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## WellStar College of Health & Human Services

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### The Dean Speaks

Dr. Richard L. Sowell, PhD, RN, FAAN

### A College on the Move

In the fall 2006 issue of *Excellence*, I reported about many new educational programs and initiatives undertaken by the WellStar College of Health and Human Services. The WellStar College implemented a new Masters in Social Work (MSW) degree, a Nurse Educator Program, and an MD to NP Program for foreign physicians. I am pleased to say that these initiatives are moving forward successfully. The Department of Human Services admitted 33 new students into the inaugural class of the MSW degree program - eight more students than anticipated. The increased number resulted from an overwhelming response of potential students to the program, with 75 students applying for admission. We admitted a record number of students to the Nursing Masters Program. The foreign physician pilot program has demonstrated the value of this initiative, as well. Yet, these programs represent only a portion of the effort our faculty put forth in developing and implementing innovative educational programs to the KSU campus.

The University System of Georgia has approved a letter of intent for a new Masters degree in Applied Health and Exercise Science. A full proposal for this new program in the Health, Physical Education, and Sport Science Department (HPS) was forwarded to the System's office early in spring 2007 semester. We are confident that this program represents a unique and significant addition to the University System's of Georgia educational offerings, and we are hopeful that approval of the program will be forthcoming. Additionally, the HPS Department completed the development and is implementing a Coaching Education minor within the department.

Another significant undertaking of the WellStar College is to move into doctoral education. Kennesaw State University is approved to move into doctoral education, focusing on professional doctorates that meet the educational needs of the Northwest region of Georgia. Faculty members of the WellStar College participated in the development of two such doctoral programs. Faculty worked on the ongoing development of an interdisciplinary doctoral program, focusing on Leadership and Social Policy. This degree program builds on KSU's strengths in the areas of leadership and social responsibility. Currently, drafts of the program are under review and revised at the University level to strengthen its content and maximize its value to students. The program will be forwarded to the University System of Georgia for consideration.

Additionally, the WellStar School of Nursing is developing a second doctoral program within the WellStar College. With the support of our new President, Dr. Dan Papp,

graduate faculty are well into conceptualizing and developing a Doctorate of Nursing Science, focusing on nursing education and health disparities. Preparation of nurses with advanced expertise in these two areas is critical to the future of health care in our State. This new degree program will have a clinical (practice) focus and will also provide students with the research and evaluation tools to craft stronger evidence-based practice within health care, as well as evaluate practice-based interventions. Our program will be designed to bridge the educational gap between the Doctorate of Philosophy (PhD) degree and the Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) that currently exist in the State. We are fortunate to have Dr. Tommie Nelms leading this initiative. Dr. Nelms taught in the PhD program at Georgia State University and most recently served as the Director of the Doctoral Program at Texas Women's University. A group of dedicated faculty, including Drs. Genie Dorman, Kathie Aduddell,

Lois Robley, Jonathan VanGeest, and Annette Barian are working with Dr. Nelms and with me to not only develop the doctoral program proposal, but also to revise components of the MSN program core to facilitate articulation of our best baccalaureate students into graduate education.

During this academic year, faculty in the WellStar College worked to gain or retain national and state accreditation of our programs. The WellStar School of Nursing,

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## ● KSU Graduate Nursing Programs & Partnerships

under the leadership of Dr. Christina Horne, completed a successful State Board of Nursing review during fall 2006. The WellStar School of Nursing faculty members continue to monitor the baccalaureate curriculum to insure KSU educates the best nursing graduates in Georgia. KSU nursing students scored 97.7% and 100% respectively on the two most recent NCLEX examinations. Likewise, Dr. Alan Kirk, Chair and a faculty member in the Department of Human Services, received outstanding reviews from the National Council on Social Work on the pre-accreditation visit for the MSW program. Dr. Papp commented during the visitors' exit debriefing for the KSU administration that he did not remember ever receiving a more *glowing* report on a program review. The hard work of the faculty results in real and significant outcomes that reflect positively on KSU, the WellStar College, and education we offer to students.

Although classroom instruction and on-campus activities are often viewed as the central focus of a college education, there is an increasing understanding that best education combines traditional academic modalities and real-world experience and community engagement. The value of moving beyond knowledge acquisition to educating students to be contributing citizens of society became a core value of a growing number of universities, including KSU. This value is particularly relevant to the education of students who aspire to enter the varied disciplines of health and human services. To promote learning beyond the classroom and university by both students and faculty, the WellStar College continues to seek strategic partnerships with universities and nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) globally. These partnerships offer educational opportunities and exposure to new and different perspectives to our students.

One of the most exciting of our new partnerships is with the African Decade for Persons with Disabilities. This NGO, created by the African Union, addresses the issues of individuals with disabilities in Africa, using a variety of modalities, including sport. HIV/AIDS is also addressed within this initiative. The WellStar College becomes the first college in the United States to enter into such partnership with the African Decade. With collateral agreements with BlazeSports of America, Inc., and UpReach, Inc., a new Academy of Disabilities Rights was established in the College under the umbrella of the Global Center for Social Change. This initiative offers faculty and students a unique opportunity to work across disciplines and to understand and explore solutions for individuals with disabilities on a local, national, and international level. This initiative provides educational opportunities for students and faculty to address the health and social service needs of some of our most vulnerable citizens. These citizens possess the ability to positively contribute to society if given the chance. Additionally, the WellStar College established formal relationships with the

University of Oaxaca and the University of Pretoria. During this academic year, faculty members from both universities have come to KSU, offering lectures, leading classroom discussions and participating in one-to-one cultural exchanges with students and faculty. Likewise, faculty from the WellStar College participated in faculty exchanges from both universities and gained a new global perspective that can be integrated into teaching strategies for students in the WellStar College.

