Ramage was an integral part of the formation of the South Carolina Consortium of Community Teaching Hospitals in 1970 and was a "founding father" of the South Carolina AHEC in 1972. From 1979 to 1982, he served as chairman of a task force on graduate medical education charged with developing and integrating South Carolina's medical education schools and teaching hospitals, and he served as Governor Carroll Campbell's appointee on the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education from 1988 to 1996.

According to Dr. Stoney Abercrombie who presented the award, "Having been a resident in the Greenville Hospital System when Dr. Ramage was the Vice President of Medical Education, I strongly believe that Dr. Harold G. Morse is the epitome of what the Ramage Award for Leadership in Humane Education encompasses."

After completing medical school training at Emory University and internship and residency training at the University of Oregon School of Medicine, Dr. Morse entered private practice in Internal Medicine in Anderson, South Carolina in 1982. Since that time, he has been part of the teaching faculty at AnMed Health and has taught adult medicine to over 200 graduates of the residency program. He has earned the rank of Professor of Internal Medicine and Family Medicine at both MUSC and the USC School of Medicine, and AnMed Health residents have recognized his teaching skills through Teacher of the Year awards.

Dr. Morse has also been recognized as a community physician who truly cares and respects patients. He was a founding board member of the Anderson Free Clinic in 1983 and served as the Medical Director for many years. He used this expertise to help start the free clinic in Clemson, South Carolina in 2003. An active Episcopalian, Dr. Morse serves his local church, as well as serving as the Medical Coordinator of the Episcopal Dioceses of Upper South Carolina. He has led many medical mission trips to Cange, Haiti over the years. Many local physicians and Family Medicine residents have accompanied him on these international trips. The community has also recognized Dr. Morse and his wife for their outstanding community service by awarding them the "Pointing the Way" Leadership Award for Community Service and as the Communitarian of the Year in 2009 by the Foothills United Way.

Congratulations to Dr. Morse on receiving the 2012 Ramage Award!

Save the Dates

2013 SCHOOLS Line-Up

Don't miss out on any of our upcoming SCHOOLS programs, including a series on Dementia and collaboration with MUSC's Progressnotes.

You can register for any of our 31 sites across the state by visiting our website. Most programs are free of charge to all consortium members.

Additional information is available at www.scahec.net/schools

Highlights from AnMed Health

- Jeff Cashman, DO, (PGY3 AnMed Health Family Medicine Residency) is the recipient of the 2012 H. Winter Griffith Scholarship for Excellence in Practice Improvement and Patient-Centered Care. He was recognized at the Conference on Practice Improvement on Saturday, December 1, in Greenville, South Carolina, and received a \$1000 scholarship and certificate.
- AnMed Health Family Medicine Residency members that presented at the Conference on Practice Improvement in Greenville November 30-December 2 are residents Janice Brown-Fordham, MD, and Jeff Cashman, DO, and faculty members Nata Young, MD, Amanda Davis, MD, and Mary Beth Wright.
- Dr. Anne Cook (Internal Medicine faculty and Associate Director of AnMed Health Family Medicine Residency Program) successfully completed a year-long Integrative Medicine Fellowship at the University of Arizona. She has passed the examination and is now certified. AnMed Health is now offering a new tract in Integrative Medicine. Dr. Nata Young is completing a fellowship in Acupuncture at Harvard Medical School in Boston and will be providing this service and educational training in our program.

Have Family Medicine Residency highlights of your own? Send them to Jessica Huggins at hugginjr@musc.edu.



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Pee Dee AHEC Welcomes Larrissa Clavon



On February 25th, Pee Dee AHEC welcomed Larrissa Clavon, BS, as their Health Careers Program Coordinator. She is a native of Florence, SC and most recently worked several years in the Admissions Office at Francis Marion University. Larrissa holds a Bachelor of Science in Journalism and Mass Communication from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University.

Larrissa can be reached at LClavon@mcleodhealth.org or 843-777-5351.

Chantelle Ogden Joins the Lowcountry AHEC Staff



Chantelle Ogden, BS, CNMT, has joined Lowcountry AHEC as their new CE Coordinator. Chantelle has experience and education as a Nuclear Medicine Technologist, Case Manager, and Educator. She comes to us by way of Massachusetts, Virginia, and Florida. She lives in Beaufort with her husband, a Marine Recruiter and 10 year old daughter.

Chantelle can be reached at ogdenc@lcahec.com or 843-782-5052.

Nita Donald is a New Addition to the Upstate AHEC Staff



Deneatrice "Nita" Donald, BS, M.Ed, GCDF, CET, comes to AHEC with a wealth of knowledge, education and experience in the field of career placement and guidance, college and career programming, and management and coordination of services. She has been an AHEC partner in the

HCP program area for the past seven years while she worked as a Career Development Facilitator with the Greenville Schools System. There, she also coordinated their youth court and provided intervention and counseling services through the WRAPS program. As an employee of the Urban League of the Upstate, she served as their Manager of Education, Youth and Family Services. Nita holds a master's degree in education from Converse College and a bachelor's degree in business administration and management from Columbia College. She is the proud mother of a 17 year old daughter.

Nita can be reached at ddonald@upstateahec.org or 864-349-1160.

Lakesha McCutchen Joins the Upstate AHEC Team

Lakesha McCutchen holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from Coastal Carolina University and a master's degree in public administration from Strayer University. She joined the



Upstate AHEC staff as a Health Professions Students Program Coordinator. Kesha most recently worked as a community liaison with Select Health of South Carolina. In that role she covered seven counties in the Upstate area. She is the former director of the Spartanburg Children Shelter and was a community youth prevention specialist with the Spartanburg Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission. She is active as a community volunteer in Spartanburg, and has a six year old daughter.

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