A Message from Dr. Stephen Thomas, CAHS Dean

It’s August and in just a few short weeks the fall 2014 semester will begin. For most of you alumni and friends, those August fall start dates are a thing of the past, but to CAHS students and faculty, it is the beginning of a whole new adventure. New student orientations begin this week and continue until the start of classes on Tuesday, August 26, 2014. For any number of reasons, enrollment is down across the UNC System, and ECU is no exception. However, enrollment in the College of Allied Health Science will be slightly up this year, especially in our graduate programs. With the demand for our graduates stronger than ever, student competition for a coveted acceptance in one of our allied health degree programs is higher than ever. Our reputation is built on our outstanding students, graduates, and faculty, all of whom contribute to extremely high student first time pass rates on national certification and state licensure exams. Because of the continued growth in Nursing and Dental Medicine, and consistent enrollment in Medicine, the Health Sciences Campus has become one of the primary drivers for enrollment on the ECU campus. In fact, for the past few years, the largest number of applicants to the ECU Graduate School is from Allied Health Sciences. As a result, ECU has received state approval to build two new student unions, one of them on the West Campus (Health Sciences Campus) between the Laupus Library and the East Carolina Hearth Institute.

The new Health Sciences Union will be 76,000 square feet, and will house student wellness and recreation services, food services, study and lounge space, and conference/meeting rooms, to name a few. Construction will begin May 2015, with completion scheduled for October 2016. Since the fall 2014 entering class of students will still be on campus, CAHS has planned a number of special events to help them through the first few weeks of classes. These events will include orientation breakfasts, student socials, and ECU’s annual Homecoming festivities.

It’s going to be an exciting year, and we’re ready to help you get started. Good luck, and we look forward to seeing you on campus soon.
The changing definition of literacy and the constant evolution of teaching methods were major topics at the first-ever Interdisciplinary Literacy Summit, held May 21 at East Carolina University. Marianna Walker, dean of the ECU Honors College, and Sarah Williams, director of the Walter and Marie Williams STEPP Program, collaborated to organize the inaugural campus-wide initiative. "Literacy serves as a foundation to learning and expression of knowledge in all disciplines," Walker said.

“There are many components to literacy including reading, writing, and oral language. This literacy summit was developed to foster an interdisciplinary discussion on issues involving student literacy competencies, especially in the adult (college) population and in the transition from high school to the university setting.”

North Carolina State Superintendent of Public Instruction June Atkinson delivered the keynote address, titled “Student Literacy: Now and in the Future.” She told the audience that the N.C. Department of Public Instruction and the State Board of Education are taking every step to ensure literacy is a focus throughout the curriculum. The state released new standards in almost every K-12 subject in 2010, she said, as opposed to creating new standards one course at a time over several years. Students are now learning how areas from one subject, such as language arts or history, can be applied to other subjects.

Atkinson said that in her visits to classrooms across the state, she is inspired by how teachers have used the standards to personalize and differentiate instruction. Through new teaching methods and lesson plans, students are embracing the wide range of literacy as it is written, spoken, read and comprehended.

She also noted that educators are taking an interdisciplinary approach to learning. Challenges to literacy include early learning and encouraging children to read when school is not in session. Programs such as NC Pre-K and Give 5 Read 5, which encourages summer reading, are aimed at boosting literacy rates. Citing a recent study from Harvard University, Atkinson stressed that students lose a large amount of reading progress when they go home in the summer with no books at home. “If students can read just five books over the summer, they’ll have a better chance of not having reading loss,” said Atkinson.

Atkinson said the state also aims to surround students with opportunities to be literate individuals in an ever-changing world. “Reading is a foundation skill. What was good enough for one child in the past will not be good enough for another child in the future,” she said.

Following the keynote address, ECU faculty members and educators from Pitt County Schools participated in several literacy-based challenges. The groups met in Joyner Library to discuss and
College of Allied Health Sciences Dean Stephen Thomas, on behalf of East Carolina University, received a Navy Employer Support Certificate of Appreciation from Chief of Navy Reserve Vice Adm. Robin Braun during a ceremony at Joint Expeditionary Base (JEB) Little Creek in Norfolk, Va. on June 20.

“I am truly honored to have been nominated for this reserve employer recognition by Pat Frede, our director of development and a proud Navy Veteran and Reservist. It was a privilege to tour the base in Norfolk and witness the demonstrations mostly by reservists and I am grateful to have experienced it. This recognition is another example, in addition to the Freedom Award received by Chancellor Steve Ballard in 2010, of how ECU continues to remain a military friendly campus,” said Dr. Thomas.

