Dear Alumni and Friends of the Department of Nutrition and Health Science,

We are pleased to share the good news that as of July 2016, the Nutrition Faculty and the Health Science Faculty combined to form a new academic department, housed in the new College of Health. Our Nutrition colleagues relocated their offices to the Cooper Science Building this summer; our entire Department will move to the Health Professions Building, which is in the final planning stages, during Fall 2019.

Our Department Faculty, with the help of our competent professional and support staff, continue to provide exceptional academic programs, conduct and disseminate research, and actively serve our university, profession, and community. Beginning with our Department Retreat in July, our Faculty continue the work of creating new policies and procedures – within the Department and College of Health.

During Fall Semester, we welcomed four new Tenure-Track faculty into our Department, hosted Dr. Deborah Billings, the 2016 McGovern Award Recipient, and initiated a Faculty Research Seminar Series. Through the Department of Nutrition and Health Science Research Grant Fund (Foundation #6916), we funded four faculty/student research projects. In honor of Chelsea Butler, a graduate Nutrition and Dietetics student, who lost her battle to a rare form of cancer in the summer of 2015, a scholarship (Foundation #3972) was established.

We value our Alumni and Friends of the Department of Nutrition and Health Science. We hope you remain part of our Department Community – through our Facebook page, a campus visit, supervising an intern, making a monetary donation, or serving as a resource for our students.

All the Best,

Dr. Becci Brey, Interim Chair
SUCCESS + CHANGE

New Faculty in the Department
Tya Arthur
Degrees: PhD - Health Education; MPH - Health Policy and Management; BS - Neuroscience and Behavioral Biology
Expertise: Community-based participatory research, minority health and health disparities, culturally sensitive health promotion and health care, and interventions to prevent and reduce obesity and obesity-related health conditions

Christina Jones
Degrees: PhD - Health Communication, Purdue University; MA - Communication Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; BA - Communication Studies, Purdue University
Expertise: Design and evaluation of strategic public health communication, community-based participatory research, causes and consequences of food insecurity and evaluation of food assistance programs (with particular emphasis on food pantry environments), the role of social support and family communication on food insecurity

Brandon Kistler
Expertise: Renal nutrition, nutrition and cardiovascular disease, postprandial hemodynamics, nutrition supplementation, malnutrition, geriatric nutrition, sports nutrition

Teresia Mbogori
Degrees: PhD - Texas Tech University (2016), MS - The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel (2009), BS - Egerton University Njoro, Kenya (2006)
Expertise: Community based nutrition education interventions, Nutrition education in low income population, Maternal and child nutrition, Food security measurement and analysis, International nutrition and health, Measurement and management of malnutrition, Program development, implementation and evaluation

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2016 McGovern Lecturer
Dr. Deborah Billings

The Department of Nutrition and Health Science was pleased to bring global reproductive justice expert Dr. Deborah Billings to campus. Deborah Billings, PhD, is the Director of Choose Well, located in Columbia, South Carolina. Dr. Billings has dedicated her career to increasing people’s access to sexual and reproductive health and rights. She has worked as a consultant to various global organizations including the World Health Organization, the Pan American Health Organization, the Inter-American Development Bank, the Oak Foundation, UN Women, and UNFPA. Following two decades of research and activism in Latin America and Africa to improve policies, health systems and services, Dr. Billings brings her unique skill set to an initiative to improve contraceptive access throughout South Carolina, supported by the New Morning Foundation.

This year the department hosted two events with Dr. Billings, the first was screening a documentary she produced called Las Libres: The Story Continues. It is a powerful story of Mexican women imprisoned for abortion and miscarriage for 25 to 30 years under the criminal charges of murdering a blood relative. Las Libres is the non-profit organization fighting for their freedom. If you’re interested in learning more, you can view the trailer for the film at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qmvtufZclIV

The John P. McGovern Lecture, was held on night two of Dr. Billings’ visit had a record standing room only crowd packed into the ballroom for her lecture titled, “Reproductive Justice: Systemic Movement toward Genuine Contraceptive Access: Awareness is not enough.” If you missed this lecture, it is available on our website.
The Department has been busy this fall getting up and running after combining the Nutrition and Dietetics programs from the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences with the Health Science Programs from the Department of Physiology and Health Science, to form the Nutrition and Health Science Department, one of six departments in the new College of Health. The department is offers an Associate’s Degree in Radiography, in conjunction with IU-Methodist in Indianapolis, Indiana. We also have three in-house bachelor degrees, Nutrition and Dietetics, Health Education and Promotion, and Respiratory Therapy. We have a nationally recognized graduate program in Nutrition and Dietetics. We also offer a bachelor’s degree a dual major in Health and Physical Education housed in the school of Kinesiology.

Fall Faculty Research Seminars

Dr. Brandon Kistler, October Presenter. In the United States, the most common modality for renal replacement therapy is hemodialysis (HD). HD treatment is catabolic, and many patients undergoing HD struggle to maintain good nutritional status. This is important because nutritional status is among the strongest and most consistent predictors of poor treatment outcomes. In his seminar, Dr. Kistler presented data from his laboratory that has aimed to outline best practices in nutrition support for patients undergoing HD.

Dr. Jean Marie Place, November presenter. Her topic was women’s health in the perinatal period. She asked attendees to consider a woman in their life who might be between ages 15 and 44 – the boundaries of what is considered a woman’s reproductive lifespan. She discussed the variety of concerns that a woman faces in those years, particularly if she lives in a resource poor country or a situation of vulnerability.

Dr. Place described her research projects, including how and if adolescents can access contraceptives on Mexico, the treatment trajectory of female survivors of sexual assault in Guatemala, and what Latino college students think of infertility.

According to Friesen, “Chelsea was an inspiration to all who knew her – her vivacious personality and warm smile are missed by all.”
YOU MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE

Chelsea M. Butler Graduate Scholarship
Chelsea M. Butler was born August 1, 1984 and lived most of her life in Muncie and Yorktown. She passed away on June 20, 2015 following a long battle with cancer. The Graduate Internship Scholarship was established to provide scholarships to Ball State University graduate students to assist with expenses during the required internship needed to obtain a registered dietitian license.

If you are interested in establishing a new fund or scholarship, please contact Louise Jackson 765-285-2868 or lejackson@bsu.edu.

FUND + SCHOLARSHIPS

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- Nutr&HthSc Dept. General Fund (6901)
- Nutr&HthSc General Sch. (6950)
- Nutr&HthSc Research Fund (6916)

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- HthSc. Faculty Scholarship For Academic Excellence (6952)
- Herb Jones Health Education Sch. (6956)
- McKenzie-Walkup Sch. (6958)
- Russell E. Siverly Memorial Research Award (6951)
- Sherri Hittson Memorial Sch. (30080)
- Warren E. Schaller Sch. (6960)
- Zeberl Family Sch. (6959)
- Dr. William Bock Scholarship (6962)
- Ann B. Westerlund Sch. for Non Traditional Students in honor of James F. McKenzie Scholarship for Non-Traditional Students (6963)
- Judith Roepke Scholarship for Dietetics (3970)
- Chelsea M. Butler Graduate Internship Scholarship (3972)

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