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Greetings from the Chair

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I just submitted my first annual report of faculty activities that department chairs prepare for their deans at the end of each academic year. What an amazing set of accomplishments I was able to list for HAD faculty for 2010-11! Our eleven faculty published 21 articles, 2 books, and 10 book chapters, presented papers, posters and made presentations at more than 25 state, national and international meetings, served on more than 25 national and international committees and boards, and worked on grants and contracts totaling more than \$5 million. And this is in addition to teaching 35 courses, advising more than 100 students, and administering three accredited and highly ranked graduate programs. Needless to say, I am very proud of the incredible group of teachers and scholars that inhabit the Grant House.



We are very pleased with the results of our fund raising activities for the 2010-11 year. Thanks to your generosity, we raised about \$75,000 for our scholarships and endowments as well as our New Ventures Fund that supports a variety of program and student enrichment activities. Over the coming year, we will report on these activities so you can see the important contributions your gifts make to the student experience in HAD.

Nominations now open!

Nominations for the 2011 alumnus/ae of the year are open until August 19. Please send the name of your nominee along with a brief statement of why you selected this person to Beth Ayers at bwayers@vcu.edu. The Alumni Executive Committee will make the final selection from your nominations based on career accomplishments, service to the profession, and service to the Department.

VCU HAD Alumni Night in Tidewater

You are invited to "[Wounded Warriors](#)," a program sponsored by the Healthcare Administrators of Tidewater on August 18 from 5:30 to 8pm at the Holiday Inn Virginia Beach Norfolk. The program will include a presentation by Colonel Kyle D. Campbell, FACHE, the Chief of Staff for the Southern Regional Command at Fort Sam in Houston, Texas. Colonel Campbell will address advancements in wounded warrior care, personal and professional experiences in field settings, and principles of leadership. VCU-MHA alumnus Bassam A. Kawwass, FACHE, will receive a special ACHE Achievement Award to honor his contributions to ACHE and the healthcare community. I will make a few remarks about activities in the Grant House. You can RSVP at info@hcat.ache.org.

We appreciate your continuing support and look forward to seeing you at an alumni event or professional meeting, or hearing from you by email at any time. We value your thoughts and suggestions. You can also follow us on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/vcuhad>) and Twitter (www.twitter.com/vcuhad).

Best regards for a great summer!

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Events

Richmond's Virginia Museum of Fine Arts was one of three museums nationally to host an exhibit of the works of Pablo Picasso while their permanent home in Paris was being refurbished. With generous support from the VCU/MCV Alumni Association and the VCU School of Allied Health Professions, we took advantage of this unique opportunity to host a program at the VMFA in April entitled, "Picasso's Healthcare: Design in the Healing Environment." Our keynote speaker was A. Ray Pentecost, DrPh, FAIA, FACHA, LEED AP, from Clark Nexsen Architecture and Engineering. Dr. Pentecost discussed the growing interest in evidence-based design of healthcare facilities, focusing on the impact of design not only on construction cost, energy efficiency, and operating expenditures, but also on healthcare outcomes like length of stay, patient and provider satisfaction, and health status. The keynote address was followed by comments from two Virginia healthcare executives, Mr. Tim Tobin (MHA '87), CEO of Spotsylvania Regional Medical Center, and Mr. Ron Cottrell, VP of Planning and Development at Martha Jefferson Hospital. The event was attended by over 100 alumni, faculty, students, and guests, and featured a variety of posters and displays of student and community projects related to healthcare design. Information about the program and the presentations is on our website (<http://www.had.vcu.edu/news/VMFA.html>).



Seattle was the site of the 2011 Academy-Health meeting and the annual HAD alumni dinner. Fourteen alumni joined Dr. Jan Clement and Dr. Jon DeShazo in an evening of good food, good conversation, and fond memories. Two HAD PhD students presented posters at the meeting: Albert Lui ("Efficiency Analysis of Ambulatory Surgery Centers: Evidence from California") and Patrick Shay ("Hospital Based Clusters: The Problem of Boundary Specification," with Dr. Roice Luke and Dr. Steve Mick).



Student News and Activities

The biggest student news, of course, is the May graduation of 25 MHA students, 16 MSHA students and two PhD students (one more will graduate in August). Another 24 MHA students headed off for their 12-month residencies in Virginia and elsewhere. A complete list of 2011-12 residencies appears on our website (<http://www.had.vcu.edu/community/residency.html>).

Graduation season is accompanied by the presentation of a variety of student awards. These awards are listed on the final page of this issue of Cardwell Comments.

Students selected three faculty for special recognition at their end of year celebrations. Dr. Jon De-Shazo was chosen by the MHA Class of 2011 for the Dolores G. Clement Award for Outstanding Advising and Dr. Roice Luke was awarded the Jerry L. Norville Award for Outstanding Educator. The MSHA Class of 2011 presented the Dennis Pointer Award for outstanding teaching to Dr. Steve Mick.

Alumni News and Activities

Chris Dadlez (MHA '79), father of Greg Dadlez (MHA '12), gave the keynote address at the Family Day Celebration for students leaving the Grant House for their residencies. Chris used the wisdom of Scott Adams, creator of the *Dilbert* cartoons, to offer advice to departing students. The full text of Chris's inspirational address is on our website (http://www.had.vcu.edu/news/Family_Day2011.html).

The Spotsylvania Regional Medical Center in Fredericksburg, VA, was recently selected as the 2011 Business of the Year by the Fredericksburg Regional Chamber of Commerce. Congratulations to Tim Tobin, (MHA '87) and CEO of Spotsylvania Regional Medical Center and his entire team for this outstanding award. Tim also won the annual HAD preceptor of the year award. Thanks to Tim for his support of our residency program.

