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Commencement 2000

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ear Alumni,

During this past year, which launched the College of Health Professions into its fourth decade and the world into a new century, many exciting things have happened and are happening at CHP that I am pleased to share with you. In its continuing response to the rapidly changing needs in health care, the College has secured approval from the University Board of Trustees for new program initiatives in Diagnostic Imaging (bachelor's degree in Nuclear Medicine Technology) and Laboratory Sciences (a master's degree program) and expansion of the specialty area tracks in the existing Nursing master's degree program.

The College has also established a new web site, thanks mainly to the efforts of our new webmaster, Craig O'Brien. Our intent is to create a more user-friendly web site for CHP. Of special interest to our graduates will be the expanded section on the web site for CHP Alumni, developed by the new full-time Director of Alumni Relations, Dorothy Grieb. Dottie will introduce some invigorating changes designed to improve communication and to facilitate your ability to communicate better with fellow alumni. Continue to look to the website for more changes and improved services for alumni as the year progresses.

A dedicated effort to improve communication and services within the College, among students, faculty and administration, has been spearheaded this year by Arlene Lorch, Faculty Member in Occupational Therapy, and Maria Ragno, Director of the Career Development Center. As liaisons for students between faculty and administration, respectively, Arlene and Maria have been proactive in re-focusing the College on the need to promote an environment that is caring, responsive and service-oriented.



In January, the College began a vital strategic planning effort intended to guide development over the next three years. Under the direction of a steering committee with broadbased representation from the faculty, department chairpersons, administration, support staff, students and alumni, six subcommittees have been formed to address faculty development, finance, new programs, space and facilities, student life, and technology. Joann Ludwig, RT'67, CHP Alumni President, serves on the steering committee. The goal is to complete a final report with recommendations, timetable, implementation plans and financial implications by December 31, 2000.

“The Officers and the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association have demonstrated leadership that inspires others to play an active role in supporting the College’s mission to provide outstanding educational opportunities for tomorrow’s healthcare professionals.”

Before closing, I once again wish to thank the alumni and friends of CHP for the many efforts that they have extended on behalf of our College. I am especially appreciative of the time and efforts given so freely by the Officers and the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association. Their leadership helps to inspire others to play an active role in supporting the College’s mission to provide outstanding educational opportunities for tomorrow’s healthcare professionals. I am convinced that the positive

enrollment increase in this year’s entering class can be attributed directly to the combined efforts of the entire CHP community, faculty, students, administration, staff, and alumni. Let us strive to keep that momentum going as we move forward into the new millennium, with its manifold perils and promises.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Abrams

Laboratory Sciences Now Has More Options Than Any Other LS Program in the Country



Clinical skills are still the basis for excellence in the laboratory, as shown here, but in the new Master's of Laboratory Sciences program, students will have the opportunity to focus on management issues as well.

With the addition of the new master's degree in Laboratory Sciences, our department became the nation's only academic laboratory sciences department to offer four different programs with three different levels of training (undergraduate, graduate, and post-baccalaureate) plus advanced, specialty training.

Students may enter the master's program as undergraduates and receive both their bachelor's and master's degrees in just two years. Students who already have a degree may take advantage of the graduate phase for specific, advanced training. In addition to technical skills, the program will prepare graduates with managerial and research skills that will help them in a variety of professional roles.

"Laboratory scientists with a master's degree can move quickly into influential laboratory industry positions," said Shirley Greening, MS, JD, CFIAC, Department Chair. "Career options include clinical and basic science research, clinical trials management, quality monitoring, resource allocation management, laboratory testing and outreach programs, and marketing."

Online And CD-ROM Courses: The Wave of the Future?

The days of lugging around 20-lb textbooks and taking notes from a class lecture are far from over, yet technology is paving the way for new methods of teaching and learning – and the College of Health Professions is adding distance learning opportunities for students. Three of the six departments in the College offer or are developing online and high-tech courses as part of their regular curriculum.

