Dear Friends,

My message in this installment of Hoofprints will be brief and will ask you for a favor. We are working on the strategic planning for the next six years of the University of Wyoming’s future. All units of the university are developing their plans including each of the College of Health Sciences’ divisions and schools. The CHS deans and division heads are currently writing their plans for their area, as am I for the entire college. President McGinity has given us three goals as we proceed in the planning process and they are:

1. **Students** leaving UW will be prepared to compete and succeed in a global economy, and believe that there are no limits to what they can learn to do.
2. UW will achieve measurable and improving **excellence in academics** (teaching, research, graduate degrees,
creation of new knowledge) in its defined areas of academic distinction.

3. UW will steadily improve it statewide engagement, to further the well-being of citizens across the state in defined and measurable ways.

One area I am addressing is “Constituencies served and constituent needs addressed.” We have many constituents and, since you are reading this, they include you. I thought that since the president gave us the goal to improve statewide engagement and since we must address our constituents’ needs, I would ask your advice. What should the College of Health Sciences be doing that we are not? Where can we improve? What are we doing well? What bold initiatives should we undertake? I would like to hear anything you are willing to share. Please email me at joe.steiner@uwyo.edu.

Thank you and Go Pokes!

Joe

Faculty and Staff News
Dr. Paul Thomas

Dr. Paul Thomas, former Associate Dean of Health Sciences, retired this past December. Dr. Thomas came to UW in 1989. He began his academic career eager to collaborate with faculty across disciplines on his research concerning cardiovascular health. He has since worked with faculty members from the Zoology and Physiology, Pharmacy, Animal Science, and Molecular Biology departments. Dr. Thomas’ research looked at the earliest effects of heart attack on the ensuing molecular pathway changes regionally within the heart. His lab observed the heart effects of exercise on mice. During his time at the University, Dr. Thomas has been the recipient of several research grants, including a National Institutes of Health (NIH) study entitled Alterations in Cardiac Adaptive Response to Ischemia/Reperfusion with Aging. Along with his distinguished research career, teaching has been equally important to Dr. Thomas throughout his UW career. He’s taught undergraduate courses including the Physiology of Exercise and Biological Factors in Exercise Performance and leads a lab of graduate students. Though he is officially retired, Dr. Thomas plans to keep working on his research and assisting other faculty members at UW. He plans to complete in-progress manuscripts and lend his expertise to new faculty.
Dr. Michael Primus

Mike Primus retired from the Division of Communication Disorders in March of 2014 after 30 years of academic and clinical service to the University of Wyoming. His professional career as an audiologist began in 1975 at the Minnesota Regional Hearing Center in the Department of Otolaryngology at the University of Minnesota. In 1978, Mike became a clinical audiologist at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Seattle, Washington. In Seattle, at the University of Washington, Mike received a Ph.D. in 1984, while working for the Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences, at the Group Health Hospital in Redmond, and the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Seattle. Mike became an associate professor at the University of Wyoming in 1990, and was acting chair of the department from 1992 to 1993 and in 2000. In 1994, he received the Louis M. DiCarlo Clinical Achievement Award from the American Speech Language Hearing Association, and in 1999, the Editors Award from the American Journal of Audiology. At University of Wyoming, he taught a variety of classes, including basic and advanced audiology, educational and pediatric audiology, psychoacoustics and noise, auditory evoked potentials, instrumentation for speech and hearing science, and communication skills for the hearing impaired. Mike’s publications include articles in the Journal of Speech and Hearing Sciences, Ear and Hearing, American Journal of Audiology, and The Hearing Review. He has presented at ASHA, WSHA, AAA, and CAA. Mike retired to the Olympic Peninsula in Washington State where he and his wife recently bought a house in Port Angeles – just a ferry ride away from Victoria in British Columbia.
Professor Robert Scalley was honored during a retirement reception in August following 41 years with the UW School of Pharmacy. Among those honoring Dr. Scalley were (L to R) Retired Professor and former Interim Dean Robert Nelson, Scalley, Dean Joseph Steiner, Dean Linda Gore Martin, Professor Bruce Culver, and former Dean John Vandel. Professor Robert D. Scalley, Pharm.D., retired from the University of Wyoming School of Pharmacy in September 2013. Dr. Scalley is a professor of pharmacy practice and former associate dean of pharmacy practice who taught and mentored many classes of UW pharmacy students as well as clinical faculty. College of Health Sciences and School of Pharmacy faculty, colleagues, students, alumni, friends, and family honored Dr. Scalley at a reception August 21 and celebrated his 41 years of hard work, loyalty, and dedication to the school. Dean Linda Gore Martin says, "Bob Scalley came to UW to change the profession of pharmacy by implementing clinical education. The success of this endeavor is his legacy."
Pam Larsen, PhD, CRRN, FNGNA

Dr. Larsen retired in 2013 from her positions at the School of Nursing, which included Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, Coordinator of the MS Nurse Educator Program and Coordinator of the RN/BSN Completion Program. In retirement, Larsen has written a grief memoir about her husband's illness, subsequent death and widowhood, all based on the journal that she began writing the day of his diagnosis. The book, Finding a Way Through Cancer, Dying and Widowhood: A Memoir will be published in early 2014 by Archway Publishing, a division of Simon and Schuster. She is also working on the ninth edition of her nursing textbook, Chronic Illness: Impact and Intervention, to be published fall 2014.
Anne Bowen held the position of director of the Nightingale Center for Nursing Scholarship at the FWWSON during her tenure with the school from 2009 to 2013. Bowen’s husband started a job in Tucson AZ and Anne was offered a position as Professor of Psychology at the University of Arizona. She is currently continuing her work in HIV prevention, and is teaching Health Psychology and Psychotherapy Techniques and Research.
Carrie Deselms was the first coordinator of the popular UW FWWSON accelerated BRAND Program and remained in that position for six years. Her perseverance as she pushed for a program that could be delivered through distance technologies to residents all over the state of Wyoming has truly paid off, with a very successful program that embodies innovation in teaching. Deselms is currently president of the Wyoming State Board of Nursing.
Penelope Caldwell, C.N.M., MS, DNP

Penelope Caldwell, initiator of the Honduras Brigades that have been so popular for nursing and many other disciplines at the University of Wyoming, was offered an opportunity to use her midwifery skills and education at Oregon Health and Science University starting in the spring of 2014.

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**Division News**

**The College of Health Sciences 20th Annual Research Day**
Dean Linda Gore Martin, (L), with Dr. David Pollock, Associate Professor at the University of Colorado, and the Keynote Speaker for Grand Rounds, and Dean Joseph Steiner (R).

Other scenes from the College of Health Sciences Research Day, Grand Rounds!
CHS Student News
Marcia Male, an instructor with Central Wyoming College’s Nursing Program, traveled to Honduras in March as part of her final master’s teaching project for the University of Wyoming. Male is completing her Master of Science with a specialization in nursing education. She joined physicians and other graduate students in Aqua Salada to provide health care to the village, seeing about 400 patients in a week. The program, part of UW’s Healthcare Brigade, helps students contribute to vulnerable populations. Program goals include promoting health care, instituting change and developing cultural humility. University of Wyoming nursing students from Jackson who went on the Honduras trip included Jennifer Husman, Kendall McCune and Beverly Menghetti.

The College of Health Sciences Interprofessional Challenge

Students from different divisions in Health Sciences met to work on a mock case.
Congratulations to all College of Health Sciences Students Graduating this Spring!

Saturday, May 10th, at 8:30 AM  
In the UW Indoor Practice Field  
You are cordially invited to the President's Commencement Picnic, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM, North end of Jonah Field.