

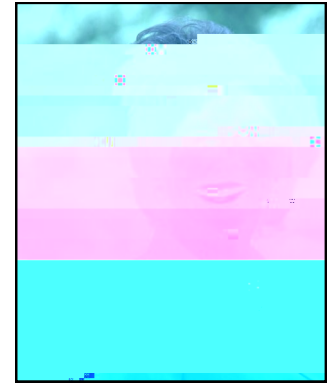


## Thanks for another successful academic year

Congratulations to all of the May graduates, with a special thanks to our faculty, staff, advisory board members and our community for making it another special academic year!

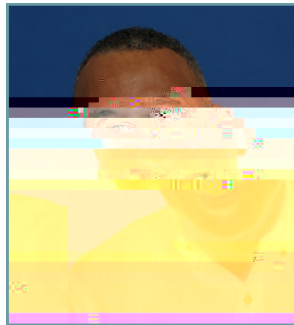
This summer, whether you travel the world or stay home, I wish you some relaxation and fun! Even though our programs go year-round, it is important that you take care of your own health and incorporate the known evidence and best practices to have longevity and quality of life. Plenty of water, smart food choices, some exercise, adequate sleep and a grateful heart can keep you at your best!

I sincerely thank everyone for all that you do, every day, to contribute to our mission to teach, discover and care. We will take a break from publishing our College of Health Sciences newsletter in June and July. Please look for our next newsletter in August, but continue to follow us on my blog and our college Facebook page. Enjoy the summer!



Dean Shelley Mishoe

## College provides perfect fit for my passion



Irvin B. Harrell,  
Coordinator of Strategy  
& Marketing

At the risk of sounding cliché, I'll say it: Time flies when you're having fun.

That pretty much reflects my first eight months here at the College of Health Sciences. I've had my brain flooded with knowledge, I've been challenged, I've been enlightened and I've been intrigued.

The other day, Dean Mishoe asked me what I've learned about myself in this new role. I've given the question additional thought since my initial, knee-jerk response and here the answer I came up with.

Health sciences and healthcare are a nice fit for me. I'm curious, I thirst for knowledge, I take pride in helping others and I enjoy meeting professionals from different backgrounds. The College of Health Sciences feeds all these facets of my life.

Within and outside its walls, students receive incredible hands-on education here. And I get to bear witness to the interactions between the staff and faculty and the students. It has been incredibly satisfying for me. I've recently had a chance to observe Bachelor of Science in Nursing students learning how to take blood and insert IVs. Not only did these students work with dummies, but also had to perform the task on each other, under the instruction of talented, cool-headed instructors.

In the short time here, I've built of a sense of pride for the college, its schools and its centers. I find myself bragging about the great work we do here and our ongoing mission of "offering excellent educational experiences in a quality learning environment. ..." I feel that I have become part of a family dedicated to the betterment of the world we live in.

And I look forward to another year of discovery.

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# Director sees bright future in ophthalmic med tech

Assistant Professor Lori Wood, MEd, COMT, from the School of Medical Diagnostic & Translational Sciences, has a reason to brag.

She directs a program with a 100 percent placement rate, with entry salaries starting at \$50,000 and global marketability.

She could brag, but she won't. What she will do is look for innovative ways to promote her specialty: Ophthalmic Medical Technology. For 13 years, Wood has led a BSHS/certificate program at Old Dominion University, which is fully accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Ophthalmic Medical Programs at the highest certification level.

The OMT program at ODU is one of only five in the United States and one of only two that offers a Bachelor of Science degree. The program focuses on four key specialty areas: contact lens, surgery, pediatrics and advanced diagnostics. The

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From left, Dr. Kimberly Adams Tufts, director of Interprofessional Education; motivational speaker Julia Fox Garrison; and College of Health Sciences Dean Shelley Mishoe are all smiles.