The Nursing Department introduced online courses in Fall 1998. Three online courses are being offered this summer and others are in development for the Fall 2000 semester. The entire graduate

nursing program's core curriculum is projected to be online for Fall 2001. The Department of General Studies currently has an informatics course entirely on CD-ROM, and the department also introduced an online physics course in its summer schedule with plans to offer it again in the fall. In addition, Occupational Therapy is developing an online course for students in the fall semester.

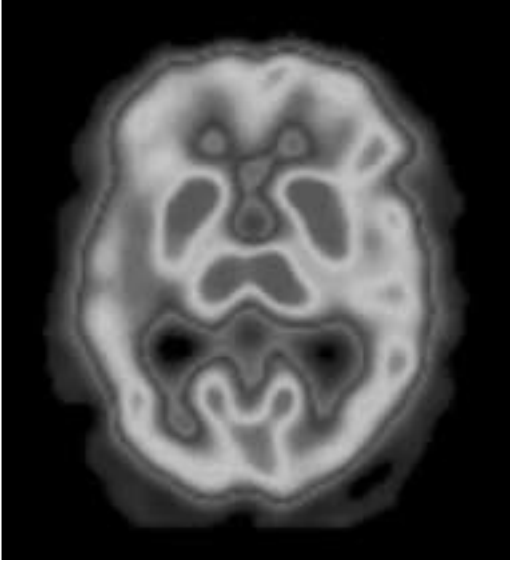
As we further our understanding of the interaction between technology and learning, it is likely that we'll see an increase in distance education and other new teaching methods utilizing technology. As always, ensuring the quality and richness of the learning experience remains the goal.

That's why CHP's Nursing Department created its own online courses. The

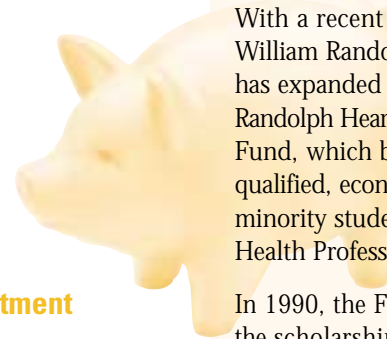
methodology, presentation and strategy for design is individual for each course rather than the cookie-cutter approach of a single template format.

For example, the courses' flexible, asynchronous format allows students to access their course information from any location and at any time. The self-paced courses are taken via the Internet and may include streamed audio/video Web presentations, Q&A, mentoring, online chats and discussion groups, and e-mail. Interaction and discussion among students and faculty is fostered through e-mail, chat sessions and electronic bulletin boards.

Eventually, plans are to have all core curriculum courses online in Nursing. Acquiring more technology and developing a support infrastructure will be key in the future to enable all departments to offer online courses and other distance education programs.



A nuclear image of the human brain (normally shown in color).



Foundation Doubles Support of Scholarship Fund at CHP

With a recent \$100,000 gift, the William Randolph Hearst Foundation has expanded support of its William Randolph Hearst Endowed Scholarship Fund, which benefits academically qualified, economically disadvantaged minority students at the College of Health Professions.

In 1990, the Foundation initiated the scholarship fund and, through 1993, provided a total of \$100,000. With this latest award, the Foundation's generosity to CHP has reached \$200,000. To date, 20 CHP students have received Hearst Scholarships.

"We are honored that the Foundation continues to recognize the excellence of the College and its students," said Lawrence Abrams, EdD, Dean of CHP. "Since so many of our students receive financial aid, gifts from private sources such as the William Randolph Hearst Foundation are essential and greatly appreciated."

The Foundation was established in 1948 by publisher and philanthropist William Randolph Hearst.

Nuclear Medicine Technology Enhances Image of DI Department

A baccalaureate degree program in Nuclear Medicine Technology was introduced this year, with the first students entering the program this fall. Designed to meet the demands of the continually expanding field of medical imaging, the new program is the only one of its kind within the metropolitan Philadelphia area, and it is the only program within 150 miles to offer a bachelor's degree in the field, according to Gary Sayed, PhD, Chairman and Associate Professor, Department of Diagnostic Imaging. The specialty is also offered as advanced training for healthcare professionals who are interested in pursuing a career in nuclear medicine.

