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Smart House features high-tech tools for assisted living

Minette Hendler, 77, toured the UF Gator-Tech Smart House during the grand opening celebration last winter with special interest.

After all, Hendler will be one of the first seniors to live in the Smart House for a short period of time and provide feedback on the house's assistive technology, designed to make living easier and safer for older adults.

Among Hendler's favorite features in the home is the "smart wave," a specially programmed microwave that recognizes specific frozen packaged foods. A display above the smart wave provides a step-by-step demonstration of how to prepare the particular meal, and the smart wave automatically cooks it for the appropriate amount of time. If the food finishes cooking while the resident is in another room, the house will make an announcement to the occupant that the food is done and ready to enjoy.

Located on the campus of Oak Hammock at the University of Florida, the 2,800 square-foot UF Gator-Tech Smart House is a research project of the Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center on Technology for Successful Aging, directed by William Mann, Ph.D.

"There are other smart houses that have been built in the United States, but for the most part they are not set up for people to actually come and live in them," said Mann, also the chair of occupational therapy in the College of Public Health and Health Professions. "The Gator-Tech Smart House will have older people living in it for short periods of time, interacting with the technology and giving us feedback on the technology before

we move it into product form."

The center's work is supported by a \$4.5 million grant from the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research.

Working with Sumi Helal, Ph.D., a professor of computer and information science at the College of Engineering, Mann and the Smart House research team are developing and testing several fascinating features, including:

- A floor that identifies and tracks the location of all house occupants. It can also detect falls and contact emergency services, if necessary.
- A home security monitor that continually tracks all windows and doors and can relate the status to the resident, such as an unlocked or open door or window.
- A refrigerator that monitors food availability and consumption, detects expired food items and creates shopping lists automatically.
- A bed that monitors sleepless nights and sleep patterns.
- The smart phone, which acts as a remote control for all appliances and media players in the home.
- A front door that allows keyless entry by the occupant. When a visitor rings the doorbell, monitors within the home display the image of the visitor and the resident can ask the house to open the door.
- A driving simulator in the home's garage used in evaluating older drivers' abilities, a research project of the UF National Older Driver Research and Training Center.

With the leading edge of the 76 million Baby

Boomer generation on the brink of their 60s, there's no better time to investigate new technology that can maximize independence.

A study conducted by the National Council on Disability demonstrated that 80 percent of seniors who used assistive technology were able to reduce their dependence on others. Half of those surveyed reduced their dependence on paid helpers, and half were able to avoid entering nursing homes.

"We're applying these technologies specifically to a population of people who may have more difficulty with cognition or movement," Mann said. "It assists them in maintaining their independence longer, which improves their quality of life and has been shown to reduce health-related costs." ●



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Smart House Researcher Youssef Kaddoura demonstrates the sensors beneath the home's floor, designed to track residents' movements.

In the United States there are more than 182,000 physical therapists, 77,000 occupational therapists, 93,000 speech and language pathologists, and 12,000 audiologists. Together, these disciplines total

more than 364,000. When compared to 819,000 physicians and 2.4 million nurses, however, the number of rehabilitation professionals is less impressive. Consequently, each of these disciplines lacks the political muscle needed to impact national agendas, yet each of them plays a critical role in the delivery of health-care services.



Dr. Robert G. Frank

For several years, rehabilitation therapists have outnumbered available jobs.

But in recent times, this trend has reversed and there are now shortages in each of these areas, especially when geographic distribution is considered.

To address many of the issues affecting the rehabilitation disciplines, Congressman Cliff Stearns of Florida's 6th district has introduced the Allied Health Reinvestment Act. The bill was developed with extensive input from the "Southern Deans," a group of deans from colleges of health professions in the Southeastern United States, including UF. The bill amends the Public Health Service Act and introduces several provisions affecting the health professions.

The Allied Health Reinvestment Act calls for the creation of public service announcements to educate the public, including younger students, on the importance of the health professions.

