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Dear Alumni and Friends,

This year seems almost to have ended before it started. This is probably due to the unbelievable number of projects and activities in which the College has been involved. And things are not likely to quiet down anytime soon.

There has been a significant increase in interest in our programs by new students which has kept all of us occupied in one way or another. Nursing leads the way in increases in enrollment deposits for both the FACT Program (Facilitated Academic Coursework Track) with a tripling of the number of students who started this May, and the Prelicensure BSN program, with deposits equal now to numbers experienced at this time last September. Diagnostic Imaging, which showed impressive enrollment gains during the current academic year, is seeing even more interest than last year at this time. The Nuclear Medicine Program is expecting the largest increase. The faculty of Bioscience Technologies has been particularly busy recruiting and their effort is showing notable increases in deposits as well. Not to be outdone, Occupational Therapy is also able to respond to the increased demand for new professionals with a larger class of both undergraduate and graduate students. Physical Therapy, despite the challenges of entering a transitional phase between a Master's and Doctor of Physical Therapy, is experiencing a notable increase in applications. Finally, interest is increasing in the new associate and bachelor of science degree programs initiated this year in the General Studies Department. In short, each department is showing promise of increased enrollment for the coming academic year. This means that the College will have additional resources to enhance faculty and educational support systems. We can also do more to help ease the major demands for the health professionals educated at Jefferson College of Health Professions.

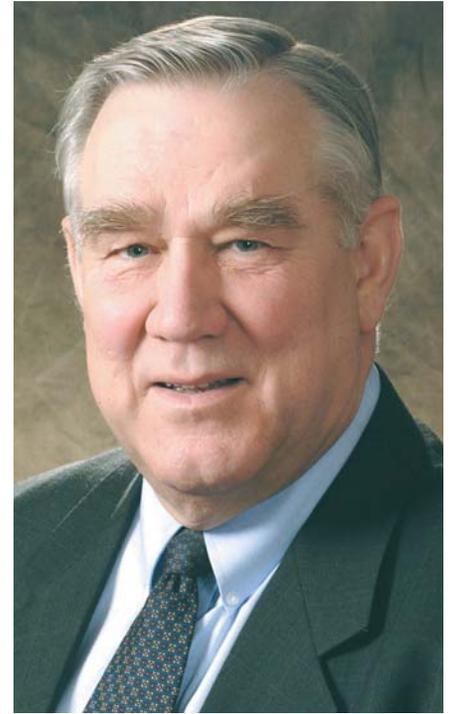
No wonder then that the faculty and administration are looking forward to the coming academic year with a great deal of excitement and enthusiasm. Part of the excitement is no doubt the challenges that will be taken up as we turn our attention, after graduation, to the arrival of new students. These kinds of challenges are always welcome.

An important part of this challenge is to provide more financial support for our students. We are studying just how reasonable it is to expand our scholarship support for students through the allocation of operating funds. That approach, however, means using revenues for that purpose and not for additional faculty support, nor for facilities and equipment upgrades. It thus becomes a balancing act and the faculty and administration are deeply grateful for the alumni support that will help us to ultimately achieve the optimal balance.

We have benefited from alumni support in several ways, including referring students to JCHP, acting as sites for clinical training, serving as members of the Alumni Association's Board, and, of course, through your generous financial support. We rely on your support financially, but as importantly, for your continued commitment to the College in the ways previously mentioned.

Of special note is the role you serve as clinical educational sites. It is genuinely critical support to have you serve as an affiliated clinical site for our students. In such instances we know the caliber of the educational experience they will receive and also that, as graduates, you have a special reason to make certain that the training they receive will make you and the College proud on graduation day. Please know that we are truly appreciative of the role you play in the education of our students and for the commitment of your time that this contribution involves.

In a previous message, I mentioned that the University and the College would be involved in a self-study as part of our re-accreditation process with the Middle States Association of the Commission on Higher Education, the body that accredits all colleges and universities in the Northeastern United States. We are approaching the end of task force activity and are expecting the reports from the task forces this month. The next stage is to prepare a draft self-study report that will be reviewed by the Steering Committee and then submitted to the Jefferson Community for comment. I had indicated that I wanted to have the valued input of our former students who have a unique and seasoned perspective to offer. The draft made available to the community



will be published on the web so that it can be accessed by all of you. Look for announcements on the website toward the end of next September and please take advantage of this opportunity to suggest how we can do our job better and how we can better prepare your future colleagues to meet the challenges of practice. It will help us, as well, if you reinforce what we are doing right and what we should continue. Part of what we rely on each year is your response to our request for your feedback on the Longitudinal Study surveys. We understand that this imposes one more demand on your limited time but your responses provide us with the best data regarding the success of our programs and how we can make them even better. Your comments on the self-study report and your regular responses to our longitudinal study surveys are crucial in our efforts to make you even more proud to call yourself a Jefferson graduate.

Recent published reports have given all of us reason to be proud of our programs as well as greater incentive to make them better. In case you missed the reports, the annual ranking of programs in the *U. S. News and World Report*

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placed our OT program as the 14th best graduate program in the country, and PT, as 28th best in the country. The scholarship of the Department of Nursing was also recognized in the recently released rankings of grant and contract support awarded by the National Institutes of Health. Nursing improved its position to 31st among the almost 700 baccalaureate programs of nursing in the country, a remarkable achievement considering that it ranked higher than many full-service colleges and universities.

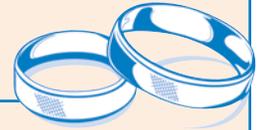
This opportunity allows me only to touch on a few of the highlights of what is going on at your alma mater. I will continue to use this as one way of keeping you up to date with developments at JCHP. We do enjoy hearing from you and if you are in the area of the Edison Building, please stop in to say "Hello."



James B. Erdmann, Ph.D.
Dean

Special Occasions Make Special News

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Please use the inserted form or e-mail us with all of your news. However, please keep in mind that we particularly want to highlight your big events in print!

Weddings Are Wonderful. Tell Us About Yours!

Please let us know about your recent wedding, so we can include your happy announcement in a future issue of *The Review*. Include with your announcement a picture we can print and we will send you a Jefferson gift. You can e-mail us a picture or send us one in the mail. (Please clearly identify the picture.) Also, include your name at graduation, your year, your married name, your spouse's name, the date of your wedding, and your address.

We Bet You Had A Beautiful Baby!

Please, tell us more, so we can include your baby announcement in a future issue of *The Review*. Include in your information, your baby's name, date of birth, and any other information you would like to share about your

joyous event. Also, please include your name, your spouse's name, your name at graduation, your program, year and address. Baby pictures are extra special and a welcome addition to your announcement. Please send us a picture we can print or e-mail one to us. We have a Jefferson baby gift ready to send out to you!

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Thomas Jefferson University College of Health Professions Career Development Center 2002 Placement Results

PROGRAM	PLACEMENT RATE	SALARAY RANGE***	AVERAGE SALARY
DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING (OVERALL)	95%	\$35,000 - \$83,200	\$46,848
AP/MRI	100%	\$50,000	\$50,000
Cardiovascular Technology	100%	\$35,000 - \$48,000	\$42,500
Diagnostic Medical Sonography	100%	\$42,000 - \$83,200	\$62,600
Multicompetency	67%	\$40,000	\$40,000
LABORATORY SCIENCE (OVERALL)		\$26,668 - \$49,500	\$39,914
Biotechnology	100%	\$39,500	\$39,500
Cytotechnology	75%	\$39,500 - \$42,000	\$41,166
Medical Technology	100%	\$26,688 - \$49,500	\$39,908
Cytogenetic Technology			
Masters	100%	\$32,000	\$32,000
NURSING (OVERALL)	97%	\$34,000 - \$124,800	\$53,138
BSN	100%	\$34,000 - \$80,000	\$48,447
MSN	89%	\$54,000 - \$72,000	\$60,450
RN to BSN	100%	\$48,000 - \$124,800	\$68,496
RN to MSN	50%	\$58,000	\$58,000
Accelerated Pathways	100%	\$36,400 - \$47,800	\$43,455
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (OVERALL)	98%	\$34,000 - \$65,000	\$41,559
BSOT	100%	\$42,000 - \$49,920	\$45,306
MSOT	94%	\$34,000 - \$65,000	\$40,857
PHYSICAL THERAPY	97%	\$40,000 - \$66,560	\$46,021
TOTALS	97%	\$26,668 - \$124,800	\$48,280

Gail Seygal (OT '86) Gives the "Animal Touch"

According to Gail Seygal (OT '86), "It was the aardvark massage that did it!" One dose of that animal sensory stimulation and Seygal was hooked. So began Seygal's activity as a docent at the Philadelphia Zoo, calling on her skills as a registered occupational therapist with a degree from Jefferson College of Health Professions. She seeks to make happy campers of the animals that reside there.

After stints with humans at Elwyn Institute, Magee Rehabilitation Center and HMS School for Children with Cerebral Palsy, Seygal went on a safari to Africa and when she returned, decided animals would be her new focus.

In 1997, she went through the intensive docent training program and joined ranks with the 200 volunteers of various ages and backgrounds who work at the Zoo. They assist in the Zoo's work in education, conservation, research and recreation.

As a docent, Gail works with students from area schools, hospitals and organizations, leading tours and lecturing. As an OT, she can analyze and adapt activities to a variety of ages and skill-levels. Her tours and lectures can then be tailored to her audience. She explains animal habitat, conservation and adaptations. She also works with the animals to help them adapt to their environment.



"Enrichment activities for the bears involve tossing food into the exhibits on a daily basis," explained Gail, "in an effort to get the bears to roam the enclosure and do what bears naturally do...search for food."