New modalities and technological developments, combined with the closing of many hospital-based programs, have created increased demand for qualified technologists. Nuclear medicine is an option for a variety of students. Experienced radiographers who are interested in advancing their skills can pursue their baccalaureate degrees through the advanced placement program for dual training that will help them meet expected rise in demand in the field. Those with two years of college may also enroll, taking the nuclear medicine track as part of the multicompetency program leading to a bachelor's degree. Prospective students who hold a BS degree in the natural sciences may also enter the program directly for a one-year post-baccalaureate certificate. Graduates of the program are eligible to sit for national certification.

Nursing Expands Master's Specialty Tracks

The Nursing Department received approval by the State Boards of Nursing and Medicine for several new areas of focus in the master's degree program. In addition to the Family Nurse Practitioner, Community Systems Administration and Adult Health (CNS) currently offered, specialty options will be offered in Acute Care Advanced Practice, Adult Advanced Practice, Community Systems Administration/Family Nurse Practitioner,

Oncology Advanced Practice, and Pediatric Advanced Practice.

"The new programs follow the concept of a blended education model," explained Mary Schaal, EdD, RN, Vice Chair and Director of the Graduate Program. "Our graduates will be eligible to sit for certification as a nurse practitioner (NP) and/or clinical nurse specialist (CNS)."

In this way, graduates will be able to function in a variety of positions, and they'll be able to maximize their potential in practice settings. As the market needs for advanced practice roles rise and fall, those with both certifications will be better able to meet the ever-changing needs of our healthcare delivery system.

Dr. Schaal said the specialties selected complement areas of excellence for which the Jefferson Health System is well-known. For example, TJUH is a national model for acute care, and the hospital is using both nurse practitioners and clinical nurse specialists throughout its specialty units. Jefferson is also one of a handful of academic health science centers to be designated by the National Institutes on Health for oncology treatment and research. "We have a hub of excellence in many areas at Jefferson," Dr. Schaal said, "and we have nurse and physician practices, educational opportunities, and outstanding educational placements to support our new programs."

Rockin' Good Times



An alumni event at the Hard Rock Cafe in Center City Philadelphia in November resulted in standing room only for the 75+ alumni who attended. This is just one example of the “new and improved” Alumni Relations Office, headed by Director Dorothy (Dottie) Grieb. The College recognizes the need for better alumni relations and Dottie’s position became full-time this year so that there could be a concentrated effort to rebuild relations and enhance the alumni program altogether.



“Efforts are under way to reconnect with our alumni and to make active alumni out of our current students,” Dottie said, outlining her plans for the next year. Improved communication methods, development of a relevant, interesting web site and collection of demographic data which will help the office create events and volunteer opportunities for alumni are top on her list for the coming year. “We are being attentive and responsible to the Alumni Board of Directors, and, most importantly, we are listening to and addressing the concerns of our alumni.”

The Hard Rock Cafe event is one example of a smashing success that will continue in the future. Events that are held where alumni are and where they like to be will be part of Dottie’s planning. “We will have a presence at regional, state and national

professional association meetings,” Dottie said.

Last fall, there was a table and gifts for our alumni at the Pennsylvania Occupational Therapy Association meeting in Philadelphia. The response was so positive that two other association meetings occurred this year with a luncheon or cocktail hour: The Leading Edge Diagnostic Imaging Conference in Atlantic City and the American Dental Hygiene Association Meeting in Washington, DC.

For current students, a variety of activities have been enhanced from previous years. The annual holiday gift and coffee in the Center for Student Development turned into an all-day event with pastries, cookies, candy, soda, hot chocolate, fruit and more. A spring event will be added in the coming year to wish good luck during finals. New reasons to celebrate will continue, and surprises are in store.