Clearly, the goals and efforts of the WellStar College's faculty reflect the dynamic nature of our College and University. As I talk with my colleagues across the U.S., they often ask me if we are trying to do too much, understanding that change in academia often comes slowly. My response is that we are undertaking an enormous job. However, we are responding to an enormous opportunity! The faculty of the WellStar College is one of the most *able* groups of individuals with whom I had the privilege to work. We are prepared to accept the challenges of transforming our College and University. To do less would be to *sell short* the expertise, the character and spirit of our faculty. The faculty of the WellStar College represents the best in higher education. I invite you to interact with our faculty and be a part of our future. Yes, we are doing a lot, but we are an exemplar of a *College on the Move* ready to embrace the future with excellence.

### Carpe Diem (Seize the Day): A Major Theme for Dr. Robert A. Lipson

By Dr. Carol Holtz

*Lives of great men all remind us  
We can make our lives sublime.  
And, departing, leave behind us  
Footprints on the sands of time.*

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow,  
"A Psalm of Life"

It is with great personal sadness that I write this article for our newsletter. Not only did my family and I know and love Dr. Robert A. Lipson as a personal friend for the past 27 years, but we also highly respected him as a charismatic community leader, making unique major contributions to numerous organizations, including the WellStar College of Health and Human Services. As a physician, he practiced medicine for more than 25 years. He died in a tragic motorcycle accident on Friday, November 10, 2006, at age 60.

Dr. Robert Lipson was a truly visionary man, continuously and passionately thinking beyond the present and planning what



Dr. Robert A. Lipson

## ● Memorial: Dr. Robert A. Lipson

the ideal future should and could be like. Dr. Lipson had many dreams, as many of us do, but he subsequently made definite plans for his dreams to materialize. He loved his life, his family, friends and the community, and lived his life with a passion, wanting to do something larger, greater, more interesting and more meaningful.

His numerous interests included photography, fishing, skiing and motorcycle riding. On October 6, 2006, he had a significant photographic exhibit on the KSU campus. Many of his prized photos were auctioned, and all proceeds from the auction were donated to the WellStar Foundation.

Dr. Lipson, M.D., M.B.A., was the Chief Executive Officer and President of the WellStar Health Care System, one of the largest healthcare systems in the Southeast, serving more than a million people. One of his major goals for this organization was to improve the quality of health care and increase health care accessibility to more individuals. He was also an exemplary leader in education, graduating from Tulane University's School of Medicine in New Orleans, LA, and later developing and graduating from Kennesaw State's first Physician's Executive Program. At his own MBA graduation, he gave the KSU Commencement address. Dr. Lipson believed that the WellStar Health Care System should have academic ties with Kennesaw State University as demonstrated with the College of Health and Human Services and the Colleges of Arts and Business. Dr. Lipson was responsible for the WellStar Health Care System's generous donation of education funds for the College of Health and Human Services. Consequently, the name of the College was changed to the WellStar College of Health and Human Services, and the School of Nursing was re-named, the WellStar School of Nursing. Additionally, because of this charitable donation, the WellStar College of Health and Human Services established three distinguished scholar positions: Distinguished Scholar in Gerontology, held by Dr. David Mitchell; Distinguished Scholar in Ethics, held by Dr. Lois Robley; and Distinguished Scholar in African American Health, held by Dr. Gloria Taylor.

One of his final legacies, only two weeks prior to his untimely death, Dr. Lipson, along with co-authors, Dr. Marsha Burke of WellStar Health Care System and Dr. Govind Hariharan, Chair of Economics, Finance and Quantitative Economics, Finance and Quantitative Analysis at KSU, submitted a book chapter within a textbook entitled *Global Perspectives of Economics and Health Care*. This book chapter will also be included within the new textbook, entitled *Global Health Care*, to be published by Jones and Bartlett Publishers and in print in fall, 2007.

Let us remember Dr. Robert Lipson and his accomplishments. His legacy will remain within WellStar College of Health and Human Services and WellStar School of Nursing, campus Colleges and the University as a whole.

## Annual AIDS Walk Atlanta

On October 15, 2006, approximately 12,000 people met at Piedmont Park for the annual AIDS Walk Atlanta. Decked out in their yellow shirts and walking with signs about the epidemic, a group of KSU student nurses flexed their advocacy muscles and affirmed to the community their commitment to fight the war against HIV/AIDS. The *KSU Nurses and Friends* team, with over 140 walkers and runners, was one of the largest teams at the walk. Team members represented students from every major nursing course, their families and friends, alumni, and faculty. They were the top fundraisers from among 140 college and university teams.

Dennis Flores, a senior nursing student, spearheaded the team. He started by rallying ten friends who set a goal of raising \$500. In his quest to increase awareness of HIV/AIDS and support for the KSU Nursing team, Dennis methodically went from nursing class to nursing class to solicit walkers. As the team grew, he created teams within the team to stimulate "friendly" competition. Local businesses within the community were contacted by Dennis to contribute donations that would



Dennis Flores, (center) and Laura Bamford lead the KSU Nurses and Friends team during the AIDS Walk.

be used as prizes for the individuals/teams that raised or donated the most money. Dr. Richard Sowell, Dean of WellStar College of Health and Human Services, supported the team by providing T-shirts for the walkers, and KSU President, Dr. Daniel Papp, made a University bus available to transport walkers to Piedmont Park. In addition to raising money, Dennis and several team members spent one day in front of the WellStar School of Nursing, educating fellow students about HIV. On the day of the AIDS Walk, the team that started with a goal of \$500 raised over \$13,000!