According to Gail, "Animal behavior and human behavior are very similar. Animals in zoos are in enclosures and often exhibit stereotypic movements or activities. Enrichment has been a big push in zoos to provide a better environment for the animals. In a very 'OT way' the needs of the animals must be evaluated and addressed. When OTs work with humans, we have to find out what their interests are and then plan a therapeutic intervention accordingly. In much the same way, when we work with animals, we have to figure out what might interest an animal and also get it to behave in a more normal way."

As co-chair of the docent animal behavior committee, Seygal spent three years working on African wild dog studies and co-authored a paper on the enrichment activities. "The adult dogs had been wild-caught and the pups were born in the zoo," explained Seygal. "For those born in the zoo, deliberate steps were taken to address olfactory, auditory, visual and gustatory senses with various stimulants. Captive animals do not have to work for their food and often sleep but play continues to be an enrichment activity for the pups." Seygal found that much of what she learned in OT school could be applied to how animals adapt and mature. For example, when animals are physically unable to play they may exhibit other problems that need to be addressed in a deliberate way.

Seygal constructed a cardboard antelope, complete with rosemary tail (a favorite wild dog sensory stimuli). The pups (reared completely in captivity) went right for the model, simulating what they would find in the wild and satisfying their need to play.

Seygal received her undergraduate degree in biology from Gettysburg College and decided that the healthcare industry was where



she wanted to work knowing that job opportunities would be plentiful. She observed, "there seemed to be lots of opportunities and ways to be creative within the occupational therapy field. While enrolled in the Jefferson OT program, through one of my courses, I had the opportunity to work with Ann Hess, the vet assistant at the Philadelphia Zoo. I got to do some sensory stimulation on an aardvark that had spontaneously fractured her legs."

Occupational therapists (OTs) work with people to improve their ability to perform meaningful tasks in their daily living and working environments. They work with individuals to develop, recover and maintain skills when there are mental, physical, developmental and/or emotional challenges. Occupational therapy goals are designed to help people have satisfying lives.

Seygal attributes her Jefferson professors with, "instilling self-confidence in us. Their mantra was that we could do anything; we had a degree from Jefferson. They were right! When I meet OTs and PTs from Jefferson, I know right away what to expect. Jefferson exposed me to group activities, learning to share and solve problems together. This is valuable in every profession. We learned to be leaders. We gained a knowledge base that enabled us to deal with unexpected situations. Occupational therapy taught me to look at people's cultures, to try to visualize what they are experiencing, to see through their eyes."

JAVA Night!



JCHP alumni rank high among the College's greatest strengths. Year after year, entering students tell us that our alumni impress them with professional knowledge and great enthusiasm for Jefferson.

To capitalize on this asset, we have created JAVA (Jefferson Alumni Volunteering for Admissions), a cadre of alumni who have volunteered to participate in recruitment efforts. These include on- and off-campus receptions for new students, answering questions from prospective students that are referred to them by the Office of Admissions and Enrollment Management and participating in panel programs and other events to help spread the word about JCHP.

Our JAVA alums are talented and enthusiastic, but to be effective emissaries of the College, this is not enough. They need to be armed with accurate, current information about the College and be prepared to answer the kinds of questions that are asked by prospective students and their families.

To provide this added dimension, we invited 30 JAVA alumni to an Alumni Admissions Volunteer Night on January 23, 2003. These alumni, who represent all active departments spanning the classes from 1973 to 2002, met for a reception, dinner and admissions and media presentation provided by Karen Jacobs, Director of Admissions and Enrollment Management, Betty Bissacia-Hanson, Director of Marketing and Public Relations, Dottie Grieb, Director of Alumni Relations and Bill Thygeson, Assistant Dean and Director of Student Affairs and Development. Following a reception and dinner, Karen gave an overview of our current academic programs and Betty unveiled the College's new marketing and advertising plan. As a result of this program, alumni in attendance will be able to better represent the College when asked to participate in recruiting events.

If you are interested in working with JAVA, please contact Dottie Grieb by phone at 215-503-7709 or via e-mail at Dorothy.Grieb@jefferson.edu.

War Stories

FROM IRAQ WITH LOVE

The messages below were sent by Peter Leporati, BSN'83, to his family back in West Chester, PA, from his post in Iraq. Leporati is a former police officer and currently an Air Force Reserve flight nurse. He was called for duty in April of 2003 and is currently stationed at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar. His primary task is to be part of the the day-to-day aeromedical evacuation missions and he is looking forward to being sent back home in September.

April 13, 2003

Dear Cindy and Friends,

Our aeromedical evacuation (AE) missions are many and our hours of rest are few. The depth and breadth of our individual resolve, self-sacrifice and dedication remain strong as our days are long. The efforts of our military men and women assigned here go unchanged despite the logistical challenges, the off and on limitations of resources in people and materials and the growing heat of the desert summer.

Each day behind their brave faces, I can see the hidden pangs of silent anguish caused by missing home and longing to see their loved ones. Unfortunately, the media at home depict our daily sacrifices as less than worthy of making headline news or front page newspaper coverage. Once news of our military efforts preoccupied the world. Now, the world spins forward again freely engaged and embracing the new business of the day sometimes leaving our military men and women in the weary but never ending aftermath of back page news.

Amid the sometimes good intentioned but cruel rumors of going home some day soon' the reality is that we must stay and serve our country until we are relieved or until the long term mission is complete. This effort is not measured in hours or days but in months. More than likely our country's efforts and sacrifice for what is right will be measured out in years when it is all said and done.



Trust me, the cause is as worthy as the precious sands of time being sacrificed from each person's life time who were asked to serve here on the world's behalf. As a parent, I know in my heart that our children, our country and our world will be afforded a better fate and a far brighter future because of the sacrifices laid before the altar of world opinion. Despite the political rhetoric, the cause served here is only as worthy as the price of the sacrifice to be offered. Let not your resolve falter, for turning away now will only diminish the ultimate sacrifices made by our military men and women thus far in this historic operation.

Do not be misled by enemy-staged scenarios and one-sided confrontations with coalition forces meant for media coverage only and American public consumption in order to slowly drain the American public of their fortitude and perseverance to get the job done.





We willingly stand as soldiers individually and know that the next bullet could determine our fate. Yet we stand united as a nation to stem the tide of world terrorism.

In my last assigned mission, we carried beans and bullets to remote locations in northern Iraq. The bullets were in the form of assorted rockets and other high explosive ordinance. Somebody is shooting at somebody. So don't fool yourselves into thinking that the war on terrorism is over in Iraq or anywhere else. This isn't an arcade or home video game where, when you are tired of the programmed scenario, you can shut it down and walk away. This is just another round in a long fight that we face as a nation and as a free people.

We are still wearing body armor on our missions, we still carry our weapons at the ready and yes, the bad guys are using the cover of civilian status to



wage war on us. This is an urban guerrilla warfare setting. Only time and a steady, unrelenting move forward in good faith negotiations, free elections and a free market will slowly drain the life out of terrorism and replace the pursuit of terrorism with the pursuit of happiness and liberty for all.

Each day we deal with unrelenting heat, challenging logistical efforts, and the continued demand for our life saving services. Although we work in an inherently dangerous work environment out on the flight line, you can understand how even the best trained personnel can lose situational awareness because of all the stress factors coming into play at one time: the intense heat, dehydration, cargo changes, mission time line slots to be met, aircraft fueling, added passenger on-loads, re-calculating weight loads right up to the point of maximum payload tolerance, threat con issues in the area where the mission is being flown. In looking back, you can see where all these factors come into play. That is without considering home life concerns, financial concerns, family illnesses, and your own emotional and physical health. Everyone has lost weight in double digits since departing home station.

We receive routine pre-departure briefings related to daily attacks on American troops and Medevac personnel using rocket propelled grenade (RPG's), man pad missile launchers (shoulder held missile launchers that are used once and then thrown away) hidden anti-aircraft guns and snipers. On occasion, we are tasked to provide medical support for Enemy Prisoners of War (EPW's) transport missions. There was one recent incident when EPW's were being escorted onto an aircraft and a sniper opened fired. What was interesting was that two EPW's one on each side of another dude were killed and one was wounded. Here the target of the attack was a key local player, a fellow EPW, and they were trying to kill him before he left the area. Well, I am sure that he is talking now once he figured out his own terrorist buddies were trying to wack him and not us for a change! It is a strange war at times.



One of our AE crews transported patients and cargo. Interestingly enough, the cargo was 11 million US dollars recovered in an Iraqi hideaway location. We have pictures of the AE crew members laying on top of the mounds of US treasury bills that were loaded on a pallet for transport. Where else would you ever see that much money in one place in your lifetime! As I have said, it has been an interesting lifetime adventure, both good and bad.

The mission was interesting, too, because we had time to jump on the back of an airfield ground support vehicle and tour one of the remote Iraqi air bases captured early in the ground war by American and Kurdish troops. We posed in front of an Iraqi MIG fighter jet and a mural of Saddam Hussein. The mission was successfully completed and we finished another 19 hour work day! As bonus, we got to see some of our McGuire colleagues when we dropped the AE patients off in Kuwait City International airport for their next leg, a trip into Germany for further medical treatment.

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We as Americans should go back to those life values symbolized by the folding of our flag.

Flag Facts

Do you know that at military funerals, the 21-gun salute stands for the sum of the numbers in the year 1776?

Have you ever noticed the honor guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the American flag 13 times? You probably thought it was to symbolize the original 13 colonies, but we learn something new every day!

1st Fold

The 1st fold of our flag is a symbol of life.

2nd Fold

The 2nd fold is a symbol of our belief in eternal life.

3rd Fold

The 3rd fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing our ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defence of our country to attain peace throughout the world.

4th Fold

The 4th fold represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.

5th Fold

The 5th fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong.

6th Fold

The 6th fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that We pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States Of America, and the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

7th Fold

The 7th fold is a tribute to our armed forces, for it is through the armed forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.