In addition, the act would establish scholarships of up to \$10,000 per year for individuals willing to serve in national health shortage areas after graduation. Also included is backing for the development of distance education technologies, and a loan fund to support the education of master's level faculty wishing to pursue doctoral training.

The Allied Health Reinvestment Act would also allow the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants to colleges such as ours to study rehabilitation outcomes.

The last provision of the bill may ultimately be the most important to the future of the health professions: the establishment of a council responsible for monitoring the status of the health professions workforce. For the first time, there would be timely, validated information on the size and needs of our workforce.

Each bill introduced in Congress must compete with a myriad of other issues for support. To date, only two members of the Florida delegation in the House of Representatives, Jim Davis and Robert Wexler, have signed on to the Allied Health Reinvestment Act as co-sponsors. More co-sponsors will help move the bill. Please contact your representative and encourage him or her to become a co-sponsor. Call the Capitol operator at (202) 224-3121 and ask for the office of your representative. Tell the staff member answering the phone you would like the representative to become a co-sponsor of the Allied Health Reinvestment Act (H.R. 215). ●



Enhancing social skills

New program helps children with ADHD develop social skills, improve peer relationships

A recently launched Shands at UF Psychology Clinic service will address the social problems many children with attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder experience.

Directed by Shelley Heaton, Ph.D., and David Janicke, Ph.D., assistant professors in the department of clinical and health psychology at the College of Public Health and Health Professions, the group intervention program is designed for children between the ages of 8 and 11 who have ADHD.

"Because most ADHD research has focused on specific behaviors, such as hyperactivity, we don't know the actual prevalence rates of social skills problems in children with ADHD," Heaton said. "However, it is a common complaint among parents in our clinic and has been documented in many research articles and books."

In the UF program, children are taught skills through discussion, role-playing, homework assignments and other fun activities. Program content includes developing skills for cooperation, perspective taking, conversation, participating in group activities,

and controlling anger and impulses.

Children with ADHD may have problems with social skills because their hyperactive or impulsive behavior may disrupt other children's activities, making them appear bossy or demanding, Janicke said. Children who are inattentive may also have trouble focusing on what others are saying and may lose interest quickly, making them frustrating playmates.

"Sometimes these behaviors can make it difficult for children with ADHD to make or keep friends," Janicke said.

Children who participate in the program will meet weekly for eight one-hour sessions held in the early evening.

"The unique thing about this treatment is that we not only teach social skills to the children, but also practice them in 'real-world' situations with other children in the class, such as cooperating while



Photo by Lisa Baltozer

Drs. Shelley Heaton and David Janicke

playing a game or handling teasing," Janicke said. "Children with ADHD are particularly responsive to repeated practice and practical activities rather than just 'talk therapy' where they are told the social skills, but aren't given the opportunity to practice."

For more information on the social skills group, call (352) 273-5282. ●

Colburn receives Gutekunst Award

For his contributions to the College of Public Health and Health Professions, UF Provost Emeritus David Colburn, Ph.D., received the first-ever Gutekunst Award at spring commencement on April 28.

Colburn served as provost at a time when the College of Public Health and Health Professions was going through a period of great growth, adding new educational programs in rehabilitation science, public health and health science, said Robert Frank, Ph.D., dean of the college. Colburn immediately stepped forward to support the college in the development of these programs.

“His service was an enormous credit to Florida and under his leadership the college prospered,” Frank added.

The award is named in honor of Richard Gutekunst, Ph.D., dean

emeritus, who led the college from 1980 until his retirement in 1995. He is described as a man of vision and commitment who guided the College of Public Health and Health Professions through a difficult time at UF that included budget cutbacks.

“Dr. Gutekunst was an extraordinary leader at UF and I’m deeply honored to receive this award,” Colburn said.

