A Message from Coordinator, Dr. Denise McEnroe-Petitte

As the Spring semester comes to an end, the value of those who have excelled in the area of Community Engagement needs addressed. Presented at the Spring Awards Ceremony for 2016-2017, are the following awards with a brief summary of their activities.

**Exceptional Community Engagement Faculty**

**Maria Burkholder**

Maria Burkholder, associate lecturer of Veterinary Technology, has been involved in a long-time service project with the Tuscarawas County Humane Society. Her continuous involvement with service-learning began when she came to the campus and started teaching. Each semester she has involved students in providing care for the animals at the shelter and on campus. Maria communicates with the Humane Society to set up times when students can volunteer and coordinates the care for the animals treated on campus. She frequently meets with the Humane Society to review the status of the project and discuss the needs of the students and the Humane Society. The result of this collaboration is a partnership that benefits both the Humane Society, through excellent care provided, and the students, who receive additional hands-on, practical experience.

Yours in service,
Denise M. McEnroe-Petitte, PhD

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Everyone can be great, because everyone can serve
-Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Nursing student pictured above and to the right is a Vet Tech student with dogs from the Humane Society.
Nursing Students Develop Information to Combat Distracted Drivers

By: Teai Warner

During Spring Semester 2017, the Nursing Agency III Nursing students who met the criteria for induction in the Honor Society of Nursing Alpha Delta Nu for the Kent State University Associate Degree in Nursing Program developed a project that the whole community can get behind.

This project consisted of eight students under the guidance of Dr. Mariann Harding, Honor Society Advisor. They partnered with the Tuscarawas County General Health District which had received a grant from the Ohio Department of Public Safety and the Ohio Traffic Safety Office to start the Tuscarawas County Safe Communities Program.

The students gained a lot of valuable experience from this project. Dr. Harding worked with the students to help develop and distribute material on distracted driving. The written materials developed were also given to the department for their use as part of grant activities.

The group of students identified this as an area of health education that should be promoted in our community. The information will be distributed at various facilities throughout the area. The students also had a booth at the New Philadelphia kindergarten screening. Last but not least, these busy students also developed a Stall Talk handout that was distributed on campus and given to the Health Department.
Vet Tech Students Help Out the Humane Society

By: Teai Warner

The Veterinary Technology students continue to help our community’s animals such as those with the Tuscarawas County Humane Society. Students in our Surgery and Anesthesia class spay and neuter cats and dogs from the Tuscarawas Humane Society. The animals receive full vet care that they would normally receive in a veterinary clinic. Not only are the students gaining hands on experience, they are also helping animals in need. According to Maria Burkholder, associate lecturer for the Vet Tech department, students obtain samples for pre-operative testing, intubate patients, monitor anesthesia, perform surgical assisting and post-operative patient care including pain management. However, a veterinarian performs all the surgeries.

Students from Veterinary Nursing 1 begin animal behavior and handling. Students perform physical exams and give injections such as vaccinations. The samples are collected for various testing including heartworm, tick-borne diseases, urinalysis and parasitology. By giving the animals necessary vet care, the students accomplish hands-on skills that are required by the AVMA (American Veterinary Medical Association).

The Lions Club at Kent State Tuscarawas Needs You!

The Kent State Tuscarawas Lions Club is a part of Lions Clubs International. The Lions Club is the world’s largest volunteer service club organization, working to answer needs that challenge communities. Our club members contribute to the campus and community with assistance for eyeglasses, food for seniors and other areas of need. Members meet monthly on campus. Learn more by contacting campus President Adrian Jones at amjones4@kent.edu.

Exceptional Community Engagement Student/Student Group- Developing Employee Development and Wellness Plan for Harcatus Head Start

Working as a team, these students consulted for the non-profit organization, HARCATUS Head Start. Dr. Justice Akpan, the advisor and Ms. Nancy Reeds, Director of the organization, provide the supervision and mentoring to the team, to ensure that the project progressed successfully, and completed in line with the required professional standards within the set times.

The student’s objective was to help improve the employee development activities and processes that take place within the organization, propose ways to attract more quality employees, and develop an employee wellness plan that keeps employees happy at work. By achieving these objectives this project will enhance hiring and retention of talented employees who are highly motivated and hard-working who can successfully help carry out the organization’s mission.
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Kingsly Berlin: Veterinary Nursing II and Tuscarawas County Humane Society
Mariann Harding: Nursing Agency III and the Tuscarawas County Health Department
Amy Main: Child and Family Development Self-Care and New Philadelphia City Schools
Nicole Willey: College Writing II and West Elementary, New Philadelphia City Schools

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