8th Fold

The 8th fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day.

9th Fold

The 9th fold is a tribute to womanhood, and mothers. For it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.

10th Fold

The 10th fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since they were first born.

11th Fold

The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in the Hebrews eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

12th Fold

The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the Christians eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit.

13th Fold

The 13th fold, or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding us of our nations motto, "In God We Trust."

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the sailors and marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges and freedoms we enjoy today.

There are some traditions and ways of doing things that have deep meaning. In the future, you'll see flags folded and now you will know why.

Share this with the people that you love and all others who love the symbol of "Liberty and Freedom"

Sincerely,
Major Peter Leporati

New Interest Rates for Stafford and Consolidation Loans

The U.S. Department of Education (ED), has posted new interest rates for variable rate Stafford Loans effective July 1, 2003:

Stafford Loans disbursed on or after July 1, 1998

- 2.82% - during school, grace, and deferment
- 3.42% - during forbearance and "active repayment"

Stafford Loans disbursed on or after July 1, 1995 but prior to July 1, 1998

- 3.62% - during school, grace, and deferment
- 4.22% - during forbearance and "active repayment"

These rates are effective for Stafford Loans through both the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP) as well as the Direct Loan Program and will remain in effect until July 1, 2004.

Please note that these rates do not necessarily represent the fixed rate borrowers will receive if and when they consolidate on or after July 1, 2003 but prior to July 1, 2004. The interest rate a borrower receives on a consolidation loan is calculated as the weighted average interest rate of all underlying loans being consolidated (which can depend on their disbursement date and the borrower's repayment status), rounded to the nearest one eighth of one percent, and fixed throughout repayment. Should you have any questions regarding this information, please do not hesitate to contact the University Office of Financial Aid at (215) 955-2867 or financial.aid@jefferson.edu.



Jefferson College of Health Professions Students Study in Cardenas, Cuba Philadelphia's Sister City

Nine occupational therapy students from Jefferson College of Health Professions, Thomas Jefferson University accompanied by four faculty members, and members of the Philadelphia-Cardenas Sister City Association traveled to Cuba the first week in March to take part in an educational exchange program. The one-week-long study opportunity was part of a program established in May of 2000 to promote people-to-people exchanges between the U.S and Cuba. At that time, the City of Cardenas formally invited Philadelphia to become a Sister City. The TJU visit not only supported the mission of the Sister City relationship, but also provided students and faculty with the opportunity to explore occupational therapy practice in a different social, cultural and political context.

Debra Tupe, OTR/L, MPH, MS, a faculty member in the JCHP Occupational Therapy Department, became interested in the healthcare system in Cuba during her studies for her Master of Public Health in International Health degree from New York Medical College. Ms. Tupe had the opportunity to visit Cuba in 1999 to explore the educational, health, and political systems of the island and understand the role of occupational therapy in health care. During her visit, Ms. Tupe made connections with various foundations and agencies in Cuba. Her involvement with the Philadelphia Cardenas Sister City Association served as the entrée into program development in Cuba as Thomas Jefferson University provided the opportunity and support to develop and implement the education exchange program.

The students and faculty split their time in Cuba between Havana, where they visited the Center for Psychological and Sociological Research, and the Clinic of Neurology and Rehabilitation for Children in Cardenas, Philadelphia's Sister City. The group visited a school for children with

autism, a regional hospital, and the Casa de Abuelos, a senior center. During the site visits, the occupational therapy students refined their observation and interviewing skills, explored occupation and health care in a society very different from their own, and exchanged intervention approaches.

According to student traveler, Lakkia Easton, OT student MS class of 2003, "Cuba is a very simplistic country to the naked eye with many complex undercurrents. The pace is slower, the climate very political. Cubans don't see themselves as black or white; they just see themselves as Cubans. They don't see themselves as poor or rich; they see themselves as equals. They don't appear to worry about the things they don't have. They seem to be content with what they have, who they are, and they seem to live each day to the fullest."

In preparation for this trip, the JCHP students staged various fundraising activities. They also participated in a structured orientation program, which included viewing of Buena Vista Social Club, a documentary film that introduced the students to the scenes, sounds, and culture of Cuba; a panel presentation of people who have traveled to Cuba; assigned readings about the history, culture, politics, and economics of Cuba and a book club that covered some contemporary stories about Cuba. The students also had class assignments relating to their visit, seminars while in Cuba and identified a service-learning project for future visits.

Upon returning to Philadelphia, the students shared their experiences with classmates through photographs and stories. The group also plans to share their experiences with the Jefferson and occupational therapy community through formal presentations, publications and viewing of a film which chronicles the Cuba visit, produced by Neil Goldstein, a videographer who accompanied the students on the trip. The visit to Cuba provided the occupational therapy department with memories, ideas and questions to be considered in planning future exchanges with Cardenas.

As Vanessa Corbitt, OT student MS class of 2003 states "The Rehabilitation Center for Children with Disabilities had the biggest impression on me regarding occupational therapy. It was best defined here compared to the other places we visited, and each discipline played its part in the care of each child. Although it is easy for us to see



what we felt could have been improved or changed because of how we practice, I think it is first important to consider and understand the culture and the politics, including economic factors that play a role in health care, before we attempt to bring in our ideas. This is something that will take time."

"This was a very exciting opportunity for our faculty and students," stated department chair Janice P. Burke. "The visit represented a year-long plan that gave our students a chance to fully experience submersion in a very different culture. We were fortunate to talk with many people who are in health care. It was remarkable to learn the strengths and weaknesses of their system as we reflected on our own."

Occupational therapy student participants included Elaine O'Malley, Maya Karam, Julie Blakenmeyer, Eric Lu, Vanessa Corbitt, Melissa Moreno, Lakkia Easton, Angela Leak and Humberty Ribiero. Faculty in addition to Ms. Tupe included department chair Janice P. Burke, OTR/L, PhD, Laura Gitlin, PhD, and Arlene Lorch, OTR/L, MS.



Jefferson College of Health Professions Welcomes Penny G. Kroll, Ph.D New Physical Therapy Chair

Penny G. Kroll, PhD, has been named Chair of the Department of Physical Therapy at Jefferson College of Health Professions, Thomas Jefferson University. She joined the College on June 16, 2003.

Dr. Kroll comes to JCHP from the University of Miami where she was an Associate Professor, Graduate Faculty, at the University of Miami's Department of Orthopaedics and Rehabilitation, Division of Physical Therapy. She has extensive experience in curriculum development, having chaired their Task Force for Curriculum and Program Preparation. She also served as Admissions Coordinator.

"I'm excited about coming to the dynamic medical center environment of Thomas Jefferson University and the Jefferson Health System," explained Dr. Kroll. "Within this environment, I hope to encourage among faculty and students increased interactions with clinical patient care and research."

Dr. Kroll's major goals for the coming year include the implementation of the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program, recently approved by the University, as well as the subsequent design for later implementation of a transitional DPT program so that graduates from the MPT program might avail themselves of the advanced degree. According to Dr. Kroll, "I hope to facilitate and engage in a number of interdisciplinary activities with Jefferson College of Health Professions, the Jefferson Medical College and Thomas Jefferson University Hospital for our faculty and students."

(l to r standing) Marcus Besser, PhD, acting chair, Department of Physical Therapy, JCHP; Gale Siegel, director of student affairs, Penn State Abington; Robert McCaig, PhD, director of enrollment management, Penn State Abington; Penny G. Kroll, PhD, chair, Department of Physical Therapy. (seated) Karen Wiley Sandler, PhD, dean at Penn State Abington and James B. Erdmann, PhD, dean at JCHP



"Additionally," Dr. Kroll continued, "I am looking forward to exploring Philadelphia and the surrounding countryside and getting to know more of the friendly neighborhoods that surround me. From all appearances, Philadelphia and Jefferson will be great places to call home." Dr. Kroll has relocated to the Bella Vista section of Center City Philadelphia.

"We are thrilled to have Dr. Kroll joining us," said JCHP Dean, James B. Erdmann, PhD. "The breadth of her experience in directing and guiding the development of programs at the University of Miami is perfect for the challenges that exist for our PT program at the College. She has already demonstrated an enthusiasm for the role she will be assuming from which our PT Department as well as the College will benefit significantly. We look forward to Penny's contributions and to the further growth of the department as we all prepare to meet the increasing demands of an aging population."

Dr. Kroll received her PhD in Clinical Research from the Department of Physical Therapy, School of Education, Health, Nursing and Arts Professions at New York University. She also received her MA in Kinesiology of the Disabled from NYU. She earned her BS in Physical Therapy from Louisiana State University Medical Center.



Honored as Teacher of the Year in 1994 from the University of Miami, Dr. Kroll has been lauded with certificates of appreciation and service from the American Physical Therapy Association and served as newsletter editor for that professional organization. She also serves as manuscript reviewer for the Journal of Back and Musculoskeletal Research and the Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. Her publications and research interests include orthopaedic/ musculoskeletal muscle strength measurement and function and low back pain risk factors.

Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) Program

The Department of Physical Therapy at Jefferson College of Health Professions is proud to announce that it will offer the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) beginning in the Fall 2004 semester. JCHP will continue to offer the Master of Science in Physical Therapy to students who enroll through Fall 2003.

THOMAS JEFFERSON UNIVERSITY AND PENN STATE ABINGTON SIGN 3+3 PHYSICAL THERAPY TRANSFER AGREEMENT

Thomas Jefferson University has entered into a program agreement with Penn State Abington enabling students to earn both the Bachelor of Science (BS) and Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degrees in six years after graduation from high school. Students will spend the first three years at Penn State Abington and then proceed to Jefferson College of Health Professions, Thomas Jefferson University for the final three years of graduate physical therapy coursework. The BS in Science with the Life Science Option from Penn State Abington will be awarded after successful completion of the first year at Jefferson College of Health Professions. The DPT degree from Thomas Jefferson University will be awarded after successful completion of the third year at JCHP.