# IPE Day takes inaugural journey

Celebration draws huge crowd, teaches lessons in collaboration

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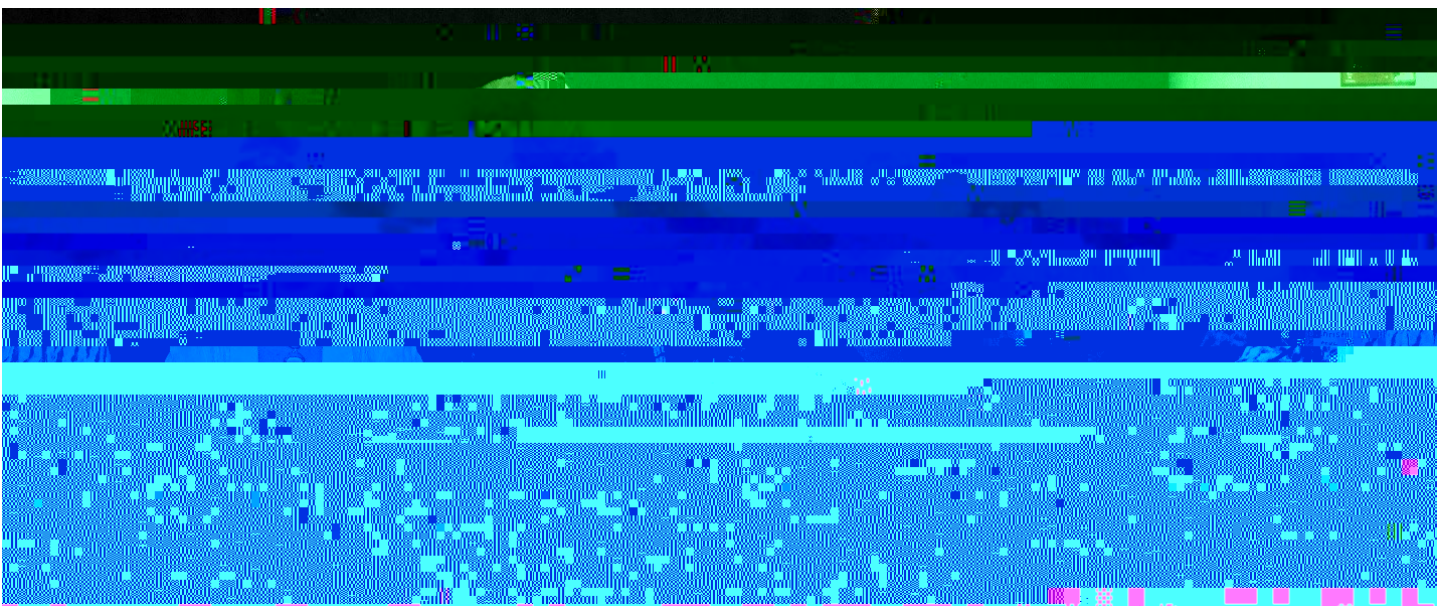
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## IPE Day takes inaugural journey (continued)

Following the discussion by Garrison, an IPE panel discussed the pitfalls and pearls regarding interprofessional communication. On the panel were Dr. Gail Della-Piana, new member on the IPE Advisory Board; Dr. Christianne Fowler, an assistant professor for the School of Nursing; Dr. Jonna Bobzien, an assistant professor of Communication Disorders & Special Education at ODU; and Shannon Stone, student in School of Physical Therapy & Athletic Training and advisory board member. The group addressed the importance of interprofessional education, tapping into their own personal experiences.

Cheresa Wiggins, from the School of Physical Therapy & Athletic Training received the first student IPE award. Tina Haney and Christianne Fowler from the School of Nursing were this year's faculty winners.

"It takes a lot of effort, organization and execution for such a well-attended event involving students, faculty, advisory board members, alumni, community and other supporters," said College of Health Sciences Dean Shelley Mishoe. "



From left, Shannon Stone, student in the School of Physical Therapy & Athletic Training; Dr. Christianne Fowler, assistant professor for the School of Nursing; Dr. Jonna Bobzien, an assistant professor of Communication Disorders & Special Education at ODU; and Dr. Gail Della-Piana, a new member on the IPE Advisory Board, served on an IPE panel.

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Two adjunct faculty from the Center for Global Health recently received recognition for academic achievement.