Colburn served as UF’s provost and senior vice president for academic affairs from 2000 to 2004, stepping down last year to return to teaching. As the university’s chief academic officer, he helped lead the administration during significant changes in governance, economic downturns and shifts in admissions policies. Under his leadership, UF made significant strides in the numbers of students competing and earning academic recognition in national and international scholarship programs.



Dr. David Colburn

Colburn’s interest in enhancing the educational experience for UF students is evident through his commitment to international study, which he made a cornerstone of the undergraduate program.

“Thank you for improving the university,” Colburn told graduates at the commencement ceremony. “And I thank you in advance for the contributions you will make to your communities.” ●

Adam Lewin, a doctoral student in the department of clinical and health psychology, received a \$3,000 award from the Children’s Miracle Network to support his research.

Jesse Schold, a doctoral student in the department of health services research, management and policy, received a Young Investigator award from the American Transplant Congress.

Clinical and health psychology graduate students **Karen Chung, Adam Hirsh and Erin O’Brien** each received a Young Investigator Travel Award from the American Pain Society.

Winners of the college’s 18th Annual Research Fair for graduate students and postdoctoral fellows include: **Kezia Awadzi, Chitralakshmi Balasubramanian, Adam Hirsh, Lindsey Kirsch, Mohan Krishnan, Michael Larson, Vanessa Milsom, Mary Murawski, Neeti Pathare, Amy Rodriguez, Praveen Saxena, Eva Serber, Prithvi Shah, Utaka Springer, David Stigge-Kaufman and Michelle Woodbury.** ●

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Elena Andresen, Ph.D., a professor and chief of the division of epidemiology in the department of health services research, management and policy, has been named to the Institute of Medicine’s Committee on Disability in America.

Todd Fraser, an office manager in the department of occupational therapy, received a \$500 bonus from the UF Incentive Efficiency Program, which honors ideas that improve university effectiveness and efficiency.

David Fuller, Ph.D., an assistant professor in the department of physical therapy, is one of four winners of the 2005 Young Investigator Awards sponsored by the American Physiological Society.

Amal Khoury, Ph.D., an associate professor in the department of health services research, management and policy, received an award for best poster on cancer research at UF’s Women’s Health Research Day.

A. Daniel Martin, Ph.D., an associate professor in the department of physical therapy, has been named a 2005 UF Research Foundation Professor for his distinguished record of research.

Wendy Stav, Ph.D., a research assistant professor in the department of occupational therapy, has been selected to serve on the American Society on Aging’s DriveWell National Experts Speakers’ Bureau for promoting older driver safety and mobility. ●



LOOKING BACK



Lela Llorens, Ph.D., (center) former chair of the department of occupational therapy, is seen in a 1981 photo demonstrating the use of an adapted fork for people with limited upper extremity strength and coordination to occupational therapy graduates Jack Lundquist, class of ’83, and Karen Ridout, class of ’82. Other adapted equipment on the table include a reacher, extended-handle brush and sponge, and a cup with an open handle. Now a professor emeritus at San Jose State University, Llorens has received several awards recognizing her contributions to the field of occupational therapy, including the American Occupational Therapy Association’s highest honor, the Award of Merit.



Keeping kids safe

Public health researcher focuses on environmental health risks to children

By Sarah Carey

Veterinary medicine has always played a key role in public health, and never more than now at the University of Florida. But the use of stuffed birds to conduct research may be a first.

“We use stuffed toys to evaluate pesticide accumulation in household products,” said environmental health specialist Natalie Freeman, Ph.D.

“Since children tend to sleep with stuffed toys, and at young ages chew on them, understanding the pesticide load in these toys is important for understanding all the routes of exposure that are important for children,” Freeman added. “For little kids, it’s not just food, house dust and soil exposures that are important when we evaluate pesticides. From an instructional point of view, we use the toys as graphic examples of the range of things kids come in contact with that may be contaminated.”