Over the years, Jefferson College of Health Professions has worked closely with Penn State Abington to enable their students to complete bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees without leaving the Philadelphia area. Starting this September, Penn State students who meet the requirements will be eligible, on a space-available basis, for a seamless transition into the Jefferson DPT program. Other joint programs include the 2+2 (BS) in specialized sciences (nursing, bioscience technologies, diagnostic imaging), the 2 + 3 (BS/MS) in occupational therapy and the 3 + 2 in biotechnology, cytotechnology or medical technology (BS/MS).

JCHP Graduates Benefit from TJU Hospital Nursing Education Reimbursement Program

Thomas Jefferson University Hospital recognizes that our nursing students are a most valuable asset and wants to reward them. Beginning May, 2003, JCHP nursing graduates are eligible for the Nursing Education Reimbursement Program, designed to help graduated nursing students repay the debt associated with their nursing education. The program will provide \$18,600 over a three year period to qualified applicants who are hired into a full-time nursing position at any of the four Thomas Jefferson University Hospital campuses: Center City Philadelphia, Jefferson Hospital for Neuroscience, Ford Road (near City Line Avenue) and Methodist Hospital in South Philadelphia.

FACT AND SENIOR STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS 2003-2004 ACADEMIC YEAR

The Departments of Nursing Service in the Jefferson Health System member hospitals - Thomas Jefferson University Hospitals,

Einstein Healthcare Network, Magee Hospital, Mainline Health System, and Frankford Hospitals - are committed to providing scholarships to Thomas Jefferson University, College of Health Professions, Department of Nursing FACT and/or Senior nursing students in return for post-graduation employment. Predicated on available funds, the recipient(s) will be awarded a scholarship for 100% tuition covering one calendar year tuition for FACT students and the senior academic year of traditional students in the Department of Nursing. Recipient(s) will agree to practice at the awarding JHS institution for two years.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Financial assistance is available in forms such as academic merit scholarships; federal, state, and institutional loans; grants; employee tuition benefits; and federal traineeships. The Office of Student Financial Aid should be contacted for additional information. Sources of financial aid include, but are not limited to:

- Federal Subsidized Stafford Loans
- Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loans
- Federal Pell Grants
- Federal SEOG Grants
- Federal Perkins Loans
- Federal Nursing Loans
- Federal PLUS Loans
- Pennsylvania State Grants Institutional Loans
- Donor Scholarships
- Dean's Merit Scholarships
- Federal Work Study Awards
- Graduate Scholarship and Traineeship

Graduate students may be eligible for the following scholarships and traineeships:

- The Farber Fellowship
- Friends of West Park Hospital Scholarship
- Mabel C. Prevost Scholarship
- USPHS Nurse Traineeship Awards

The Graduate application deadline is July 1, 2003.

Bioscience Technologies

Evolution...

Department of Laboratory Sciences Is Now Bioscience Technologies

Exciting changes are in the works for JCHP's Department of Laboratory Sciences. In keeping with the department's continued growth and evolution to a multi-program regional center for bioscience technology education, research and practice, Bioscience Technologies is a more fitting name.

According to Department Chair Shirley Greening, "Jefferson has been training Med Techs and Cytotechs for predominantly hospital laboratory positions since the late '30's and early '40's. When the Departments of Medical Technology and Cytotechnology were originally merged into the Department of Laboratory Sciences in 1987, the focus of both programs, and the newly created one, was still largely on preparation for hospital laboratory practice." With the addition of the biotechnology program in 1995 and the technological growth of medical technology and cytotechnology practice areas over the last 15 years, the name laboratory sciences no longer expresses to the public, the professions and to applicants the true nature and variety of JCHP's program offerings. As people increasingly use the internet to locate and review programs, it has become essential that JCHP's department and programs be identified instantly and prominently.

Says Greening, "We are continually updating our programs to stay on the leading edge of medical and research laboratory practice. Our changes to prerequisites, course content and course titles incorporate new knowledge and contemporary terminology. We want the caliber and variety of the programs we offer to be perfectly clear to our prospective students." She added, "We also want our graduates to know that the range of work settings available to bioscience professionals today has vastly expanded. With our new combination of specialized as well as cross-cutting technology courses, opportunities for alumni are limited only by their interests and abilities."

Program names will be expanded to be (1) Biotechnology/Molecular Sciences; (2) Cytotechnology/Cell Sciences; and (3) Medical Technology/Clinical Laboratory Sciences. After a transitioning period, it is anticipated that the program names will drop the portion before the slash.

Program prerequisites have changed to include Biological/Chemical science courses (not just those for science majors). Other prerequisites include courses in English, college-level Math and electives. Along with creating more flexibility in the prerequisites, the department will also now grant credits for completion of Medical Laboratory Technician, Biotechnician or other associate degree-level technician programs so that these individuals will be able to easily transfer into the department's bachelors programs.

New Degree Opportunities Available Through JEFF-AT-NIGHT

Jefferson College of Health Professions, through its Department of General Studies (Jeff-at-Night), now offers a Bachelor of Science degree with a choice of two majors – Health Services Management (HSM) and Health Services Management Information Systems (HSMIS).

Designed as a degree-completion program for adult students who work full-time, the BS-HSM/HSMIS degree program is offered in an accelerated format. Classes related to the major, which are held in the evening, meet twice a week for seven weeks rather than once a week for fifteen weeks. Because of the accelerated format, motivated students can take six to twelve courses per year, enabling them to complete their degree quickly. Students can enter the program at any one of the six seven-week sessions that comprise the academic year.

The BS-HSM/HSMIS curriculum has been designed to meet recommendations of the Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA), the national voluntary accrediting association that sets standards for health services management. Required courses integrate theory with extensive application to provide students with expertise in organizational behavior, policy, management, finance, information systems, decision making, strategic planning, marketing and applied research as they pertain directly to health services. Upon completion of the program, students are prepared to continue on to graduate programs (MBA, MHA, MIS-HS) that specialize in health services management or health services management information systems.

More specifically, the BS-HSM/HSMIS program comprises 40 courses (120 credits), including 13 courses (39 credits) in General Education; 11 Foundation courses (33 credits); 11 courses (33 credits) specific to the major, including a capstone seminar taken in conjunction with an internship; and 5 courses (15 credits) of free electives. Students may transfer 15 - 60 credits from other accredited colleges and universities into the Jefferson degree program. For a detailed listing of required courses, as well as additional information, visit the Jeff-at-Night website at <http://www.tju.edu/jeff-at-night> and, after entering the site, click “Bachelor of Science Programs” on the left-hand menu.

To be eligible for admission to the bachelor's degree program, students must have completed 15-60 credits at an accredited college or university, and must have earned an approximate Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 for these credits.

The Department's regular associate degree offerings now include three new concentrations – business, information systems and medical practice management. Courses taken for these new associate in science degrees are applicable to the Bachelor of Science degree. If they wish, students can achieve the BS-HSM/HSMIS degree in stages, earning first an associate's degree in business, information systems or medical practice management.

To be eligible for admission to the associate degree programs, students must have completed 15-30 credits at an accredited college or university, and earned an approximate GPA of 2.8 for these credits.

Welcome LAMBDA NU to TJU

On May 13, 2003 Thomas Jefferson University held its first induction ceremony for the Pennsylvania Gamma Chapter of the Lambda Nu National Honor Society.

Lambda Nu, the National Honor Society for Radiologic and Imaging Sciences, was founded in 2001 at Arkansas State University. Currently, there are 39 chapters of Lambda Nu in 26 states. Thomas Jefferson University received a charter to form the Pennsylvania Gamma Chapter of Lambda Nu in 2002. Individuals are selected for membership in Lambda Nu on the basis of promoting the Society's objectives: fostering scholarship at the highest academic levels, promoting research and investigation in the radiologic and imaging sciences, and recognizing exemplary scholarship.

This year's inductees were:

- Jennifer Amanda Cairns
- Matthew Kyle Clarke
- Michael J. Convery
- Gregory Antonio Donaldson
- Jessica Lyn Finger
- Katie Elizabeth Flurschutz
- Melissa Marie Gary
- Kara Louise Happ
- Diana Marie Jenkins
- Melanie Marie Johnson
- Michael E. Klinger
- Michelle Ann Leiby
- Lauren Lynn Lemons
- Rachel A. Moss
- Kathryn Muller
- Judy H. Roberts
- Gina M. Santarelli
- Mindy L. Taylor
- Jianhua Zhong

In Memoriam

BARBARA YOUNG, RN, MPH
July 13, 1946 – April 28, 2003



Adjunct Instructor,
Former Acting Chair,
Academic Coordinator,
Department of
General Studies

For information concerning the Barbara Young Memorial Fund, please contact the Department of General Studies, JCHP, 215-503-8414. Donations may be sent to:
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925 Chestnut Street, Suite 110
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The Memorial Fund will provide financial support to deserving students who are pursuing their education through the Department of General Studies.



Alumni Sponsored Events



Amy Frey, OT, '95 and Anita Peacock, OT, '99

OT's Further Their Education

On December 6, 2002, 80 OT alumni, and faculty attended the third annual OT Alumni Luncheon in Jefferson Alumni Hall. As part of the continuing education conference, the lovely buffet luncheon sponsored by the JCHP Alumni Association was a welcomed break in the day's busy schedule.



Kaven Patten, MT, '95 and Carlos Miller, CT, '97



The buffet was great!