Dr. Enrico Wensing, an adjunct assistant professor with the Old Dominion University Center for Global Health, was invited to a workshop at the White House on April 6. The workshop, titled “Resilient People at the Intersection of Climate, Culture and Community: Mental Health and Wellness Impacts,” was organized by the Office of Science and Technology and Policy.

The workshop brought together community leaders, scientists, engineers, program and policy developers, and other stakeholders to discuss the unique characteristics and strengths of communities and cultures across the country that make them resilient in times of difficulty, particularly as they respond to the challenges of climate change. President Obama issued a Presidential Proclamation declaring April 6 -12 National Public Health Week, reinforcing the importance of our public health system and the need to take action to reduce the health impacts of climate change on our communities.

Dr. Wensing joined ODU in 2013 as an adjunct assistant professor in the Center for Global Health. He is also currently research faculty at the Department of Environmental Science and Policy at George Mason University and part of its research team at 4C - The Center for Climate Change Communication. He also serves as a social scientist at the Caribbean Green Technology Center, University of the Virgin Islands.

Dr Hasan Bayram, an adjunct research professor at Old Dominion University Center for Global Health since 2013, has received The Turkish Thoracic Society’s (TTS) Science Award. He was honored because of “the research that he conducted in the field of respiratory medicine, his contribution to scientific development at a global level, his support for establishment of young scientists, his significant contribution to the scientific institutions, and his extraordinary service for progress in pulmonary science,” the society said. TTS, the main national organization of specialists in Respiratory Medicine in Turkey, was founded in 1992. It has 3,800 members.

Dr. Bayram graduated from School of Medicine, Erciyes University, Turkey. He did his Ph.D.



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# Alumnus delivers inspirational words

Marcia Brand, an alumnus of the School of Dental Hygiene, spoke at the spring's commencement to graduates of the College of Health Sciences, College of Sciences and the Frank Batten College of Engineering and Technology. The former \$ n -



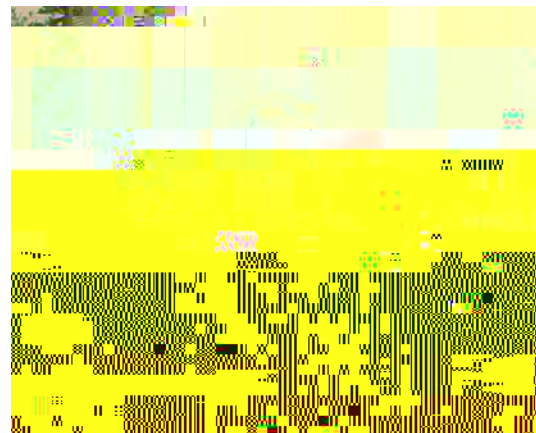


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## 25 fabulous years

The School of Medical Diagnostic & Translational Sciences held the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of its Cytotechnology Program in mid-May. Program Director Sophie Thompson, Dr. Thomas Somma and College of Health Sciences Dean Shelley Mishoe spoke at the event to an audience of faculty, staff, alumni, students and friends.



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## Nursing student shows skills on sailing team

Old Dominion University sailing took second at the 2015 MAISA Dinghy Championships this month hosted by ODU. The Monarchs finished just 15 points behind Georgetown.

The Division A team of Esteban Forrer and Gabriel Smith earned a fourth place finish taking home four top-five places and a pair of wins while the Division B team comprised of nursing student Grace Mason of and Augie Dale took second place with five top-5's and one victory. Mason also received All-Conference honors.

The team qualified for the Women's National Semifinal Championship, which was held May 25 in Newport, R.I. ODU competed with 27 other schools to see which 18 would advance to the finals.

Old Dominion University women's sailing finished 14th in the Sperry ICSEA Women's National Championship. The Division A team, which featured Andrea Luna, Grace Mason and Cady Johnson, came in 15th in the division with seven total top-10 finishes. ODU's Division B squad of Sarah Streater, Katelyn Talley and Colin Voigt earned a 13th place finish with eight top-10 finishes.



Grace Mason earned All-Conference honors at crew. ODU Sports

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