There are approximately 27,000 people living with HIV/AIDS in Georgia, making our state the eighth most affected

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in the United States. Within Georgia, the Atlanta metropolitan area has the largest concentration of people infected and affected by HIV. AIDS Walk Atlanta is the Southeast's largest AIDS fundraising event, and more than a million dollars were raised for local organizations that offer HIV-related services. Among the programs funded by the walk are those that provide prevention services, testing, medical care, medication assistance, food, shelter, employment referrals, transportation, and counseling. The HIV epidemic is now 25 years old, and nurses have been in the forefront of caring for individuals living with the virus. The passion demonstrated by the KSU student nursing team represents the future in the continued fight against this global epidemic.

### A Spotlight on AIDS

During November, 2006, Sarah Brooks, Wellness Coordinator at KSU, and Osaremi Lanloke, a communications major, met to talk about Ms. Lanloke's communication project and the implementation of HIV/AIDS awareness program for KSU students.



A Part of the AIDS Memorial Quilt, displayed during "A Spotlight on AIDS."

Consequently, the awareness program entitled "A Spotlight on AIDS: Let's Talk about the Problem and the Solution" was held on November 30, 2006, in the Student Recreation and Wellness Center. Representatives from the KSU Wellness Center, KSU Health Clinic, AID Atlanta and the National AIDS Education & Services for Minority, Inc. attended. Topics discussed that evening included: living with AIDS, Health Clinic services, and "safe sex and the college student." Free HIV testing was also provided. Over 50 KSU students attended the program and approximately 30 students were tested.

KSU also displayed four panels of the AIDS Memorial Quilt in the Student Center. This is the first time these panels have been displayed on KSU campus. The quilt has approximately

46,000 panels with more than 83,000 names displayed, and it has only been displayed in its entirety five times in the United States.

With the help of Dennis Flores, a KSU nursing student, and his fellow classmates, an information booth was available that included HIV posters and HIV/AIDS educational material. Votive candles were also sold at the booth for \$1.00 to help support AIDS education and research. A candle light vigil was planned for the night of the AIDS program, but due to inclement weather, the vigil was cancelled.

A Spotlight on AIDS program and The Memorial AIDS Quilt panels made a huge impact on the campus. With over 600 people participating during the week, several positive messages were relayed to the Wellness Center. This statement, written by an anonymous student, says it all: "Break the chain, increase awareness, get tested and make the right choices."

For more information regarding The AIDS Memorial Quilt, please visit this website: <http://www.aidsquilt.org>

### Kennesaw State University Hosts the Cobb/Cherokee Heart Walk

Kennesaw State University hosted the 2006 Cobb/Cherokee Heart Walk that was held on Saturday, November 4. The cool morning did not stop walkers from coming out to help and raise funds to fight heart disease and stroke. It is estimated that the event was attended by over 600 walkers and raised over \$140,000 for cardiovascular research and education.

Over 15 KSU teams participated by walking and raising funds for this annual event. Kennesaw State University raised \$3,046. Teams were formed across campus and included sororities, fraternities and various campus departments. Instructors, Lynn Boettler and Deborah Mixson-Brookshire, of Student University Studies' freshmen seminar - First Year



KSU Students participate in the Cobb/Cherokee Heart Walk

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Experience, had their students participate as part of their community service project requirement. Team "Residence Life has Heart" was the fundraising leader by collecting \$1,545.

Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in both men and women in the United States. The American Heart Association (AHA) is the nation's largest voluntary health organization working to prevent, treat and defeat heart disease, stroke and other cardiovascular diseases. These diseases devastate millions of people of all ages and kill more than 930,000 Americans each year. Kennesaw State University joined the AHA once again in the lifesaving efforts by proudly hosting this event.

### Another Way Forward The Establishment of the Global Center for Social Change through Women's Leadership and Sport

Building on United Nations' resolution (A/Res/58/5), proclaiming 2005 as the International Year of Sport and Physical Education, Kennesaw State University, through the WellStar College of Health and Human Services, hosted an international conference in Atlanta, The 2005 International Summit: Effecting Social Change through Women's Leadership in Sport. During the conference, Kennesaw State University's commitment was announced to create and sustain a **Global Center for Social Change through Women's Leadership and Sport** and to devote the Center's best efforts to accelerate progress in the development of research, policy and practice relating to women's leadership in and through sport. The Center's mission: to facilitate the exchange of ideas and information through a physical and virtual learning environment for scholarly activity; to function as a nexus for scholarly inquiry and research initiatives; and to serve as a channel for use of collaborative expertise among academia, NGOs, the Olympic and Paralympics movements, and governmental agencies in order to benefit humanity through women's leadership and sport. The Center's motto: learning, leading, achieving and succeeding in positive social change and focusing on leadership, physical activity, health and human services.

