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## Grads Find Jobs Quickly

In the summer of 1999 the School of HPER conducted its first large scale alumni survey focused on career and academic issues. It was a random sampling of those who graduated in 1992, 1995, and 1998. Ninety-five AHS alumni (68 undergraduate and 27 graduate alumni) returned the survey for a return rate of 51%.

One key finding was that 83% of our graduates seeking work in their field found a job within 6 months of graduation. In fact, nearly half found their first job within one month of graduation. We also learned that our recent alumni are predominantly employed full-time (77%) or in graduate school (10%). A small number (8%) reported part-time employment, and an even smaller number (5%) are unemployed.

For our bachelors alumni, the salary range most cited was \$30,000-\$40,000 while for those who received a graduate degree the most cited range was \$40,000-\$50,000. (See the chart below).

### Bachelors Alumni

Most felt well prepared for the job market with 78% reporting that HPER prepared them adequately or better for their current job.

Please see the box on page 3 for a breakdown by undergraduate major.

### Masters Alumni

Alumni with AHS master's degrees are employed full time (76%), earning over \$30,000 (75%), and find jobs within six months (78%). A majority (60%) are employed within their major field. For MPH alumni, 91% are employed in their major field, 80% found their first job within six months, and salaries are over \$30,000 (with 45% in the \$40,000 to \$50,000 range). Satisfaction levels with their career preparation for masters alumni are high (75% say adequate or better) and especially high (91%) for MPH students.

### Doctoral Alumni

Due to the survey's design there were only two responses from alumni holding doctoral degrees. Both are employed in a field related to their major, making over \$40,000 and found a job within a month.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the 1999 Alumni Survey. It has given us very useful data on the strong job outlook for Applied Health Science graduates.

# Faculty News

## Dr. Earl Blair Joins AHS Faculty

**Dr. Alyce Fly** and Dr. David Gallahue are presenting at an obesity conference this fall on Nutrition Education in the Physical Education Curriculum.

**Dr. Deborah Fravel's** student Bernadette McGurrian, who worked on the Boundary Ambiguity/Adoption Research Project, was awarded a Jacob Javits Fellowship for her proposal of research investigating bilingual language development for children of international adoptions.

On July 1, 2000, **Victoria M. Getty** became the Director of the Didactic Program in Dietetics, which currently has 52 students enrolled. Also, she spent some time in north-east China this summer visiting friends.

**Dr. Kathleen Gilbert's** book *The Emotional Nature of Qualitative Research* published by CRC Press will be out late this year. She is also the editor of *The Annual Edition of Marriage and the Family* for 2000-01. And, saving the best for last, her daughter is due to give birth to her first grandchild in December.

**Dr. Maria Schmidt** and her husband Bruce have a new baby girl, Greta Claire Stephenson, born June 13<sup>th</sup>. Greta weighed 5 pounds 4 ounces and was 17 ½ inches long.

**Dr. Catherine Sherwood-Puzzello** presented a paper entitled "Parents and Providers of Young Children With Special Needs: What Do They Say About Their Training Needs" at the World Association for Infant Mental Health's international conference in Montreal this summer. She also attended a 5-day workshop on Human Sexuality Education sponsored by the Great Lakes Institute for Community Health Educators in July.

This fall our Department welcomes Dr. Earl Blair to the faculty in the Occupational Safety undergraduate program and the Safety Management graduate program. Dr. Blair comes to us with 20 years of experience in academics, industry, and consulting. He is an award winning author and a dynamic speaker, thus combining a knowledge of safety issues with real ability to convey that knowledge to students, community members and Fortune 500 executives.

### **Dr. Blair's safety experience:**

5 years as a safety **representative** at Baxter Laboratories and Mobile Chemical Company

3 years as a safety **supervisor** at Mobil Chemical Company and Ashland Oil Corporation

3 years as a safety **manager** at GAF Chemicals Corporation

6 years as the **principal** of Blair Safety & Health Consulting and Training

3 years as an **associate** at Safety Performance Solutions

### **His academic experience:**

2 years as adjunct professor at Murray State University

6 years as assistant professor at Eastern Kentucky University

He received his undergraduate degree in Psychology from Asbury College in 1973, his MS in Safety Management from West Virginia University in 1979, and his Doctorate in Vocational Education with an emphasis in Occupational Safety Management from University of Kentucky in 1997.

Dr. Blair's expertise centers on how safety professionals can be effective managers and focus on the human element in safety. Phrases like "Total Safety Culture" and "Authentic Caring and Quality" are found in his articles. His upcoming publications include "Becoming World Class in Health, Safety, and Environmental Management," in the September issue of *Occupational Health & Safety* and a chapter entitled "Behavior-Based Safety" for the textbook *Fundamentals of Occupational Safety & Health*.

