Five University programs and departments have realigned to form a new Division of Health-Related Programs. Exercise Science, Health Administration, Human Relations, Marriage and Family Therapy, and Nursing are now one operational unit under the direction of Vernease Miller who was named Interim Dean. “This is an exciting opportunity to combine resources and work collectively toward our mutual goal of preparing graduate and undergraduate students to be successful leaders in the 21st century healthcare industry. We are now positioned to expose students to the extended capacity of our faculty” Miller said. “It will create the ability for students to more easily transfer into and between related health curricula”.

During this transitional year, the Directors will determine the scope of the new division by reviewing and updating curricula, pursuing department-specific accreditations and defining its mission and strategic development plan.

“I have great expectations that our health related programs will broaden the University’s exposure and provide new growth opportunities. Pfeiffer is fully invested in the success of this new division,” said Tracy Espy, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. The restructure became effective August 1, 2012.
Welcome to the 2012-13 academic year. I am pleased with the enhanced visibility of our program resulting from the University’s reaccreditation by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) last spring, as well as the wonderful opportunities afforded by the realignment of all Pfeiffer health-related programs.

Healthcare now accounts for 17.3% of the gross domestic product, and is expected to reach 19.3% by the end of the decade. In this regard, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that the healthcare sector will likely realize the greatest gain in jobs during the period 2010-2020 relative to the rest of the economy. In particular, accounting for those “replacement jobs” created by retirees, deaths and resignations, Georgetown University researchers have forecast the number of health sector jobs will grow to 5.6 million by 2020. These findings are encouraging for Pfeiffer students and alumni as the health sector job market is strong, and growing. The implication is that, post-graduation, you will be more likely to find satisfying employment in the Carolinas, and beyond.

It is clear, then, that the skills and competencies of health care professionals must be enhanced on a continuous basis in order to meet the complex needs of 21st century health care systems. Graduates of certificate, bachelor, and master degree programs, like those offered by Pfeiffer University, must have an appreciation for ethical practices, patient-centered care teams, and technology-based communication systems. At the same time, they must also recognize that the anticipated growth in chronic diseases will require a keen public health and global perspective.

Our new health division will encourage collaboration between Pfeiffer’s academic leaders in realizing our goal of better preparing both students and alumni to be workplace-ready, globally productive citizens. It will thus offer increased opportunities for intra-department learning and external partnerships that will create gateways for enhanced career development.

Each department adds value to health workers who will provide direct care to clients and patients. It is therefore essential that we work together in, this, our first year of realignment, to define our common values and core competencies. The key outcome should, and will be, the cultivation of graduates who are prepared to serve as competent administrators, nurse leaders, clinically accountable therapists, and members of diverse patient care teams. They will be innovative thinkers equipped to problem solve creatively, and lead complex organizations.

I’m excited about this new direction, and I hope you will be as well. Best wishes for an enjoyable and successful fall term,

Vernease H. Miller, M.H.A, JD
Interim Dean
MHA 776 Comparative International Health – London trip orientation is scheduled for Saturday, September 22nd at the Charlotte Campus, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Congratulations to Wanda Hudson, recipient of the Team Health Scholarship awarded by the Triangle Health Executives Forum Chapter of the American College of Health Executives. We commend Wanda for taking initiative in furthering her health administration education.

PHESO MEETING
MHA students are invited to attend the first PHESO (Pfeiffer Healthcare Executive Student Organization) meeting of the year on September 12th at 5PM in room A101 on the Charlotte Campus.

Here are a few good reasons why you should attend!
• come meet our new President, Michelle Transou
• learn about the benefits of becoming a member
• hear about educational events in your community
• listen to Ms. Jennifer Lewis talk about her experience at the national ACHE event
• network with your peers
• meet the faculty in the MHA department

We hope to see you there.  Dr. Carol Vogt
GEMS OF PFEIFFER EVENT

On Saturday, September 15 at the Grandover Resort in Greensboro, NC, we will pause to honor the legacy and achievements of the “Gems of Pfeiffer” including our own, Dr. Joel Vickers. We will also remember Dr. Robert Barber who served as an adjunct Professor for Health Finance for 13 years. You should have recently received an invitation to the event—please consider a sponsorship opportunity as a way to not only showcase your business, but also, to demonstrate our appreciation of Dr. Vickers 17 years of leadership. For additional information or to reserve your seat, please contact Cindy Benson at (704) 463-3076 or cindy.benson@fsmail.pfeiffer.edu.