Kathleen McCusker, Renee Donohoe, and Bob Welton, PT, '99

Alumni Holiday Brewfest Was A First

A Philadelphia area alumni holiday party was held on Sunday, December 8, 2002 at the renowned Manayunk Brewery and Restaurant in Philadelphia. What an event it was! Over 120 alumni and guests enjoyed sampling the specialty microbrews and delicious hors d'oeuvres served that evening in the patio lounge. Adding to the festivities was the big screen television broadcasting the Philadelphia Eagles game. Our Jefferson alums were an enthusiastic, supportive crowd, cheering the home team on to a victory. There were many drawings for tee shirts and glassware and grand prize of a \$50 gift certificate, all from the Manayunk Brewery and Restaurant.



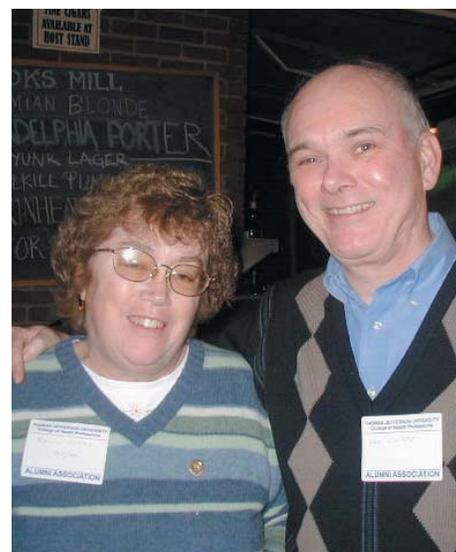
Jody Allbaugh and Karen King, OT, '96

A Student Holiday Tradition Continues

For the third year in a row, the Alumni Association distributed notepads to all JCHP students during the week of December 9,



Maria Disstefano, NS, '99 and husband enjoy evening.



Nancy Collins, MT, '95 with husband Dan.

2002. The mini-sized yellow legal pads were printed with the heading, "2003 Things To Do," to start off the New Year. These "limited edition" notepads have become a popular item around the College with many requests for additional pads from students, faculty and administration.

Alumni Sponsored Events



Studying and Food – Perfect Together

Winter Exams Refreshment Day, sponsored by the Office of Alumni Relations, is always a greatly appreciated activity. On the first day of exams, December 16, 2002, an all day spread of pastries, cookies, candy, fresh fruit, coffee, tea and hot chocolate was provided for all JCHP students in the Center for Student Development. An astonishing 30 dozen pastries and cookies, 15 dozen pieces of fruit, and countless beverages were consumed by day's end.

Jefferson JAVA, Our Favorite House Blend

On January 23, 2003, alumni attended a dinner and information session for JAVA (Jefferson Alumni Volunteering for Admissions) to learn more about the current status of Jefferson College of Health Professions. After a hearty lasagna dinner, Karen Jacobs, Director of Admissions, explained where and how we currently recruit students and JCHP's future admissions plans. Betty Bisaccia-Hansen, Director of Marketing and Public Relations discussed marketing JCHP and the input needed from alumni to help create and maintain broad interest in Jefferson and the health professions. The alumni in attendance will serve to assist the Office of Admissions in providing information to prospective students. Currently, the Office sponsors phonathans, open houses and information sessions to serve this purpose.

This well-informed group of alumni can assist when needed to help get the message across. Alumni in attendance were *Patty Paul-Berkes, BSN '84, MSN '99* • *Jill Carroll, LS '96* • *Louise Clarke, LS '88* • *Bonnie Feiner, PT '98* • *Michael Hartman, DI '88* • *Peter Loporati, BSN '83* • *Holly Manestrina, OT '02* • *Dan Merton, DI '88* • *Laurie Miller, DI '87* • *Megan Mosier, MSOT '02* • *Lisa Mucciola, LS '93* • *Ed Pierzynski, LS '73* • *Eileen Rothblatt, LS '82* • *Rekha Sankaran-Kutty, OT '97* • *Rachel Wagner, OT '00*, *Linda Wilson, MSN, '96*

and Beverly Zimmerman, LS '97. Our JAVA Committee left with Jefferson mugs with a special package of "Jefferson JAVA," our favorite house blend.



Jennifer Palko, OT, '98, and Andrew Comerford



Students at the Winter Social

An Evening of Mandarin Merriment

Fans, fortune cookies, and Chinese lanterns greeted over 400 students, faculty, guests and Alumni Board members when they stepped into the College's Annual Winter Social at the Benjamin Franklin House on February 7, 2003. The Office of Alumni Relations, teaming up with the Office of Student Affairs, provided the Far Eastern theme, decor and favors for a tremendous evening of hors d'oeuvres, dinner and dancing.

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Senior Salute, held on February 26, 2003, was an occasion that was "all in the numbers." Senior students registering for graduation and picking up their caps and gowns were greeted by members of the college administration, all bearing "numerical greetings." The Office of Alumni Relations gave out Jefferson calculators so they could tally their hard work and good times. The Office of Student Affairs distributed pocket calendars



David Westhart, MA, Director of the Career Development Center participates in Senior Salute

so seniors could count the days till graduation. Coin banks with the motto, 'You Can Always Count On Jefferson,' were provided courtesy of The Office of Marketing and Public Relations. Chocolate coins, supplied by the Career Development Center, greeted seniors, indicating how 'sweet' it will be to earn a living. The Center for Collaborative Research, which regularly measures our former students' progress with periodic questionnaires, gave out Jefferson rulers. The University Bookstore added to the numerical theme by holding a 'count the coins' raffle. They also supplied discount coupons for the bookstore. Finally, the University Commons, there to promote alumni membership, gave out Jefferson water bottles so seniors can get those healthy "eight glasses a day." It all added up to a fun day for all involved.



John Truesdale, LS, '93, Jennifer Palko, OT, '98, Jill Carroll, LS, '96

Open House and an Open Door to Alumni

The Admissions Spring Open House, held on March 29, 2003 brought together faculty, administration, and current students and provided a terrific view of Jefferson to prospective students and their families. The Alumni table,

manned by *Jill Carroll, LS '96*, was in a prominent place at the event. Jill distributed her alumni perspective (as well as Jefferson water bottles) to those who stopped by.



Louise Clarke, LS '88, Vu Nguyen, LS '97, Beverly Zimmerman, LS '97



Lisa Mucciola, LS '93

A Network is a Wonderful Thing

What goes on in the professions when you have a real job? What other opportunities can Jefferson alumni take advantage of? What is it like working for various kinds of institutions? Our JCHP students got the inside story at the annual Network Night, sponsored by the Career Development Center. Interested and loyal alumni attended on March 31, 2003 to answer students' questions and provide real world insight. Alumni in attendance this year were *Richard H. Weening, PhD., DI '00 • Louise Clarke, LS '88 • Lisa Mucciola, LS '93 • Vu Nguyen, LS '97 • Beverly Zimmerman, LS '97 • Patricia A. Paul-Berkes, BSN '99 • Lisa Bowman, BSN '98, Joseph DeRanieri, PhD, BSN '92 • Mary Grinovics, OT '98 • David Margolis, PT '00 and Dave Owens, PT '94.*



Sheri Diggs, Biotech, '03

It Was Time for A Surprise

Laboratory Sciences students gathering to sit through a long pathology class on April 15, 2003, were surprised and delighted to arrive for class and be treated to cookies, soft pretzels, fruit and cold drinks provided by the JCHP Alumni Association. Laboratory Sciences Tee Shirts were also distributed to the students and as one student remarked, "Thanks for such a treat at the end of a grilling semester."

Visiting Nurse Scholar Program Continues Strong Following

On April 14, 2003, the Department of Nursing sponsored its annual Visiting Nurse Scholar Program, which drew nurses from the greater Philadelphia region including many Jefferson alumni. The new format of an all day seminar provided breadth and depth for the program and over 100 nurses attended. The Alumni Association participated by providing portfolios with an attached card stating, "Nursing...the Jefferson difference" and the website address. Also provided were Alumni Association pens and Jefferson mints.

We Celebrate Our Nursing Students... On Campus and Off

During the week of April 21, 2003, Thomas Jefferson University Hospital celebrated Jefferson Nurses Week with many activities and gifts for both employee nurses and nursing students. On Monday, April 21, the JCHP Alumni Association joined in the festivities by providing bag lunches for all JCHP nursing students and faculty. Tri-colored markers with the motto, "Nursing...the Jefferson difference" were also given to everyone. Following that event, on Tuesday,



RN-BSN students at Atlantic City Medical Center

April 22, 2003, the JCHP Alumni Association sponsored a luncheon for the RN to BSN students who are taught at the Atlantic City Medical Center. A wonderful lunch prepared by the Medical Center along with the tri-colored markers were a big hit among the Jefferson students who appreciated the break in their intense day's schedule.

News Alert! Pizza Boosts Students' Performance On Exams

Well, at least we would like to think so. If the amount of pizza consumed during the Spring Exams Pizza Day correlated with high grades, all of our students would have straight A's. A very popular new tradition, the Alumni Association provided all JCHP students with pizza and cold drinks on the first day of Spring exams, April 28, 2003. Fifty pizzas and 18 cases of cold drinks were consumed with great gusto.

Welcome New Alumni!

Class Night, an important and meaningful College tradition is an opportunity for an official entry to the world of alums. On May 13, 2003, alumni representatives gave welcoming talks to the assembled graduates in each major. Explaining the benefits of being a Jefferson graduate and extending



Pile of Pizzas on "Pizza Day".

Alumni Sponsored Events



Rachel Wagner, OT, '00 and Dorothy Grieb, Director of Alumni Relations

the opportunity to stay involved as alumni were Paula Deaun Jackson, BSN '93, Nursing; John Bauer, DI '95, Diagnostic Imaging; Beverly Zimmerman, LS, '97, Laboratory Sciences; Joanne Gauthier, GS, '00, General Studies, and Rachel Wagner, OT '00 for Occupational Therapy. Also included with the Class Night programs were alumni portfolios stamped with the University seal, an alumni bumper sticker as well as the important alumni card with list of its benefits.