Earl and his wife Linda were both born and raised in Lexington, Kentucky. They have two daughters, Emily 13 and Patricia 10, two sons, Robert 15 and Jonathan 7, a Sheltie named Prissie and a cat named Chance. They are excited about the move to Bloomington, and we are indeed happy to welcome them to IU.

## Faculty News continued

**Dr. Mohammad Torabi** is the Year 2000 Scholar of the American Association for Health Education. He was recently appointed by Governor O'Bannon to serve a four-year term on the Indiana Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Executive Board. This Board was established as a result of an appropriation to the State of Indiana from the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement Fund.

# Alumni & Staff News

## From the Chairman

On behalf of the Department of Applied Health Science, it is an honor for me to extend my warmest greetings to all. Our Department has had an extraordinary past year, and we look forward to forging ahead with an exciting agenda in fulfilling our Department's mission.

The faculty have worked together in accomplishing both short and long-term goals. During the past year, faculty authored 21 publications and made 32 professional presentations. Seven faculty have been actively involved in funded grant projects ranging from \$5,000 to \$800,000 per grant. External funding was in excess of \$1.8 million for 1999-2000. Credit for the past year's accomplishments goes to the Department's faculty, staff, and students, along with the support of Dean Tony Mobley and Associate Deans David Gallahue and Kay Burrus.

The Department of Applied Health Science's doctoral program was recently recognized as the number one doctoral program in the nation. "The Ranking of Doctoral Programs in Health Education," a national survey, was administered by Stephen Notaro and Thomas O'Rourke of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and James Eddy of the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. This survey focused on actual data such as faculty publications, grants and graduate job placement.

All undergraduate and graduate major and minor curricular courses of study were reviewed and curricular updates were approved. Also, 3 new courses were developed: Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease, Introduction to Public and School Health, and Today's Safety Issues. Efforts to revise and strengthen our curricular offerings will continue.

**Dr. Dennis Daniels** was appointed as Coordinator for Minority Recruitment and Retention.

The Multicultural Club has been launched with **Haydee Encarnacion**, **Xenia Fernandez**, and **Joy Raatz** serving as student representatives.

## Alumni News

This edition of the AHS Pulse highlights an MPH graduate, George F. Holland. George is currently employed as a manager with EZEM, the world's largest supplier of diagnostic gastrointestinal radiology items. When he graduated from IU, he chose to use all his knowledge of health education in the medical field as a sales representative. This background in health education was wonderful for him in medical sales. While in AHS, he learned about many health issues, as well as how best to communicate these issues to medical professionals. George says, "Having the MPH also brings professionalism that is instantly recognized."

George has also worked as a professional representative for Merck & Company and SmithKline Beecham.

"IU gave me the opportunity to explore many new challenges from teaching to public speaking."

The medical sales arena can be an exciting and profitable area for students to explore. He hasn't had to buy a car for over 10 years because most medical companies provide them free of charge to their representatives!

George was a Resident Assistant for 3 years and had assistantships with Professors William J. Bailey for 3 years and James W. Crowe in the First Aid program.

George graduated with his BS in 1985 and immediately started on his MPH degree, which he received in 1987. George currently lives in St. Louis and serves as the President of the St. Louis IU Alumni Club. He can be reached by e-mail at [George@alumni.indiana.edu](mailto:George@alumni.indiana.edu).

## Staff News

New to the PRC staff are **Mr. Gordon Bennett**, **Ms. Jeanie Alter**, and **Ms. Jolene Boas**.

**Mary Lay's** son, Samuel George, was born on September 6, 2000.

**Donna Johnson** has worked for Indiana University for 20 years.

## From The Chair, Continued

**Dr. Alyce Fly** will serve as Coordinator of our Department's Research Lecture Series which will continue this year with presentations by outstanding visiting scholars, as well as AHS faculty profiling their research expertise.

**Dr. Alice Lindeman** will continue to serve during 2000-2001 as Assistant to the Chair. **Dr. Kathleen Gilbert** will continue as Undergraduate Coordinator, and **Dr. William Yarber** as Graduate Coordinator.

Please feel free to share with me any comments, suggestions, concerns, or successes. Best wishes to all of you!

## Bachelors Alumni

**Dietetics** graduates find careers related to their majors and are employed most often in the \$25,000-\$40,000 range.

**Health Secondary Teacher Preparation** graduates are finding jobs in the \$25,000-\$30,000 range.

**Human Development/Family Studies** graduates work in a variety of fields including counseling, human resources, sales; they have a wide salary range and many (46%) go on to graduate or professional training.

**Nutrition Science** graduates opt for further education at the master's or professional level. Salaries not available.

**Occupational Safety** graduates are making \$30,000-\$50,000 with 60% making over \$40,000. They go into a variety of fields including safety and management, with 30% going on to graduate work.

