

# GERONTOLOGY NEWS

GP-IDEA Master's & Certificate Program Newsletter

May 2015

## From the director's desk...

When Laci asked me to write a note for this newsletter it made me reflect back over my experiences with this program. I think I probably taught my first Great Plains IDEA class ten years ago. In the interim I have met and learned to appreciate some really awesome students. My most memorable experience was going to Alaska to perform a mock commencement ceremony for mother-daughter graduates. Next Monday committee members will gather here to hear three more students defend their final exams. We've had a huge number of these in the past year which is exciting but at the same time scary. We are not getting the number of applicants we once were so be good ambassadors and recruit your friends to the program which is still the most innovative way to deliver gerontology content we've been able to find. We're excited to see what the future holds for the program as well as for you. Have a great summer!

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*"The future  
belongs to those  
who believe in the  
beauty of their  
dreams."*

**— Eleanor  
Roosevelt**

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Careers in Aging Race

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Karen Stobbe & Mondy Carter at Personhood & Dementia

## Personhood and Dementia

On April 9th, KSU faculty and staff, students, and community members joined together to attend this exciting event presented by the Center on Aging. Speakers for the event included Karen Stobbe— Director of **In the Moment**, Sally Bailey— KSU Drama Therapy Professor, a panel of individuals that discussed Alzheimer’s disease, David Babcock— The Knitting Runner, and a wonderful dramatization entitled “Sometimes you Gotta Laugh” performed by Karen Stobbe

## Amazing Careers in Aging Race

The Center on Aging hosted their 4th Annual Amazing Careers in Aging Race on April 6th. It is based off of the CBS show, The Amazing Race. Teams of KSU students from various majors across campus competed in mental and physical challenges. Thanks to great weather and students’ competitive nature, participants learned about local businesses and careers in aging, and had fun while doing so!

Careers in Aging Week was April 6-10, 2015

Check out the Careers in Aging website:

<http://www.aghe.org/resources/careers-in-aging>



The winners of the Careers in Aging Race— Casey Leister, Lauren Graber, Dani Dobratz, and Alison Sharpe





Heath Rath, GP-IDEA Graduate

## Congratulations Graduates— Kathy Grubbe & Heath Rath

The Center on Aging would like to extend our sincerest thanks to our outstanding team member, Heath Rath as he graduates. Heath has dedicated so much time and energy to the office as our Graduate Research Assistant and PEAK 2.0 project specialist. He has also served as the staff advisor for the Gerontology Club. He has been a constant source of support for all of us and never fails to bring fun and laughter to the office. Best wishes on your next life journey!

### The Perry C. & Virginia Peine Excellence for Aging Initiative

**Purpose: Encourage College of Human Ecology undergraduate and/or graduate students and faculty mentors to interact and help long-term care institutions with nutrition and/or menu programs to enhance quality of life of residents; and/or conduct research on the best practices to assure elderly residents have an enjoyable eating experience. Proposals are sought from students aimed at targeting these issues through an internship experience that includes a research project with outcomes; a research project; or, a special project that will aid data collection or analysis of a thesis or dissertation.**

See Attached Application for More information.

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