The certificate is presented by the Chief of Navy Reserve annually to recognize selected civilian employers of Navy Reserve Sailors, as nominated by their own citizen-Sailor employees. Selected employers were nominated by their Navy Reserve Sailor employees.

“Employer support is critical to the Navy Reserve mission. Since 9/11, more than 70,000 Reserve Sailors have been mobilized and served around the world – many for multiple tours. In fact, in any given month nearly 25% of our Navy Reserve force is deployed globally. The magnitude of support for the employee by the employer is truly remarkable,” said Vice Adm. Robin R. Braun, Chief of Navy Reserve. “This is our opportunity to thank these outstanding patriots for their support.”

At the beginning of the day, the Chief of Navy Reserve met with Dr. Thomas and 39 other civilian employers of Navy Reserve Sailors from across the nation and presented them with a Certificate of Appreciation for their dedication and support of employees who serve in the Navy Reserve, ensuring that their Sailors are “Always Ready. Anytime, Anywhere.”

Throughout the one-day event employers had the opportunity to get a close up and personal look at the Naval Expeditionary Combat Command, a fast-attack submarine at Submarine Force Atlantic, the USS Iwo Jima (LHD-7) at Naval Station Norfolk, a static display of aircraft from Naval Air Force Reserve, and witness a demonstration by Reserve SEAL Team 18.

Companies invited to this year’s event were nominated by their employees.
The University of North Carolina Highway Safety Research Center (HSRC) has chosen Lauren Cochran, an ECU Occupational Therapy student, as the winner of the 2014 Megan Cornog Memorial Highway Safety Scholarship. Cochran works under the guidance of Dr. Anne Dickerson on studies to evaluate and improve the mobility of the older adult community. Her thesis will center on wayfinding, ways in which people orient themselves in physical space and navigate from place to place. Cochran’s study focuses specifically on driving performance of adults while wayfinding using electronic navigation systems versus printed directions. This work will serve as a pilot study and baseline data for future research by Dunlap and Associates, Inc. and Dr. Dickerson, sponsored by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, investigating the wayfinding performance of older adults who are either familiar or unfamiliar with electronic navigation systems.

“I’m enthusiastic about this research because there’s limited evidence regarding the influence of wayfinding methods on driving performance,” said Cochran. “By contributing to the body of knowledge on this subject, I can provide information which may be useful to occupational therapists, as well as other professionals who design navigation aids and driver education curriculum.”

In addition to her studies, Cochran has recently been certified as a CarFit Technician. The CarFit program helps educate older drivers about adjustments they can make to their seats, mirrors and driving technique to allow them to have a better view of the road, improve their brake reaction time, and sit in a position that mitigates injury in case of impact.

The purpose of the annual Megan Cornog Memorial Highway Safety Scholarship is to foster the education and professional development of graduate students with an interest in transportation safety-related areas, including, but not limited to, engineering, driver behavior, planning, public health

CAHS offers new Registered Health Information Administrator Certificate

The Department of Health Services and Information Management at the College of Allied Health Sciences has created a new opportunity for students with its Registered Health Information Administrator (RHIA) graduate certificate program. The RHIA graduate certificate program will provide students that already have a bachelor’s degree with the knowledge and skills needed in order to serve as a critical link between health care providers, payers, and patients. The curriculum is designed to help students develop characteristics associated with an effective leader in health information management: critical thinking skills, problem solving abilities, communication and interpersonal skills, and ethical values.

The objective of this certificate program is to expand upon the students’ current knowledge and skills in order to qualify them to register for the national Registered Health Information Administrators (RHIA) credential examination offered by the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA).

“The Department of Health Services and Information Management is proud to offer the

RHIA Certificate

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Research enterprise strengthened at College of Allied Health Sciences

The College of Allied Health Science is strengthening its focus on research through the development of a new Office of Research webpage and newsletter, as well as improving existing research lab websites.

Under the direction of Dr. Heather Harris-Wright, the associate dean of research for the College, the research website underwent a face lift to allow for a more user-friendly look.

“Research within our college well represents the diversity of Allied Health. It is exciting to learn about the breadth of our faculty’s research and I am thrilled to be able to support our faculty as they pursue their research goals, disseminate their research findings, seek and procure funding, develop and strengthen collaborations within the college and across the university, and engage students in their research programs,” said Dr. Wright. “The Office of Research is here to support our faculty and provide the resources and services needed so the faculty can advance their research programs.”

