Excellence Awards

Congratulations to our College of Health Sciences Faculty Award winners who are being recognized for their exemplary service, mentoring, research and teaching achievements.

Molly Bathje, PhD — Excellence in Service

Rebecca Ozelie, DHS — Excellence in Mentoring

Richard Peach, PhD — Excellence in Research and Scholarship

Amy Winston, AuD — Excellence in Education
Kudos

New Opportunities

Congratulations to Angela Freeman for becoming the new project manager for Building Healthy Urban Communities, a Rush program funded by a $5 million grant from BMO Harris Bank for the purpose of creating new education and career opportunities while improving health care in Chicago. Freeman joined Rush as an administrative assistant in the Department of Health Systems Management in 2013.

Prior to becoming the project manager, she had already been involved in many activities related to Building Healthy Urban Communities, including the Rush-Malcolm X College Summer Enrichment Program and the evaluation tools and processes for high school summer internships.

Freeman completed her Master of Public Health in community health sciences at the University of Illinois at Chicago in May.

Welcome

Megan Worthington, AuD, is the new manager of the audiology clinical education program, a position recently filled by Joanne Schupbach prior to her retirement. Worthington received her Bachelor of Arts in speech and hearing sciences and in Spanish from the University of Iowa and her AuD from Rush in 2008.

Previously she worked as a clinical audiologist, specializing in pediatrics and cochlear implants at NorthShore University HealthSystem. She has taught undergraduate and graduate academic courses in several universities, such as Hebrew Theological College, St. Xavier University, Northwestern University and Rush. She also served as a clinical preceptor for Rush AuD students for about five years while working at NorthShore.

Food and Nutrition Conference Poster

Hillary Zellner’s poster, “Differences in Respiratory Muscle Strength in Well-nourished versus Malnourished Hospitalized Patients,” was accepted to the 2017 Food and Nutrition Conference and Expo™, or FNCE®, in Chicago.

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics' Lifelong Learning Committee together with the Dietetics Practice Based Research Network Oversight Committee recognized abstracts that received the highest scores from FNCE® reviewers. Zellner’s poster was among a select group to receive recognition as an Outstanding Abstract at FNCE® 2017. Zellner is a 2017 graduate of the clinical nutrition program and now works at Rush.
We want to read all about our CHS alums and the great work they are accomplishing out in the world. Did you get a new job? Take part in a unique project? Have a personal update or milestone to share? We’d love to let fellow Rush alumni know what you’ve been up to. Submit an update online or send your news to the Office of Alumni Relations at alumni@rush.edu. Your updates may be shared in a Rush alumni publication or on the alumni website.

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**Student Accomplishments**

Congratulations to Marlena Mosbacher (photographed on the left) for receiving the Illinois Occupational Therapy Association’s OT Student of the Year Award.

Elizabeth Gresey was recently awarded the Siemens Clinical Advancement Scholarship through the American Society of Radiologic Technologists, or ASRT, Foundation. Scholarship recipients were selected based on evidence of commitment, leadership, achievement and financial need. Gresey is an imaging sciences student, focusing on computed tomography. She is also currently working as a radiographer at Rush University Medical Center. Gresey has been a member of the ASRT for three years and is currently serving as a board member for the Committee on RT Advocacy. Regarding her involvement with the ASRT, Gresey says, “I am proud to be a member of the ASRT, and I am truly grateful for their continued generosity and support.”

(bottom left) ASRT President Sandra Hayden (left) and Elizabeth Gresey (right) during the ASRT’s Annual Governance and House of Delegates Meeting in Las Vegas.

On Sept. 5, 2017, Rush University’s Department of Occupational Therapy inducted its inaugural class into Pi Theta Epsilon, the national honor society for occupational therapy. The mission of this organization is to promote research and scholarship among occupational therapy students.

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**Extra! Extra!**
Phenomenal Faculty

Maribeth Flaws, PhD, MLS(ASCP)CM,SM, SI, chairperson of the Department of Medical Laboratory Science and program director of the medical laboratory science program, has been elected ASCLS Representative on the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences Board of Directors. The agency is the leading accreditor of educational programs in the clinical laboratory sciences and related health professions.

Charlotte Royeen, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA, dean of the College of Health Sciences, has been elected to the distinguished fellowship of the National Academies of Practice in Occupational Therapy.

Royeen was also selected as an Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions Fellow for her significant contribution to allied health.

Brady Scott, MSc, RRT-ACCS, AE-C, FAARC, FCCP, assistant professor and director of clinical education for the Division of Respiratory Care, was recently named a Fellow of the American College of Chest Physicians.

David Vines, PhD (c), MHS, RRT, FAARC, FCCP, chairperson, associate professor and program director for the Division of Respiratory Care, received the Mike West, MBA, RRT Patient Education Achievement Award from the American Association for Respiratory Care Foundation.

The award, established in 2012, is named for Mike West, a registered respiratory therapist who recognized the importance of educating patients to help them manage chronic pulmonary diseases and the profound impact such self-management has on patient respiratory quality of life. West made it his quest throughout his career to ensure that patients, caregivers and industry professionals had the highest understanding of respiratory disease and the best treatment solutions. An endowment has been established to recognize excellence in patient education by American Respiratory Care Foundation’s Trustees, with a grant from Phillips Healthcare. The award recognizes a respiratory therapist who has had a profound impact on patients as established by measurable outcomes as a result of patient education.

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