DR. JOEL VICKERS
Professor and Former Director for MHA Program
Announcements

Agape Senior, a fully-integrated, faith based, health care provider for Senior Adults located in South Carolina, is expanding and in need of developing a talent pool in line with its current and projected growth. Agape Senior has 13 facilities located throughout SC (9 Assisted Living facilities, 3 Post-acute Care facilities and one in-patient hospice unit). Additionally, Agape Senior is the largest hospice provider in the State of South Carolina. As an employer of over 1800 employees state-wide, we are always in search of talent that will help us expand and carry the delivery of our care to the next level. We are particularly interested in speaking to graduates of Pfeiffer University’s Masters in Health Care Administration and would welcome confidential inquiries. Agape Senior is an equal opportunity, EEOC compliant organization and your inquiry will be handled confidentially until such time as both parties agree to discuss your application. Please forward your resume to Dr. James C. Williamson, Chief Human Capital Officer at jwilliamson@agapesenior.com. No phone calls, please. Visit our website at www.agapesenior.com or www.askagape.com.

Care Ring is hiring a FT LPN at the Care Ring Low-Cost Clinic. Please contact us if you are looking for a position with a great team! We serve an uninsured, low-to-mid income population at our nonprofit clinic uptown. Hours are 8am-5pm Monday-Friday. Bilingual English/Spanish would be great. http://www.careringnc.org/about/employment/

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Alumna Laura Parkhurst, MHA is the new Manager for Ambulatory Care, Faculty Physicians Network for Carolinas HealthCare System. She is responsible for managing the new CHS Psychiatry and Behavioral Wellness Clinic that will be located in Ballantyne. This is one of two locations scheduled to open in October 2012. When asked about her new position, Parkhurst said, “I’m very excited about this opportunity and to be a part of an area of healthcare that is growing.” We wish Laura the best in her new role.

We are pleased to announce the promotion of Dr. Carol Vogt to the rank of Full Professor and Dr. Barnett Parker to the office of Chair of the Department of Health Administration.

Dr. Vogt is the guiding force behind the Pfeiffer Healthcare Executive Student Organization and our national involvement with ACHE. She serves as the administrator for the Department of Health Administration’s student scholarship program. Dr. Vogt serves as continuous quality improvement (CQI) facilitator for HA curriculum review. She is well respected by her peers and was recently re-elected as Chair of the Graduate Council. When asked about Dr. Vogt’s promotion, Dr. Vernease Miller, Interim Dean for Health Programs, said “We are very proud of Dr. Vogt’s accomplishments and welcome her to the rank of Professor. I view her as the MVP of the Health Administration Department.”

Dr. Parker has been employed by Pfeiffer for 15 years. He is admired for his critical thinking and international business expertise. He brings clarity and focus to operational issues and is a respected leader within the Department. In preparation for last year’s accreditation visit, he served admirably as a section leader for completion of required SACS reports. He is highly regarded within his field and is the author of the most peer-reviewed academic articles in the Department. In keeping with Dr. Miller’s appointment as Interim Dean for Health Programs, Dr. Parker is now responsible as Department of Health Administration Chair, for the direct supervision of faculty and student related operational issues. His office is located on the RTP Campus and he can be reached at 919-656-7060.
Apply Now for May 2013 Graduation. CLICK HERE FOR APPLICATION

Return the completed form to Rick Kivior, Associate Registrar at rick.kivior@fsmail.pfeiffer.edu or fax to (704) 945-7330. The graduation fee is $95 (waived for MHA cohorts). Students who miss the deadline will be required to pay an additional $75 late fee. Payments can be made online through Cash Net or in person at the Business Office.

When your application is reviewed, a degree audit will be sent to your Pfeiffer email address confirming your graduation status.

UPCOMING INFORMATION SESSIONS

• Misenheimer Campus: November 12th and 17th (all day)
• Charlotte Campus: Wednesday October 17th and Thursday November 15th at 5:30pm
• RTP Campus: Monday September 10th, Monday November 12th, and Tuesday December 4th at 5:45 p.m.

MAY 2013 GRADUATES – GRADUATE SCHOOL CANDIDATES

L to R: Jackie Yang; BJ Gilliand; Chris Pike, Director Corporate Accounts, Linet Americas; Dr. Dianne Daniels; Laura Chapman; and Micah Bortner

The Department of Nursing received an $18,000 ICU bed for the Nursing Lab as a gift from Linet Americas. Chris Pike, Vice President for Corporate Accounts, came to Misenheimer on Friday August 31st to give the faculty an in-service on the operation of the bed. He also took a tour of the Nursing labs and classrooms. Pfeiffer University is very grateful to Linet Americas for this significant investment in the Nursing program. It will help to train future nurse leaders for years to come.
WHAT’S NEW AT RTP?