Freeman, a recent faculty addition to the public health program, holds a joint appointment in the colleges of Public Health and Health Professions and Veterinary Medicine.

“Dr. Freeman’s work, and her presence at UF, are exciting steps in our efforts to build environmental health and link the colleges,” said Robert Frank, Ph.D., dean of the College of Public Health and Health Professions.

The growing field of environmental health is

part of what attracted Freeman to her present position, where she focuses on risks to children while navigating the worlds of animal and human health on a daily basis.

“Natalie’s work is important in identifying sources of contaminants and determining how much is consumed by children from their home environment,” said John Harvey, D.V.M., Ph.D., chair of the veterinary medicine college’s department of physiological sciences. “The heaviest pesticide contamination is typically found in the washroom, which is where people put their dirty clothes.”

Conditions that affect humans also affect other species, and the means of improving health in one species can also help in others, Freeman said.

“I think the linkage between vet med and public health is a natural one,” she added.

As a graduate student, Freeman studied rats, cats and wolves.

“Part of this research came about because of an intrinsic interest I have in animals, and part was because it is sometimes easier to gain insights into the human condition by studying animal models,” Freeman said, adding that veterinarians have long known that animal studies frequently guide studies of human health issues.

A self-described “Jersey girl,” Freeman became a Floridian and a Gator in October after serving 12 years as an adjunct faculty member at Robert Wood

Johnson Medical School and the School of Public Health, both branches of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ), and the graduate program in environmental science at Rutgers University.

“UMDNJ and Rutgers collaborate in a research program called the Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences Institute, where I was primarily involved in a number of projects dealing with children’s health issues, as well as a number of residential and community based studies,” Freeman said.

She was intrigued by the challenge of developing an environmental health program within a new college of public health.

“A good environmental health program requires good toxicologists, risk assessors, environmental engineers, analytical chemists and statisticians, as well as exposure assessors,” she said. “UF has the foundation for that program with superb individuals in all these disciplines.” ●



Photo by Lisa Baltzer

Dr. Natalie Freeman uses stuffed toys to measure children’s pesticide exposure.

College moves closer to public health accreditation

The College of Public Health and Health Professions has been named an associate member of the Association of Schools of Public Health, signifying the completion of the college's first major step toward receiving accreditation as a school of public health.

The criteria for associate membership are acceptance by the public health education accrediting body — the Council on Education for Public Health — into the accreditation process, and an affirmative vote by the membership of ASPH.

UF established a new college of public health in December 2003 that was integrated into the existing College of Health Professions. The college was renamed the College of Public Health and Health Professions.

"The associate membership status puts us in a strategic position to move into full membership status once we are accredited," said Mary Peoples-Sheps, Dr.P.H., director of public health.

Full membership allows the UF program to compete for federal and ASPH funding that is limited to association members; participate in association activities which significantly influence public health

policies; and to place students in ASPH fellowships with a variety of national agencies, she said.

"We have come a long way in the past 18 months," Peoples-Sheps said. "It is gratifying to have achieved associate membership in ASPH, not only because it represents an important milestone, but also because this accomplishment gives us momentum to move toward full accreditation as a school of public health."

The Council on Education for Public Health will review the UF program in two to three years, Peoples-Sheps said. In the meantime, the public health program will continue to enhance the curricula in its five concentration areas: biostatistics, environmental health, epidemiology, health management and policy, and social and behavioral sciences. In addition, the program will increase the number of faculty in those areas and promote the faculty's public health research agendas.

"A strong College of Public Health and Health Professions has always been our goal," said Robert Frank, Ph.D., dean of the college. "This represents another step in the path toward that end. A vibrant and progressive public health presence on the campus of the University of Florida places us in the company of the very top health science centers in the nation." ●



Dr. Mary Peoples-Sheps, (left) director of public health, chats with public health students Paula Crawford, Wei Yuan and Annie Morton.

