



A newsletter for our clients

Issue 1

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Dates to Remember:

- Clinic begins the week of February 2nd and ends the week of April 17th
- February 20th, 1-3 pm—Job Fair
- March 3-5 – SHAA Convention – No Clinic on Thurs or Fri (3/4 or 3/5)
- March 16-20 - Spring Break—No classes or clinic

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If you or someone you know would like to make a contribution to our clinic, please send to

UM Foundation
Station 6215
Montevallo, AL 35115

(Please note that it is for the
Speech & Hearing Center)

1st Issue of our Clinic Newsletter

Welcome to Spring Clinic here at the University of Montevallo. During our fall semester of clinic, we provided services to 43 adult and pediatric clients here in our clinic and 22 students at Inverness Elementary. We also sent our 13 second year students to some off campus sites where they were able to work in medical, school and private practice settings. There are so many wonderful and exciting things going on around here that we felt like you, our friends and patrons, would enjoy hearing about.

This semester, we have 19 graduate clinicians here on campus providing clinic to numerous clients—both children and adults. There are also several groups of students from this group who are involved in Diagnostic Evaluations onsite as well as providing intervention at our University Child

Study Center and at Inverness Elementary School. I think I can speak for them in saying that they are relieved that their first semester of clinic and graduate classes is over and that they are excited to dive into this coming semester with new clients and new learning opportunities.

We also have 13 students who are in their final semester of graduate school and will finish in May. They are currently participating in externships in schools and medical sites around the Birmingham area as well as in Huntsville, Auburn, DeKalb County and even Nashville, TN.

There are also many exciting things happening around our department! We worked diligently on a grant with Vanderbilt University testing hundreds of preschool children in Jefferson County over the past 2 years to earn funds for the purchase

of video supervision technology. You will notice a video camera now installed in each therapy room. This will be an awesome tool for teaching and learning in our classes and clinic. We are also in the process of updating our primary classroom with new paint, carpeting, lighting and more technology to come as continued funds become available. Many thanks to Matt Martin and the Computer Services Dept for all their help as we update this technology. We welcome you to check it all out!

We're So Proud!

Congratulations to Dr. Margaret Johnson who will soon assume the position of President of our State Association (SHAA) and to Dr. Dani Rich who just completed her doctoral degree and got married in August, 2008.

Clinic Reminders...

- Remember to get your parking pass from your clinician
- Be considerate of classes and clinic in the building by keeping noise levels to a minimum
- Vending machines are now located on our 2nd floor in the kitchen area
- Visit our website at www.montevallo.edu/csd/

We are proud to announce that Julie Pool was recently been accepted to The School of Teaching & Learning at The Ohio State University to pursue a Ph.D in Reading and Literacy in Early & Middle Childhood.

Julie is currently completing a Master's Thesis entitled "Language and Literacy in Response to Intervention" in which she researched the effects of response to intervention in rising 2nd and 3rd grade students to determine if short term language and literacy instruction would significantly improve the reading skills of students at risk for a special education placement.

Julie has been an excellent student and a talented clinician in the CSD program. We wish her the best as she goes on to study with Dr. Laura Justice, one of the preeminent scholars in the field.

SLP Graduate Students off Campus

As mentioned before, we have 13 students off campus this semester completing externships in a variety of medical and public school settings. Upon completion of this semester, they will graduate and be ready to enter the world of work. When asked recently about their plans after graduation, here's what they had to say:

Emily Bramblett: "Return to Dekalb County to work with children or adults."

Sandy Broderway: "I want to go to work! Hopefully in a school."

Ashley Cromer: "I hope to find a job in the Birmingham area"

Kim Deaton: "To get married and live and work in the Huntsville area."

Kimberly Guckert: "I'm moving to Montgomery and can't decide if I want to work in a school or an adult rehab facility"

Kristie Ford: "I am taking the summer off to enjoy my FOUR kids and then (hopefully) I will get a job at a local high school. If I can coach along with that high school job, that would be an added bonus!"

Helen Kennamer: "I would love a job in an acute care setting. Hopefully in Nashville!"

Laura Lamonaca: "Hopefully do nothing but rest, eat, shop, and watch TV for a solid week :) AND then.... Start a job somewhere probably in the adult neurogenics world either here in state, out of state, just wherever feels right."

Alana Marquess: "To married and get a job working with children"

Erica Philhours: "I'm not sure which setting I would like to be in yet (hospital or school), but I KNOW I want to work with children. I LOVE them!"

Julie Pool: "I am planning on living in the Birmingham area and securing a job...most likely with children."

Hannah Shultz: "I plan to work in or around Dekalb county. I still haven't decided between children or adults."

Attendance for Therapy

Each semester, you will be asked to sign a policy regarding therapy attendance. Please read and consider this carefully as attendance is important for a number of reasons:

- Our students participate in clinic as a learning experience and will learn from their interactions with each client and family and through the progress made each semester. Additionally, each student clinician is required to earn a minimum of 400 clinical hours during their graduate experience and any absence will deduct from this total.
- Consistent attendance is also critical to the progress for each client. Each session, each hour can make a difference.

So do what's in the best interest of your family member and the clinician. Have good attendance!

In the event that you will be late or need to cancel, please call our Office at 665-6720.

All About Our New Newsletter

This is the first edition of our Clinic Newsletter; so new that we haven't even named it yet! The purpose of this publication is to provide information about our clinic to you—our clients, our supporters and our friends. Aside from just the regular clinic announcements and dates of operation, we would also like to keep you up to date about things we are doing for you, for our students and for the community.

This newsletter will be distributed biannually; spring and fall. We welcome your input, not only for naming the newsletter, but also for interesting information to include. We hope you will share your comments about fun things you have experienced or witnessed in our clinic and even eventful things happening in your own homes and communities.

" Help us name our newsletter! Check out the naming board in the downstairs lobby."

So please join in helping us **Name our Newsletter!** We will have a board in the downstairs lobby for everyone to begin brainstorming. After the first couple weeks of clinic, we will narrow it down to 2-3 choices and everyone can vote. We will make the final announcement for the chosen name during the final week of clinic. We look forward to lots of creative suggestions!!

SLP Graduate Students on Campus

In August, 2008, we admitted 19 new graduate students. That was our largest group in some time. They come from many different areas and bring lots of energy and spark to our program. We look forward to learning with them and want to take a minute to let you know who they are. See if you can find your clinician!

Bottom row (L to R): Sara Hayes Stewart, Blair Bankhead, Alicia Lenzen, Brooke

Goodson, Katie Cornelius

Middle Row (L to R): Kate Baker, Caroline Colbert, Erin Starnes, Christen Newsom, Kasey Brown, Nicole Dukes

Standing (L to R): Tiffany Murray, Anna Wright, Tara Crandall, Julie King, Melissa Dixon, Tiffany Bryant, Paige Barber, Heath Edwards



This group should graduate in May, 2010