In May 2000, the Directors of Health Promotion and Education established an internship program designed to strengthen the academic and professional development of minority students by creating partnerships between minority-serving institutions and the public health community. Students are eligible for the internship program if they: (1) Are enrolled in a health education or health promotion program in a four-year college or university designated as a minority-serving institution; (2) Are US citizens, non-citizen nationals, or foreign nationals possessing a visa permitting permanent residence in the US, and (3) Have decided or are considering a professional career in health education and health promotions or related public health field. Five Fresno State students have been accepted for this nationally competitive program for the Spring 2009: Monica Martin, Adlin Davod, Mat Smith, Kelsey Strong, and Amy Ybara. Congratulations to each of you for achieving this prestigious award.
On November 3, 2008, the Academic Senate at California State University, Fresno approved a name change from the Department of Health Science to the Department of Public Health. The name change became official on January 1, 2009. The new name more accurately reflects our academic offerings and is in line with the employment opportunities available to our students.

Beginning January 15, 2009, your academic advisors will change. Please be sure to note who your new advisor will be. The advisors for the different options are listed below.

Community Health:
A-G: Dr. Helda Pinzon-Perez
H-M: Dr. Greg Thatcher
N-S: Dr. Kara Zografos
T-Z: Dr. Vickie Krenz

Health Administration:
A-I: Dr. Suzanne Kotkin-Jaszi
J-Q: Dr. Mohammad Rahman
R-Z: Dr. Don Matlosz

Environmental Health:
A-I: Dr. Sandra Donohue
J-Q: Dr. Christopher Tennant
R-Z: Dr. Michael Waite

MPH: Health Promotion:
Dr. Miguel A. Perez
Health Policy & Management:
Dr. Suzanne Kotkin-Jaszi

Are you overwhelmed by the amount of work you have in some of your classes? Are you thinking about giving up? Before you do, consider taking advantage of the support systems that Fresno State offers. There are several types of tutoring available throughout the college. The one that is going to be featured in this article is known as SupportNet. SupportNet is an early warning program, which provides a system through which faculty are able to refer students with poor academic performance or academic disengagement. Students are encouraged to meet with SupportNet advisor who will provide the appropriate academic assistance and university resources. For more information about this program, you can contact them by phone at: (559) 278-8370
Or via email at: supportnet@csufresno.edu
Fun in the Sun

As the weather begins to change throughout the semester, keep in mind the safety of skin protection. Skin Cancer is among the most popular cancers in the United States. Although it is rarely deadly, it is still dangerous. Signs of skin cancer is most commonly found at ages over 50. However, skin damage begins at an early age, therefore, you should begin treating it at an early age. A few ways that skin cancer can be prevented is by doing the following things:

- Wear protective clothing, including a hat with a four-inch brim.
- Apply sunscreen to your entire body several times a day and avoid the midday sun from 10am-4pm.
- Regularly use a broad-spectrum sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher, even on cloudy days.

With these helpful hints, you can encourage skin protection and prevent potential cancer patients. Happy Spring!

PUBLIC HEALTH LISTSERV

Do you want to know what is going on in the Department of Public Health? Do you want to be updated on potential job opportunities? Current events in the field and in the area? If you answered yes to any of these, then you need to subscribe to the department’s listserv. Subscription to the listserv will allow you to receive information — via e-mail — regarding the department, current events, advocacy opportunities, as well as job and internship opportunities. The best part is that you don’t have to pay for it. To subscribe to the listserv you will need to send an e-mail message containing a “subscribe” command to the LISTSERV program.

For Example
To: listserv@listserv.csufresno.edu
Subject: ———Message Text———
Subscribe [first name][last name]

Focus On Our Partners

West Fresno Health Care Coalition, Inc, (WFHCC) founded in 2001, seeks to address the growing health disparities, lack of health services and provide a healthier way of living for those in West Fresno. WHFCC is a trusted and respected community partner with a strong track record of providing culturally and linguistically effective, community-based services that's focused on health improvement and illness prevention. It has been highly successful in its work in the West Fresno community, producing positive health outcomes for more than 15,000 individuals, children and families, through education, screening, outreach, counseling and advocacy, in the areas of Sickle Cell, HIV/AIDS, Diabetes, Child Injury Prevention, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDs), Prenatal Care, Smoking Cessation, Breastfeeding, Asthma, Immunization, Breast Cancer, Prostate Cancer, Nutrition and Physical Activity and Obesity. West Fresno Health Care Coalition, Inc., led by Executive Director Yolanda Randles, is located in the heart of West Fresno. For more information on WFHCC call (559) 264-7185.
A Tribute to Dr. Glen Doyle

Dr. Glen C. Doyle served as director and professor of Gerontology for eighteen years at Fresno State. Upon her retirement in 2005, she was honored as Professor Emeritus of Gerontology. Passion was a characteristic which Dr. Doyle displayed everyday to her students, faculty and the University. Her passion further continued in developing curriculum. Her foresights lead to the creation of interdisciplinary courses that included on-line classes within the Gerontology Minor and Gerontological Specialist Certificate.

Dr. Doyle was also credited with the growth of community programs that including Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly, Summer Institutes on Aging, and a variety of professional conferences in partnership with the California Geriatric Educations Center, the Alzheimer’s Memory and Research Center.

Other community collaborations included the Aging Network, Elderhostel, and Fresno Learning Activities in Retirement and the Friendly Visitor Services. Dr. Doyle was truly a visionary, mentor, and friend to many.

Mark Your Calendars

January:
19-MLK, Jr. HOLIDAY - Campus Closed
21—Instruction Begins

February:
3-Last day to:
   - Add classes without permission
   - Drop classes without permission
14-Valentines Day
16-Presidents’ Day - Campus Closed

March:
31–Cesar Chavez Day - Campus Closed

April:
1-Pre-Health/Public Health Conference
6-10-Spring Recess - Campus Closed

May:
13-Last day of Instruction
14-15 – Dead Days
18-21 – Final Examinations
22 – Public Health Graduation
23 – Graduation Commencement

Please remember to check your calendars for upcoming events!

Dr. Glen Doyle, Mentor to Many, Friend to All