



COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND SCIENCES

NEWSLETTER - SPRING 2025

A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

As we welcome the vibrant season of spring, I am filled with a renewed sense of optimism and pride in the remarkable accomplishments within our College of Health and Sciences. This time of year symbolizes growth and new beginnings, and it signifies the dynamic progress we continue to achieve together under God's grace.

Our students have demonstrated exceptional dedication, excelling in both academic and clinical environments. Their passion and commitment for learning inspire us all. Faculty members continue to teach with excellence and lead innovative research guided by faith and a calling to serve others. Our staff's unwavering support ensures that the college operates seamlessly, fostering an environment where excellence thrives in accordance with our shared values and mission.

This spring, we celebrate numerous achievements—from innovative research projects and community health initiatives to national conference presentations. These accomplishments reflect the collaborative spirit, resilience, and faith that define our college. As we look ahead, I encourage each of you to embrace the opportunities that this season brings. Whether through advancing your studies, engaging in new research endeavors, or contributing to community health, may your efforts be a testament to your faith and a reflection of God's work through you.

Thank you for your hard work, dedication, and passion. Together, we are shaping the future and making a difference in the lives of many, grounded in our faith and commitment to service.

Wishing you a productive, inspiring, and blessed spring season.



Tracey Greenwood, PhD

CHS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS!

Dr. Dianna Montgomery
Lecturer of Social Work

Dr. Montgomery has earned her Doctorate in Social Work, an incredible milestone that reflects her dedication, hard work, and passion for making a meaningful impact in the field. This achievement is a testament to her exceptional skills, resilience, and hard work. We couldn't be prouder of her accomplishments and commitment to Eastern's community. Please extend your heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Montgomery as she embarks on this exciting new chapter of her career!

STUDENT SUCCESS

Dominic Marangoni, a third-year chemistry major on the forensic chemistry track, accepted a highly-competitive and lucrative summer internship with Merck in their Global Securities Division in West Point, PA.

PRESENTATIONS IN THE FIELD

Criminal Justice and Sociology faculty members, Dr. Katie Farina, Dr. Vivian Smith and Dr. Helen Miamidian participated in the *Be the Change Social Justice Workshop* held at Eastern University on February 15. They spearheaded the workshop on Race and Gender.

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Dr. Vivian Smith also presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology in November 2024 in San Francisco. Her presentations included *Betrayal of a Promise: Black Women's Narratives on Reckoning with Anti-blackness in Academia* and *Roundtable - Elevating Our Stories: Narratives of Black and Brown Scholars in Academia*.

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT



Health and Exercise Science students **Connor Culp, Justin Dicesar, Tyler Dauchert and Brian Lang** attended the 16th Annual Phillies Sports Medicine Symposium in January.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Sigma Zeta, the STEM National Honors Society, inducted 26 new members on Monday, March 17. This included several students from the Biology, Chemistry and Mathematical Sciences departments. Congratulations!



SPOTLIGHT ON NURSING

The **Pinning Ceremony** for the Cohort 19 Nursing students took place on December 13, 2024.

Congratulations to Amy Gonzalez, Reese Fronczak, Hayley Hansell, Laila Hawkins, Grace Johnson, Destiny Mosely and Sarah Sumbillo!



Giving Back

Dr. Nancy Blackburn, retired nursing faculty member, brought book donations to AMG International in Chattanooga, TN in October. These books were then delivered to the Bugongi College of Nursing and Midwifery in Uganda for their student use!



UPCOMING EVENTS

**APRIL 11, 2025 - 10AM-3PM
CHS RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM**

The College of Health and Sciences will be hosting a Research Symposium for CHS students and faculty on **Friday, April 11, 2025 in McInnis Hall.** Research posters will be on display in the lobby from 10am-3pm and students will present their posters between 12:30pm-1:30pm. All are invited to attend and learn more about the amazing research and endeavors happening within CHS.

**MAY 9, 2025 @ 2:00PM
CHS GRADUATE STUDENT
COMMENCEMENT @
THE MANN CENTER**

**MAY 10, 2025 @ 10:30AM
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT
COMMENCEMENT @
THE MANN CENTER**

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