Final projects/papers are coming due and finals week is coming up fast. It also means that we are going to lose 44 of our gerontology students who will be graduating (see list in this newsletter). We congratulate you on your hard work, wish you the best of luck as you move into jobs or on to more school and hope that you will stay in touch with us as you move forward with your career.

I've seen many of you in the last few weeks as you've been enrolling for summer and fall. Some of you will be enrolled in summer school, but many of you will be at home, working to save money for school, etc. We encourage you to stay connected to your gerontology interests this summer. There are many free online webinars offered on topics related to gerontology. Find more information on page 4 or use your imagination and do some searching on YouTube. You never know what valuable information you'll find. Have a great summer!

-Pam

I'm ambivalent about April. Spring arrives—I love that! The Center hosts some really awesome events—read about the Amazing Race and the Personhood and Dementia conference in this newsletter—those were fun. But April is also a LOT of work and always in the back of my mind is the thought that May is just around the corner. I've had the most amazing class this spring and I can hardly bear the thought of sending them off and never seeing them again. Hardest of all is losing two members of our Center on Aging team. Heather Jones who puts together this newsletter, our bulletin board and many other great things heads to school in Wichita. Heath Rath is bidding us farewell also. It seems like we've known him half his life as we've had him around through undergrad and graduate school programs. He's been Jack of all trades for us, handling our IT needs, organizing grant activities, teaching classes, giving presentations and running our student organizations. A year ago Heath and I were at a conference together and someone asked if we were mother and son. I'm not his mom but as I'm sitting here weeping at my desk thinking about his leaving I realize that I would love that a lot. Congrats to all of our magnificent graduates. Do great things and always remember to come back to tell us about them.

-Gayle

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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!

Congratulations to the 1st place team! Casey Leister, Lauren Graber, Dani Dobratz, and Alison Sharpe

~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 and Mondy Carter. Thank you to all who participated!
A huge thank you to all of our Gerontology Club Officers and Ambassadors from the 2014/2015 school year!

GERONTOLOGY CLUB: Casey Leister– President, Carolyn Mense– Treasurer, Addie Van Zutphen– Secretary, Katie Ahern– Membership Chair

GERONTOLOGY AMBASSADORS: Katlyn Smith, Sarah Truman, Laura Haines, and Maren Ozier

Learn more about our awesome new ambassadors in the next newsletter!

Make sure you stay informed and up to date on the latest news for the 2015/2016 school year!

If you wish to learn more about the KSU Gerontology Club and the exciting work we are doing please contact geronclub@ksu.edu, visit our website http://www.he.k-state.edu/aging/, follow us on twitter @kstateaging or like our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/kstateaging
The Center on Aging would like to extend our sincerest thanks to our outstanding team member, Heath Rath as he prepares to graduate. Heath has dedicated so much time and energy to the office as our Graduate Research Assistant along with being the Staff Advisor for the K-State Gerontology Club. We have been so lucky to have Heath as a part of the team the past couple years. He has been a constant source of support for all of us and never fails to bring fun and laughter to the office. We’re not sure what we are going to do without our plant whisperer and turtle namer extraordinaire! We will miss him dearly and wish all the best for his future endeavors!

Webrinars related to aging:

- American Society on Aging -- http://www.asaging.org/web-seminars
- Home Instead Senior Care Services -- http://www.caregiverstress.com/geriatric-professional-resources/webinars/upcoming-caregiver-webinars/
- Oklahoma Geriatric Education Center -- http://www.ouhsc.edu/okgec/webinars.asp
- National Council on Family Relations -- https://www.ncfr.org/events/upcoming-ncfr-webinars
- Gerontological Society of America -- https://www.geron.org/programs-services/gsa-webinars
Congrats to our Graduates!

- Joshua Allen
- Erin Allender
- Cheyanne Alvarado
- Marissa Bartosch
- Andrea Bollig
- Hannah Cameron
- Kenneth Castinado
- Adam Cless
- Canaan Coker
- Amber Corpstein
- Nicole Davis
- Danielle Dobratz
- Callie Farrell
- Ellen Gordon
- Lauren Graber
- Laura Haines
- Logan Harrold
- Hannah Hovis
- Sarah Jackson
- Heather Jones
- Earlisha Killen
- Kendra Klaus
- Rachel Knox
- Carol Kolins
- Michaela Krysztof
- Jessica Kuhlman
- Kendra Lauer
- Kendra McVey
- Ashley Ott
- Jordan Parker
- Neema Prakash
- Korie Reed
- Carly Robertson
- Courtney Sager
- Alyssa Scott
- Allison Sharpe
- Dustyna Sprigg
- Makenzie Stansbury
- Morgan Streeter
- Erin Sumner
- Casey Thayer
- Allison Thompson
- Sarah Truman
- Addison Van Zutphen