SUPPORT TEAM P H H P

Horse Farm 100 cyclists ride for student scholarships

Faculty, staff and student cyclists will gather on Sunday, Oct. 2 to raise money for student scholarships by participating in the Horse Farm 100 bike ride through Marion County's scenic horse farm country. Sponsors of the 25-, 50- and 100-mile riders support not only the project, but encourage, energize and motivate our team. For more information, please contact Carlee Thomas at (352) 265-8097 or cthomas@vpha.ufl.edu. ●

The following awards were presented at the College of Public Health and Health Professions' 2005 commencement ceremony on April 28.

Shands UF Auxiliary

Ciara Garrott, Ida Kellison, Lucy Mizen, Andrew Emery and LaToya Daniels

Grace Winslow Scholar – Stephanie Swain

Dean's Office

Judson A. Clements, Jr. Memorial Scholarship – Brittany Cagle

Horse Farm Hundred Scholarship – Michelle Harwood

Dean's Scholar, undergraduate – Jennifer Manson

Dean's Scholar, master's – Megan Hurburt

Dean's Scholar, doctoral – Eva Serber

Faculty Leadership Award – Christy Harris Lemak, Ph.D.

Communicative Disorders

Kenneth R. Bzoch Speech-Language-Hearing Award for Excellence in Research – Lori M. Bartock

Lowell C. Hammer Outstanding Clinical Speech-Language Pathology Award – Veena Srinivansan

Kenneth C. Pollock Outstanding Clinical Audiology Award – Cheryl Nicole Thomas

Clinical and Health Psychology

Florence Shafer Memorial Award – Mary Brinkmeyer

Molly Harrower Award – Adam Lewin

Department Research Award – Paul Seignourel

Scientist-Practitioner Award – Adam Hirsh

Geoffrey Clark-Ryan Memorial Award – Adam Lewin

Robert and Phyllis Levitt Research Award –

Megan Gaiefsky

Department Teaching Award – Samuel Sears, Ph.D.

Department Research Mentor Award –

Anna Moore, Ph.D.

Hugh C. Davis Award – Patricia Durning, Ph.D.

Health Services Research, Management and Policy

Master of Health Administration Faculty Award for Excellence – Todd J. Spero

Master of Health Administration Alumni Award for Service – Mariel L. Bernstein

Master of Health Administration Excellence in Teaching Award – Michael Bice

Occupational Therapy (Awarded in Dec. 2004)

Alice C. Jantzen Award for Academic Excellence – Lisa Barthelemy

Ann Sirmyer Ballard Memorial Award for Outstanding Graduate – Tracy Wilson

Jane Slaymaker Memorial Award – Nicole Maiorano

Kay F. Walker Distance Learning Student Award (awarded in fall 2004) – Julie Buxton

Physical Therapy

Claudette Finley Scholarship – Emily Friedman

Frederick Family Entry Level Student Scholarship – Ivo Solis

Frederick Family RSD Level Student Scholarship – Arun Jayaraman

Dr. Mark Trimble Memorial Scholarship – Joe Rivett

Julia Conrad Trojanowski Scholarship – Sheri Walters

Rehabilitation Counseling

Graduate Leadership Award – Lindsey Saltzman

Undergraduate Leadership Award – Claudia Mena

Scholarship Award – Lara Smith-Zwilling

Bruce Thomason Memorial Award – Keith Meneskie

Horace Sawyer Clinical Excellence Award –

Christine Penko

Public Health

MPH Exemplary Student Award – Helena Chapman

Award for Faculty Excellence – Ellen Lopez, Ph.D.

Health Science

Leadership Award – Kelly Haskin

Academic Excellence Award – Nicole Belkin

Outstanding Faculty of the Year –

Robert Garrigues, Ph.D.