The Alumni Relations Office has been present at every major event, including orientation, senior salute, the winter social, visiting nurse scholar presentation and the annual volleyball tournament. At each

event, there has been an elaborate theme, from the “Year of the Graduate” to “Mardi Gras,” and with gifts and goodies, Dottie has made the events bigger and better than ever before. “It’s important that we tell our students how

much they mean to us while they’re here, and we hope they’ll become supportive, enthusiastic alumni in the future,” Dottie said. With that in mind, she has plans to welcome the entering class of 2000 with the theme, “The Tradition Starts Here,” in the fall, followed by Philly Fest, a collaborative event among all TJU alumni offices. An alumni handbook and expanded scope of tangible benefits for alumni are also on the horizon. Dottie expressed her hope that these activities will continue to be supportive for students. “We hope the positive influence and demonstrated leadership of the Alumni Board of Directors and this office assist our students in achieving excellence and satisfaction while they’re here,” she said. So, alumni and current students alike can look forward to a full and active year from the Alumni Relations Office.

Commencement 2000

The College of Health Professions Class of 2000 totaled 355 students who received their degrees at the May 12 Commencement Exercises at the Academy of Music, plus 45 Physical Therapy students who received their degrees at the Closing Convocation on April 28 at the Independence Seaport Museum at Penn's Landing.

In addition to being the first class of the new century, this year marked another first: Jefferson is the first university in the Delaware Valley and one of few institutions in the country to award bachelor's degrees in cardiovascular technology. Ten of our diagnostic imaging students chose this major and became our first class to receive this bachelor's degree. In addition, the Diagnostic Imaging Department also awarded its first baccalaureate degrees to five students in magnetic resonance imaging.

The graduating class included 332 bachelor of science degree recipients, 13 post-baccalaureate certificate recipients in laboratory sciences, and 10 associate degree graduates from the Department of General Studies. Of the baccalaureate degree graduates, 179 are in nursing, 41 in occupational therapy, 48 in diagnostic imaging and 19 in the laboratory sciences of biotechnology, cytogenetic technology, cytotechnology and medical technology. Counted among the graduates each year are the physical therapy students (45 in the class of 2000) who complete their combined BS-MS degree program during the summer.

Also at the ceremony, Philadelphia Rosemarie Greco received an Honorary Doctor of Science degree. Greco is an accomplished leader in the greater Philadelphia business and civic community, and she serves on numerous boards and helps guide many local and state organizations.

Byrne Recognized For Significant Contributions To College And Community

Demonstrating academic excellence and service to both the College and the community, Emily Byrne, BSN, is a true leader. Her skills and dedication will serve her well throughout her career and put her on the path to achieving her goals. Already she has earned recognition for her ability as the recipient of the 2000 Achievement Award for Student Life.

Byrne has served in numerous leadership positions such as co-chairing the Student Orientation Committee and serving as a representative to the Nursing Student Government, the Student Advisory Committee and the College's Strategic Planning Committee. In addition, she graduated *summa cum laude* and her academic achievements earned her induction into the nursing honor society, Sigma Theta Tau. One of her favorite activities was participating in the Leadership Development Retreat because of the personal awareness and leadership knowledge that she gained.

"I don't think you can grow and develop as a person if you don't get involved," she said of the time and energy she has put into extracurricular activities at Jefferson. "This is already a great academic environment, and I like being part of making it even better." Byrne expressed many thanks to people at the College, both faculty and administrative, who gave her the opportunities to participate as much as she did.

Byrne is praised as a well-rounded individual who can assume many roles and add greatly to all her activities. "Emily truly stands out as both a leader and contributor, a student who has learned to balance academic and campus life," said Joanne Gauthier, Student Program Coordinator, who worked with Emily on a variety of committees and events. Margaret Griffiths, MSN, RN, AOCN, one of Emily's instructors, also recognized Emily's outstanding qualities by saying, "[Emily] has consistently evidenced that degree of academic excellence, professional identity and personal integrity that is traditionally associated with Jefferson."

In addition to her participation at the College, Byrne places emphasis on community service. She especially enjoys her volunteer work for

Community Volunteers in Medicine, a nonprofit, community-based primary care clinic in Chester County, where she has contributed her nursing expertise in caring for patients. With two degrees in other fields (English and psychology), Byrne has found her calling in nursing. She is currently enrolled at Jefferson in the master's degree program to become a family nurse practitioner. One day she and her husband, Michael Gilbert, a third-year medical student at Jefferson, hope to open a free clinic for the underserved population (those who are underinsured or uninsured) in a rural area. Until then, she intends to gain as much experience as she can working in primary care and making a difference in the lives of her patients.



