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Dear Friends,

This issue reports on several exciting activities from Spring semester as well as personnel and space changes over the summer. More evidence of SHE on the move.



We were delighted that UMass President Caret toured Weed Hall on his first visit to the UMass Lowell campus. An interesting tidbit about his background is that he has taught chemistry to health professions students for many years. He is also the author of a textbook on this topic. As a result, he was quite familiar with the high academic demands of health professions programs.

Renovations have been a hallmark of life on campus this summer. Those of you who have not been around for a while will see many changes in addition to the big hole in the ground at Broadway and Wilder Streets. Weed Hall has had several projects to provide new offices for faculty and new study spaces for students. The departments of Clinical Lab and Nutritional Sciences, Community Health and Physical Therapy each have a new department headquarters to help consolidate activities and promote collegial interactions. We appreciate the support of the administration in making these upgrades possible.

The Dean's office has made some staffing changes to increase our support for student success. Pauline Ladebauche has been promoted to Assistant Dean and will be expanding our recruitment and retention efforts for undergraduate students. Janet Paton's new role will have an emphasis on supporting our student success efforts. We are pleased to welcome three new staff members to the dean's office. See their interesting stories below. Numerous faculty have joined SHE since spring semester as well. We'll introduce them in the next issue.

Enjoy the remaining days of summer. As I write this we are in the midst of a perfect summer day. Hopefully, we will have many more before Labor Day.

All my best,

Dean Shortie McKinney

UMass President Caret Visits SHE

Robert L. Caret, the new president of the five-campus UMass system, toured the School of Health and Environment during a half-day visit to the university in May, before he took office on June 30th.

In addition to touring SHE, he also visited the Plastics Engineering and Nanomanufacturing Labs and the Massachusetts Medical Device Development Center at Wannalancit.

Accompanying Caret were Chancellor Marty Meehan and his Executive Cabinet. Caret was the president of Towson University in Maryland and succeeds retiring UMass President Jack M. Wilson.



Robert Caret shakes hands with a SHE student during a tour of the campus.

During the SHE tour, Dean McKinney showed Caret the SHE laboratories and introduced him to students, faculty and staff along the way.



UMass Lowell Chancellor Marty Meehan, Dean Shortie McKinney and UMass President Robert Caret.

[View more photos from UMass President Caret's visit.](#)

SHE Students Moving Into "Living Learning" Communities

One hundred and twenty SHE freshman will move into "living learning" floors of Fox Hall on August 26th, one day earlier than other students.

They will come to south campus for a formal welcome by Dean McKinney followed by a scavenger hunt. In the evening, the students will meet SHE faculty at a "speed dating" type dinner at the Inn & Conference Center.

Building on last year's success of health profession students living and studying in common areas in Fox Hall, this year's program promises to be even better. The students will have access to faculty-led study sessions, tutoring services and computer labs. Faculty and graduate-level tutors will hold regularly scheduled "office hours" in each of the communities offering study tips, clarifying course information and providing support for exam prep. Students who are sophomores this year worked with Residence Life to create a Living Learning community in Bourgeois Hall.

Students who live with others who are pursuing the same majors are more likely to graduate on time with higher grade point averages, according to research reports.

The successful program is a result of a collaboration between Residence Life, including Christyn Toomey, and SHE faculty Ted Namm, who leads the student study sessions, and Arlee Dulak and more.

"The coordinated efforts between the academic department of SHE and Residence Life are truly bridging the academic experience where the students live and spend a lot of their time," says Dean McKinney. "Having professors and graduate level tutors in their Residence Halls, the students are more likely to see the positive effect on their grades."



Fox Hall is home to SHE "Living Learning" students.

Staff Changes in the Dean's Office

A lot of changes are happening within the Dean's office to better serve students. Please welcome our new people below and note the following changes in staff responsibilities:

- **Pauline Ladebauche** was promoted to Assistant Dean. She will oversee the office of student services, including recruiting and retention efforts, as well as managing day-to-day activities with the school.
- **Janet Paton** has moved into the Office of Student Services. She will be developing tracking systems to monitor student success and managing student campus workers.

New Staff in the Dean's Office



[Stephanie Roy](#) of Dracut is an administrative assistant in the Dean's office. She graduated from UMass Lowell with a B.S. in Math and also holds a M.Ed. from Northeastern University. She previously worked in the Continuing Studies office at the university until she relocated to Georgia for a few years while her husband was stationed at Moody Air Force Base. In Georgia, she worked as the Academic Dean's assistant at Georgia Military College. She is excited to be back as a part of the UMass Lowell family in the School of Health and Environment. She has two crazy dogs,

Dozer and Wally, who she rescued from an animal shelter while in Georgia. She has been a competitive figure skater since she was eight years old and currently competes with a synchronized skating team, Esprit de Corps, out of Lexington, Mass. In January, she completed the 2011 Disney World Marathon - 26.2 miles throughout all of the parks in Disney World. Stephanie is located in Weed 104 and can be reached at 978-934-4516.



[Robin Doughty](#) is the new academic advisor in the School of Health and Environment where she will help undeclared health majors transition into a declared major, offer general advising, and assist with retention efforts at the School. Robin most recently worked at the University of Rochester in Rochester, New York where she was the Off Campus Housing Coordinator in Residential Life and Housing Services. She has a background in many areas of student services including academic advising, orientation, and student activities and loves guiding students in pursuit of their academic and life goals. Robin has a Master's of Science

in Higher Education Administration from the University of Rochester and completed her Bachelor's of Science in Anthropology. Robin resides in Chelmsford, and is very happy to be back in her adopted "home" of Eastern Massachusetts with her husband, Dennis (a UMass Lowell Plastics Engineering alum), and her cream Chow Chow dog, Chou Chou. When Robin is not advising students, she helps customers look fabulous at a small women's clothing boutique in Beacon Hill, Boston. She also enjoys exercising, reading non-fiction, watching independent films, practicing her sewing skills, baking, and listening to live music. Robin is located in Weed 102 and can be reached at 978-934-4463.

