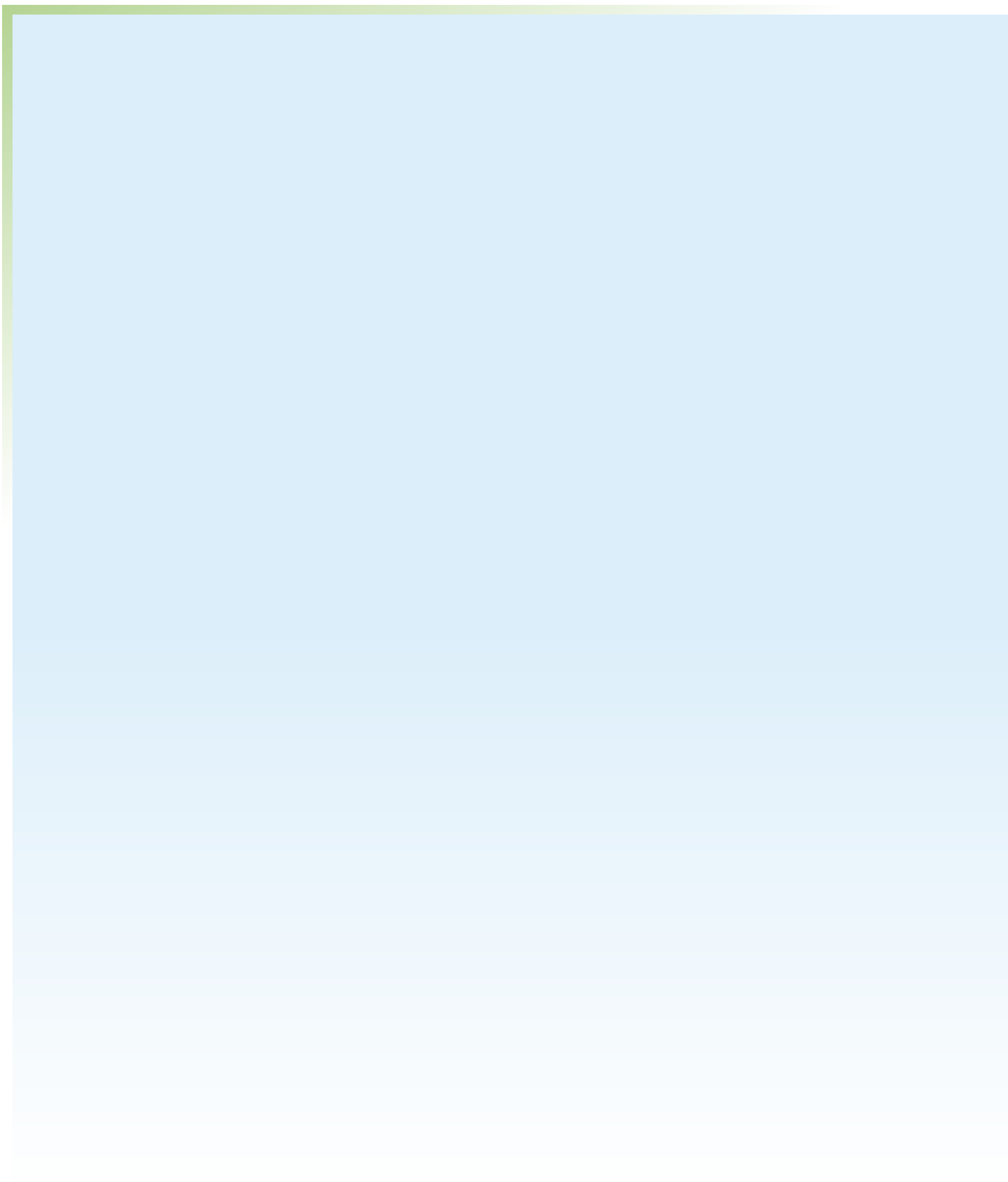


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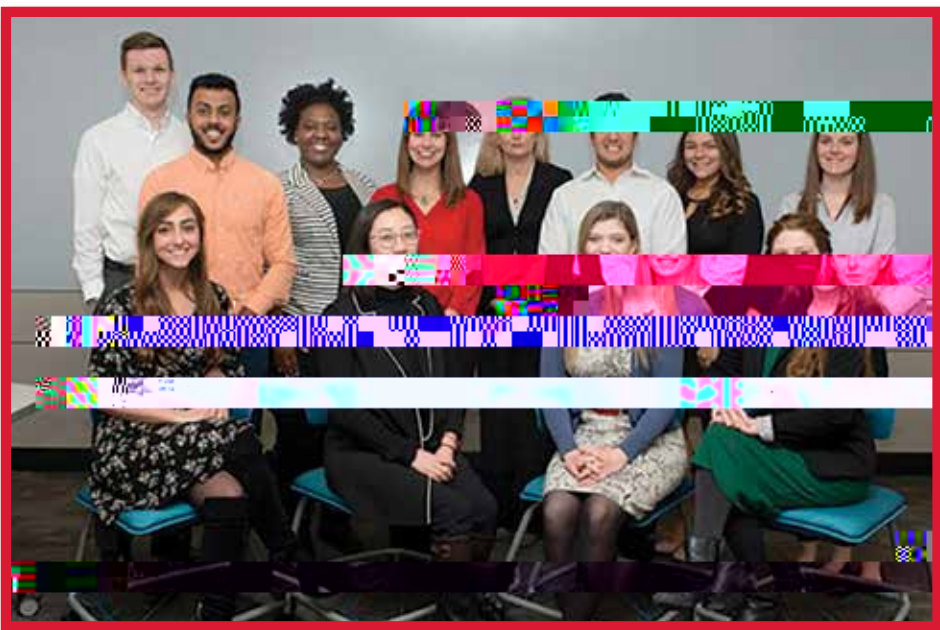
While at USI, Shultz researched other state standards, professional organizations' recommendations and best practice, and discovered that Indiana could improve infant health care by shortening the screening timeframe. “Most newborn screenings can be performed 24 hours after birth, but