Award winner Emily Byrne and William Thygeson, Assistant Dean, Student Affairs



Dear Alumni,

As I complete the end of my first year as CHP Alumni President, I am excited about what we've accomplished this year and making more events available to all our alumni. We've had wonderful participation in our activities this year and I want to thank everyone who decided to become involved and support their alma mater. (For a list of future events, see the back cover of the magazine.)

One of my main goals is to work with Admissions and Enrollment Management to increase the activities where alumni can help in recruitment of new Jefferson students. Working with Admissions counselors, we attended college nights at local high schools and career fairs with community colleges. Our JAVA program (see description at right) will enable many more volunteers to become involved. Who better than alumni to tell others who we are, what experiences to expect, and how much a quality education means once you join the work force?

Building better relationships with our alumni is my second major goal as president. Active alumni are usually those people who had a good experience as students. We are paying attention to our student needs, concerns and interests so that when they leave, they feel they belong here and want to continue to support the College. That's one of the reasons I became actively involved with the College's strategic planning process this year. As alumni, we have a valuable perspective, and our contact with current students can be beneficial. Being part of the long-range planning for the College has also made me realize how important it is that alumni participate in making an environment that is rich in learning, that is supportive and sensitive to student needs, and that balances the many demands on students and faculty in a constantly changing healthcare arena.

Together, we can make a difference for future students and future alumni. I invite you to discuss concerns and make any suggestions that you feel would be beneficial to our alumni organization. Please contact me through the Alumni Office (215-503-7709) at any time.

Sincerely,

Joann Ludwig

Joann Ludwig
CHP Alumni President

✂ Please detach before mailing

We're looking for a few good board members...

If you're interested in becoming a member of, or want to suggest a new member for, our Alumni Board of Directors, please fill out the form below and return it to the Alumni Relations Office at 130 S. 9th St., Ste. 703, Philadelphia, PA 19107. Board members are asked to attend four Board meetings a year and to participate in other activities of the College throughout the year. It is not a large time commitment, and your participation can make a big difference for both students and alumni.

- I'm interested in becoming an active member of the CHP Alumni Board of Directors.
- I'd like to suggest the following person to serve on the Board.

Name _____

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Degree _____ Graduation Year _____

JAVA Needs Your Help!

Jefferson Alumni Volunteering for Admissions (JAVA) is coordinated by the Office of Admissions and the CHP Office of Alumni Relations. The program gives our graduates the opportunity to support the College's enrollment effort by referring talented students. JAVA members are invited to special training dinners, high school college fairs, on-campus receptions and other events.

Members of JAVA are a valuable asset to the recruitment and admissions process. This is a wonderful opportunity to represent your alma mater and to meet other alumni of the College of Health Professions.

An orientation/training dinner will be held on Tuesday, September 19, 2000.

If you're interested in joining JAVA and helping us recruit top students, or if you'd like to volunteer in any capacity, please contact Dr. Amy Engle, Associate Dean and Director of Enrollment Management, 215-503-1040 or Amy.Engle@mail.tju.edu. You may also register online at www.tju.edu/chp in the Alumni section. We look forward to growing this program with your help and interest.

Volunteer Opportunities Abound

There are many other volunteer opportunities for alumni in the areas of alumni relations, career development and leadership. You can participate in pizza nights, college class nights, alumni contacts, networking nights, job fairs, college fairs, and student interviews, just to name a few.

If you're interested in volunteering for any other activities, please contact Dottie Grieb, Alumni Relations, 215-503-7709 or dorothy.grieb@mail.tju.edu.



DENTAL HYGIENE

Karen E. (Clark) Panagotopoulos, DH'91, announced the birth of her third child, Nicholas Peter, in July. He joins his mom and two big sisters, Christine (left) and Erin (right). Karen works for Silver Dental



Group in Oaklyn, NJ.

DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING

Lisa (Yannone) Galinsky, DI'88, adopted her nine-year-old daughter, Jessica, in February. She and her husband, Kip, announced the birth of their son, Benjamin, in November. Lisa works for Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia as a radiologic technologist.



LABORATORY SCIENCES

Linda (Bojawowski) McWilliams, MT (ASCP), SBB, MT'77, accepted the position of Transfusion Service Manager at Hahnemann University Hospital in Philadelphia.

NURSING

Madeline M. Ullom, BSN, MEd, LTC USA (ret.), DN'38, and a 1998 recipient of an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from the College, was honored as the Woman Veteran of the Year by the Southern Arizona VA Health Care System during Veterans Day 1999. Joining Lt. Col. Ullom, who is standing at right, are, from left to right: Fritz Ruccius, Jefferson's Director of Development for



Trusts & Estates, Mrs. Wickham and her husband, John Wickham, Gen. USA (ret.), former Army Chief of Staff.

Betty Piersol, RN, DN'34, left, and **Margaret Summers, RN, DN'41**, were Jefferson's distinguished honorees at the 1999 NSFRE National Philanthropy Day Luncheon in Philadelphia. This annual event honors those alumni and friends who lead the way in supporting the University, including the College of Health Professions, and Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. Betty and Peg were office coordinators of the Jefferson Nurses Alumni Association from 1985-2000.



Paul C. Brucker, MD, President of Thomas Jefferson University, and Alice C. Boehret, EdD, DN'42, were among the guests at the Jefferson Legacy Society reception. This new society recognizes individuals who are supporting the University, including CHP, and Thomas Jefferson University Hospital through bequests, life income gifts or other estate plans.



Mary Payne, BSN'74, is co-owner of Cutting Edge Wellness, an alternative health and wellness company.

Ami Ingram Pagana, BSN'80, received her MBA degree from Bucknell University in 1997 and is currently a visiting instructor at Bucknell University.

Sylvia M. Spaeth-Brayton, MSN, RNC, DSN'81 and BSN'87, received her master's degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1999. She is a perinatal advanced practice clinical specialist at Delaware County Memorial Hospital in Drexel Hill, working in the maternal-child division.

Denise Houghton, JD, BSN'84,

was named the 1999 MEDMARC Attorney of the Year for achieving excellence in the field of Life Science Technology Defense. Houghton is a member of Cozen & O'Connor, a law firm in Philadelphia.



Ingrid Pentz, BSN'92, received her School Nurse Certificate from Rowan University in 1998 and is pursuing her master's degree in Nursing at Jefferson. She currently works at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in the transitional nursery.

Jennifer (Degree) Wagner, BSN'95, and her husband, Darren, announced the birth of their first baby, Hunter Ian, in March. Jennifer was recently certified in gerontological nursing and is currently working as a unit manager on a skilled floor at Bridgecrest Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Feasterville, PA.

Christina M. (Farrell) Brislin, BSN'98, was married in October to TJU medical student Brian Brislin. She is currently working in a pediatric clinic in Paoli and is pursuing a Master of Science in Health Education with a concentration in school nursing at St. Joseph's University.

PHYSICAL THERAPY

Kathy (Domrzalski) Cary, PT'93, gave birth to Rebecca Catherine in September.

New Award Presented to Faculty Member and Alumnus for Outstanding Service



Joseph DeRanieri, PhD, RN, CPN, FNP, an assistant professor in the Department of Nursing and a Jefferson graduate (**BSN'92**), has become the first recipient of the College's Outstanding Service Award.

Each year following Commencement, the College honors faculty, staff, administration and alumni with an awards ceremony. The College focused on improving customer service this year, and introduced the Outstanding Service Award to recognize superior service. This

award is unique in that the nominations come from the student body. Flexibility, problem solving, courtesy, attentiveness to student and individual needs, and going above and beyond the call of duty are criteria for this new award.

Pictured here with Joan Jenks, PhD, RN, Academic Programs Coordinator for the Department of Nursing, DeRanieri received numerous nominations from students. Referring to him as "Dr. Joe," students complimented his teaching style and his sincere interest in helping them

achieve their goals. They also described him as an outstanding student advocate and an excellent example of what a Jefferson graduate can become.

