

Report 12/14/18

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VP Views

Notes from Dr. Valerie N. Williams,
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End of the Year Message:

The year 2018 is coming to a close. Exams and grading are nearly done here at the University, the "fall" school year is coming to a close for students here and at every level of education, and our attention as teachers, faculty and staff, is turning to time for a well-earned winter break. It never fails to strike me at this time of year how fortunate we are to have access to, and work in the world of learning and education. For all of the complexities we face taking care of patients, investigating and solving biomedical and other mysteries through our research, sharing information and knowledge with learners and with one another, we are consistently encouraged to ask questions, to explore, to challenge the status quo of current knowledge and practice. We are the ultimate beneficiaries of what education in the United States was designed to accomplish--to make us contributing members of a civil society.

It occurs to me that interprofessional education invites us to take that legacy further. Beyond what we have learned inside the boundaries of our own professions, interdisciplinary learning and practice opens another door to share and evolve our knowledge and skills through learning partnerships and the practice of teamwork. And, while enriching us, it also compels us to be humble, recognizing in those moments of learning from and with someone with expertise and experiences different than our own, that there is so much we don't know, and can't know without their insights. Such learning can be a struggle at times. Yet mastered, such learning enables us to appreciate and value every colleague who aims to dedicate themselves to caring for, and about, how we use our knowledge to benefit a community beyond ourselves. Whether that community is most invested in patient care, research, or transferring and translating the knowledge itself.

At the end of 2018, with interdisciplinary work at OUHSC and OU growing, I cannot help but be extraordinarily grateful for all of the faculty, student, staff, and community colleagues investing their time and talents together. As we end one busy and very productive year, and look forward to the new year ahead, I am reflecting on the gifts we sometimes take for granted that are shared here every day. In my eyes, dear reader, each of you are a blessing and a gift. You make others stronger through your generosity and your capacity to be humble, hopeful, and hungry for learning.

I wish you Happy Holidays, a Merry Christmas, and Joy in the New Year!

-Valerie

Key Dates on the Horizon

SAVE-THE-DATE

January 14, 2019
[Seed Grant RFP Released](#)

February 6, 2019
[Faculty Training](#)

March 1, 2019:
[OUHSC All Professions Day 2](#)

March 27, 2019
[IEPA All-Faculty Meeting](#)

June 14, 2019
[All-Committee Meeting](#)

CONFERENCES

Summer 2019
[NEXUS Summit](#)

October 20-23, 2019
[Collaborating Across Borders Conference](#)

COLLABORATION

- [OUHSC Profiles](#):
A research networking tool
(use HSC login)



Newsletter Highlights

Noteworthy Article



- National Health Care Spending In 2017: Growth Slows To Post-Great Recession Rates; Share Of GDP Stabilizes
- View online at: <https://www.healthaffairs.org/doi/10.1377/hlthaff.2018.05085>

“Total nominal US health care spending increased 3.9 percent to \$3.5 trillion in 2017, slowing from growth of 4.8 percent in 2016.”

Webinar Report



- “2018 USPHS IPEC Award: ETSU Responds to the Opioid Epidemic.”
- East Tennessee State University provided background on the opioid crisis, their working group, and encouraged others to maintain focus on evidence-based science.
- Copy of the webinar is available on the [AACN 'On-Demand Webinars'](#) page.

REMINDER: IEPA Winter Gathering 12/18/18



- Join us on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at 3:00-4:00 p.m.
- OUHSC Bird Library, 2nd Floor Atrium
- Featuring recognition for the IEPA Faculty Leader of the Year, the IPEC Best Poster, followed by a social hour.
- Remarks at 3:00 p.m.

[Click here to download calendar reminder](#)

IEPA Committee Updates

The Interprofessional Educators & Practitioners Association (IEPA) welcomes faculty from all programs to participate in the planning and delivery of campus-wide interdisciplinary programming through service on our committees.

IEPA Executive Council

- Last met 11/28/18. Next meeting 1/30/19.

Curriculum Committee

- Last met 11/5/18. Next meeting 1/14/19.
- Electronic meeting on 12/17/19 to review APD2 assessment points.

Faculty Development Committee

- Last met 12/6/18. Next meeting 12/20/18.

Research Committee

- Last met 11/5/18. Next meeting 12/17/18.

Student-Faculty Committee

- Last met 11/9/18. Next meeting 1/25/19.

IEPA MEETINGS

- 12/17: Research Committee
- 12/18: Winter Gathering
- 12/20: Faculty Development Committee
- 1/14: Curriculum Committee
- 1/25: Student-Faculty Committee
- 1/30: Executive Council

