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Looking Back, Looking Ahead: College of Health Professions at 50

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This year marks the 50th anniversary of the College of Health Professions. The youngest of the six colleges at MUSC, CHP was established in 1966 and has grown to become the largest, with almost 800 enrolled students.

“It’s been a pretty amazing trajectory,” said Lisa Saladin, Ph.D., PT, dean of the College of Health Professions. “When we started, we didn’t even offer a bachelor’s degree. We now have 10 academic degree programs in the college: bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral.”

Saladin said one of the biggest changes for the college during her tenure as dean has been the shift to research. Research drives professionalism. Much of the growth in research Saladin attributes to Steven Kautz, Ph.D., chairman of the Department of Health Sciences Research, co-director of the Center for Rehabilitation Research in Neurological Conditions and The Christie Family Endowed Chair in Stroke Rehabilitation Research.

In 2014, Kautz received a five-year $10 million Center of Biomedical Research Excellence grant from the National Institutes of Health to establish a groundbreaking stroke rehabilitation and recovery research center at MUSC. Funding for stroke recovery research has nearly quadrupled as a result, making MUSC a leader nationwide.

Too little research has been devoted to stroke recovery,” Saladin said. Dr. Kautz is leading a great group looking at how we can improve quality of life and function for those individuals. It’s pretty cutting-edge research.”

“South Carolina is the buckle of the stroke belt,” Saladin said. “Stroke is a huge problem in the state, so having the center located here is a great benefit. Subjects can get treatment here they can’t get anywhere else as part of experimental research.” CHP now ranks third nationally in NIH funding among colleges of health professions.

This past September, MUSC was awarded another grant from the NIH to establish the National Center of Neuromodulation for Rehabilitation, which will serve as a research and training resource for the entire country. “We are now one of six such centers in the United States, each with its own teachable expertise,” Kautz said.

Kautz said the interdisciplinary nature of the new center is unique and indispensable. Saladin agreed wholeheartedly. “Such interprofessionalism should feel natural. This is what health care should be.”

MUSC leadership and leaders of the community break ground on the College of Health Professions Complex in the former High School of Charleston location in 2003. Where does Saladin see CHP going in the next 50 years? Students will drive future changes, she said. “Students want more accessibility and freedom in the way they learn.”

CHP was one of the first colleges at MUSC to invest in distance and online education. “We’re looking for ways to be innovative and ways to reduce student costs,” she said. “The cost of tuition is becoming exorbitant across the country for all health professions, so it’s important for us to look for ways to reduce the cost of health care. How can we use technology to facilitate that is a question we’re always asking ourselves.”

CHP has three distance education programs: Master’s of Science in Health Informatics, Master’s in Health Administration and Doctor of Health Administration. Together with the college’s innovative research initiatives, these programs are helping to build the reputation of MUSC on a national level.

“I’m really excited about where we are as a college,” Saladin said. “I’m even more excited about where we’re going.”

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http://academicdepartments.musc.edu/chp50.
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The College of Health Professions is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year and we want to celebrate with YOU! Below is just a snapshot of our upcoming Alumni Weekend events. ALL alumni are invited to join the faculty and staff of the college in the festivities. Registration is open and space is limited, so sign up soon. Your fellow alumni have volunteered to be “Class Champions,” so watch for more information. Visit www.musc.edu/chp50 for details.

CHP Alumni Weekend – June 17 - 18, 2016

Continuing Education (CE)
Friday, June 17, 2016
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Registration required

Anton Gunn, Executive Director of Community Health Innovation and Chief Diversity Officer, MUSC, and Lisa K. Saladin, Dean of the College of Health Professions, MUSC, will be presenting.

Family Fun Day
Citadel Beach House
Saturday, June 18, 2016
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Registration required

Alumni Gala
Charleston Aquarium
Saturday evening, June 18, 2016
7:00 p.m. to 11:00 pm
Registration required

Save the Date! June 17-19, 2016
In conjunction with the CHP 50th Anniversary, please join us for the 2nd Annual MUSC Physician Assistant Alumni CME Conference

COMPLIMENTARY REGISTRATION
for all MUSC PA alumni, MUSC PA Student Preceptors, and MUSC clinical PAs.
All others, Registration Fee is $50.

Featuring General Medicine Lectures to Prepare for the PANRE and Continued Clinical Practice.

Open registration begins March 15, 2016.
For additional information, please visit: http://bit.ly/pa-conf
10 hours of AAPA Category 7 CME credit from the Physician Assistant Review Panel is pending.
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