The Global Center's **Grand Opening Celebration** was held on KSU campus on October 27 - 28, 2006, with an evening reception at KSU's Jolley Lodge. The keynote speaker for a full-day workshop was Dr. Celia Brackenridge, a leading authority on children's rights from Brunel University in London, UK. At the Grand Opening, a *Catalyst Awards Program* was initiated to recognize individuals, groups or organizations in the world that have made a significant difference in the advancement of the

Global Center's mission. The first recipients of the awards were: Dr. Anneliese Goslin from the University of Pretoria, South Africa, for her work in recreation and sport for all throughout the African continent and completing over 200 leadership development seminars on community building; GoGirlGo! - Atlanta, of the Women's Sports Foundation, for involving over a thousand urban-Atlanta girls in an active participation in sport; and Dr. Celia Brackenridge for her influential work in the area of women's and children's rights in sport by putting policies in place to create safer sporting environments for children in the United Kingdom and worldwide.



Dr. Anneliese Goslin, from University of Pretoria, SA, recipient of the Catalyst Award, at the Grand Opening of Global Center for Social Change through Women's Leadership and Sport.

The objectives of the Global Center have already been documented in its strategic plan, created in March, 2006, and a number of strategic alliances have been forged. To date, an International Consortium of Women Academics has been established with 23 members representing Brazil, China, Czech Republic, Germany, Hong Kong-China, Hungary, Norway, South Africa, United Kingdom and USA. An International consortium of Men Academics is also being established with global representation. Additionally, the International



Recipients of Catalyst Award: (from left) Ms. Teresha Freckleton-Petite, Project Leader, and Ms. Cicley Gay, Program Officer, GoGirlGo! Atlanta.

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From left: Dr. Benjamin Johnson, Associate Dean for Community Partnerships and Global Initiatives; Dr. Louise Bill, Professor, Human Services; and Dr. Darlene Kluka, Director; at the Grand Opening of the Global Center for Social Change through Women's Leadership and Sport.

Association of Physical Education and Sports for Girls and Women (IAPESGW) with members on every continent of the world and in over 40 countries has agreed to collaborate, as well as the International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education (ICSSPE); the National Organization of Girls and Women in Sport/American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance (NAGWS/AAHPERD); the University's of Pretoria Center for Leisure Studies; and the Georgia Games. These collaborations and alliances are designed to facilitate networking and sharing of the collective resources.

The Global Center has been involved in a number of interesting initiatives in its first few months of existence. These initiatives included a joint venture with the Center for Leisure Studies, University of Pretoria, South Africa, to develop seminars for Boxing SA and Cricket SA and to conduct these seminars in Pretoria. Other initiatives have been the support of the National Girls and Women coalition on KSU campus and the introduction of Discussion Series (6 times a year: September, October, November, 2006 and February, March, April, 2007). An initiative that has begun last fall has been the establishment of the Philanthropic Leaders Group. The group includes former KSU President, Dr. Betty Siegel; Michael Cordier, Vice President of GEO Fitness; Mary Colson of Century 21 Across Atlanta; and Dr. Jo Ann Owens-Nausler of Walk for Life, Inc. Another project in progress is to partner with KSU's Department of Health, Physical Education and Sport Science to create a Study-Abroad Program to South Africa, beginning in May, 2008, as well as the development of a monograph, entitled "Women's Leadership, Sport and Social Change" to be published in March, 2007.

The KSU Library is developing a Virtual Women's Collection appropriate for the Global Center's mission. The collection is being made available through the Global Center's website, [www.kennesaw.edu/wls](http://www.kennesaw.edu/wls). The KSU Library has also committed to the development of a section that will offer books and other documents that are central to the Center's mission and to the

library collection available to scholars throughout the world. Some of the authors of literature included in the section are Dr. Gudrun Doll-Tepper, president of ICSSPE and a professor in the Freie Universitaet in Berlin, Germany; Dr. Kari Fasting, one of the leaders of Norwegian Federation of Sport; Dr. Anita White, an acknowledged leader in the international Women and Sport movement; and Global Center's director, Dr. Darlene Kluka, professor and an established scholar at national and international levels in the areas of sport vision research and sport leadership.

Anyone interested in becoming involved with the Global Center's initiatives or in creating new ideas for the Center's mission, please contact:

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### LAST MINUTE UPDATE

Effective January 17, 2007, the WellStar College of Health and Human Services leadership established a new direction for the *Global Center for Social Change through Women's Leadership and Sport*. The Center was restructured to the Global Center for Social Change, with Dr. Ben Johnson, Associate Dean for Community Partnerships and Global Initiatives, as administrator. Dr. Darlene Kluka will serve as the Director of the *International Academy for Women's Leadership* of the Global Center for Social Change.

### South African Experience – Life-Changing!

This year, Kennesaw State University has signed a formal agreement with the University of Pretoria, with projects to focus on mutual research, faculty and student exchange.

The first faculty exchange has taken place with Dr. Ping Johnson, Associate Professor in the Health, Physical Education and Sport Science Department, taking the lead. Dr. Darlene Kluka, Director of the International Academy at KSU, has had the privilege to be involved with the University of Pretoria in South Africa for the past four years through its Department of Biokinetics, Sport and Leisure Sciences. As a result of that experience, she was invited to teach five modules during the summer session in 2006. The modules were so successful that the department nominated her to the university administration as the first female "Extraordinary Professor." She taught classes in areas of her expertise, such as motor behavior, business of sport, sport governance, and sport & social change. This summer, Dr. Kluka

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Dr. Darlene Kluka, Director of the International Academy for Women's Leadership at KSU, teaching a class in the University of Pretoria, South Africa, in Summer of 2006.

will again return to teach five modules. In June, Dr. Anneliese Goslin, from the University of Pretoria, will serve as the first exchange faculty to plan and begin implementation of a collaborative research agenda for both sets of faculty.