Meet Laura Bryan and Sanggon Nam the newest members of the RTP Campus faculty.

Laura Bryan, PhD, received her doctorate in Marriage and Family Therapy (MFT) from Texas Tech University, and has experience administering an MFT training clinic. This August, Dr. Bryan became the Clinic Director for the new MFT training clinic at the Pfeiffer University RTP location. The new clinic, scheduled to open January 2013, will be named the Pfeiffer Institute Reach for Marriage and Family Therapy. The word reach not only describes this clinic as an expansion/extension of Pfeiffer in the RTP area, it also describes the essential philosophy of the clinic: To promote the ability of Pfeiffer MFT students to Reach out to the community. The Pfeiffer Institute Reach will serve two important functions: academic and service. First, it will provide a contained real-world experience for advanced MFT students to meet with actual clients while being closely supervised by Pfeiffer faculty. Second, it will provide low-cost individual, couple, and family therapy to members of the community who otherwise might not access mental health services. In addition to the standard therapy sessions the Pfeiffer Institute Reach will also provide special services to first responders. “First responders such as law enforcement face unique challenges with regard to intimate relationships and ‘leaving work at the office.’ We’re going to provide a 6-week group for police officers and their significant others that will help them learn more healthy communication and stress management styles particular to their situation,” Dr. Bryan said. Watch for more news about services at the Pfeiffer Institute Reach!

Sanggon Nam, Ph.D. (C) joins the Department of Health Administration as an Assistant Professor. He comes to Pfeiffer from the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) in Galveston, Texas. His research interests include public health, population health sciences, and social epidemiology with specific interests in health disparities in aging populations. Nam is expected to focus on engaging students and other faculty in applied research projects including one that will begin this fall in collaboration with a major medical group in Mecklenburg County. His presence on the faculty will enable the Department of Health Administration to extend special topic courses and applied research opportunities. Students interested in applied research should contact Dr. Nam directly.
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY ROCKS!

Two MFT Assistant Professors were recognized for their commitment to teaching and advising students toward academic success.

Dr. Pearl Wong received the Provost Award for Outstanding Advising/Mentoring and Dr. George Bitar received the United Methodist Exemplary Teaching Award. The awards were presented during the morning Aug. 11th Commencement ceremony. Both recognitions came with a financial prize. Congratulations to Drs. Wong and Bitar.

PFEIFFER STUDENTS VISIT LIBERIA

Pfeiffer MHA students, alumni and guests, led by Dr. Vernease Miller and Dr. Barnett Parker, traveled to Liberia in May on the first comparative international health class trip to Africa. The group was well received and even made local radio and print news. Word of the “American health delegation” traveled throughout the country. Students were excited and amused by their celebrity status.

While in Liberia students visited the Ministry of Health, major hospitals and county health facilities, Firestone Plantation, and the University of Liberia. They worshipped at the Stephen Trowen Nagbe United Methodist Church, which is the home church of their Liberian host, Dr. Francis Kateh. The highlight of the trip was an overnight visit to Jackson F. Doe Memorial Regional Referral Hospital in Tappita where Dr. Kateh is the Medical Director/CEO. The hospital houses the only CAT Scan (Computer Axial Tomography) in the country. Students presented medical supplies to the staff as a service project and were appointed ambassadors for the hospital. The trip was a life-changing experience to be remembered by all who attended.
Students take an international trip as part of their course in Comparative International Health. Students have the option of traveling abroad to Germany, Austria, England, Canada and Liberia. This course offers a practical focus on the interrelationships between business and health in an international setting.

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The proposed international trip schedule for year 2013 is as follows:

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Alumni are invited to join us on these international trips. Apply for your passport and get your travel funds together now. Be ready to go when the appropriate registration period opens, and trip meetings are announced.
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- The DAVID A. WINSTON HEALTH POLICY FELLOWSHIP is open to graduate students in any discipline, field, or profession.
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Selections will be made in January, 2013.

Application Requirements
Application materials should be submitted directly to AUPHA via the Winston Fellowship website at http://www.winstonfellowship.org not later than October 26, 2012. Application requirements include:

- A current resume
- A statement of interest
- Three letters of recommendation
- Academic transcripts (both undergraduate and graduate)
- A narrative synopsis of your past and current extracurricular and volunteer activities in the community and on campus.

Complete details of application requirements can be found at www.winstonfellowship.org.

APPLICATION DEADLINE DATE IS OCTOBER 26, 2012

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