Deborah Melbourne, DI, '95 and Danna Depiano, DI, '93

We Did Lunch!

For the fourth year, the JCHP Alumni Association sponsored an alumni luncheon for diagnostic imaging alumni attending "The Leading Edge in Diagnostic Ultrasound" conference. This year, the luncheon was held on May 15, 2003 at the Wyndam Franklin Plaza Hotel in Philadelphia. Over 40 alumni, students and clinical preceptors gathered for a fine buffet lunch and heard greetings from Michael



Michael Hartman, DI, '88, President of the Alumni Association and Barry B. Goldberg, MD

Hartman, DI, '88, JCHP Alumni Association President, Dorothy Grieb, Director of the Office of Alumni Relations, and Betty Bisaccia-Hanson, Director of Marketing and Public Relations. Also addressing the group was Barry B. Goldberg, MD, Professor of Radiology and Director of the Jefferson Ultrasound Research and Education Institute who spoke of future plans for this very important and successful conference.

Nurse Alumna Receives the Alumni Emerging Leader Award

Congratulations to Lisa Ann Plowfield, PhD, RN, recipient of the 2003 Alumni Emerging Leader Award. This award recognizes a Jefferson College of Health Professions graduate who, early in his or her career but at least five years following graduation, has made significant contributions in research, leadership in professional organizations, community service or any other significant professional accomplishments.

Dr. Plowfield is Chair and Associate Professor in the Department of Nursing at the University of Delaware. She received her bachelor of science in nursing in 1986 from JCHP and earned her master of science in nursing from the University of Maryland and her doctoral degree from the University of Virginia.

Currently conducting research in the areas of student perceptions toward the elderly and family caregiver stress, Dr. Plowfield is also the principal investigator on several major grants. They include program evaluation of geriatric health programs and nursing education as well as the socialization of the marital couple after a spouse's stroke. She also received federal funding for research on promoting healthy lifestyles among the elderly and underserved populations in Delaware.

Dr. Plowfield has been listed in *Who's Who in American Nursing* (1989-1995), *Who's Who Among Professional and Business Women* (1990) and *Who's Who in American Education* (1993). In 1995, she received the Excellence in Teaching Award from the University of Delaware's College of Nursing.

Named by the John A. Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing at New York University as a Scholar in its 2002 Geriatric Research Scholars and Fellows Program, Dr. Plowfield was lauded for conducting significant research in gerontologic nursing and for her strong leadership potential. In 2002, the Nursing Spectrum named her Nurse of the Year in Nursing Education for the Philadelphia Tri-State Region.



Lisa Plowfield with Dean James B. Erdmann at the Awards Ceremony, May 21, 2003

Alumni News

DENTAL HYGIENE

Robin Weller Melnick, DH '79, is living in Rockville, Maryland and is currently working four days a week in a periodontal practice in Chevy Chase. She has been married for 22 years to husband Brian and has two sons, Gregory who is a freshman in high school and Andrew who is a freshman in college. Also included in the family is the dog, Boris, an adopted ex-racer greyhound who has graduated from the "School of Snoozing All Day." Robin says hi to the DH Class of 1979 and says that she will never forget how clean Jackie Gleber made them keep those dental units!



Valli I. Meeks, PhD, DH '81, also resides in Maryland. Dr. Meeks was a guest lecturer at the 3rd International Conference on AIDS and Other Infectious Diseases in Dentistry in Maceio, Brazil. She

lectured on the Oral Manifestations of HIV/AIDS and the Dental Management of the Pediatric HIV/AIDS patient. This was the third time she has been invited to Brazil for this international dental conference.



DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING

Christine Gliet Krempa, DI '93, has worked for the past ten years as a sonographer at Riverview Medical Center in Red Bank, New Jersey. She has been married for eight years to husband, Frank, and has two

beautiful" children, Alexis, age 4 and Ian, age 3. Christine reports that she misses everyone and has fond memories of her time at Jefferson.



Christine with Alexis and Ian.

Rebecca Lahn Brennan, DI '99, gave birth to a daughter, Nicole, on January 17, 2002.

Karen Paul Bien, DI '??, had worked for a major pharmaceutical company after graduation and currently works for Siemens as a Clinical Systems Quality and Productivity Manager.

Laurie Miller, DI '87, and her husband, Dave, recently moved to a small farm in Lumberton, New Jersey. They have two children, Robbie, age 7, Jenna, age 4, and two dogs, two cats, two horses and a tank full of fish. Laurie is chief sonographer for the Delaware Valley Institute of Fertility and Genetics and works for a mobile service in Southern New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania. She also performs sonograms on domestic animals being treated for cancer at Veterinary Oncology Services in West Chester, Pennsylvania and works with Dr. Lisa Soslak-Brown, a veterinary radiologist.

GENERAL STUDIES

JoAnn Tompkins, GS '96, received a BA in Psychology with a minor concentration in Anthropology from Rowan University, Glassboro, New Jersey in May, 2002. JoAnn plans to further her education by studying anthropology in graduate school.

LABORATORY SCIENCES

Vanessa Solen, LS '82, was recently promoted to Technical Lead, Clinical Pharmacology section for Worldwide Clinical Data Management Organization, Merck Research Laboratories. She works closely with the recently promoted Pam Rivest Froehlich, LS '79, who is now Associate Manager of the same group. Vanessa reports that while their paths never crossed at Jeff, it is great to work together now.

Patricia Kalck, LS '94, is living in Allentown, New Jersey and works in East Windsor where she is employed by Esoterix, Inc. as a Medical Technologist-Hematology Key Operator.

NURSING

Roberta Guertin Barone, BSN '87, has a new house and is busy raising five children (four boys/one girl) ages ten months to eight years! She also continues to work at Jefferson one evening a week.

Joan Perks, BSN '86, lives in Marmora, New Jersey and she is a Professor of Nursing at Cumberland County College in Vineland.

Jennifer Wagner, BSN '95, has been married since 1997 and has two children, Hunter Ian, nearly three years old, and Carleyrose, almost one year old. Jennifer works weekends at St. Mary's Medical Center on the Acute Stroke Unit/Medical Surgical.

Keri L. Gilbert, APRN '93, works as a CRNA at Children's Anesthesia Associates at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Ruth Craymer Davis, BSN '75, serves as Chair of the Department of Nursing, Millersville University, Millersville, Pennsylvania. She has also been promoted to Professor of Nursing.

Stefani Montella Smith, BSN '94, lives in San Marcos, California where she works as a regional monitor for Bristol-Myers Squibb. She and her husband, Marcus have one daughter, Sofia Marisa, born on September 23, 2002.

Lynn Guberman Apple, BSN '76, lives in Israel and works at Belenson Hospital as a Lactation Consultant.

Anne Malin Markham, BSN '93, was married on May 4, 2003 to Christopher Markham. After a wedding trip to Bermuda, they will reside in Center City Philadelphia.



Jennifer Maclay, BSN '98, is employed as the Charge Nurse at the West Shore Surgery Center in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania.

Linda Wilson, RN, PhD, CPAN, CAPA, BC, MSN '96, completed her PhD in Nursing Research from Rutgers University, Newark, New Jersey in May, 2002. She currently serves as President of the American Society of Perianesthesia Nurses (ASPAN).

Dori Lawson, DN '79, reports that she has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Air and Surface Transport Nurses Association.

Marion Carey Goodwin, DN '66, is living and working in South Carolina. She is employed by Palmetto Health Richland as a Case Manager.

Roberta Buonasorte Quinn, LPN '79, lives in Philadelphia and reports that she would like to get in touch and stay in touch with her classmates.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Deborah Souder-Pelaez, OT '91, married Daniel Pelaez, also an Occupational Therapist, on November 11, 2001. They bought a lovely home in Audubon, New Jersey later that year and welcomed son, Maximiliano (Max) who weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz.

on July 18, 2002. Debbie had been working as a Rehabilitation Program Manager for Genesis until the birth of Max. She has since returned to Genesis as a senior OT.

Sara Hornig, OT '00, reports that she is living and working in Richmond, Virginia where she is employed as an Intermediate Occupational Therapist at Rehabilitation Associates.

William Tacchi, OT '98, is living and working in Phoenix, Arizona where he is employed by Healthsouth: Phoenix Hand as a Hand Therapist.



Jeanne Bires Farber, OT '90, and husband, Mike have a daughter, Ellana, born on September 10, 2001. They are living in Vancouver, Washington and are loving the Pacific Northwest, enjoying hiking and other outdoor fun. Jeanne works part-time in early intervention of three year olds.

Laura Fuguet Armbruster, OT '92 (Certificate), announces the birth of her son, Samuel David on November 9, 2002. Sam joins two big brothers, Joseph, who was born in January, 1998 and Nathan, who was born in September, 2000.

Monica Sarno, OT '94, works at Main Line Nursing and Rehabilitation as an Occupational Therapist.

Margaret Blaisdell Gottschalk, OT '99, works at Bucks County Intermediate Unit Number 22 as an Occupational Therapist.

Pamalyn Johns Kearney, OT '90, announced the birth of her daughter, Colette Marshall Kearney, born on July 22, 2002.



Anastasia "Stasia" Sakelaris Maguire, OT '98, reports that she celebrated her own "big fat Greek wedding" when she married Michael Maguire on May 18, 2002 in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. Stasia and Michael honeymooned in St. Lucia and now reside in Beverly, New Jersey. Stasia works in school-based and DPD programs.

PHYSICAL THERAPY

Betsy Burgess Mullan, PT '93, lives in Delaware with her husband, Pete, who is the brother of Alice Davis, PT '94. Betsy and Pete announce the birth of their daughter, Sarah Renee, on June 7, 2002. Betsy works in pediatric physical therapy at the A.I. duPont Hospital for Children as Senior Staff Physical Therapist.