South Africa is a land of spectacular contrasts. Its mountains, shores, valleys, farms, desert, lakes and streams are breath-taking. A country of unlimited opportunities, South Africa also has to face real social and health issues. Its people are friendly, compassionate, and forthright in the world. The basic tenet of South African culture is the spirit of UBUNTU. *Motho ke motho ka batho ba bangwe* – a person is a person through other people. Black, Colored, Indian, White - there appears to be a great sense of "family" between all South African people. The nation continues to evolve as a stable democracy after the era of Apartheid. The unique mix of people representing different cultures, education levels, and economic backgrounds presents challenges and opportunities for South Africa to serve as a beacon for the continent. However, the exponential growth of HIV/AIDS continues to plague South Africa. Soon there will be an entire generation missing from the social fabric of the country. Women, in general, face additional challenges outside the workplace. There is an overwhelming need to defeat poverty and provide the poor, most of whom are women in rural and urban communities, with access to resources.

The WellStar College of Health and Human Services is poised to provide its faculty and students with meaningful access

and opportunity to learn from this formal relationship through the University of Pretoria. Faculty exchange, research projects for faculty and students, study abroad, and internships are only the beginning of life-changing experiences!

### WCHHS Forms International Academy for Disability Rights in Partnership with the African Decade of Persons with Disabilities

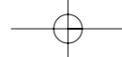
It is estimated that 10 percent of the world's population (700 million people) are disabled. For the United States, this represents approximately 30 million people. However, more than 60 million people (a very conservative estimate) living on the continent of Africa have some type of disability and a six-month survival rate for new spinal injuries, with minimal financial assistance.

The African Decade of Persons with Disabilities (1999-2009), a continental initiative launched by the African Union to improve the quality of life for Africans with disabilities, has selected Kennesaw State University as its American partner to combat these issues. The African Decade is a consortium of organizations that includes the African Union, the African Rehabilitation Institute, African governments, UN agencies and nongovernmental disabled people's organizations.

Kennesaw State University has created the International Academy for Disability Rights to help Africans with disabilities



Signing of agreement between African Decade and International Academy, left to right: Dr. Richard Mouzon, UpReach International; Dr. Jimmy Calloway, Professor of Sport Management; Carol Mushett-Johnson, Executive Director, BlazeSports America; Dr. Daniel Papp, President, Kennesaw State University; Dr. Richard L. Sowell, Dean, WellStar College of Health and Human Services; Dr. Benjamin Johnson, Associate Dean, Community Partnerships and Global Initiatives; Majeit Chalklen, African Decade of Persons with Disabilities.



## ● Visiting Scholar

become more self-sufficient. A ceremonial signing of the cooperative agreement between the African Decade and the International Academy was held on November 16, 2006. "The goal of the African Decade and KSU is to promote human rights for people with disabilities in a variety of ways," said Dr. Ben Johnson, Associate Dean for Community Partnerships and Global Initiatives at KSU. Dr. Johnson who will head the Academy said, as well, that research shows that nearly 73 percent of Africans with disabilities were economically inactive as opposed to approximately 39 percent of the able-bodied population, resulting in significantly higher levels of poverty among the disabled.

Africans with disabilities also experience a disproportional rate of disease, including HIV/AIDS, TB and cardiovascular disease when compared to the able-bodied population. Dr. Richard Sowell, Dean of WellStar College of Health and Human Services, said: "To combat this difference, KSU officials plan to develop a unique curriculum to train persons with disabilities to help them become economically sufficient and to take on leadership roles within their communities." In its first year, the Academy along with its local nonprofit partners, BlazeSports America and UpReach International, hope to reach hundreds of people with disabilities through various training programs. "We will target countries such as Kenya, Ethiopia and South Africa and expand from there. We hope to directly impact millions of people with disabilities throughout the African continent." Dr. Ben Johnson said.

### International Visiting Scholar, Professor Maria Virginia Hernandez Alonso

Maria Virginia Hernandez Alonso, RN, MSN, Professor of Nursing (Maestra de Efermeria) of the University of Oaxaca, is an international visiting scholar for the Wellstar College. Senora Hernandez will be visiting the school for a two-month period, lasting from the beginning of February to the end of March.

Professor Hernandez will be giving guest lectures in several nursing classes, as well as in other campus classes, such as Dr. June Laval's Spanish for Healthcare Providers. This guest professor will also be working with Dr. Carol Holtz, Dr. Annette Bairan and Professor Janice Long, faculty in the WellStar School of Nursing, on the Promotores Project - teaching the community leaders of the Maya of North Georgia how to teach others about health care. Professor Hernandez will assist in conducting focus groups of Maya workers within the carpet factories and chicken processing plants. In addition, Professor Hernandez will be consulting with the Medical Director, Dr. Alpha Bryan, of the Cobb County Board of Health, and her colleagues. They will



Professor Maria Virginia Hernandez Alonso (left) and Dr. Carol Holtz, Professor of Nursing, in front of display at the School of Nursing: The Nursing Practicum, in Oaxaca, Mexico.

discuss the health care needs for Mexican clients in the Cobb County community. Professor Hernandez is also scheduled to visit numerous health care clinics and hospitals with several of the nursing faculty from the WellStar School of Nursing.

