CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

On October 10-12, the Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions will hold its 2018 Annual Conference at the Vinoy Renaissance in St. Petersburg, FL. This year’s conference theme is “Allied Health Education on the Front Lines -- Expanding Access to Better Health and Health Care.” Interested parties are invited to contribute to the program by submitting abstracts to be presented in one of two formats:

- **Paper presentation**: a 35-minute Concurrent Session, or
- **Poster presentation**: during the conference-wide Poster Session

The submission deadline has been extended to June 22, 2018 via the Abstract Submission Website at https://www.event.com/c/abstracts/720de1d2-a388-4702-b019-50a3f1d64b92. A new account will need to be created this year to submit abstracts. Additional information also is available at http://www.asahp.org/call-for-abstracts.

**ASAHP ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

Several opportunities exist for participation in the 2018 ASAHP Annual Conference in St. Petersburg, Florida on October 10-12 as a Sponsor, Exhibitor, or Advertiser. A description of the different types and fees for each of these activities can be obtained at: http://www.event.com/events/2018-asahp-annual-conference-support/custom-17-d79969acdfb54b6fa3cb31dc3f3f195e.aspx.

**STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

June 11 was the closing date for submitting applications for the Association’s Scholarship of Excellence Program. As in the past, a group of ASAHP Past Presidents has been invited to review the applications and rank them. They will work independently of one another and their scores will be averaged to determine which 12 students will receive scholarships. The top choice also will have all travel expenses paid to attend the Annual Conference.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Association’s Board of Directors had a conference call on May 17, 2018. The following were among the items discussed:

- President Susan Hanrahan noted that the second Institutional Profile Survey (IPS) draft was based on the recommendations of the work of the ASAHP Board at the March 2018 meeting and the IPE, clinical education task force, global subcommittees, and the research committee. This draft has been sent to other institutional members for review and to the Board of Directors also. Comments by these groups will contribute to the final document that will be on the agenda at the Summer Board Meeting. Once the contractor is hired and the instrument loaded, there may be some variations based on their input. The survey will need to be piloted prior to distribution in the fall.

- President Hanrahan commented on the comprehensive nature of a report by the Clinical Education Task Force. A condensed version will be published in the Journal of Allied Health and the document in its entirety will be posted on the ASAHP website. Moreover, the ASAHP Annual Conference in October will feature a two-hour plenary session on clinical education on Friday-October 12. An expectation is that the session will be instrumental in identifying themes and tracks that will constitute a Summer 2019 Summit on Clinical Education. The Task Force was complimented for its work.

The Summer Board Meeting will take place on June 28-29 in Milwaukee, WI. Along with the regular work of the Board, a strategic visioning session is on the agenda as discussed during the aforementioned conference call on May 17. Members of the Board of Directors were encouraged to furnish “thought” materials for this highly important strategic visioning set of activities.
2018 ASAHP ELECTION

The Association’s Nominations and Elections Committee has prepared the following slate of candidates for the 2018 ASAHP election:

Treasurer (two-year term)
Gregory Frazer (University of South Alabama)

Board of Directors (three-year term)
Barry Eckert (Long Island University, Brooklyn)
Cesarina Thompson (American International College)

Nominations and Elections Committee (two-year term)
Abiodun Akinwuntan (University of Kansas)
Teresa Conner-Kerr (University of North Georgia)
Fred Romano (Midwestern University)
Gary Syed (California State University, Dominguez, Hills)

The election voting link will be sent on July 16 to institutional member Deans/Directors and remain open through August 16.

FACULTY LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is accepting applications for the fiscal year (FY) 2018 Dental Faculty Loan Repayment Program. Applications will be due on July 2, 2018. The purpose of this program is to increase the number of dental and dental hygiene faculty in the workforce by assisting dental and dental hygiene training programs to attract and retain dental and dental hygiene faculty through loan repayment.

Award recipients must create and manage a loan repayment program for dental and dental hygiene faculty individuals who agree to serve as full-time faculty members within the disciplines of general dentistry, pediatric dentistry, dental public health, or dental hygiene. Eligible entities include public or private nonprofit dental or dental hygiene schools, or approved residency or advanced education programs in the practice of general, pediatric, or public health dentistry. Individuals are not eligible to apply directly.

Additional information can be obtained at https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppid=305134&utm_campaign=NORFO%3A+Dental+Faculty+Loan+Repayment+Program&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery.

DATA SCIENCE STRATEGIC PLAN

Storing, managing, standardizing and publishing the vast amounts of data produced by biomedical research is a critical mission for the National Institutes of Health. In support of this effort, NIH on June 4 released its first Strategic Plan for Data Science that provides a roadmap for modernizing the NIH-funded biomedical data science ecosystem. Over the course of the next year, NIH will begin implementing its strategy, with some elements of the plan already underway. NIH will continue to seek community input during the implementation phase. To keep pace with rapid changes in biomedical data science, NIH will work to address the:

- Findability, interconnectivity, and interoperability of NIH-funded biomedical data sets and resources
- Integration of existing data management tools and development of new ones
- Universalizing innovative algorithms and tools created by academic scientists into enterprise-ready resources that meet industry standards of ease of use and efficiency of operation
- Growing costs of data management


COLLEGE ATTAINMENT

A free forum, “Why the Nation Needs to Do College Attainment Better,” will take place at the National Center for Higher Education from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. (EDT) on June 18. Panelists will discuss how the nation can work to improve access to college, identify barriers to college completion, and target resources to some of these specific challenges. Livestream of the event is open to all. Register and obtain a link for online viewing at http://www2.acenet.edu/webforms/forms/CPRS/june18-attainment-forum-virtual.aspx.

SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

The integration of health and housing has the potential to improve health outcomes and reduce costs borne by the health care system. A new report from the Bipartisan Policy Center discusses the importance of this integration. The document can be obtained at https://bipartisanpolicy.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/HUD-HHS-Partnerships-A-Prescription-for-Better-Health.pdf.