Erin Alley Presents Research

Fourth year HeWe major, Erin Alley, presented a portion of her original research at the Southern District American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (SDAAHPERD) Convention in Myrtle Beach, SC this February. Mrs. Alley's research, entitled "Perceived vs. Actual Physical Fitness in University Undergraduates," was an extension of alum Bethany Martin's ('09) research, and part of the PEWSS Department HLED 221 data collection project.

Dr. Burch Accepts New Position

Dr. Franki Burch has been appointed as the new Dean of the Graduate School at Gardner-Webb University, effective July 1, 2010. Dr. Burch, who holds the position of Professor of Physical Education, Wellness, and Sport Studies, has served Gardner-Webb with distinction as a member of full-time faculty since 2001 and as a member of adjunct faculty 1997-2000. She will continue to teach two courses per semester in the Health/Wellness Undergraduate Program or the Sport Science and Pedagogy Graduate Program while serving as Dean of the Graduate School. Congratulations, Dr. Burch!
Pace Selected for Summer Internship

Marcesa Pace recently learned of her acceptance for a very competitive internship this summer at Carolina Physical Therapy Specialist in Winston Salem, NC. Marcesa was in competition for this internship with DPT candidates from a number of schools in the Winston Salem area, so those involved with the HeWe major are obviously very excited for, and very proud of Marcesa. Marcesa had the following to say regarding her internship; "I feel blessed to have been given this internship opportunity. I will be serving as a PT Tech while learning the inner workings of starting and maintaining your own PT Clinic. Carolina PT works closely with NCAA athletes from universities in the area such as Wake Forest and UNC-Greensboro, partners with OrthoCarolina, and works with many out-patients from Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center. I feel that Gardner-Webb’s Health and Wellness major has prepared me for what is ahead, and I don’t believe that I would have received this [opportunity] without the guidance of my professors in the HEWE [major]."

PEWSS Graduate and Family Donate Money for Student Center

According to an excerpt from a University press release, “Long-time university benefactors Robert and Carolyn Tucker were on hand March 30 as Gardner-Webb University President, Dr. Frank Bonner announced the largest donation in GWU history. The $5 million gift from the Tucker family will assist in making the Tucker Student Center a reality. When speaking about the gift, Carolyn Tucker shared why the family has been so supportive of the University over the years. ‘I’ve seen so many instances of young people, including my daughter Lisa, who went to Gardner-Webb and they were changed by being there. Now that’s what I want to be on board with—an organization that is changing lives.’ Lisa Tucker, Physical Education ('89) and former volleyball player for Gardner-Webb, has remained committed to the University for two decades and currently serves as a trustee for GWU. ‘Gardner-Webb believes in personal attention for the students. That is special to the University,’ said Tucker. ‘It follows the example of Jesus. He paid attention to the one sheep; He paid attention to the people that no one else would. That is what Gardner-Webb is about. No one is forgotten, no matter where, who, or how you got there, or what you are when you get there, you’re not forgotten. Gardner-Webb’s going to make sure of that and do everything within its power to make sure that you become a better human.’"
HeWe Club News
As reported by: Erin Tench Alley
During the spring semester, the Health and Wellness Majors Club has been busy! We started the semester off by participating in the GWU Health Fair where we took body composition measurements for individuals who wanted to participate. We also provided the public with sample portion sizes for them to see the types of food they should be eating for a healthy diet as well as the amount of the food they should be consuming on a daily basis. In February, the club supported “Barefoot for Bare Feet” which was a shoe drive sponsored by GWU’s chapter of SAAC. In honor of Earth Day, the club helped sponsor a guest speaker, Jennifer Pharr Davis, to come and speak on GWU campus. As in most years, club members participated in the Boiling Springs Litter Sweep. The club has been preparing all semester for our annual “R U Fit for a Wii?” event on April 27. We are excited to provide this social activity for our fellow classmates on campus in order to get students moving and exercising while also having the opportunity to win a great prize. It is a fun event that the club looks forward to every year! The club is also sponsoring Erin Tench (President) and Brie Thompson (Vice President) for the CHES exam in April and October, respectively. Best wishes to both members!!!

End-of-Semester Fiester
The End-of-Semester Fiester will be held after the Academic Awards Banquet on May 4th from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in Jessika Raduly’s office. Please stop by for food and fellowship with PEWSS faculty, staff, and majors!

Athletic Training End-of-Year Cookout
Athletic Training will hold a cookout on May 6th at 5:00 p.m. at Lafayette Street United Methodist Church as a send-off for the seniors. All ACls/Cls and students in the program are invited to attend.

Athletic Training Observation Student Interviews
Athletic Training Observation Student Interviews will be held May 3rd and 4th from 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Currently, there are 12 interviewing.
ATS Club News

The Athletic Training Student Club has been active this semester. As a club, they partnered with an organization out of Florida to gather medical supplies for the victims of the earthquake in Haiti. The middle picture shows the ATS packaging the supplies to be shipped. In addition, they attended the SEATA Student Conference and were inundated with tons of new information. Seniors attended workshops to help them prepare for the Board of Certification Exam. Those attending are shown in the picture on the left. The final picture shows the students illustrating spine boarding to a group of visiting students interested in Athletic Training.

Erin Alley Attends LOTS

Erin Tench Alley presented her award winning research project, "Fit or Fooling Yourself: Perceived vs. Actual Physical Fitness in University Undergraduates," at the 2010 Life of the Scholar Interdisciplinary Conference in February. Mrs. Alley was also recognized as GWU’s first "Student Scholar of the Month" for February.
Sports Management Club News
The Sports Management Club has had a very busy and productive semester. The club sponsored a dance that was very well received. The dance was used as one of the service projects for the club to raise money for the Abuse Prevention Council. Money or supplies needed by the Council were collected at the door. Over $300 in supplies were raised and delivered to the organization. The selling of concessions at softball games continues to serve as a fundraiser for the club, and the club sponsored a booth at the Springs Alive Festival in Boiling Springs on April 17th. In addition, members will be volunteering many hours helping with Cleveland County Senior Games in April. Special recognition needs to be made on behalf of Kristen Vitiello, Ashton Turner and Bre Davenport, three hard-working women who led the club through a very successful year. We are looking forward to next year and for greater opportunities for the club to serve and grow.

Physical Education Senior Seminar Presentations

Jamie Hutchins
Tuesday, April 27, 2010
3:00-4:00 p.m., BOST 120
“Should Physical Educators Be Made to Practice What They Teach?”

Dylan Anthony
Wednesday, April 28, 2010
2:30-3:30 p.m., BOST 120
“Music As a Teaching Strategy in the Physical Education Classroom”

Commencement
Monday, May 17
Undergraduate 10:00 a.m.
Graduate 3:00 p.m.

Baccalaureate Service
Sunday, May 16
6:00 p.m., LYCC Arena
A graduate reception will follow in Bost Gym.

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