In addition to his position at Jefferson, DeRanieri also works part-time on the Neurological Rehabilitation Unit of Children's Seashore House and is a nurse consultant for his own crisis prevention consulting group.

Did You Know?

The College's Career Development Center (CDC) reported a higher job placement rate for 1999 graduates than the previous year. The placement figures rose from 93% to 96%, with almost every program placing every student.

Alpha Eta Society Returns to Jefferson

Jefferson's chapter of the Alpha Eta Society, a national honor society for allied health professionals, was resurrected this year to recognize the achievements of 15 students, a department chairman and an assistant dean. The Society's purpose is to promote and recognize significant academic achievement, leadership and contributions to the allied health professions. Our Class of 2000 joins 9,000 other members of the Society and they were the 16th group of inductees at Jefferson. Those honored are, in alphabetical order: Jane J. Burrill, Janet M. Clark, Shivani Dinesh Damani, Eva Doris Paylago Evangelista, Colleen A. Gownley, Kristi Lynn Maiese, Caroline C. Mancuso, Danielle Patrice Miller, Emily Robyn Musto, Linh Kyla My Nguyen, Jonathan Niszczak, Gregory Santucci, Christine Lynn Sedam, Kimberly Jo Shellenberger, Erin Elizabeth VonLangen and Michael J. Paquet, MA, Assistant Dean and M. Gary Sayed, PhD, Chair, Diagnostic Imaging.



Community Programs Gain Citywide Recognition

Jefferson's emphasis on community service and its many programs with homeless shelters and other community organizations not only helps students gain real-life experience in working with patients, but it also impacts the city in a positive way. Grants for projects such as the Work Readiness program and the Community Health Empowerment Model



are examples of successful projects in collaboration with city officials and community organizations. The collaborative nature of these projects is

now receiving attention from the city and other organizations that would like to model our programs. For example, the Salvation Army-Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware Division, known nationally as an innovative regional arm of the Salvation Army, recently honored faculty and program leaders from both Jefferson Medical College and the College of Health Professions, including Kathleen Swenson-Miller, MS, OTR/L, Diane Cornman Levy, MS, RPT, and Kevin J. Lyons, PhD. Pictured here are Kathleen (left) and **Stacey Bunch, OTR/L, OT'96**, who is an interventionist for the Work Readiness program.

College Recognizes Mulcahey as an Emerging Leader

Mary Jane Mulcahey, MS, OTR/L, OT'91, was honored at the College's annual Awards Ceremony on May 17. She received the Emerging Leader Award, established to recognize a CHP graduate who, early in his or her career, has made significant contributions in research, leadership in professional organizations, community service or other significant professional accomplishments.



Mulcahey is director of Rehabilitation Services and Clinical Research at Shriners' Hospitals for Children in Philadelphia. She has worked at Shriners since 1987 in a variety of research and management positions, and has received funding for the past four years for research in functional electrical stimulation in children with spinal cord injury and cerebral palsy. She is also involved in research for prospective comparison of the biceps to triceps in children with spinal cord injury and carryover effects of electrical stimulation on muscle strength of children with incomplete injuries.

Active in education, Mulcahey was a laboratory instructor at Jefferson and now teaches at both Temple and Philadelphia Universities. In addition, she serves on the editorial boards and publication committees for national journals and she has been widely published on the topic of pediatric spinal cord injury and cerebral palsy.

TJU Plays Big Role in POTA Conference

The annual Pennsylvania Occupational Therapy Association Conference was held in Philadelphia last October and Jefferson made its mark on the two-day event. Sixteen faculty members made presentations and three OT students participated as co-presenters. Pictured, above, is student presenter **Vicki Curtis, OTR, OT'99**.



In addition, Janice Burke, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA, department chair, was honored with the POTA Award of Outstanding Achievement for her numerous contributions and leadership in the field of occupational therapy. Student **Kerri L. Berkebile** was also recognized for her enthusiastic commitment to OT when she received the POTA Student Award of Recognition.

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Senior Salute	To be announced
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