The new site will feature a monthly interview with a research faculty member from the College, this month’s interview subject was Dr. John Willson from the Department of Physical Therapy. Each faculty member will answer the same five questions regarding their research, their experience at East Carolina University, and their passion for teaching.

The site also provides links to useful resources for both faculty and students along with links to

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College of Allied Health Sciences to host Homecoming 2014 Reception Oct. 3

For the celebration of Homecoming 2014, the College of Allied Health Sciences will host a reception Oct. 3 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Health Sciences Building.

The reception will be followed by alumni reunions and updates hosted by individual departments throughout the building. Those in attendance are then invited to participate in the CAHS Treasure Hunt where individuals can learn more about the departments within the College and pick from the treasure chest of CAHS “pirate booty” located in the lobby once they have completed their treasure hunt card. See below for event schedule:

- 6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. - Reception in Lobby
- 6:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - Departmental Reunions and Updates
- 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. - CAHS Treasure Hunt

To RSVP for the Homecoming 2014 event, visit www.ecu.edu/ah/homecoming.cfm and click on the invitation to complete the registration.
‘Light Bulb Moments’ - CSDI Summer Camp helps children improve communication, social skills

Children with communication delays related to autism and other disorders are learning about making friends while improving their verbal skills at East Carolina University’s Pirate Speech Camp.

Allyson Turnage, a clinical instructor in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders in the College of Allied Health Sciences, directs the summer camp. She brings in special guests such as Anna Pridgen, who goes by the name “The Puppet Lady” and teaches life skills to children using puppets, stories and songs.

The enrichment camp expands on what the students learned during the school year by providing a variety of activities which promote communication, social interactions and language development.

The eight campers, whose ages range from four to seven, meet three times a week in space provided by Covenant Church in Greenville. The five-week camp started June 23 and ends July 28.

Each week has featured a new theme upon which activities and lessons are centered.

“The themes this year are zoo animals, space, beach, and safety and community,” said Turnage. “This week a police officer and a fire truck will come to visit.”

A typical camp day starts with circle time, where students learn about a social skill, such as being part of a group, following directions or making friends. A lesson is then taught to incorporate the theme and concept for the week, followed by a hands-on activity or craft.

“We play outside on the playground and use great social skills to play with our friends. We have a snack, then each child is taken aside individually to practice the language and social concepts for the week,” said Turnage. The individual practice is important because it is tailored for each child, as some students are higher functioning than others.

“Being able to easily communicate is something that the majority of us take for granted,” said Nicole Frisco, one of four camp counselors who are second-year graduate students in communication sciences and disorders.

“As I’ve worked with these children, I’ve started to notice and appreciate the little things. For example, to see two kids that initially had no interest in wanting to interact or play with anyone give each other high fives on the playground, or ask each other if they want to play ball, is such a huge accomplishment.”

The students’ day concludes with a final circle time to review the lesson and say goodbye to their friends. Turnage said that directing the camp has been a good experience because “it has allowed me to teach graduate level aspiring speech-language pathologists how to effectively work with this unique population. Every day is a new experience and an opportunity to learn. I love seeing the ‘light bulb’ come on when my graduate students and campers learn something new.”

This is the sixth summer that ECU has offered the camp. Though there were a couple of years that the camp was not held, Turnage said the camp will now be offered every summer.
The College of Allied Health Sciences and Dean Stephen Thomas were happy to award eight CAHS scholarships to deserving students enrolled in our College.

Marianne Gross, daughter of Peter and Ann Gross of Charlotte, N.C., received the State Employees Combined Campaign Scholarship. The scholarship is funded through the contributions of state employees and is awarded based on academic merit. Marianne is a second year student in the Department of Physical Therapy and will graduate in May 2016 with her Doctor of Physical Therapy degree.

Anastasia Hastie, daughter of Victoria Kolbakh of Tampa, Fla. and wife of U.S. Marine Christopher Hastie, was awarded the College of Allied Health Sciences Patriot Scholarship. The applicant must be a military member or veteran, or the spouse or child of a military member or veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States. The award is based on academic strength, leadership capability and the potential to contribute to a profession in the field of allied health sciences. Anastasia is a second year student in the Department of Physician Assistant Studies and would like to work with veterans and military families after graduating.

