

# DCHP Newsletter

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Weber State University

Pictures from the open-house

## DCHP Holds Open-House Event



The Dumke College of Health Professions held an open-house event on October 3, 2008. This was a great opportunity to show off many of the programs the college has to offer. It was a

great chance for donors, health care professionals, and community members to come tour the building and meet the new dean, Dr. Yasmen Simonian. Each department within the

college had an exhibit to showcase the many things we have to offer. We hosted over 400 people. Thanks to everyone who helped with this event!



*Special points of interest:*

- DCHP Open House Event
- School of Nursing
- Updates from Advisement
- Judith Pratt goes to Russia

## Updates from the Advisement Office

The Foreign Language 2010 will no longer count as a Humanities, but the 2020 will. Students who test out of foreign language will still not be given the Hu-

manities credit but students who take a higher class and pay for the lower credit course 2020 will be given the humanities credit. English has made a

couple of changes: Effective Spring 09, students entering WSU with an ACT of 29 or higher in both English and reading are eligible for placement directly into

## Advisement continued...

ENGL 2010, Intermediate Writing. Upon successful completion of Engl 2010 with a grade of "C" or better, the University Core Composition (ENGL) requirement is considered complete.

Effective Spring Semester 2009, this policy also applies to students transferring to WSU from another Utah System of Higher Education (USHE) institution who completed ENGL 2010 with a grade of "C" or better and documentation of an ACT score of 29 or higher in both English and Reading.

There is also a proposal currently before the Board of Regents officially requesting ap-

proval to impose a 10 year expiration policy on introductory English composition courses - i.e. ENGL 111 courses. If a student only completed the introductory or first course of composition, 10 or more years ago, the student is required to: a) take the Accuplacer Reading Comprehension and Sentence Skills exams and receive a minimum score in both areas. or b) provide current writing samples to the English department chair for review and placement recommendation.

Also, the process for how WSU handles repeats has changed. From now on the students trying to repeat courses to improve their GPA, the course to be included must be taken at either the original institution or at WSU. If stu-

dents follow this rule, the most recent grade they have will be included in their overall cumulative GPA and the previous equivalent courses grade will be excluded.

A couple of examples: A student takes Math 1050 at Dixie and gets a "D" grade. Then goes to USU and gets a "C" grade. In this case both grades will count on the student's GPA. If the student then comes to WSU and takes the same course and gets an "A", the USU and Dixie grades will be excluded from the GPA.

This rule also works against the student if the latest grade is lower. A student who takes Patho and gets a "C" and repeats it and gets a "D" the next semester will have only the "D" grade included.

## RADIOLOGIC SCIENCES

Congratulations to Dr. Robert Walker and our Radiologic Sciences colleagues for being one of the finalists, along with Johns Hopkins University, in the category of the Best Radiologic Technologist Training Program.

## Judith Pratt goes to Russia

I recently visited Archangel, Russia with 6 other nurses from the U.S. The purpose was to help Russian nurses learn how to research areas to improve their nursing practice.

The Russian organizer told us (the US nurses) that the

health officials were now more interested in Public Health and Epidemiology education for the nurses. I was excited because this is my area of interest.

Jill Daly gave me some money and a medical supplier

*"One nurse said she never dreamed she would have her own stethoscope"*

gave me a good price on stethoscopes... I took 20 stethoscopes for the nurses. I

## Judith Pratt continued...

cannot describe how excited the nurses were. One nurse said she never dreamed she would have her own stethoscope. Another nurse said she was a clinical instructor and really needed a stethoscope. The people in my church donated money for gloves and caps plus three quilts for the orphanage. This summer I was invited to attend an Oxford Round Table where issues af-



fecting women were discussed. I presented a paper on Oppression in Women That Limited Opportunities for Growth: Using Nursing As An Exemplar. This was the second Round Table that I was invited to attend. At the first Round Table I presented a paper of Social Capital As An Intervention to Address Issues Effecting Women.

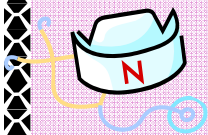
*Judith Pratt, MSN, RN  
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## Congratulations Jeff Grunow!

Lt Col Jeffrey Grunow will be adding another pair of wings to his uniform in the future....Full Colonel Wings. To our knowledge he will be the first nurse in the unit to achieve the rank of full colonel while still assigned to the 445 AES unit. Way to go Jeff!

## SCHOOL OF NURSING HAS FINALLY BEEN APPROVED!

The Regents approved the designation of a WVSU School of Nursing in the College of Health Professions. We have waited a long time for this name change.



## Congratulations!



Dr. Catherine Earl and Nursing are in the News! Check out this link:

<http://www.ksl.com/?nid=148&sid=4923601>

## Congratulations

Congratulations to both **Paul Eberle** and **Richard Dahlkemper** for getting their doctorate degrees! Way to go!



Congratulations to **Camille Safsten** in EC&R for receiving "perfect marks for customer

service skills" when reviewed by the mystery shoppers. Way to go Camille!