[Stacie Caldwell](#) was hired in March as a Research Administrative Assistant for the School of Health and Environment and the Toxics Use Reduction Institute. Her job focuses on tracking grant proposals and awards, helping to locate grant funding for faculty, and doing other research- and administrative-related tasks. Stacie has a B.A. in English from UCLA and a postgraduate certificate in editing from the University of Washington. Until summer 2008, she lived on the West Coast, and is now enjoying-though still adjusting to-New England life. The regional differences fascinate her, and she welcomes any comments or advice. She splits her time between two locations - Weed Hall 103 at 978-934-4511 and TURI at Wannalancit Mills, 5th floor, 978-934-3129.

Renovations to Foster Student Collaboration

New and returning students this fall will witness major changes across campus, a sign of a university on the move. Within SHE, renovations in Weed and Pinanski Halls are intended to create more meeting and study spaces for students to work with each other and with faculty. Renovations include:

- New cubicles will be added to Weed Hall's third floor lobby area for students to reserve for studying and tutoring.
- The first floor of Weed along Solomont Way will include walk-up counters for students to use their laptops. Tables and chairs will be added to the bump outs for students to reserve for studying.
- Faculty and staff offices for Community Health have



moved to the third floor of Pinanski, across the hall from the new Human Assessment Laboratory.

- Clinical Laboratories & Nutritional Sciences has a new home in Weed 218 and Physical Therapy is located in Weed 210.

If you've driven by South Campus, you may have noticed the hole in the ground for the foundation of the new [Health & Social Sciences building](#). The new building on south campus will house the department of nursing, as well as psychology and criminology. It is expected to be completed in 2013.

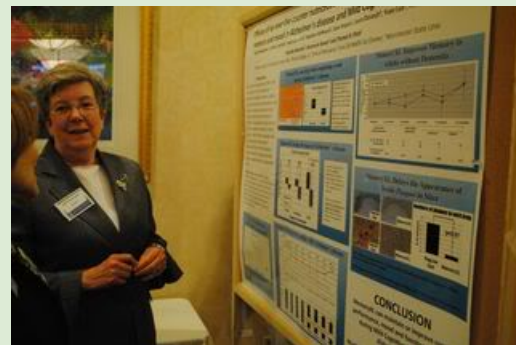
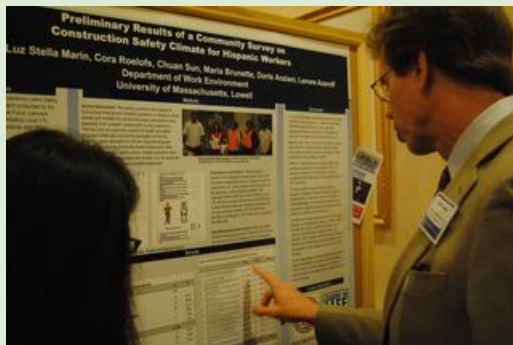
SHE Research Day Highlights Health Solutions

More than 50 faculty & staff researchers participated in a SHE Research Day that included a symposium with poster presentations. The directors of each SHE center and institute presented on recent research and the director of the University of Massachusetts Center for Clinical & Translational Science discussed research opportunities.

The symposium research presentation topics spanned improving life for vulnerable populations, alternative primary care models for the aging population, lead-free electronics and limiting pesticide exposure. [View faculty recently published articles and books.](#)



Vice Provost of Research Julie Chen joined Dean McKinney and Associate Dean Susan Houde at the SHE Research Day wine and cheese reception. They announced the availability of interdisciplinary grants.





Congratulations to the Class of 2011

The School of Health & Environment graduated 280 bachelor's, master's and doctoral students in May.

Robert J. Manning '84, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer of MFS Investment Management, gave the Commencement address, while best-selling author Prof. Andre Dubus III spoke as the Chancellor's Medal Recipient. The university graduated 2,570 students, a record number for the fourth year in a row.

Congratulations to the SHE class of 2011 and to **the following students who were awarded the SHE Dean's Award:**



- Krista Hietpas, undergraduate; Carol Loring, graduate - Clinical Laboratory & Nutritional Sciences
- Kristin Light, undergraduate - Community Health Education
- Hannah Mary May, undergraduate - Exercise Physiology
- Adam Walsh, undergraduate; Valerie Bailey and Gail Gregg, graduate - Nursing
- Prena Patil, graduate - Health Management and Policy
- Amanda Ricard, graduate - Physical Therapy
- Yaritza Roberts, graduate - Work Environment

Hannah Mary May also received the Chancellor's Medal for Distinguished Academic Achievement for attaining the highest cumulative average for baccalaureate study. Kate Johnston and Emily Trudeau were recognized as Commonwealth Honors Program Scholars. And the University Scholar-Athlete Award went to Brianne Bozzella, an exercise physiology major.

The total number of degrees awarded of 280 breaks out as follows:

Degree	Number
Clinical Lab Sciences (BS)	26
Community Health (BS)	20

Exercise Physiology (BS)	53
Nursing (BS)	85
Nutritional Science (BS)	8
Bachelors TOTAL	192
Clinical Lab Sciences (MS)	12
Health Informatics & Mgmt (MS)	13
Nursing (MS)	25
Work Environment (MS)	9
Masters Total	59
Nursing (PHD)	1
Physical Therapy (DPT)	26
Work Environment (SCD)	2
Doctorate Total	29
GRAND TOTAL	280

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