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Dr. Jamie Kridler and Beth Lowe, along with graduate students Kristen Heier and Kimberly Webb, presented “Youth Mentoring to Prevent Destructive Behaviors: A Partnership Between Higher Education and Secondary Students and Faculty” and “Lessons Learned: Community Experiences Result in Curricula and Course Revisions” during the Gulf Summit on Service Learning, Civic Engagement, and Positive Youth Development in New Orleans.

Kridler presented the history and model for the JustUs Troupe, a youth performance poetry group that performed at the Appalachian Studies Association Conference in Cherokee, N.C.

Kridler and Dr. Anna Roberts had creative exhibits at the Tennessee Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Annual Conference in Paris Landing. Roberts’ was “Mary, Mary, Not Contrary,” while Kridler’s was “Dancing Angels.” Moira Woods also attended and will chair the state membership committee. Kridler received the Tennessee New Achievers Award and the District D Outstanding Service Award.

Lowe and Alison Schaefer attended the Dietetic Educators of Practitioners group for the American Dietetic Association in Indianapolis. The meeting pertained to accreditation and educational concerns for undergraduate and internship programs for dietetic students.

Dr. Amelia Brown, associate dean for Articulated Programs, presented the “Dining in Corporate America” program at The Centre at Millennium Landing.

Dr. Nancy Nehring, interior design program coordinator, attended the 2004 Kitchen/Bath Industry Show and Conference (K/BIS) in Chicago. The conference showcases products that change the kitchen and bath industry through their innovation and ability to meet the needs of the marketplace. K/BIS is the world’s largest international trade event dedicated to the specialized industry. It brings together over 900 companies of “everything one can imagine” for a kitchen or bath and draws over 40,000 industry professionals from across the U.S. and around the world.

Sponsored Programs Report
The following project proposals and contracts by ETSU personnel have been selected for funding:

- “Cancer Data Analysis and Survival Modeling Using Wavelets and Splines” by Dr. Don Hong, Mathematics, for $99,999 from the National Science Foundation.
- “Jim Walter Homes Presents: Preserving Country Music in Early Television Programming” by Norma Myers, Archives, for $16,615 from the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences.
- “Vocational/Technical Education Contract: Family and Consumer Sciences” by Dr. Anna Roberts, Family and Consumer Sciences, for $4,818 from the Tennessee Department of Education.
- “Tocotrienols and Prostate Cancer” by Dr. William Stone, Pediatrics, for $92,847 from the U.S. Department of Defense.

Dr. Theresa Lloyd, English, recently served on the Tennessee Arts Commission’s 2004 Citizen Advisory Panel in Nashville. Panelists meet once a year to offer advice on program planning and to review grant applications. In addition, they serve as year-round resources to the Arts Commission staff as advocates for the arts in their communities.

Panels are divided into different categories, such as Arts-in-Education, Community Arts, Folk Arts, Literary Arts, Visual Arts, Music, Dance, Theater, Inter-Arts and Rural Arts. Panel members are appointed to two-year terms and generally consist of professional artists, arts administrators, patrons, sponsors, educators and community leaders.

Dr. Peter C. Panus, Physical Therapy, presented a lecture, “Pharmacology for Occupational and Physical Therapists,” for the Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy Division of the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Department, University of Michigan Health Systems, Ann Arbor.

Family Medicine students, faculty garner national attention

Future family doctors at the James H. Quillen College of Medicine have been recognized at the national level for their work in encouraging others to pursue a career in family medicine.

ETSU’s Family Medicine Interest Group received a Program of Excellence Award from the American Academy of Family Physicians’ Family Medicine Interest Group Network.

This award – given to Quillen for four consecutive years – honors the student group for its efforts in promoting interest in family medicine.

According to the AAFP, 10 schools, including ETSU, were recognized for exemplary achievement in four categories: student involvement and retention, infrastructure, family practice advocacy, and community outreach and patient advocacy.

“We have had a very successful year,” said Marcella Green, a second-year medical student and president-elect of the interest group. “Our focus this year was on community service. The students volunteered at the Johnson City Downtown Clinic, the Keystone Clinic and a migrant farmers camp, and we were able to reach across all socioeconomic, age, and ethnic barriers.

“Our work to increase interest in family medicine fits well with Quillen’s mission to train more primary care physicians.”

Nationwide, ETSU has the second highest percentage of medical school graduates who enter family medicine. Over the past three years, 22.8 percent of Quillen graduates chose to enter family medicine residency training.

That is just 0.2 percent less than the University of South Dakota School of Medicine, which led the country at 23 percent.

The Department of Family Medicine also recently received a Bronze Achievement Award from the AAFP in recognition of the department’s efforts to foster interest in family medicine.

— Joe Smith, Coordinator
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