Timothy Alloway, PT '94, announces the birth of his daughter, Alexandria Ann, born on September 18, 2002.

Lori Levensgood Schlegel, PT '97, lives in Massachusetts and has a son, Matthew Robert, born on July 11, 2002. She is currently working part-time for Partners Healthcare in Beverly, Massachusetts.

Elisabeth Cardillo Towsen, PT '96, and her husband, Brian, announce the birth of their son, Jack Parker, on July 14, 2002. Lisa reports that she loves being a mom and works part-time as a site manager at Chestnut Hill Hospital in Philadelphia.

JCHP Awards Ceremony



Molly A. Rose, RN, FNP, PhD
Dean's Faculty Achievement Award

The Dean sponsors a faculty Achievement Award to recognize outstanding performance in higher education and to honor the College's outstanding faculty members.

Molly A. Rose, RN, FNP, PhD, associate professor in the department of nursing, came to Jefferson College of Health Professions in 1997. She received her BSN and Ph.D.(health education) from Temple University and her MSN (community health nursing) from the University of Pennsylvania. At Jefferson, she designed, developed and implemented the first Internet course offered by the Department of Nursing and was also instrumental in developing community systems administration specialty courses for JCHP. She has also served as co-chair of the nursing academic affairs committee and is currently co-chair of the faculty affairs committee for the College

Dr. Rose has demonstrated a unique ability to invigorate students, teaching courses in community health nursing, epidemiology and research. She has assisted a number of

students to develop and refine work for publication and has co-authored several articles with students, served on thesis and dissertation committees and sponsored or co-authored presentations with students at local and national conferences.

Since 1991, Dr. Rose has been engaged in research associated with experiences and attitudes of women, children and older adults as related to HIV and AIDS. In 1998 she received the Outstanding Research Article of the Year Award from the *Journal of the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care*. In 2001 she was part of the Catholic Medical Mission Board's South African assessment team. Last year, Dr. Rose (along with Dr. Arenson, MD) received the Betty Jane Olecky Minority Issues Research Award from the Gerontological Health Section of the American Public Health Association.



Brenda M. Holtzer, MSN, RN
The Fred & Sadye Abrams Award for Excellence in Clinical or Laboratory Instruction

Established in memory of the late Fred & Sadye Abrams, parents of Lawrence Abrams, EdD, former JCHP Dean, this award is the only College-wide award devoted exclusively to the recognition of clinical or laboratory teaching excellence.

Brenda M. Holtzer, MSN, RN, nursing instructor at Jefferson College of Health Professions since 1992, received her BSN and MSN from the University of Pennsylvania and is nearing completion of her doctorate in nursing and health policy from the University of Maryland.

Ms. Holtzer's expertise is in the field of pediatric nursing and pediatric rehabilitation nursing and she works very diligently to infuse her students with the same regard and passion that she has for her profession. She has initiated creative placements for students in various clinical settings. She spearheaded an opportunity for students to analyze care situations in which delegation was a priority and encouraged students to develop recommendations for more effective and productive delegation relationships. This highly successful clinical rotation has been positively evaluated by students and will complement their repertoire of clinical skills, assisting in their transition to independent nursing practice. As a key member of the faculty teaching interdisciplinary clinical care planning, she has made significant contributions to the linkage of the course content to the realities of practice. Students from all college disciplines have commended her efforts.

Ms. Holtzer is a board member and faculty counselor for the Sigma Theta Tau International, Delta Rho Chapter and is a member of the academic affairs committee and co-chair of the research committee for the College. Her scholarly presentations include the topics, "Reflective Journaling in Promoting Professional Development Among Nursing Students," and "Children with Special Healthcare Needs."



Kathleen Swenson Miller, PhD, OTR/L
Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching

The Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Award is given by the College in recognition of distinguished teaching.

Kathleen Swenson Miller, PhD, OTR/L, instructor and undergraduate program coordinator in JCHP's Department of Occupational Therapy, came to the College in 1993. She earned her bachelor's degree in occupational therapy from the University of Minnesota, her advanced master's degree in OT from Boston University and her doctorate in health studies (public health) from Temple University. She also holds a web site designer certificate from Temple University.

Dr. Swenson Miller has been at the forefront of her profession, forging new paths in community-based settings for occupational therapists. Her previous work involved issues of children and families in their communities. Most recently, she has been instrumental in obtaining grants and working with the continuum of homelessness in Philadelphia. Dr. Swenson Miller is co-director of a new Bureau of Health Professions grant exploring the concept of interactive health communication with underserved populations.

Students have praised her interactive teaching style, her open door policy of advising and her interest in their personal and professional growth. She encourages them to expand on their clinical reasoning skills and challenges them to carve out new paths in their pursuit of occupational therapy careers.



Mary T. Bouchaud, MSN, CNS, RN, CRRN
Outstanding Service Recognition Award

Jefferson College of Health Professions sponsors the Outstanding Service Recognition Award to honor an employee of the University who has rendered exceptional service to the College and its students by demonstrating flexibility, problem solving, courtesy, attention to the needs of students and other constituents, and going above and beyond the call of duty.

Mary T. Bouchaud, MSN, CNS, RN, CRRN, joined the faculty of the Department of Nursing as instructor in August of 1999. She holds a BSN degree from Widener University and an MSN degree from Thomas Jefferson University. She is currently working on a PhD in Human Services/Community and Social Work from Capella University. In addition to her positions as community clinical coordinator and JCHP full-time faculty member, she is an adjunct clinical instructor for community nursing at the University of Pennsylvania.

Her leadership roles have included positions as president of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the Association of Rehabilitation Nurses and chairperson of a variety of their committees. Additionally, she is Secretary of the Graduate Alumni Board of Directors, a member of the American Public Health Association, and a member of the advisory board and work task force of the Senior Health Independence Program and several other department and university-wide committees.

Consistently nominated each year by the nursing students for excellence in teaching awards, last year she received the Certificate of Excellence for Outstanding Faculty Role Model, awarded by the evening pre-licensure nursing students.

Ms. Bouchaud's academic interests include integrated medicine, environmental health and its impact on health care and the assimilation of new graduate nurses into community nursing. She is authoring a survival-skills primer to acclimate new nursing graduates into the healthcare environment. She also mentors nursing students interested in the profession of nursing educator and has co-authored articles with graduate nursing students.



(l to r) University President, Paul C. Brucker, MD; Jaclyn Gleber, PhD; JCHP Dean, James B. Erdmann, PhD

Jaclyn Gleber, PhD
Thank You for 25 Years

After 25 years of service to the Jefferson community, Dr. Jaclyn Gleber, Continuing Education Director has decided to retire. During this year's JCHP Awards Ceremony held on May 21, 2002, Dr. Gleber received an award for her 25 years of service at Thomas Jefferson University. She has been a member of the Jefferson community since 1978, originally as a clinical faculty member in Dental Hygiene. Building on her facilitation and networking skills, Dr. Gleber created the "Interdisciplinary Professional Development Series" Continuing Education courses in 1996 to meet the needs of JHS professionals, alumni and affiliates. Each month the office delivers high-quality, accredited, interdisciplinary Continuing Education courses and conferences for health professionals, utilizing JHS, regional and national experts. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors

Achievement Award for Student Life

Each year, the College selects one graduating student to receive the Achievement Award for Student Life. This award is given to a student who has made an outstanding contribution to the department, the College, the University and the community. It is the only College-wide award given to a student, making it an especially impressive achievement. This year, Nicholas Collins, a nursing senior, was selected from an impressive group of nominees for this prestigious award.

On campus, Nick's maturity, perspective and positive outlook have resulted in his appointment to many advisory organizations in the College and University including the Student Advisory Committee, the Jefferson Information Technology Steering Committee, the Bookstore Advisory Committee and the Committee of Student Advisors. He is an active participant in the University's Middle States Self-Study Task Force as a member of the Educational Program Subcommittee. He also gives his time to serve as a Student Ambassador for the Office of Admissions and Enrollment Management.

At a time when college students across the country are being encouraged to provide community service, Nick sets the pace. He is a member of the Steering Committee of Jeff Hope, an urban health promotion project for underserved populations, sponsored by Jefferson's Department of Family Medicine. He teaches CPR and first aid through CPR Heart Starters, a safety training organization in the community, and has served as a hospital volunteer and a board member of the Bucks County Drug and Alcohol Commission.

One recommender said that Nick "has consistently demonstrated his stature as a student advocate, student leader and effective liaison with the University's administration." Another recommender cited his qualities of diligence and responsiveness that make him such a valuable member of the Jefferson community.

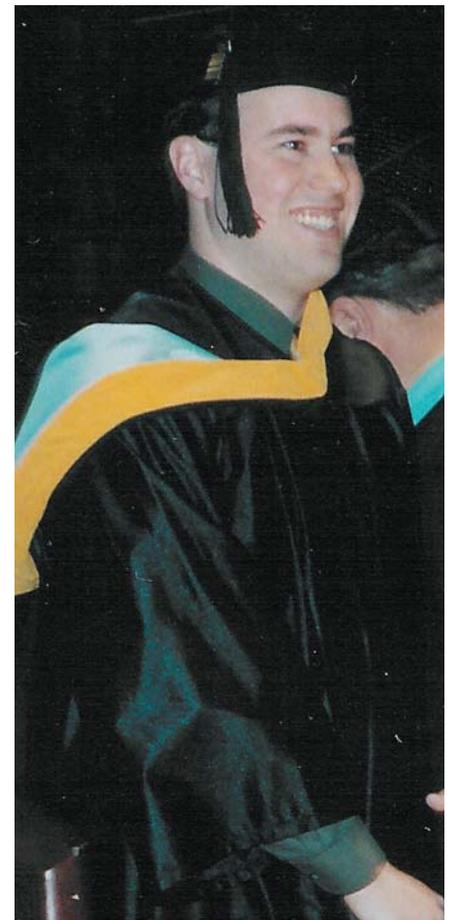
According to Nick, "I have come to believe that involvement and community service are inherent civic duties and prerequisites to becoming a contributing member of society. Therefore, to be honored with such a prestigious award is perhaps the greatest honor that a graduating student could attain.