Outstanding Staff of the Year – Julie Porumbescu

Targeting tobacco use

Occupational therapy graduate works to save lives through prevention, cessation

Wayne Stephens, Ph.D., OTR/L, C/PAM, occupational therapy '78, is part of an organization charged with a critical task: reduce the rates of tobacco use in the United States, where smoking was responsible for 440,000 deaths in 2004.

Stephens is the deputy chief of the Office on Smoking and Health's Epidemiology Branch at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta. The office's goals include preventing tobacco use among young people; promoting tobacco use cessation; eliminating exposure to secondhand smoke; and identifying and eliminating tobacco-related disparities.

"Tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable death in the United States," Stephens said. "A total of 8.6 million Americans currently suffer from one or more serious illnesses attributable to cigarette smoking and the direct health-care costs for smoking-related disease have reached \$75 billion a year."

With support from the CDC, several states have reported recent successes in tobacco control.



Dr. Wayne Stephens

In Florida, smoking has declined 40 percent among middle school students and 18 percent among high school students. Cigarette sales fell 30 percent in Massachusetts and in Oregon, smoking rates have dropped 23 percent since 1996.

Stephens' office will soon be partnering with the College of Public Health and Health Professions to sponsor fellowships for second-year Master of Public Health students in the Office on Smoking and Health.

"These fellowships will offer our students practical experience, and potentially, job opportunities, in one of the world's premier public health organizations," said Mary Peoples-Sheps, Dr.P.H.,

UF director of public health.

Stephens' own career path began when he served in the military during the Vietnam era.

"During my time in the military I was exposed to the profession of occupational therapy at a military clinic and knew that was the career for me," he said.

The Jacksonville native completed his UF occupational therapy education in 1978 and went on to earn a master's degree in allied health services

(health and hospital administration specialty) and a doctoral degree in public health management, completing most of his graduate work at the University of North Florida. After a 20-year career in public health and hospital administration with the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical System, Stephens joined the CDC in 1999.

He has remained closely involved in direct patient care, however, as an occupational therapy consultant and a certified provider of physical therapy modalities such as ultrasound, heat treatment and diathermy.

Stephens sees clear connections between his first love — occupational therapy — and public health.

"As an occupational therapist and provider of physical therapy modalities in the home, I come into direct contact every day with people who smoke in their homes and have small children," he said. "Breathing secondhand smoke may cause asthma, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), bronchitis, pneumonia, and ear infections."

Children's exposure to secondhand smoke is responsible for as many as 1 million asthma attacks a year, and as many as 300,000 respiratory tract infections in children younger than 18 months, resulting in 7,500 to 15,000 hospitalizations each year, Stephens said. ●

Alumnus of the year

Daniels recognized for bringing behavioral psychology to the workplace

Aubrey Daniels, Ph.D., a pioneer in applying the principles of behavioral psychology to the workplace and a best selling author of management books, has been named the College of Public Health and Health Professions' alumnus of the year.

After receiving his undergraduate degree, a tough job market led Daniels to graduate studies at UF, where he earned his master's and doctoral degrees in clinical and health psychology in 1963 and 1965, respectively. As a UF student, Daniels was influenced by the behavior modification techniques he learned from faculty members Nathan Perry, Hugh Davis and Bill Wolking. Behavioral psychology demonstrates that an individual's behavior is governed by the consequences of his or her actions.

As the head of psychology for Georgia Regional Hospital in Atlanta in the late '60s, Daniels designed a token system that rewarded patients with prizes for exhibiting desired behaviors. His program resulted

in a significant drop in the return rate of discharged patients — 11 percent at his facility compared to a more than 70 percent return rate in Georgia's other mental health facilities.

Daniels then decided to apply these strategies to a different setting — the workplace. He founded Aubrey Daniels International (ADI), a management consulting firm, in 1978.