Sarah Jamarillo, daughter of Allen and Carolynn Marsh of Kittery, Maine and wife of U.S. Marine Tyler Jaramillo, was also awarded the Patriot Scholarship. Sarah will be a second year student in the fall in the Department of Occupational Therapy and will graduate in Dec. 2015 with a Master of Science degree in Occupational Therapy.

Kaitlyn Puglisi, daughter of Jeff and Kelly Puglisi of Clayton, N.C., earned the SGM Herman J. Kennedy Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship provides financial support to undergraduate and graduate CAHS students who are either active, reserved or retired members of the U.S. Armed Forces or the spouse or child of an active, reserve or retired U.S. Armed Forces member, or students who are currently enrolled in the ROTC program. Kaitlyn is a rising senior in the Health Services Management Program.

Kaitlyn Puglisi with Dr. Thomas

Marianne Gross with Dr. Thomas

Anastasia Haste with Dr. Thomas

Dr. Thomas with Sarah Jamarillo
Dr’s Kulesher and Forrestal Publish Journal Article


Perry & Kollara-Sunil Receive Grant from Cleft Palate Foundation

Dr. Jamie Perry, assistant professor, and Lakshmi Kollara-Sunil, a second year doctoral student, both in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, have a newly funded grant from the Cleft Palate Foundation. In their work, they are using dynamic magnetic resonance imaging during speech to examine the musculature in a unique clinical population - 22q11.2 deletion syndrome. This study will represent the first published findings of speech muscles among this clinical population. Data will provide insight into the unique muscle and cranial variations among these children. Read more about their research on the ECU Health Beat Blog!

Dr. Dickerson Selected as 2014 Fellow by GSA

The Gerontological Society of America (GSA) — the nation’s largest interdisciplinary organization devoted to the field of aging — has named 61 exemplary professionals as its newest fellows. Dr. Anne Dickerson, professor in the Department of Occupational Therapy has been chosen as one of those fellows in the Behavioral and Social Sciences section. The status of fellow — the highest class of membership within the Society — is an acknowledgment of outstanding and continuing work in gerontology. This recognition can come at varying points in an individual’s career and can acknowledge a broad scope of activity. This includes research, teaching, administration, public service, practice, and notable participation within the organization. Fellows are chosen from each of GSA’s four membership sections.

HSIM Student Awarded NCHIMA Scholarship at Annual Meeting

Nacole T. Everette, RHIA was the recipient of a North Carolina Health Information Management Association (NCHIMA) Scholarship. The $250.00 Scholarship was awarded to one deserving Master’s Degree HIM Student. The Scholarship was presented to Nacole at the 2014 NCHIMA 64th Annual Meeting & Coding Roundtable. Nacole is currently pursuing a Master of Science degree in Health Informatics and Information Management and has already become a Registered Health Information Administrator.
CAHS Faculty and Students in the Spotlight

Dr’s Harris, Hylock and Zeng Present at AHIMA Institute and Assembly in Chicago

Three faculty members in the Department of Health Services and Information Management — Drs. Susie Harris, Ray Hylock and Xiaoming Zeng gave presentations at the 2014 American Health Information Management (AHIMA) Faculty Development Institute/Assembly on Education (FDI/AOE) in Chicago IL. Dr. Harris presented “Steps in Starting the Master of Science Degree in Health Informatics and Information Management at East Carolina University”. Dr. Hylock presented “Healthcare Database Management and HIM Students: Challenges and Instruction Techniques”. Dr. Zeng presented “Flipped Classroom: Using Lecture Capture to Support Classroom Teaching”.

Cellucci, Kennedy and Svagr Attend Writer’s Workshop for Society of Case Research

Dr. Leigh Cellucci and Dr. Mike Kennedy of the Department of Health Services and Information Management, along with Kaitlyn Svagr, a rising senior in the Health Services Management Program, attended the 36th Annual Summer Case Writer’s Workshop for the Society for Case Research at Winthrop University in SC. Dr. Cellucci is the President-Elect of the Society for Case Research and serves as Editor of the Journal of Case Studies. She participated as chair, scribe, or discussant for several cases. Dr. Kennedy presented his case study, “It Costs How Much?”, and Svagr presented her case, “Emergency!! Or Is It?”. Both served as scribe or discussant for other cases.

College Faculty Promotions and News Hires for 2014-2015 Announced

Several new faculty and staff have joined the team at the College of Allied Health Sciences, while other CAHS faculty have received promotions.