This visiting professor has a distinguished background from her professional nursing community. She has a bachelor's degree from the University of Oaxaca in Oaxaca, Mexico, and a master's degree in Nursing from The Institute of Latin American Education in Mexico City. Within her community of 435,000 people, she is one of the major nursing community leaders, being one of only four nurses who have a master's degree in Nursing in Oaxaca. She was the president of the major nursing organization of Oaxaca (1997-99), and is the current president of a nursing international organization, representing Mexican nurses (Consejo Internacional de Enfermeras) (International Consultation for Nursing). She was also a Coordinator of the Association of Professional Nurses for the State of Oaxaca (1999-2000), Assistant to the Secretary of Health for the State of Oaxaca for Nursing (1999-2000), and is currently a member of the Accreditation of Nursing Programs for the State of Oaxaca.

### Office of Research—Highlights!

Faculty throughout the WellStar College of Health and Human Services are actively engaged in building programs of research that serve as a bridge between both the educational and community engagement mission of Kennesaw State University. Two notable examples are reflected in the work

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undertaken by Drs. Jonathan VanGeest and Barbara Blake and their collaborative research teams.

### Partnership in Research: Morehouse School of Medicine and the WellStar College of Health and Human Services received a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to study health disparities

Dr. Jonathan VanGeest, Associate Professor in the WellStar College of Health and Human Services, is a coprincipal investigator with Dr. Verna L. Welch, director of the Morehouse School of Medicine Cardiovascular Health Research Program, on a \$250,000 grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF). This funding will allow the research team to evaluate a model program designed to adjust clinical encounters based on patients' health literacy. Specifically, the research protocol will explore whether clinical screening for low health literacy improves quality of care and reduces disparities.

The grant was awarded by *Finding Answers: Disparities Research for Change*, a national program office of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF). The project was one of 11 grant recipients out of 178 that applied nationally. Proposals were received from health care leaders around the country—including hospitals, community health centers and universities with medical/health care specialties—to evaluate a wide range of interventions, such as electronic health records, health literacy screening and use of culturally tailored DVDs designed to empower patients. Together, these interventions provide a snapshot of current efforts around the country to reduce racial and ethnic disparities. Results of the MSM/KSU collaboration will help *Finding Answers* and RWJF understand what works—or does not work—to improve health care for minority patients.

RWJF is the nation's largest philanthropy devoted to improving the health and health care of all Americans. ***Finding Answers: Disparities Research for Change*** is a research and tracking program funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and based at the University of Chicago. The *Finding Answers* program is the cornerstone of the Foundation's national strategy to reduce racial and ethnic disparities in health care by 2008. To learn more about *Finding Answers* visit [www.SolvingDisparities.org](http://www.SolvingDisparities.org).

### The Georgia 2006 HIV/AIDS Community Services Assessment: A Statewide Needs Assessment, Resource Inventory, and Gap Analysis

Dr. Barbara Blake, Associate Professor in the WellStar School of Nursing, and the co-founders of the Kennesaw AIDS Research and Evaluation Network (KAREnet) team, comprised of Drs. Annette Bairan, nursing faculty; Timothy Akers, Assistant Dean for the Office of Research; Richard Sowell, Dean; Gloria

Taylor, Distinguished Scholar in African American Health, have been actively engaged in providing the State of Georgia's Department of Human Resources with an updated HIV/AIDS Community Services Assessment (CSA). Other members of the KAREnet team include Dr. Donna Sewell, project manager; Quenton Nichols, human services faculty; Vickie Ogunlade, adjunct human services faculty; and Kathy Rodgers, administrative support, along with a dedicated group of interdisciplinary student research assistants (RAs).

Dr. Blake's KAREnet team were funded over \$226,000 to conduct a mixed method analysis, incorporating qualitative and quantitative data, such as focus groups, one-on-one interviews,



(L-R: Drs. Annette Bairan, Timothy Akers, Richard Sowell, Barbara Blake)

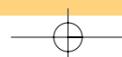
and provider surveys, to determine the type of HIV/AIDS services available, needed and used by Georgia's over 28,000 AIDS cases. The KAREnet team has conducted overall 100 in-depth interviews of HIV/AIDS infected adults, youth, and

refugees throughout the State of Georgia, not including dozens of key informant interviews of HIV/AIDS community-based providers to help determine the overall gaps in services. This current study, combined with the KAREnet team's 2004 CSA report, serves as baseline data for Georgia's public policy administrators in need of high-quality data to aid them in making decisions to allocate and direct millions of dollars in HIV/AIDS funding throughout Georgia.

The Office of Research in the WellStar College of Health and Human Services continues to work closely with faculty, students, and community members in furtherance of



(L-R: Edith Henderson (Human Services RA), Dr. Donna Sewell (Project Manager), Lauren Robinson (Human Services RA), & Faiza Khan (biology RA)



## Clinical Nursing Experience

KSU's mission of education, research, and community engagement. To learn more about KAREnet and the CSA, visit: <http://www.kennesaw.edu/ur/downloads.html> (KSU Magazine Vol. 2, Issue 2, p. 27-30)

### Camp Kudzu

A warm summer evening, sitting by the pool with your feet in the water and watching the movie, *Ferris Bueler's Day Off*, doesn't sound like a clinical nursing experience; however, it was for 23 undergraduate nursing students and four graduate nursing students from the WellStar College. In June, 2006, students spent one week at Camp Kudzu, an overnight camp for children with diabetes. The week-long clinical experience was a 24/7 immersion into the health care needs of children with diabetes.

