5th Annual CHP Faculty and Staff Chili Cook Off Brings in Success

Last month, CHP students, faculty, and staff came together for an all you can eat “chili, cornbread, and drinks” cook off. The event was hosted by Staff Congress and raised more than $350.00. All proceeds were donated to March of Dimes. With 13 competitors on deck, our new undisputed 2017 Chili Cook Off Champ was none other than Dr. Dave Fitzgerald, and his chili was called “WMD-Weapon of Max Delicious”. See the fun below!

We’ll Miss You

Congratulations to our Health Informatics and Anesthesia for Nurses students who are graduating on December 8th! Please keep in touch and let us know what you are doing after graduation. The Office of Alumni Affairs’ website has an easy form to fill out that helps us stay connected.

CHP SGA and SDLC Hosts Free Breakfast During Finals Week
Cardiovascular Perfusion

We were beyond excited to show off our MUSC Cardiovascular Perfusion Simulation Center to our Golden Graduates last month! The center is 1 of only 5 ABCP-recognized high-fidelity simulation centers in the country. Congratulations to Drs. Sistino and Fitzgerald on this outstanding achievement, and that’s not all! Below are photos from their 19th Annual Update on Perfusion Devices Conference, which was held October 26th-28th. CHP’s own, Dr. Dave Fitzgerald was the keynote speaker. The conference was a phenomenal success, and perfusionists from all over the country were in attendance. See the excitement below!
A Few Health Awareness Observances to Remember for the Month of December:

- Crohn’s and Colitis Awareness Week (December 1-7)
- Safe Toys and Gifts Month
- National Influenza Vaccination Week (first full week of December)
- World AIDS Day (December 1)
- National Handwashing Awareness Week (December 4-10)

Occupational Therapy

The OT Class of 2018 will have their Pinning Ceremony in the Atrium on Wednesday, December 6th! The tradition will honor the end of their didactic training, and commemorate the embarkation of their clinical rotations in January. They’ll return to campus in July for graduation. Good luck, OT Class of 2018! The OT Class of 2019 is hosting a canned food drive until Friday, December 8th for the Lowcountry FoodBank. Two bins will be placed in the Atrium for your donation.

CHP Participates in 17th Annual Trident United Way’s Day of Caring

Trident United Way’s Day of Caring is the largest community service day in the area. On Friday, November 17th, more than 5,500 volunteers assembled to complete 277 projects that would impact Berkeley, Charleston, and Dorchester counties. Team CHP helped prepare approximately 200 meals and packaged over 300 sweet potatoes for the Lowcountry Foodbank in honor of the Thanksgiving holidays. Delectable edibles were donated to Meals on Wheels of Charleston and the Charleston Area Senior Citizen Services, and sweet potatoes were donated to families in need. #dayofcaring #liveunited #muscchp

Food Drive

We made this!!

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Student Diversity Leadership Council Meets Goal During Silent Auction

The Gullah Ghost Stories Silent Auction was coordinated by the CHP Student Diversity Leadership Council on October 31, 2017 to raise money for the Kim Martino Minority Scholarship Fund. Students, faculty, and staff were in attendance.

Student Diversity Leadership Council (SDLC) held their highly anticipated Gullah Ghost Stories and Silent Auction on Tuesday, October 31st. Entertainment was provided by The Plantation Singers and food was provided by Mama Brown’s Barbecue. Students went beyond their goal and raised a total of $1,211.00 for the CHP Kim Martino Minority Scholarship. Silent Auction items included art work, dance lessons, cooking lessons, outdoor gear, professional development tools, Cooper River Bridge registration, and much more! Congratulations to our Silent Auction winners, and great job to SDLC for exceeding their goal! #plantationsingers #gullah #gullahgeechee #ghoststories #pt #muscchp
Student Diversity Leadership Council Also Hosts LGBTQI Panel

The recent LGBTQI Panel coordinated by the CHP Student Diversity Leadership Council featured current students, faculty, and staff from across the campus as well as leaders and alumni from the local community. MUSC Director of Training and Intercultural Education Danine Fleming also participated to discuss the importance of allies and opportunities to connect with the MUSC Safe Zone Ally Training program through the MUSC Department of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Representatives included the President of the MUSC Alliance for Equality and the President of the Charleston Alliance for Full Acceptance (AFFA). The session included discussion of the personal experiences of panelists, strategies and best practices to support colleagues from the LGBTQI Community, and additional considerations for healthcare. For more information about the event, students may contact SDLC at chpsdlc@musc.edu. To view recording from the event, you may click here.

Office of Student Life & Recruitment Hosts Hot Chocolate Bar for Students

The CHP Office of Student Life and Student Recruitment underwent a massive restructuring earlier this year to add an Associate Director of Student Diversity and Community Outreach. Adrienne Edge has assumed this position and recently conducted a college-wide student diversity climate survey and student diversity focus groups to assess the needs of our students. She also coordinated a Hot Chocolate Bar reward for the students to celebrate the overwhelming response rate of the surveys! She along with Director Cami Meyer, Assistant Director Aroo Isadas, and Office Coordinator Lane Campbell have been working incredibly hard to recruit a diverse student body through strategic initiatives and partnerships across the state as well as creating an inclusive and supportive culture to enhance the educational experience of all CHP Students. Way to go!
Doctoral Project Defenses

Congratulations to our DHA and PhD in Health & Rehabilitation Science students who have successfully defended their Doctoral Projects and Dissertations in October and November!

Tamara Atkinson is photographed here with her dissertation committee (Dr. James Zoller, Dr. Katherine Sterba, and Dr. Cheryll Lesneski). Tamara’s Doctoral Project was titled, “Applying Implementation Science to Increase Tobacco Cessation Evidence-Based Practices in Substance Use Disorder Treatment Facilities.”

Jay Crawford is photographed here with Dr. Kit Simpson and Division Director, Dr. Jillian Harvey. His dissertation committee was Dr. Kit Simpson, Dr. Jeffrey Strickler, and Dr. T. Orvin Fillman. Jay’s Doctoral Project was titled, “Utilization of Neuroimaging Procedures on Psychiatric Patients in the Emergency Department: What is the Impact on Length of Stay?”

LeAndria Dingle is photographed here with her dissertation committee (Dr. Kit Simpson and Dr. Ashley Tennessee. Not photographed is Dr. David Pisetsky). LeAndria’s Doctoral Project was titled, “Evaluating Acute Care Utilization and Cost Patterns Associated with Systemic Lupus Erythematosus Among Medicaid Patients After Treatment with BENLYSTA® Plus Standard Therapy.”

Ryan Ross is photographed here with his dissertation committee (Dr. Chris Gregory, Dr. Michael Saladin, and Dr. Mark George). Ryan’s Doctoral Project was titled, “Benefits of Acute Aerobic Exercise on Neuroplastic Potential in Depression.”
MUSC Innovators

Michael Mai, Coffee Entrepreneur

A journey into the science of caffeine and translating insights from an expert in consumer experience to creating innovative products.

Join us on Thursday
December 14th @ 5pm

musc.edu/tech  Changing What’s Possible

Happy Holidays

Final exams are soon to be over! We want to wish you a warm holiday season with family and friends. Safe travels to all, and enjoy a well-deserved break. See you next year!

Want to promote an event? Email Lane Campbell at campblane@musc.edu to have your event promoted in the next newsletter!