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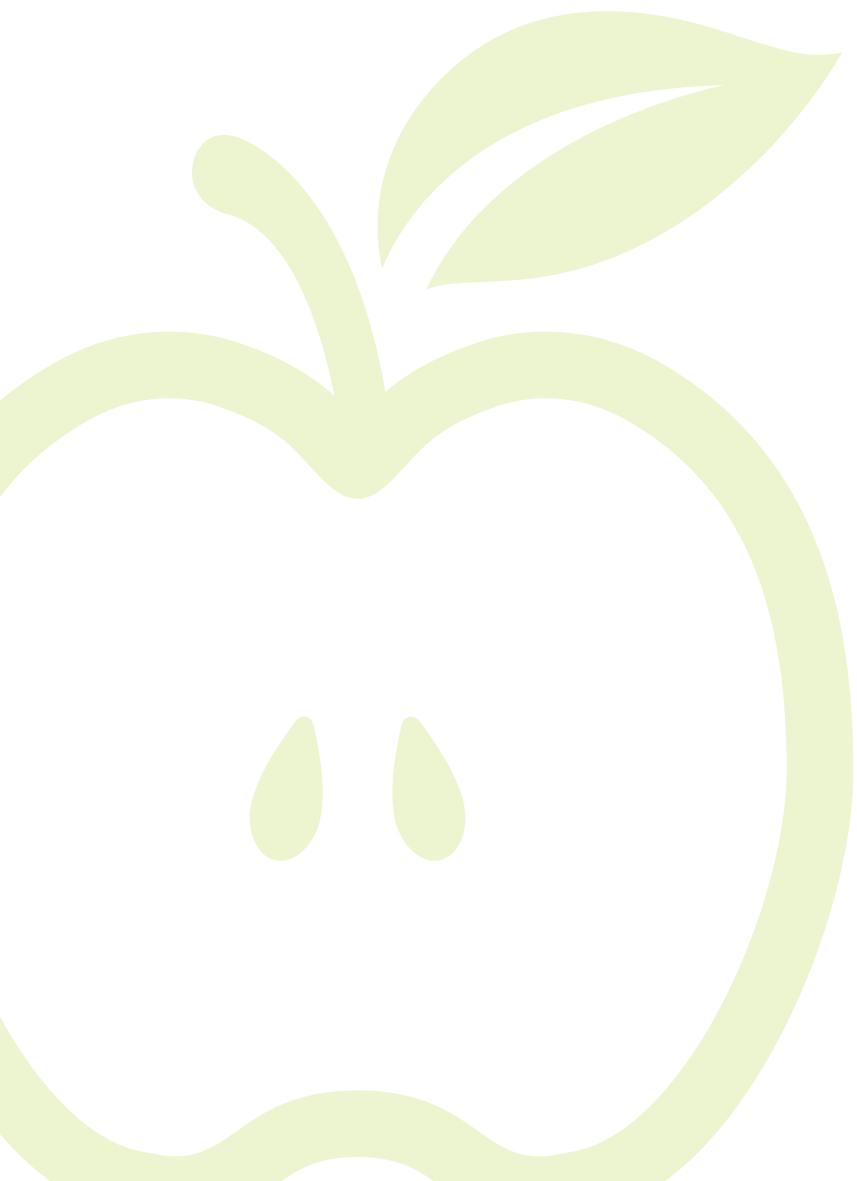
When Sarah Shultz '16 DNP took USI's Healthcare Policy and Strategic Planning course, she discovered something that would lead to legislative changes to improve the care of newborns and mothers. While newborn screenings are performed on every newborn to identify conditions and diseases that are not otherwise immediately recognizable, they aren't always performed in a timely manner, putting infants at risk.