I wish I could narrow down my learning experiences to one particular individual or depart-

ment within the University but there are just too many people who provided guidance to me. I would also like to acknowledge those individuals who are often overlooked, at least in my perception. Primarily, I would like to extend my thanks to my 'extended family' in the Student Affairs office, specifically, William Thygeson and Joanne Gauthier. It is through these individuals that I first took an active interest in becoming involved in the many areas of student life. Their dedication to student life is unparalleled, from their genuine concern for student issues to the coordination of a fantastic winter formal, which I must admit, was better than my high school prom!

Second, my thanks also go to Dr. Raelynn Cooter, whose commitment to quality improvement within the University is evident and contagious. She has become my friend and mentor, that I am happy to say, will endure beyond my student affiliation with Jefferson. Finally, to the students, residents and selected faculty in the Department of Family Medicine in JMC, that encouraged my involvement."

Nick Collins joins an impressive group of Achievement Award for Student Life winners who have made the College a better place by virtue of their commitment of time, energy and creativity.



Student Life Achievement Award Recipients

1978 Bonnie Lee Dymek <i>Rad Tech</i>	1987 Carla Carbo <i>Cytotechnology</i>	1996 Stacey Bunch <i>Occupational Therapy</i>
1979 Diane Hamburg <i>Nursing</i>	1988 Kathleen O'Brien <i>Dental Hygiene</i>	1997 Rekha Sankaran-Kutty <i>Occupational Therapy</i>
1980 Patricia Goda <i>Dental Hygiene</i>	1989 Amy Cole <i>Physical Therapy</i>	1998 Karen Cunningham <i>Occupational Therapy</i>
1981 Donna Eckardt <i>Cytotechnology</i>	1990 Lisa Klinger <i>Dental Hygiene</i>	1999 Jennifer Ann Bartos <i>Physical Therapy</i>
1982 Francine Savage <i>Cytotechnology</i>	1991 Christine M. Barnabei <i>Dental Hygiene</i>	2000 Emily Byrne <i>Nursing</i>
1983 Peter Leporati <i>Nursing</i>	1992 Amanda Linville <i>Laboratory Sciences</i>	2001 Kami Reinhard <i>Physical Therapy</i>
1984 Patricia Paul <i>Nursing</i>	1993 Marnie Sue Heiss <i>Nursing</i>	2002 Jacqueline Titus <i>Occupational Therapy</i>
1985 Kurt Douglass <i>Cytotechnology</i>	1994 Colleen Carey <i>Nursing</i>	2003 Nicholas A. Collins <i>Nursing</i>
1986 Teresa Halley <i>Dental Hygiene</i>	1995 Verita Lacy <i>Nursing</i>	

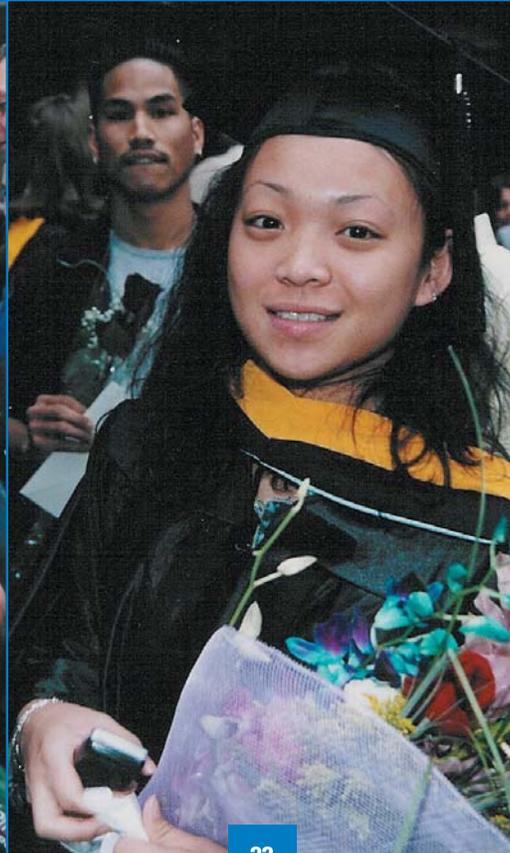
PT Convocation

JCHP's physical therapy class of 2003 convened at the Independence Seaport Museum on Friday, May 2 for their closing ceremony. In attendance were the 49 graduates who will complete their combined BS-MS degree program during this summer as well as faculty, administrators and family and friends. This year's guest speaker was Ben Massey, president of the American Physical Therapy Association.

Graduate research presentations took place on May 1 at the College. The physical therapy students presented to an expert review panel consisting of Wen Ling, PT, PhD, Chair and Associate Professor in the Department of Physical Therapy, Steinhardt School of Education at New York University, NY; Judy Deutsch, PT, PhD, Associate Professor in the Department of Developmental and Rehabilitation Sciences, School of Health Related Professions at the University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey; and Robert Post, PT, PhD, Program



Director and Associate Professor in the Department of Physical Therapy at Neumann College in Aston, PA. Research topics included: Using Technology to Develop an Interactive Self- Management Program Tailored to Homeless Adults, Using Technology to Develop an Interactive Exercise Program Tailored to Homeless Adults, and Neuromusculoskeletal Symptoms Experienced by Orchestral String Instrument Musicians.



Changing Faces University and Hospital Introduce New Logos

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Jefferson College of Health Professions Holds Commencement on May 14th

Reverend Charles T.A. Flood and T. Franklin Williams, MD, Receive Honorary Degrees

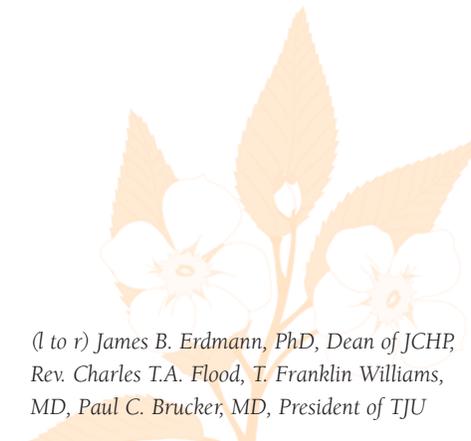
Jefferson College of Health Professions returned to the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts on May 14, 2003 for the college's second commencement in this setting. Honorary doctoral degrees were awarded to Reverend Charles T.A. Flood, Rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, and T. Franklin Williams, MD, Professor of Medicine Emeritis at the University of Rochester and Monroe County Hospital.

The Class of 2003 totals 254 graduates, including 240 bachelor of science degree recipients in the disciplines of nursing, occupational therapy, diagnostic imaging and laboratory sciences; seven post-baccalaureate certificate recipients in laboratory sciences; and seven associate degree recipients. Also included in the totals are physical therapy students who will complete their combined BS-MS degree program during this summer.

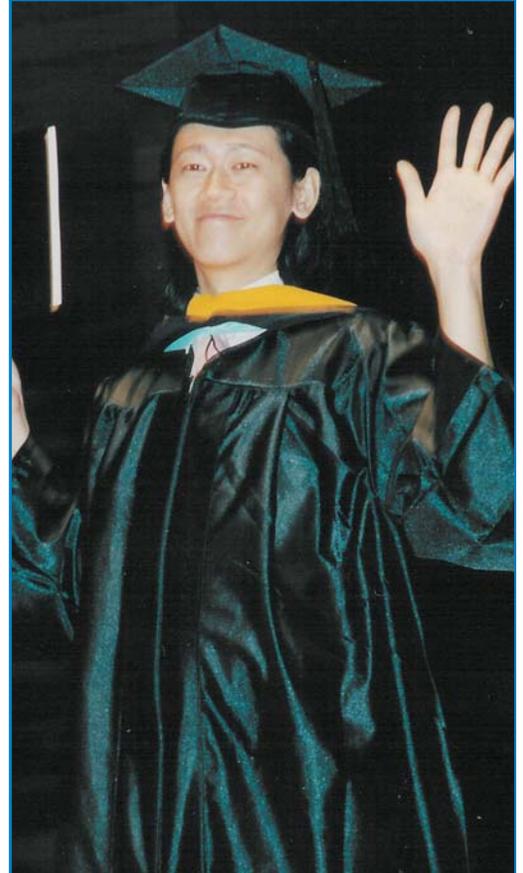
Douglas MacMaster, Jr., Esq., Chairman of the Board of Trustees, presented Rev. Charles T.A. Flood for the Honorary Doctor of Medical Science. In addition to being Rector at St. Stephen's, Rev. Flood also serves as Chaplain at the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in New York.

T. Franklin Williams, MD, Professor of Medicine Emeritis at the University of Rochester and Monroe County Hospital was also presented for the Honorary Doctor of Medical Sciences. Dr. Williams has also served as Scientific Director of the American Federation for Aging Research. Laura Gitlin, PhD, Director, Community and Homecare Research Division and Professor in JCHP's Department of Occupational Therapy presented Dr. Williams.

University President Paul C. Brucker, MD, conferred the student degrees. JCHP Dean James B. Erdmann, PhD, addressed students and their families and presented the JCHP Student Life Award to Nicholas Collins, a nursing graduate. Janice Burke, PhD, OTRL/L, Chairman and Associate Professor, Department of Occupational Therapy, served as the Grand Marshal.



(l to r) James B. Erdmann, PhD, Dean of JCHP, Rev. Charles T.A. Flood, T. Franklin Williams, MD, Paul C. Brucker, MD, President of TJU



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