

Purchase AHEC

Winter News 2017

A note from the AHEC Board Chairman:

We are pleased that Purchase AHEC has partnered with Baptist Health Paducah for a third year in a row to help the hospital's Health Care Exploring Post 2501 as we continue the mission of introducing health careers to our high school students in the region. The Post has over 75 members from 5 high schools and PATCH, the home school association, and is the largest post in Kentucky. Our first Post meeting was held on Wednesday, October 18, 2017 with Dr. Amber Savells, OB/GYN introducing the Explorers to surgery and the da Vinci surgical system. Below you will see Dr. Savells sharing the procedures she can perform with the system and orienting them to the surgical suite. Some of our Explorers are children of physicians and this was their first visit to surgery. Watching these wide eyed high school students reminded me of you as you were preparing to explore careers a few years ago. You had the same inquisitive nature and curiosity that led you to focus and study to attain the degree of excellence you must have to attend medical school and prepare for a lifetime of healing. I hope these photographs encourage you. Thank you for developing your talent and skills to serve our neighbors. Whenever you are in town to visit family and friends and want to catch up, please feel free to call me or text me on my iPhone at [270-556-3240](tel:270-556-3240) and I will treat you to coffee, tea, or a smoothie at Etcetera on 6th Street, my favorite place to hangout.



Michael Muscarella, Advisory Board Chairperson Purchase AHEC

Murray Calloway County Hospital News

Murray-Calloway County Hospital has had a busy Fall that kicked off with recognizing our orthopedic surgeons, providers, and the entire surgical team with a celebration for being named Top 10% in the Nation for orthopedic surgery and 5-stars for knee replacement, hip fracture care, and gall bladder surgery. The celebrations continued as we hosted a meet and greet for several of our new providers including: Jennifer Little, APRN at Murray Cardiology Associates, Meg Norsworthy, APRN at Murray Neurology, Kathy Crawford, APRN at Murray Medical Associates, Dr. Mackenzie Lowery, Pediatrician.

In September we opened our 12 bed Geriatric Behavioral Health Unit which treats patients 55+ by providing comprehensive medical and psychiatric treatment in a secure environment. During October, we recognized Breast Cancer Awareness Month and hosted our 7th Annual Golf Tournament that raised over \$20,000 for 3D Mammography along with our annual Breast Cancer Awareness luncheon with guest speaker Lt. Governor Jenean Hampton who presented to over 100 community members.

Most recently we were designated with an "A" Safety Rating from Leapfrog for the 5th time in a row and celebrating our one year anniversary opening of the Anna Mae Owen Residential Hospice House. We wish you and yours Seasons Greetings as we enter into the holiday season!

AHEC Rural Health Externship

This summer two ULSOM first-year medical students spent their summer at home immersing themselves in rural medicine. Jessica Graves and Aaron Puckett (both from Paducah) spent June and July working with Dr. Brazzell in the Kentucky Care Clinics, assisting with summer health screenings and participating in community events around the Purchase Area.

A NOTE FROM JESSICA...



After an exhausting first year of medical school hours away from home, I was eager to be able to spend time with my family and take a much needed break from the demanding schedule of school. However, I knew that with the competitive nature of medical school, it was important that I used my summer to better myself as a candidate for future residency applications and expand my knowledge of the healthcare field. For many students, this means spending more months away from home doing clinical research or externships in large cities. This was not the case for me as I was very fortunate to be chosen to participate in the AHEC Rural Health Externship.

This opportunity allowed me to gain clinical experience and make connections with healthcare and community leaders in my own hometown. As a student who plans on returning to practice in western Kentucky, it was beneficial for me to gain insight into managing the specific issues affecting the patient population in that area. During my month with AHEC, I had the privilege of working alongside Dr. John Brazzell, whose extensive experience in both emergency medicine and family practice helped me gain a deeper understanding of the needs of the community. Outside the clinic, I was warmly welcomed to participate in community events such as school health screenings, Rotary Club meetings, and public health councils. I am grateful to have been afforded this opportunity and thankful to the providers and leaders who made this externship possible.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to medical student Cody Sullivan and his wife Allie on the birth of their son, Cooper Wayne Sullivan, who was born June 10, 2017. Cody is a third-year student at the University of Louisville School of Medicine. Cody and Allie are from Reidland.



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Baptist Health Paducah News

Baptist Health Paducah welcomes home cardiologist Martin Rains, MD, and neurosurgeon Lee Titsworth, MD.

Dr. Rains, a Paducah Tilghman High School graduate, completed medical school, internal medicine residency and interventional cardiology fellowship training at the University of Kentucky.



Dr. Titsworth, a Lone Oak High School graduate, completed medical school at the University of Louisville, neurosurgery residency at the University of Florida, master of public health in clinical effectiveness from Harvard and pediatric neurosurgery fellowship at Johns Hopkins University.

COMING SOON....

This will be our last formal paper newsletter!
Be watching for our social media page on
FACEBOOK after the new year!



Lourdes Hospital News

Lourdes and Mercy Medical Associates welcomed 16 primary care providers to Mercy Internal Medicine and Mercy Family Medicine during the Summer 2017.



Internal medicine providers included Dr. Mae Fischer, Dr. Polly LeBuhn, Dr. James Long, Dr. Joseph Pittard, Dr. Melissa Purvis and Dr. Richard Smith, formerly of Internal Medicine Group. Also joining Mercy Internal Medicine are Aaron Hayden, PA-C, Diane Green, APRN, and Felicia Cooper, APRN, and Judith Ervin, LCSW.

Family medicine providers included Dr. Shanna Leslie, Dr. Blake Leslie, Dr. Cynthia Bowman-Stroud and Dr. William Bruce, formerly of Paducah Family Medicine. Also joining Mercy Family Medicine are Meredith Etheridge, APRN, and Brittany Hunter, APRN.



Happy Holidays from the Purchase AHEC Staff!

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