

# DCHP Newsletter

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## EC&R Celebrates 35 Years

The Emergency Care & Rescue Department celebrated 35 years of paramedic education by holding a three day event last month. The first day was an open house where local public officials, alumni, and friends toured the classrooms and participated in equipment demonstrations. The second day guests were able to listen to different lectures including, "Hitting the Wall at 200 MPH", by Jill Jensen, WSU alumni who now works for NASCAR. The third day, attendees joined with the entire university in a tailgate party and then the homecoming football game.

-Camille Safsten



## Northern Utah AHEC News

### Northern Utah AHEC

The last year was a great success for Northern Utah AHEC. We were able to reach 5,524 students and fit in 223 presentations about health careers, and the great programs that Weber State has to offer in the College of Health Professions. Following an extremely busy year last year, AHEC was very happy to learn they would be receiving the Health Careers Opportunity Program Grant. Along with getting the HCOP grant, AHEC is able to hire three new full time staff members. We are very excited to get the HCOP program going and have the new staff members join us. This new school year has been packed with presentations and with more to come. We enjoy having your students come with us to present, so if any of them are looking for Service Learning Opportunities, please let us know. We would love to have them join us in teaching about health careers. AHEC would also like to thank all of the presenters who helped with the Fremont High School field trip. The students had a great experience and learned a lot of very helpful information. THANK YOU!!!

-Kristy Jones

## Radiologic Sciences

Rex Christensen in the department of Radiologic Sciences recently passed his IIP (Imaging Informatics Professional) boards. The Imaging Informatics Professional examination assesses the knowledge and skills underlying the successful performance of job responsibilities required of an imaging informatics professional in a health care setting. The IIP Examination is a 150 question test that covers 10 major knowledge domains identified by imaging informatics professionals as being critical to competence. Many hospitals and clinics are using this examination as a pre-requisite for employment as a PACS (Picture Archive and Communication System) Administrator in the Radiology department.

Rex is teaching the PACS curriculum as part of the advanced Radiologic Sciences major. It entails topics such as: Image Management, Policies and Procedures, HL7, DICOM, Interfaces, and Networking.

The American Board of Imaging Informatics, Inc. (ABII) has created and manages the Imaging Informatics Professional (IIP) certification program and awards the Certified Imaging Informatics Professional (CIIP) designation to qualified candidates.

The ABII was founded in 2007 by the Society for Imaging Informatics in Medicine (SIIM) and the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT). An independent, non-profit organization, ABII's mission is to enhance patient care, professionalism, and competence in imaging informatics.

-Rex Christensen

## Dec. & Jan. Birthdays and Holiday's

### December 2009

3rd- Debra Huber  
 12th- Paul Eberle,  
       Linda Forest  
 21st- Debra Haas,  
       Carrie Waldrop  
 22nd- Ken Johnson  
 24th- Kathleen Sitzman,  
       Christmas Eve Holiday  
 25th- Pamela Hugie,  
       Christmas Holiday  
 29th- Gary Nielsen  
 31st- New Year's Eve

### January 2010

1st- New Year's Day  
 5th- Catherine Earl  
 7th- Cynthia Belnap  
 10th- Darcy Carter  
 17th- Valerie Gooder,  
       David Wyant  
 18th- Marguerite Simmons  
 23rd- Yasmen Simonian  
 27th- Susan Alexander  
 28th- Johnny Kelly  
 31st- Cindy Wagner

# Respiratory Therapy News

The Respiratory Therapy Advanced Level Students, in connection with REST 3280 taught by Janelle Gardiner, organized yet another successful Vent 5K this fall. It was held on September 26th at the Ogden River Parkway. Both advanced level and entry level students entered a ventilator in the race (see photos). The community runners showed in great support with over 100 registered participants. This is the third year in a row Janelle's students have hosted such an event. It's getting bigger and better every year! The goal is to raise money for the American Respiratory Care Foundation. This year's fund raising efforts were very effective. In total \$2500 was donated to the cause. It is a big job to pull off such a successful race and it took the hard work of every single student. Janelle would like to express her appreciation to the advanced level students for doing such a great job this year!

(Participation in the event makes us eligible for a national competition...we're still waiting to hear the results. We've been the national winners the first two years so we are keeping our fingers crossed for another victory. Winners will be announced at the national conference in San Antonio in December.)

