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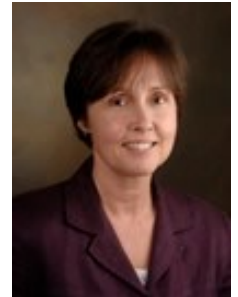
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## GREETINGS FROM THE DEAN

Hello everyone,

What a busy and exciting academic year! In the space of about two weeks, we held our community recognition event, awarded scholarships, had our strategic plan approved, recognized our summa cum laude graduates and capped it all off with our Master's hooding ceremony and Spring commencement.

This spring, 253 bachelor's and 144 master's degrees were conferred to students from the School of Health and Human Services. We had a wonderful celebration at our hooding ceremony - details inside and on our Facebook page. Thanks to Emily Simon and Jill Snippen in the Dean's office who worked so hard to make it run seamlessly. Thanks also to all of our faculty who attended and helped with the presentation of the Master's hoods. I know that this meant a lot to each of our students and to their families who were in attendance.



At the end of spring semester we said goodbye to Christa Hayes, our Student Relations Coordinator; who is moving on to a new opportunity. Her last day was May 9th. We wish Christa all the best in her new career and thank her for the excellent work she did for all of our students during her two years in our school. A search is ongoing for a new Student Relations Coordinator position and we hope to have the position filled by mid-July.

In closing, I want to thank the faculty, staff, community partners and students who have made this year an exciting and productive one. I wish you all the best for a wonderful summer.

With best wishes,

Monica Devers

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## UP-COMING EVENTS

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### Summer Preview Days

<http://www.stcloudstate.edu/scsu4u/visit/special.aspx>

July 11, 25, August 8

### Fall semester convocations events:

<http://www.stcloudstate.edu/teaching/default.asp>

**August 18-19:** New probationary faculty orientation

**August 20:** Fall Convocation for returning and new faculty and staff

**August 22:** New fixed-term faculty orientation

**August 25:** Fall semester classes begins

## SPRING 2014 HOODING CEREMONY

The Graduate Reception and Hooding Ceremony took place on Sunday, May 11th in Ritsche Auditorium where 117 of our 144 Master's graduates were joined on stage by faculty from all departments/programs with a graduate program. Congratulations again to all of our Spring 2014 graduates.

Pictured below are the graduating classes of each department/program. More pictures for this event can be found at [www.facebook.com/scsushhs](http://www.facebook.com/scsushhs).



**Communication Sciences**



**College Counseling & Student Development**



**Community Counseling**



**School Counseling**



**Rehabilitation Counseling**



**Marriage & Family Therapy**



**Gerontology**



**Sports Management**



**Exercise Science**



**Social Work**

## SHHS UNDERGRADUATE SUMMA CUM LAUDE LUNCH

On May 6th, the SHHS Dean's Office hosted a lunch to honor those undergraduate students who graduated Summa Cum Laude. This spring 31 students graduated Summa Cum Laude and we were honored to recognize their achievements.



## 2014 EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP

The 2014 Excellence in Leadership Awards took place on April 23rd in the Atwood Ballroom. Below are the eight students from SHHS who were acknowledged at the banquet for their award.

### *ARIELLE BENOIT - ATHLETIC TRAINING*



Arielle has strived to serve the SCSU campus, the St. Cloud community, and international communities throughout the past four years at SCSU. At SCSU, she co-founded a ministry for collegiate athletes called Athletes In Action, where she led Bible studies, mentored student athletes, organized events, and helped create a leadership team. Arielle has also been a member of the Nordic Ski team at SCSU for four years and was Team Captain for the 2013-2014 season. Arielle is very grateful to the individuals who have given her opportunities and have taught her to lead and serve others well.

### *TROY BJERKNES - COMMUNITY HEALTH*



On campus, Troy has facilitated educational seminars on nutrition, sexual health, skin cancer, spring break safety and other high risk behaviors. He has taken on a leadership role in getting over 1,000 community members active in supporting men's health on campus. He took on a leadership role to create a more innovative approach to the Spring Health Fair by adding technology groups and creating more activities for students to interact with. Troy's long term goal is to continue his education in School Counseling and work with school systems to empower youth from different educational and economic disparities to be leaders.

### *CARMEN JOHNSON - HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION*



Carmen has expanded her professional development, volunteer work, and community involvement since she entered SCSU in 2010. She began by obtaining professional membership in the Minnesota Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (MNAHPERD). Carmen belongs to the University Honors Program, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, and the National Society of Leadership and Success. Thus far, Carmen has completed over 175 hours of fieldwork within MN K-12 schools. Carmen has received numerous scholarships while at SCSU.

***KAY KILPATRICK - COMMUNITY HEALTH***



Kay got involved at SCSU as soon as she arrived on campus in 2009. She became a member of the SCSU football Cheer Team, which helped her find her footing at SCSU and developed her sense of pride at the university. She soon joined Delta Zeta Sorority and gained leadership skills from her experiences holding multiple positions in the sorority, including the Panhellenic President. Related to her major, Kay is an intern at the Pregnancy Resource Center in St Cloud. Upon graduation, Kay hopes to continue working in a health promotion field and go on to nursing school.