Charles Ellis, Jr., PhD will join the Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders as an associate professor, Chia-Cheng “James” Lin, PhD is joining the Department of Physical Therapy as an assistant professor, and Clyde Richard “Rick” Edwards, MHS, PA-C is the new Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Physician Assistant Studies.

Two new administrative support associates have also been hired for the College, Tenika Patrice Barrow will be serving the Department of Occupational Therapy and Tierney Godfrey will be filling the role in the Department of Clinical Laboratory Science.

Along with the new hires, several current faculty members received new titles. Dr. Leigh Cellucci, Dr. Heather Harris Wright and Dr. Xiaoming Zeng have all been promoted to professors. Dr. Denise Donica and Dr. Qiang Wu have been promoted to associate professors. Dr. Jacob Thorp has been promoted to clinical associate professor.

Current and retired professors from the College have also been awarded emeritus status including Dr. Gregg Givens and Dr. Bruce Albright who are now professors emeritus and Dr. Beth Velde, professor emerita. Congratulations to all of our new faculty members and those who earned promotions in their areas!
campus for the grand opening, we will soon display architectural renderings of the new facility in our building to share the excitement with everyone. We will include pictures in the October 2014 issue of the ALLIANCE as well. Students were specifically asked what they wanted to include in the Health Sciences Union, and their input drove the decisions for programs and services. Faculty, staff and alumni are welcome to visit the Health Sciences Union and we will provide a tour during a future CAHS Homecoming Event. With the advent of a new student union, Health Sciences is becoming a real, student-centered campus.

The College of Allied Health Sciences remains as strong as ever and your participation in the life of this college and your respective departments means a great deal to us. As always, I invite you to stop by for a visit when you are in the area, to attend the upcoming CAHS Homecoming Event on October 3, 2014, and to help recruit bright young students for your respective departments and college. Your support is always needed and most welcome. Take pride in your department, college, university and the Pirate Nation—after all you helped make it the great institution it is today.

Go Pirates!
Stephen Thomas
Dean and Professor

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Health Beat Blog at blog.ecu.edu/sites/healthbeat/

Upcoming CAHS Events

Aug. 25 - Fall 2014 Convocation for CAHS faculty & staff

Aug. 26 - First day of fall semester

Oct. 3 - Homecoming Reception in Health Sciences Building (6 p.m. to 9 p.m.)

Oct. 17 - 44th Annual Meta M. Downes Speech-Language Symposium at ECU Heart Institute (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)

Oct. 24 - Health Informatics Career and Internship Fair/Symposium at ECU Heart Institute (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.)
Participants in the breakout session of the Interdisciplinary Literacy Summit discuss solutions and ideas for increasing literacy across the curriculum after working in groups in Joyner Library following Dr. Atkinson's address.

The Interdisciplinary Literacy Summit is part of the Barbara Bremer Distinguished Lecture Series. It is funded by Dr. Chris Bremer, professor emeritus of family medicine in the Brody School of Medicine, and his wife, Barbara, a retired speech language pathologist. Through an endowed professorship, the series and summit, Barbara Bremer's passion for collaboration in literacy and language will continue for decades.

Walker is the current Bremer Distinguished Scholar in Literacy and Language Disorders. The summit was co-sponsored by the Divisions of Academic Affairs and Health Sciences, the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders in the College of Allied Health Sciences and the Walter and Marie Williams STEPP Program. View more photos from the day online at www.ecu.edu/ah/news2.cfm.

Dr. Thomas and his wife Melodie enjoy a tour of the base along with other award recipients.

Selected employers are chosen from nominations submitted by their Reserve Sailor employees. View more photos from Dr. Thomas’ day at the Joint Expeditionary Base in Norfolk at http://www.ecu.edu/cs-dhs/ah/news2.cfm.

Employees who are also Navy Reserve Sailors. Guests included CEOs, company owners and senior executives from small, medium and large companies who encourage company leadership to promote a culture of pride and recognition in their employees’ service, value their Reserve Sailor/employee and support their service, even when called to duty on short notice, and maintain contact with the Reserve Sailor and their family members when they are on duty for an extended period of time.

The annual Navy Employer Recognition Event is an annual Navy familiarization day sponsored by the Chief of Navy Reserve to recognize employers who provide their Reserve Sailors with superior support, and provide them an opportunity to see first-hand what Reserve Sailors do every day.

