Upcoming Events to be Sponsored by ACHE

The student chapter of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) is sponsoring several events this Fall that will be of great benefit to all students. Regardless of membership in the organization, students will have the opportunity to attend an interviewing skills presentation. Dr. Valerie Williams serves as an adjunct professor for the HAP department and has been invited several times to give presentations on interviewing and resume writing effectiveness. She will present materials on how to effectively improve one’s interviewing skills while searching for a job.

Two other important events to consider attending are: the upcoming Oklahoma Hospital Association Annual Convention and Tradeshow, November 8-10th, 2006, Cox Convention Center

Fall Semester:

♦ Interviewing Skills, featuring Dr. Valerie Williams, Thursday, November 16th, 12:00, Room 320.

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Spring Semester:

♦ CEO Roundtable, TBA

♦ ACHE Congress, March 19th—22nd, New Orleans, Louisiana
We have two new full time faculty members joining our department this semester. Dr. Ann Chou and Mr. Steven Mattachione have brought with them a vast amount of knowledge about healthcare and the health profession. Students can welcome them to the department and get to know them both inside and outside the classroom.

Dr. Chou just came to Oklahoma this Fall from the National Committee for Quality Assurance where she served as a Research Scientist. Before that, she taught at the School of Public & Environmental affairs at Indiana University; she also had an appointment at Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Indianapolis. Dr. Chou received her undergraduate degree from Harvard, her MPH in Health Policy Administration from Yale, and a PhD and MA from the University of California at Berkley. Dr. Chou’s research interests are based on organizational theory; she is trained in organizational effectiveness and the implementation of innovative practices that include evidence-based medicine, health information technology, and financing systems such as pay for performance. Dr. Chou will be teaching a doctoral seminar on organizational theory during the Spring 2007 semester.

Mr. Mattachione has actually been an adjunct professor in the College of Public Health since 2002. He has always wanted to teach, and is looking forward to teaching full time. Mr. Mattachione is an attorney as well as a Certified Public Accountant. He is a Fellow in the Healthcare Financial Management Association. He has over twenty years experience in executive level positions in the healthcare industry. Additionally, he has worked in different parts of the country, for both provider and payer organizations of various sizes.

Mr. Mattachione will be teaching classes in Managed Care, Financing Healthcare, and possibly some other courses. His healthcare interests are financial management and reporting, healthcare financing, and healthcare policy issues. Mr. Mattachione is also looking forward to working with the students on Internships and Fellowships, as he believes these are very important learning opportunities.

HAP Student Amanda Cash worked at NASI in Washington DC During the Summer

Why be a summer intern in Washington, DC?

As a student in public health, I feel it is vital to promote education from all avenues, including academically, public health practice and continuing education endeavors.

Last summer, I interned in Washington, DC, and I had an outstanding experience that certainly added a necessary component to my public health education. I interned through the National Academy of Social Insurance (NASI); they are a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization devoted to furthering knowledge and understanding of social insurance programs, and they are uniquely qualified to provide students with challenging intern opportunities. This is a nationally competitive program with only 12 placements made each year, and Dr. Peter Budetti, Chair of the Health Administration and Policy Department is a member of NASI.

NASI places their interns at different agencies throughout the Washington metro area where a NASI member is employed and serves as the mentor for the intern. I was placed at Grantmakers In Health (GIH), which is a nonprofit, educational organization dedicated to helping foundations and corporate giving programs improve the nation’s health.

My experience was not only extremely gratifying, but I learned in depth about health philanthropy, which is an entire sector of public health funding where I had little knowledge prior to the internship. My project at GIH was to write a comprehensive paper on the state of childhood obesity and health philanthropy, which will hopefully be published later this year. NASI and GIH were both invaluable experiences that will aid me in the future of my career for the rest of my life. I urge all students to seek internship experiences during the tenure of their education.

For more information about interning in DC through NASI, speak with Dr. Budetti or contact Amanda Cash at: Amanda-Cash@ouhsc.edu