***TIM LYNGEN - HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION***



Tim has taken pride in his campus involvement and dedication to health and physical education since arriving at SCSU in the spring of 2010. He has participated in various volunteer activities both on and off campus and has maintained a prominent role in the Physical Education Major's Club. In addition to his campus involvement, Tim has been an active member of a mentoring program and has coached youth sports. Tim is passionate about teaching and hopes that his experiences will help him to become the best teacher he can be.

***CHELSEA SWIGGUM- RECREATION & SPORTS MANAGEMENT***



Through her passion for healthy recreation, Chelsea in 2013 established and served as the President of the Huskies Figure Skating Club. She successfully gained the respect of the club throughout campus and the community by providing opportunities for students to learn or continue their skills in the sport of figure skating. Chelsea is also the Vice President of the "Student Council for Exceptional Children", an advocacy group for children and individuals with disabilities. Chelsea is currently heading this year's project to bring the first all-inclusive playground to the community and had the opportunity to represent this project at the 2014 Clinton Global Initiative University Conference at Arizona State University.

***GAO NOUVANG - COMMUNITY PSYCHOLOGY***



Gao is a first generation Hmong-American. She is currently fulfilling an active role as a tutor, volunteer, and advocate. Gao dedicates her educational and professional career to serving her community in creating the leaders of the future. Upon graduation (Spring '14) she plans to continue her work with at-risk children and youth in urban areas instilling the values of worth, purpose, and accomplishment.

***AMBER WIESE - SOCIAL WORK***



Amber has participated in various volunteer activities both on and off campus including being a community activist in the St. Cloud and St. Joseph communities. Amber has been a Title IV-E Child Welfare Scholar, the Student Social Work Association Vice President, and a member of the Dean's Advisory Council. Amber's resilience to moving through barriers of poverty while attending college, parenting a child with special needs and a language immersion student, and maintaining campus involvement has made her a role model in leader-

## 2014 RETIREMENT AND YEARS OF SERVICE RECOGNITION

On April 30th, 14 faculty and staff from SHHS were recognized at the 2014 Retirement and Years of Service Recognition event held in the Atwood Ballroom. :

**10 years of service:** *JOYCE SIMONES (NURSING)*

**15 years of service:** MANIJEH DANESHPOUR (CPCF), MONICA DEVERS (DEAN'S OFFICE), PHYLLIS GREENBERG (GERONTOLOGY), TERESA HECK (KINESIOLOGY), KATHRYN MAYHEW (CPCF), MICHAEL MAYHEW (CPCF), AND TRACY ORE (SOCIAL WORK)

**20 years of service:** RONA KARASIK (GERONTOLOGY) AND LORI ULFERTS (KINESIOLOGY)

**25 years of service:** *KIMBERLY SCHULTZE (CPCF) AND MARGERIE WHITES (CSD)*

**30 years of service:** *CARLEEN GUCK (SOCIAL WORK)*

**2013-2014 Retirees:** *BRENDA LENZ (NURSING)*

### CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

Happy retirement to **Brenda Lenz** (Nursing Science) for her years of service at SCSU. We wish you the best.

Best wishes to **Christa Hayes**, the SHHS Student Relations Coordinator, **Paula Watts Zehringer** (Social Work faculty), **Shawn Meyer** (Nursing faculty), **Cheryl Swenson**, (Nursing faculty), and **Mary Zelenak** (Nursing faculty) who are moving on to other adventures. Thanks for all of your contributions to our school.

## FACULTY AND DEPARTMENT NEWS

### SOCIAL WORK

In June, Professor **Gary Whitford**, will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award at the National Association of Social Workers - Minnesota Chapters Annual Conference. Congratulations Gary.

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The SCSU Community Garden was voted WCCO's Viewers' Choice for MN's Best Community Garden. Congratulations to **Tracy Ore**, Coordinator of the SCSU Community Garden, along with all of the volunteers and supporters.

Here is the link to the video story:

<http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2014/05/28/wcco-viewers-choice-for-mns-best-community-garden/>

### DEAN'S OFFICE -SUMMER 2014

The Dean's Office will be open Monday—Friday all summer from 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Summer classes offered by SHHS programs are ongoing all summer. Please see <http://www5.stcloudstate.edu/registrar/courseschedule/Search.aspx> for specific details on program offerings.

- ♦ COMMUNICATION SCIENCES & DISORDERS
- ♦ COMMUNITY PSYCHOLOGY, COUNSELING, & FAMILY THERAPY
- ♦ KINESIOLOGY
- ♦ NURSING
- ♦ SOCIAL WORK
- ♦ GERONTOLOGY
- ♦ MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE
- ♦ NUCLEAR MEDICINE TECHNOLOGY
- ♦ RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY

### MISSION

We prepare our students to be leaders, scholars and professionals in promoting and providing lifelong optimal health and wellness.

### VISION

We enhance the well-being of people and their communities through nationally recognized innovative programs, rigorous practical experiences and strong professional partnerships.

### VALUES

Service to the community  
Excellence in teaching, scholarship and practice  
Professional and ethical behavior  
Lifelong learning  
Interdisciplinary innovation  
Diversity

## Submit your Ideas

The School of Health and Human Services is always looking to add speakers and events to the SHHS Colloquia. Please submit your ideas for speakers and events to Emily Simon, Experiential Learning and Outreach Coordinator, at [eesimon@stcloudstate.edu](mailto:eesimon@stcloudstate.edu).

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