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### Cochrane Scholarship

The scholarship is named in memory of a former HSRC staff member, Megan Cornog, who died Nov. 7, 2010, at her home in Carrboro, N.C., after a courageous battle with cancer. After earning her master’s degree from UNC-Chapel Hill in May 2009, Megan began her career working as a project coordinator for HSRC, focusing on pedestrian and bicycle issues. Since establishing the scholarship in 2006, HSRC has awarded eight scholarships to graduate students in the UNC system.

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### RHIA Certificate

The new graduate registered health information administrator certificate. The certificate makes it possible for individuals with a previously earned undergraduate degree to become eligible for the RHIA credential. Furthermore, the RHIA credential should help strengthen an individual’s overall marketability in the growing field of health care informatics and information management,” said Dr. Paul Bell, professor in the department and coordinator for the new certificate. Students enrolled in the Registered Health Information Administrator certificate program will not only be prepared to take the RHIA exam, but will also be equipped with the skills to manage patient health information and medical records, administer computer information systems, collect and analyze patient data, and use classification systems and medical terminologies. Along with those skills, successful students will be able to effectively interact with various levels of an organization that employ patient data in decision-making and everyday operations.

Career choices for students holding this certificate are available in multiple settings throughout the healthcare industry such as program director, chief compliance officer, director of risk management, and director of clinical informatics.

For more information, visit the RHIA certificate website at www.ecu.edu/hsim/RHIA.cfm or contact Dr. Paul Bell at bellp@ecu.edu.

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### CAHS Research

The College and the Aging and Adult Language Disorders and Voice and Swallowing Labs in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders are all available on the “Research in CAHS” page of the Office of Research website. Through the lab websites, you can learn more about the research topics being analyzed at the College and discover information about publications, facilities and current faculty working in that area. Faculty, staff and students can stay up to date about happenings in the “research world” by not only visiting the Office of Research site, but also through the bimonthly research update e-newsletter. The newsletter will provide vital information about funding opportunities, upcoming deadlines, resources and highlights from CAHS research developments. If you would like to receive the research update, contact Dr. Wright at wrighth@ecu.edu.
Melissa Reynolds is a first year graduate student in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders in pursuit of becoming a speech-language pathologist upon graduation. The purpose of the College of Allied Health Sciences Alliance for Excellence Scholarship is to provide financial support to students enrolled in the College of Allied Health Sciences based on academic ability, academic major, leadership activities, and extracurricular activities, and other criteria determined appropriate by the CAHS Honors and Awards Committee. Jamine is a rising senior in the Health Services Management program in the Department of Health Services and Information Management, he hopes to pursue a career in medicine and enroll in Brody School of Medicine upon graduation from CAHS. He is the president and co-founder of The T.E.A.M. (Talented Empowered Aspiring Men) and a resident advisor in Scott Hall.

Melissa Reynolds, daughter of David and Beth Reynolds of North Wilkesboro, N.C. received the Pitt County Memorial Hospital Volunteer Auxiliary Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to an undergraduate or graduate student currently enrolled full-time in the College of Allied Health Sciences and is based on academic merit and a history of volunteer service in health care. Melissa is a first year graduate student in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders in pursuit of becoming a speech-language pathologist upon graduation.

Courtney Spencer, daughter of Len and Robin Spencer of Preston, Conn., has been awarded the East Carolina University Medical and Health Sciences Foundation Board Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to full-time junior, senior and graduate students enrolled in the College of Allied Health Sciences and honors recipients in good academic standing. Courtney is currently in her second year in the Department of Occupational Therapy in the College of Allied Health Sciences from which she will graduate in 2015 with a Master of Science degree in Occupational Therapy.

Jamine Ifedi, son of Ike and Victoria Ifedi of Charlotte, N.C. was awarded the College of Allied Health Sciences Alliance for Excellence Scholarship. The purpose of the College of Allied Health Sciences Alliance for Excellence Scholarship is to provide financial support to students enrolled in the College of Allied Health Sciences based on academic ability, academic major, leadership activities, and extracurricular activities, and other criteria determined appropriate by the CAHS Honors and Awards Committee. Jamine is a rising senior in the Health Services Management program in the Department of Health Services and Information Management department, he hopes to pursue a career in medicine and enroll in Brody School of Medicine upon graduation from CAHS. He is the president and co-founder of The T.E.A.M. (Talented Empowered Aspiring Men) and a resident advisor in Scott Hall.

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