

Nursing Goes Abroad

The College of Nursing partnered with Building Believers in Christ (BBIC) for a study abroad program to Jocotan in Chiquimula, Guatemala, from July 31 through August 9, 2015. The CON team, comprised of 12 nursing students and three faculty members, Mrs. Charlotte Cramer, Dr. Clarissa Hall, and Dr. Hollingsworth, set up clinics to provide much needed medical care to under-served populations and increase health awareness on topics such as malnutrition and dental care. The students visited various doctors' offices, a public and private hospital, and a medical school, and gained useful insight on the differences between healthcare delivery in Guatemala and the United States.



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Learning From the Cherokee Nation

Dr. Gary Padgett and Dr. Jessica Mitchell, Assistant Professors in the Department of Secondary Education, traveled with 16 College of Education and Human Sciences students to Tahlequah, Oklahoma, the capital of the Cherokee Nation on September 3-6, 2015. This annual trip is designed to help students experience Cherokee culture with the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokees and the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma. This was an excellent opportunity for the students to speak with tribal officials and elders, participate in a Cherokee language course, and interact with students at Oaks Indian Mission School. The connections being made between the College of Education and Human Sciences and the American Indian communities of Oklahoma are something that we hope will flourish and continue to grow.



Geography Faculty Awarded Research Grant

Dr. Sunhui Sim, Assistant Professor of Geography, and Mr. Jong Hyun Baik, Visiting Scholar in Geography, have been awarded a one-year research grant from Korean Rural Research Institute (RRI). Dr. Sim and Mr. Baik will work collaboratively to study the emerging concept of "Rurbanization and Rurban Planning in the United States" using Geographic Information Systems. We appreciate the hard work of Dr. Sim and Mr. Baik in the successful pursuit of the grant.



Constitution Day Celebration

In honor of Constitution Day, the Department of Politics, Justice and Law hosted professor, writer and pro-democracy activist Dr. Chris Phillips on September 10, 2015. A 2012 recipient of the Distinguished American Leadership Award, Dr. Phillips spoke on the topic of "Rethinking our Democracy, Reviving our Republic" and encouraged students to engage in discussions about "the examined life" and the Constitution, and what it means to be an engaged citizen in a democracy.

New Faculty Member

Whitney O'Neal (B.M.E., Arkansas State University; M.M., University of Alabama; D.M.A., University of Alabama) joined the Department of Music as Assistant Professor of Music. She has performed in a variety of ensembles including the Delta Symphony, Starkville Symphony, and Alabama Contemporary Ensemble. O'Neal is currently the principal flautist of the Shoals Symphony at UNA. In 2009, 2011, and 2012, she was selected to perform in the National Flute Association's Professional Flute Choir at conventions in New York City, Charlotte, and Las Vegas. She was also named a winner in the NFA Convention Performers Competition in 2012. Developed from their love of chamber music, the Druid City Ensemble was founded by O'Neal, harpist Sarah Crocker, and soprano Dawn Neely. The trio can frequently be seen in concert and will premiere six new works by Alabama composers in a November concert sponsored by the Birmingham Art Music Alliance.