The nursing students functioned in many different roles at Camp Kudzu and used all of their nursing assessment skills to the fullest, dealing with questions like: Is this eight-year-old camper cranky because she is tired from a long day, or is her blood sugar dropping?

Mornings started at 7:00 AM by alluring campers out of bed to get dressed and report to their clinicians for morning blood sugar checks before 8:00 AM breakfast. At breakfast, lunch, and dinner, students helped campers count the number of carbohydrates in everything they ate. At the beginning of the week, the children were novices on carb counting; by Friday, their carb counting skills reached an expert level. Carb counting is critical for children with diabetes; it is the guide for giving short-acting insulin after meals.

After breakfast, it was off to one of the multiple camp activities. Before any high-energy activities, such as swimming, high ropes course or kayaking, KSU students checked all campers' blood sugar levels. Any camper with high blood sugar level had to wait until their sugar came down, and any with low blood sugar level had to be treated with a high carbohydrate snack. Students quickly learned that one of the fastest ways to bring a high blood sugar into range was to hydrate the camper with a bottle of water.

Students' day did not end at the end of the campers' day. All campers had blood sugar checks again at midnight. Any campers with sugar levels that were out of range were treated until they were within normal range. Getting kids in range could take up to two hours which made up for a very long day that started all over again at 7:00 AM the next morning.

Even though students left at the end of the week very tired, they felt that participating at Camp Kudzu was an incredibly valuable clinical experience.

### Nursing in Faith Communities

Nursing in Faith Communities class was developed in collaboration with WellStar Health System's Congregational Health Program. The WellStar Congregational Nurse recognized a need in the community to educate nurses about the specialty practice of Faith Community Nursing/Parish Nursing. Nursing in Faith Communities (Nursing 4490) was approved by the WellStar School of Nursing Curriculum Committee as a three-hour academic nursing elective. In addition, following dialogue with Dr. Vanice Roberts, Associate Dean of the WellStar College of Health and Human Services, a decision was made that this course could accommodate both academic and continuing education students.

This 45-hour course (3 credit hours) is designed to provide nurses with the knowledge and skills necessary to develop a basic understanding of nursing in faith communities and its roles and responsibilities. Emphasis is placed on learning strategies and techniques to meet the health and spiritual needs of diverse populations across their lifespan and to develop inter-collegial peer support systems. In addition, students will learn to assess, plan, implement, and evaluate appropriate interventions for individuals, families, and congregations. The course was launched in Spring Semester 2007, with an enrollment of nine academic and 15 continuing education registered nurse students and is being co-taught by Gloria A. Taylor, DSN, RN, Distinguished Scholar in African American Health, and by Donna Kremer, MDiv, RN. Successful completion of this course will qualify an individual to assume the role of a Faith Community Nurse.

With new paradigms in health care stressing health promotion and prevention of disease, Kennesaw State University is taking the lead to prepare nurses to practice in diverse community settings. Nursing in Faith Communities is preparing nurses to bridge faith and health to provide holistic health care in the 21st century.

### Hope for the Best; Prepare for the Worst

The old adage of "hope for the best and plan for the worst" is most applicable to planning for health care during disasters. Bearing this in mind, a board group of community agencies, including KSU Health Clinic, KSU School of Nursing, KSU Public Safety, KSU Residence Life, Cobb County Emergency Management Agency, Cobb County Health Department, Georgia Hospital Association and others have come together to have a disaster drill on March 7, 2007 at Kennesaw State University.

The scenario for the disaster drill is three months into a pandemic influenza outbreak. A vaccine has become available and

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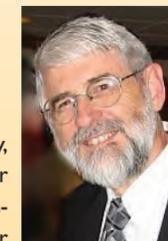
the vaccine needs to be administered to all residents in Cobb County. The Center for Disease Control came to monitor this drill as the scenario of vaccine administration has not been used anywhere in the United States. Students from the KSU School of Nursing were actively involved in all aspects of the drill from assessment for contraindications to the vaccine to administration of the vaccine.

### Asset Approach to Working with Adolescents Program

Dr. Anne Hicks-Coolick, Associate Professor of Social Work, received a contract from the Department of Human Resources, Division of Health, Office of Adolescent Health and Youth Development, for an instructional program, "Asset Approach to Working with Adolescents", to train youth workers across the state. The program is designed for public health staff, educators, nurses, social workers, juvenile justice workers, parents and others who work with youth. Members of the training team are Dr. Anne Hicks Coolick, Dr. Louise Bill, Professor of Social Work, and Human Services' instructors, Mary Migliaro and Patricia Burnside-Eaton. The three-day training program will take place at five sites in Georgia: Kennesaw State University, Georgia Perimeter College, Clarke County Health Department, Chatham County Health Department, and the Windham Conference Center in Macon.

### Spotlight on a WellStar Scholar

David B. Mitchell, Ph.D., Professor  
*WellStar Distinguished Scholar in Gerontology*  
*Kennesaw State University*



#### BACKGROUND

David came to KSU in 2004. Previously, at Loyola University Chicago, he was director of the Center for Aging Studies and a professor in the Department of Psychology. After receiving his BA at Furman University, MA at Wake Forest University, and PhD at the University of Minnesota, he conducted postdoctoral work at Duke University's Center for the Study of Aging and Human Development. He has also served as a professor at Southern Methodist University and at Hebrew University. He enjoys hiking and biking with his wife Deborah, who teaches at Georgia State University.

#### RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP

My primary research interest is multiple memory systems theory. According to this theory, "memory" is not one thing, but rather is composed of many systems and subcomponents.

We have conscious access to some but not all of these memories. Although these systems are neurologically based, I have studied them at the behavioral level by manipulating a variety of memory tasks across different groups of people. Most of my work has focused on how these memory systems operate differentially as a function of age-related changes in healthy older adults (Mitchell, 1989, 1995; Mitchell & Bruss, 2003). Implicit memory is an especially interesting system, as it operates below our conscious awareness. We have found evidence for implicit memory for events experienced under anesthesia (Brown, Best, Mitchell, & Haggard, 1992). More recently, we investigated these memory phenomena in children with ADHD (Burden & Mitchell, 2005) and in individuals with Alzheimer's disease (Mitchell & Schmitt, 2006). We are also employing factor analysis as another tool for investigating the nature of multiple memory systems (Bruss & Mitchell, 2007). Most amazing, implicit memory appears to be invulnerable to the ravages of time. Unlike conscious recollection, which generally deteriorates over time, we found that implicit memory was undisturbed over periods lasting from 1 to 6 weeks (Mitchell & Brown, 1988; Mitchell, Brown, & Murphy, 1990). Most recently, thanks to the participation of middle-aged students from Minnesota and at Kennesaw, I discovered that implicit memory was still intact after 17 years (Mitchell, 2006). I recently received a grant from the Foley Family Foundation (\$25,000) to conduct a follow-up study.

Since coming to Kennesaw, I have been blessed with wonderful new colleagues. One of these is Dr. Lucia Kamm-Steigelman, and (although she has now moved to Emory) in collaboration with her and Dr. Catherine Romero (Baylor College of Medicine), we are planning new research on the role that forgiveness (of interpersonal offenses) can play in both psychological and cardiovascular health ("psychocardiology"). Our research will use an expressive writing paradigm to follow up a study we conducted with Catholic women (Romero & Mitchell, 2007). Both WellStar and the Foley Family Foundation provided startup funds, and we are now in the process of submitting a grant proposal to the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine, NIH. Thanks to Donna Kremer (WellStar Congregational Nurse), we were able to run a focus group at the WellStar Center for Women's Health (KSU) last year. Thanks to Dawn Houston (WellStar Liaison) and Sandi Nelson, (Research Assistant), we have developed a volunteer research participant base of 280 middle-aged and older adults. In a different vein, I am also collaborating with Dr. Sam Fazio (Alzheimer's Association) on new ways to investigate the persistence of memory and self in individuals with moderate Alzheimer's dementia (Fazio & Mitchell, 2007).

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### SERVICE AND TEACHING

I enjoy teaching in a variety of different contexts at Kennesaw. In the department of Health, Physical Education, and Sports Science (HPS), I teach *Research Methodology* and team-teach (with Diane Lowry) *Physical Activity and Health Promotion for the Older Adult* and help out with her wonderful exercise laboratory, SPARHKS (Seniors Participating in Activities Related to Health at Kennesaw State). Both our students and community older adults benefit from this program. In the School of Nursing, I teamteach (with Carol Holtz) *Gerontological Nursing*. I also lecture on aging for the RN Refresher/Reentry Program and for the Professional Development in Gerontology Certificate Program.

At the graduate level, we (Drs. Carol Holtz, Nursing, Barbara Karcher, Sociology, and Chris Ziegler, Psychology) are moving forward with a *Concentration in Gerontology*, to be offered at the master's level. Another interdisciplinary initiative (in collaboration with Drs. Lois Robley, Nursing, and Mitchell Collins, HPS) is the development of a Research Learning Community (under the auspices of CETL and WellStar College of Health and Human Services), involving faculty from HPS, Human Services, and Nursing.

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### ANNOUNCEMENT

#### Child Advocacy and Intervention Best Practices Conference

We are pleased to announce an upcoming conference to be held on May 2, 2007, entitled "Partnering for Excellence: A Summit for Best Practices in Investigation, Intervention, and Advocacy for Children." The conference aims to target various professionals from across the state, and will be held at the KSU Center. Tentative topics include worker retention, legislation impacting child welfare, and investigation. The conference is presented by the Children's Advocacy Centers of Georgia and Kennesaw State University. For more information, please contact Dr. Alan Kirk, Chair, Department of Human Services, at (770) 499-3634, [akirk@kennesaw.edu](mailto:akirk@kennesaw.edu).

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### ANNOUNCEMENT

#### Grady Palmer Distinguished Speaker Series

The Department of Health, Physical Education and Sport Science is pleased to announce that Dr. Paul Ribisl will be our 2007 Grady Palmer guest speaker. Dr. Paul Ribisl is a professor at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, NC, where he has served as Chair of the Health and Exercise Science Department since 1991. He has held several executive, editorial, and board positions for professional organizations in the areas of health,

exercise physiology and cardiac rehabilitation. Dr. Ribisl is currently co-investigator on a Department of Defense grant and three NIH research trials. His wealth of knowledge stems from over 30 years of experience in research and training of undergraduate and graduate students. Please join us on Thursday, April 12 as Dr. Paul Ribisl speaks on the diabetes threat to cardiovascular health. For more information, call (770) 423-6216.

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