“Though many of these diseases are rare, they can be life-threatening or result in lifelong impairment if not identified and treated early in life,” said Shultz. “Indiana tests for 47 conditions, including sickle cell anemia, cystic fibrosis and congenital heart disease. The timing of the testing (when the

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Breaking records is something many students and alumni from the College of Nursing and Health Professions are familiar



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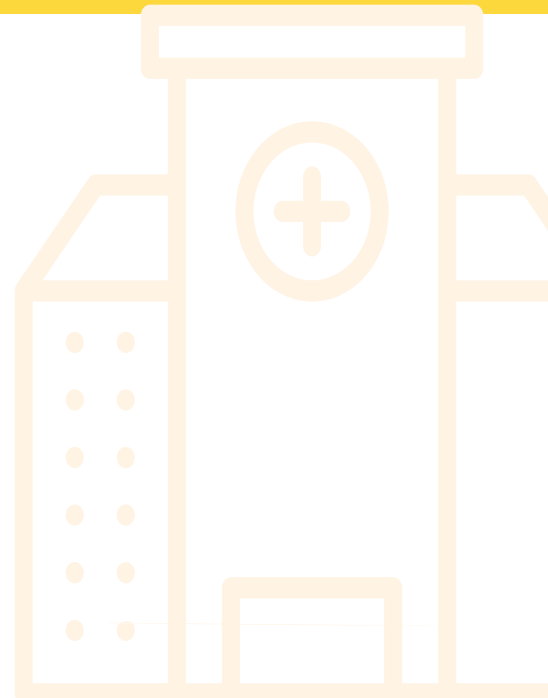
PRIMARY CARE/MENTAL HEALTH INTEGRATED CARE TRAINING MODEL

The University of Southern Indiana is well into its second year of a three-year federal grant to integrate primary care and mental health services in rural and underserved clinics in southwestern Indiana. USI received \$1.7 million from the Health Resources and Services Administration, an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, to develop and implement an Interprofessional Primary Care/Mental Health Integrated Care training model over three years.

"The 2016 Community Needs Assessment identified mental health as a key priority for Vanderburgh and Warrick counties," said Dr. Kathy Riedford, associate professor of nursing, who is overseeing the grant as director. "Our project is addressing the critical need for high-quality, integrated primary care/mental health practitioners in the region."

Grant teams—consisting of students in both the USI Nurse Practitioner Program and Master of Social Work Program, along with clinical nurse and social work faculty and a registered pharmacist—have been working at USI's Community Health Center located at Glenwood Leadership Academy in Evansville, Tulip Tree Family Health Center in Fort Branch and Southwestern Behavioral Healthcare in Boonville and Mt. Vernon.

Project manager for the grant, Dr. Elizabeth Kalb, said the teams will partner with ECHO Housing to provide onsite care at Garvin Lofts, a new development for the chronically homeless in Evansville. "Our teams work to develop and implement integrated care plans to



AROUND THE COLLEGE

New Employees



Dr. Morris Bitzer
*assistant professor
of dental hygiene
and dental
assisting in the USI
Dental Hygiene
Clinic*

Dr. Lori Phillips
*assistant professor
of nursing*

Shawna Haywood
*instructor of
nursing*

Krista Kercher
clinical coordinator

Lisa Riley *Medical assistant at Glenwood Community Health Center*

Faculty Achievements



Dr. Mary Kay Arvin, clinical assistant professor of occupational therapy, was named chair of the Occupational Therapy Program.