**Public Health Education** graduates go into a variety of fields including environmental health and administration. Salaries are \$20,000-\$40,000, and 30% attend graduate or professional school.

# Student News

## The Big Question

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#### Calendar

**October 1-** See your advisor for spring semester registration 855-3627  
**October 13** Research Seminar on Safety Culture Dr. Michael O'Toole in HPER 125 at 10:30 am  
**October 19-November 17** Spring Semester Registration  
**October 27** Tony Pantaleoni of Crane Co. will speak on safety issues (TBA)  
**November 21** Research Seminar on PCB levels and fish: Dr. Charles Santerre in HPER 125 at 10:30 am  
**November 22-26** Thanksgiving Recess  
**December 13-17** Final Exams

#### MPH Student News

Our MPH students are doing internships as follows:

American Red Cross, Greater Metro Atlanta Area-**Muthoni Njage**  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta-**Hilary Tyler**  
Columbus Health Department, Columbus, Ohio-**Emily SeEVERS**  
Department of Health and Human Services, Washington DC-**Virginia Githiri**  
Indiana State Department of Health-**Jennifer Shear** and **Antoinette Mann**  
Indiana University Bloomington, Health Center-**Mylander Davis**  
March of Dimes, Minnesota-**Karee Koepp**  
Northwestern Memorial Wellness Institute, Chicago-**Olivia Senn**  
Robert Crown Center for Health Education, Hinsdale, Illinois-**Kerry Kirk**  
Rush-Presbyterian St. Luke's Medical Center, Chicago-**Suzanne Smith**

Our MPH graduates are employed in the following agencies:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention-**Viva Combs**, **Priscilla Barnes**  
Georgia Tech University, Health and Wellness-**Eric Buhi**  
Indiana State Department of Health, Epidemiology-**De'Angeles Goings**  
Internal Medicine Associates, Bloomington, IN - **Kathleen Finley**  
Iowa Department of Public Health-**Dawn Gentsch**  
March of Dimes, St. Louis-**Lori Greenberg Levitt**  
National Cancer Institute-**Mary Beth Kelley**  
Pro-Fitness, Milwaukee-**Sarah Knebel**  
University of Georgia, Student Affairs-**Sara Oswalt**

“What will I do after I graduate?” That is the big question for many AHS students this fall. Take heart for help is at hand. Your Department has Placement and Career Services, your School is well respected across the nation, and your University has abundant resources. This question is not one you need to wrestle with alone. It is a question you can shed light on with a bit of research, pose to others who have knowledge and insight, and finally answer with real confidence.

**Resources Tier 1:** The very simplest and strongest resource IU has to offer, whether you are heading for grad school or the job market, is **people**. On a campus with over 1600 faculty members, over 2000 professional staff members and hundreds of community organizations, there are bound to be 3 or 4 key people who can help you begin to answer the question. So, right now, walk in the door of your professor's office or your placement service. Make that call to someone who could become your professional mentor. When you do, you will find a friend and guide and incidently, someone who can write a recommendation for you. And here's further evidence that people are the most important resource. One third to one half of all jobs are found through friends, family and acquaintances—the **people** you know.

**Resources Tier 2:** Yes, **the web** is fast becoming a job clearing house for all professions. Public health jobs are especially well represented on the web. Also, many newspapers' classified sections are just a few clicks away. Come pick up our **free** list of AHS Web Sites For Job Hunting at 309 N. Woodlawn, or check out or the new HPER Career Site. Finally, you can research potential employers by using IU Library's fine online databases like Lexis-Nexis and Encyclopedia of

Associations. And for email job postings of Applied Health Science jobs, you can subscribe by emailing Harriet Castrataro (hcastrat@indiana.edu).

**Resources Tier 3:** Even in our Internet era, there are still some solid comprehensive career and grad school resources in **print**. Here are a few:

For students interested in any grad school: Peterson's Guide To Graduate Programs Main Library UGL Career Collection: LB2371.P4851

For anyone interested in grad school in Social Work: Guide to Selecting and Applying To Master of Social Work Programs Main Library, UGL Career Collection: HV 11.7.G85

For anyone interested in grad school in Marriage and Family Therapy: Graduate Study in Marriage and the Family AHS Placement and Career Services Reference

For Dietetics and Nutrition Science students interested in the job market: Jobs in Dietetics monthly newsletter available at the HPER Library reference desk.

And finally, here are some **free printed resources** you can pick up at AHS Placement and Career Services, 309 N. Woodlawn Avenue.

IUB Career Services - a comprehensive guide to the many career services on the Bloomington campus with addresses, hours of operation, phone numbers and web sites.

Resume Builder: Applied Health Science - a self-help resume construction kit with examples.

Professional Applied Health Science Memberships and Organizations - a list of national health and family organizations that you can join as a college student.

Volunteer Opportunities Hotlist- Spells out current volunteering needs of our community.