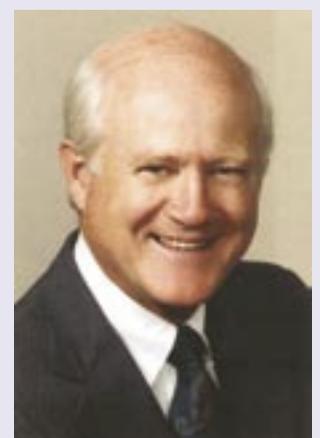
Based in Atlanta, ADI helps prepare leaders to solve problems in productivity, quality, cost and morale by utilizing behavioral principles and techniques. Specifically, ADI helps companies build leaders who cultivate profitable habits by consistently pinpointing, measuring and reinforcing the work behaviors vital to achieving sustainable business success. ADI's clients include high-profile corporations like Duke Energy, Dollar General, State Farm, M&T Bank, Chevron-Texaco and NASA.

"We've found that the most common reason employees leave their positions is because they don't feel valued for the contributions they make," Daniels

told graduates at the college's spring commencement ceremony. "As you go into your first job make sure you find many opportunities to value others."

Daniels has written three books on management practices, including the classic best seller on performance management, "Bringing Out the Best in People," originally published in 1994 and updated in 1999.

"I have been fortunate to make my living doing things I really love to do," Daniels said. "Certainly I hope that's what you do because if so, you'll never work another day in your life." ●



Dr. Aubrey Daniels



Photo courtesy of News and Public Affairs

Maureen Brady, physical therapy '65, has been invited to teach a weeklong fiction-writing workshop this summer in Tuscany as a member of The New York Writers Workshop. She is the author of three novels: "Ginger's Fire," "Folly," and "Give Me Your Good Ear," as well as a collection of short stories and three nonfiction books.

Mary Ann Clark, Ph.D., clinical and health psychology internship program '86, received the American Psychological Association's Advocate of the Year award at the association's State Leadership Conference. She was recognized for her ongoing advocacy of psychology and health care and her work lobbying Congress.

Kenneth M. Cox, Au.D., CCC-A, communicative disorders '03, was appointed chair of the department of communication sciences and disorders at Radford University (Va.) last January. He is one of the first Au.D. trained audiologists to become chair of an ASHA-accredited program in communication sciences and disorders.

Brandi (Kahn) Davis, occupational therapy '99, welcomed her first child, Abigail Louise, on Feb. 17, 2005. Brandi and her family live in Longwood, Fla.

Derrick Kopeck, health science '04, began his second year of medical school in May. He lives in Leesburg, Fla.

Robert Meade, master's of health administration '01, has been named chief executive officer of Doctors Hospital of Sarasota. He previously served as CEO of Englewood Community Hospital for seven years.

Bruce Mills, rehabilitation counseling '76, is the branch manager of GENEX Services, Inc., a national Tampa-based company that provides disability case management services. He recently received a prestigious award from the International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals, the Outstanding Individual Professional Member for 2004-2005.

Alicia Oreste, occupational therapy '02, worked at Arnold Palmer Hospital in Orlando following graduation and shared some patients with **Katie Kinder**, occupational therapy '01. Alicia now lives in New York and has a baby, Gavin McGoogan Oreste, born on Oct. 4, 2004. She writes, "Currently I am staying home to take care of the baby, but look forward to going back to pediatrics when he gets bigger. Staying home with him gives me a great course on child development!"

Eleanor Sapin, occupational therapy '03, was accepted into UF's physician assistant program and will graduate in 2007. She writes, "I get to be a Gator twice!" ●

Please join us!

PHHP Reunion Weekend

Friday and Saturday, Nov. 4 and 5

All Public Health and Health Professions alumni and friends are invited to attend our Reunion Weekend Extravaganza. Events include lunch and tours, a reception with special guests, the Au.D. class of 2000, and a pre-game barbecue followed by the UF vs. Vanderbilt football game.

A brochure with all the details will be sent this July, so watch your mailbox for more information. We hope you can join us and remember, it's great to be a Florida Gator!



WHAT'S NEW

Share your news with classmates!

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