Sarah Heath, academic advisor in the College of Nursing and Health Professions Advising Center, received her Master of Business Administration degree.



Wes Phy, chair of the Respiratory Therapy Program, serves on two committees for the Kentucky Society for Respiratory Care: Government Affairs and Education.



Lorinda Coan was promoted to associate professor of dental hygiene.



Jessica Mason, earned her doctoral degree and was promoted to assistant professor of occupational therapy. She also was named fieldwork coordinator for the Occupational Therapy Program.



Joy Cook, clinical associate professor of radiologic and imaging sciences, was named interim chair of the program.



Ruth Metzger, grant writer and coordinator of interprofessional education, received her Doctor of Philosophy degree from Walden University.

Amy Egli was promoted to clinical assistant professor of dental hygiene and dental assisting.



Katherine Peak, instructor in radiologic and imaging sciences, is the recipient of the College of Nursing and Health Professions' Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award for 2017-2018.

AROUND THE COLLEGE



Dr. Kevin Valadares was promoted to professor of health services.

Dr. Ann White, dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions at the University of Southern Indiana, was elected to the Collegiate Nursing Education Board of Commissioners, representing chief nursing administrators from across the United States.



Dr. Colleen Walsh, contract clinical assistant professor of nursing, serves on the advisory board of the American College of Perioperative Medicine which is involved in the enhanced recovery after surgery model of care.

Dr. Gabriela Mustata Wilson, associate professor of health informatics and chair of the Health Informatics and Information Management Program, is a fellow and president of the Indiana Chapter of Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS).



Dr. Jennifer Williams, assistant professor of health services and administration, was appointed to the Journal of Health Administration Education Reviewer Panel by the

Leadership Development Committee of the Association of University Programs in Health Administration. She served as chair and moderator for the Regulatory Compliance Congress in Washington, D.C., and presented information on misbranding and solutions to remaining compliant.



Dr. Jessica Wood was promoted to assistant professor of occupational therapy assistant and received the College of Nursing and Health Profession's Faculty Development Award. She completed levels

1 and 2 mentorships at the STAR Institute for Sensory Processing Disorder in Greenwood Village, Colorado.



Dr. Dawn Worman was promoted to assistant professor of nursing.

Nursing students win competitions

Tri-State nursing students and nurses from regional hospitals were put to the test during the annual Critical Care Challenge sponsored by the American Association of Critical Care Nurses, Greater Evansville Area, this Spring. Each team had one minute to answer a multiple-choice question about critical care, and the team with the most correct answers took home the trophy (and bragging rights). USI took first place in the student division, and a team from Deaconess Hospital with all USI nursing graduates except for one, took first among participating hospitals.

Deaconess team members who are USI grads are **Justin Blinn, Ariel Blinn, Sean Pedley, Tori Phillips, Christa Carrico, Kelsey Rusk, Kylie Heckert, Mark Ritter, Rachael Riedford** and **Claudia Williams**.


USI also competed in the NCLEX Challenge in Owensboro, Kentucky, sponsored by the Kentucky Nurses Association. USI took first place against the University of Louisville and schools from Owensboro, Madisonville, Hopkinsville and Henderson. (NCLEX stands for National Council Licensure Examination which is given by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing to license nurses in the United States.) The NCLEX Challenge is a way to celebrate nursing and the critical thinking necessary to successfully take the NCLEX exam.

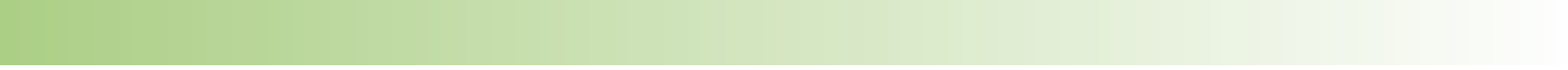
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ALUMNI NEWS

Stephanie Knox MSN'11, DNP'17, dean of the School of Nursing at Ivy Tech Community College Madison/Lawrenceburg campuses, won the 2018 Ivy Tech Innovation Day challenge with her Educate





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