Congratulations to Wayne G. Terry, PhD, LFACHE (MHA '73) for being selected to receive the 2010 Commitment to Excellence Award (Retiree) at the annual Air Force Awards banquet in Chicago during the ACHE congress. Mr. Terry currently serves as the Executive Director of the Southside Area Health Education Center at Longwood University in Farmville, VA.

We have lost two members of our MHA community. Thomas William Leggett (MHA '53) passed away on May 2 at the age of 90. He was CEO of Community Memorial Hospital in South Hill, Virginia for 36 years and remained active with the hospital after his retirement. Harry R. Greyard (MHA '51) passed away on May 29th at the age of 89. Mr. Greyard worked as the first administrator of Bladen County Hospital in Elizabethtown, NC. He returned home after his father's death to manage the family farm. He remained active in his home community in many ways throughout his lifetime.

Alumni News and Activities (Continued)

The summer issue of the Scarab magazine will feature Jess Judy (MHA '77) who is the third generation of his family to attend school on the MCV campus. Another article will share the story about the unveiling of a portrait of Richard Kraus, (MHA '64) who served as the second Executive-in-Residence in the Department. The portrait was dedicated on April 11th in Mr. Kraus' memory and was placed in the Executive-in-Residence office on the first floor of the Grant House.

Faculty News and Activities

A number of HAD faculty have been selected to serve on committees for AUPHA. Dr. Mike McCue will serve on the Audit Committee, Dr. Jon DeShazo is the chair-elect of the Health Information Management Network group, and Dr. Cindy Watts will join the Graham Health Services Research Prize Selection Committee. Dr. Dolores Clement will join the Higher Education Committee of CAHME.

Dr. Mike McCue's work assessing the financial health and quality of care provided by Medicaid managed care plans was featured in the June Issue Brief of the Commonwealth Fund. The Issue Brief can be accessed at <http://www.commonwealthfund.org/Content/Publications/Issue-Briefs/2011/Jun/Financial-Health-Medicaid-Managed-Care.aspx>. Dr. McCue's study results have created something of a stir in the media!

Dr. Gloria Bazzoli will soon receive funding from the federal Agency for Healthcare Quality Research for a new grant entitled, "Hospital Responses to Medicare's Nonpayment for Preventable Complications." The study will be a joint effort with Teresa Waters of the University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center.

Dr. Jon DeShazo spoke at the Georgia Health Sciences University Technology Fair in May. His topic was "The VCU i2b2 Experience: Rolling out Cohort Discovery to the Research Community."

Dr. Yasar Ozcan held a special seminar in health care efficiency at Zirve University in Gaziantep, Turkey in June before presenting a paper entitled "Contemporary Issues in Healthcare Service Production Efficiency" at the XI Production Research Symposium in Istanbul. Dr. Ozcan is currently working on several papers with his colleagues from Hacettepe University, Ankara, Turkey.

Dr. Steve Mick spent several weeks with his colleagues at the Institute for Education and Research on Health and Social Organization in Lyon, France. He also assisted with masters thesis defenses at the French School of Advance Studies in Public Health.

Dr. Cindy Watts traveled to Seattle to co-host the final conference of her 2-year demonstration project on Shared Decision Making funded by the Foundation for Informed Medical Decision Making. Papers and presentations from the conference are on the project website: <http://depts.washington.edu/shreddm/>.

End of Year Awards

Herman Mullins Award for Outstanding Management Study

Michael P. Vasell

“Becoming a Nationally Recognized Children’s Hospital:
The Case for American College Surgeons
Level I Pediatric Trauma Verification

A.D. Williams Award for Scholarship

Keah Bridges-Valentine

James E. Drinan
Thomas M. Emswiler
Richard Green
Meghan Hummer
Rebecca McMahan
Sohum Mehta
Michael Vasell

Dolores G. Clement Award for Outstanding Advising

Jonathan P. DeShazo, Ph.D., M.P.H., Assistant Professor

Richard M. Bracken Leadership Award

Thomas M. Emswiler

Donald J. Romano Prize

Michael Vasell

Health Administration Service Award - Class of 2012

Scott Malan

Stephen S. Mick Award

Sarah E. Riggs
Suzanne Speck

Student of the Year - Class of 2012

Scott Malan

J. Stephen Lindsey Scholarship - Class of 2012

Chad Lockhart
Kolbe Sheridan

Stuart D. Ogren Scholarship – Class of 2013

Thomas Liu
Timothy Pratt
Natalie Pritchard
Rachel Wynn

HCA Scholars

Class of 2012

Justin Coury
Greg Dadlez
Chernelle Hill
Matt Radle

Sarah Riggs

Class of 2013

Quinnetta Claytor
Megan Metzger
Rebecca Pelini

James Begun Award

Matthew S. Krauchunas

A.D. Williams Award

Naleef Fareed
Patrick D. Shay
Albert Liu
Jennifer Chen
Lynn Vanderwielen

M. Earl Bullard Scholarship Award

Portia Brown
Chine Logan

A.D. Williams Award for Scholarship

Steve Armstrong
Portia Brown
Benton Turner
Chine Logan

Dennis Pointer Award

Stephen S. Mick, Ph.D., Professor

Jerry L. Norville Award for Outstanding Educator

Roice D. Luke, Ph.D., Professor

Thomas C. Barker Outstanding Preceptor Award

Timothy C. Tobin, CEO
Spotsylvania Regional Medical Center
Fredericksburg, Virginia