



# The Holy Cross Chronicle

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**OLHCC students celebrate** the new school year with use of exploding color packets. Pictured (L to R): Allison Houston, Paige Turner, Anna Maclellan, Amanda Bell, Megan Gaines, Frank Armato, and Nicole Albritton.

## New President Brings Executive Experience to Leadership Post

By Alane Templet

This fall, The Board of Regents named Dr. David “Buck” Landry President of OLHCC. He replaces Dr. Ronald Ambrosetti, who served the College from 2012 to 2014.

Prior to Ambrosetti’s departure, he had some problems regarding his health and an administrative decision. The Board of Regents thanked Ambrosetti for his service after his resignation this past summer.

Dr. Landry has been involved with OLHCC for many years. He brings a unique set of skills to the task of leading the College on toward its Centennial year (in 2016) and beyond. During a recent interview, Landry said that even though he has only been president for two months, he likes his new job. “It’s been challenging, but I feel like I’m starting to get good things done,” he said. Both OLHCC Board of Regents Chairman Kyle France and Marianite Executive Sr. Ann Lacour expressed excitement and confidence about Dr. Landry’s appointment as President. Kyle France said in an announcement regarding Dr. Landry’s appointment that Dr. Landry “brings a firm working knowledge of the College and its programs to lead us into the future.” Sr. Lacour added that Dr. Landry “brings a generous spirit and a desire to educate the whole person in an environment of service.”



**President Landry**

One way Dr. Landry is leading OLHCC into the future is offering Business, Education, and Counseling courses on the Northshore of Lake Pontchartrain. Starting Spring 2015, evening classes will be held at Hannan High School in the Covington/Mandeville area. Classes begin January 20, 2015.

President Landry said he hopes to establish a second PhD program in Educational Leadership. Under Ambrosetti’s administration, OLHCC created a Doctorate in Counseling Education and Supervision last year. The new president’s growth-oriented vision includes adding new degree programs in Food Science and Culinology, starting in Fall 2015. Another idea Dr. Landry is advocating is the possibility of changing Our Lady of Holy Cross College to Our Lady of Holy Cross University. Recently, the College named three Deans for three different Colleges within OLHCC. The new Deans of the three Colleges are Dr. Patricia Prechter (College of Nursing and Allied Health), Dr. Michael Labranche (College of Liberal Arts and Sciences) and Dr. Carolyn White (College of Counseling, Education, and Business). A newly-named Vice President, Mr. Ken Tedesco, should also enhance community support for the College, Dr. Landry said. Tedesco served as Vice President of Alumni Relations at Tulane University. Prior to that, Tedesco was President of De La Salle High School.

One of Dr. Landry’s top priorities is to increase student enrollment. There are about 1,100 students currently enrolled at OLHCC. Prior to Hurricane Katrina, there were approximately 1,400 students at OLHCC. (Continued on Page 2)

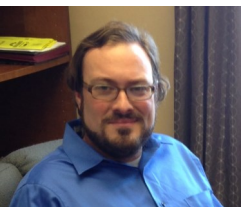


Students in Dr. Pinner’s class study specimens under microscopes.

## New Degree in Food Sciences Available Fall 2015

By Courtney Howe

A new degree will be added to the college. Students will soon have the opportunity to receive a BA in Science: Food Science. Food Science is the study of physical, biological, and chemical makeup of food and the concepts underlying food processing including the application of food science to the selection, preservation, processing, packaging, distribution, and use of safe food. Food science is designed for students who want to work as a food scientist or students who want to go to graduate school. Food Science allows a student to study many different courses such as chemistry, engineering, microbiology, biochemistry, law, horticulture/animal science, physics, nutrition, and statistics.



**Visiting Food Science Professor Darryl Holliday**

With a BA in Food Science, there are multiple job opportunities available, such as in food processing companies, ingredient manufacturers/suppliers, academia, government/non-government organizations, food service, and testing laboratories. Another Food Science alternative will be offered for students with a BA in Culinology, which is designed for students with culinary degrees to move from an already acquired Associates Degree to a Bachelors Degree. Another degree that will be available is a BA in Food Business which focuses on food science, but adds a business background to the course. Anyone interested should contact: dholliday@olhcc.edu.



**The Deans of Our Lady of Holy Cross College:** (L to R) Dr. Patricia Prechter (College of Nursing and Allied Health), Dr. Carolyn White (College of Counseling, Education, and Business), and Dr. Michael Labranche (College of Liberal Arts and Sciences) in front of the college.

# Education Dept. Training Future Teachers

By Heidie Randle

Common Core is currently one of the most controversial topics of discussion amongst parents, educators, school administrators. Common Core is a set of high academic standards in mathematics and English/Language Arts. It features learning goals and what students should know by the end of each grade. According to Julia O'Donoghue, a writer for the Times Picayune/NOLA.com, a recent poll showed that fifty-three percent of people in Louisiana are against Common Core, twenty-six percent are in favor, and twenty-one percent are undecided.

Whether Common Core is here to stay remains unknown, but our professors here at Our Lady of Holy Cross College have taken great measures to prepare future educators. In mathematics courses, such as Introduction to Math Concepts, students are studying various methods to teach operations such as adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing. In English courses, students are studying all parts of composition and how to implement them in lessons. Before Common Core was formed, there was a standard way of teaching these things. Now that it is being implemented, students are approaching problems in a more diverse manner. Although this may seem frustrating at the moment to parents and students, this method should help students succeed in the next grade level. Common Core is very challenging, but in the future it may produce positive results.

In related news, according to Dr. Lisa Sullivan, Chair of the Education Department, "Dr. Fawn Ukpolo wrote and received a Board of Regents Support Fund Grant to enhance the technology infrastructure at the College and to bring updated technology equipment and training to teacher candidates. Teacher Education faculty and students have received iPads and other technology equipment that will be used to enhance the lessons they teach at the college and in K-12 schools. Education Department faculty and students are excited to use this equipment and eager to learn more efficient ways to teach with it."



**OLHCC students after a softball game.** Pictured Top Row (L to R): Jordan Brady, Nicholas Balli, Ruben Balli III, Mary Khouri, Matt Picard, Angela Ford, John Buckovich, Chris Mace. Bottom Row L to R: Brandon Romero, Michaela Hartline, Melissa Victoriano

## Allied Health to Offer New Program

By Courtney Howe

Many new opportunities have occurred recently for Our Lady of Holy Cross College's Allied Health programs. Recently, Dr. Susan van Loon, the coordinator of Allied Health, has been promoted to the position of Chair of the Department of Allied Health. Her promotion has led to new chances for students wanting to join the Allied Health Program. A new degree has been established: the B.S. in Health Sciences for Non-Clinicians.

This new degree was approved by the Academic and Curriculum Council in 2013, and began accepting students in the fall of 2014. The curriculum is designed for non-clinicians and is targeted for students interested in the careers in health and medical fields that do not require specialized clinical training. This degree is very liberal in its designated elective credits; in that students are able to take courses such as business or psychology that coincide with their particular strength.

This degree also allows students who have accumulated clinical hours in nursing and radiologic technology, to use these hours as elective credits. The capstone of this degree is its internship. OLHCC and the Ochsner Clinical Foundation have made an institutional agreement to provide internships which go through the volunteer department of Ochsner. This program offers an alternative path for the Allied Science Degree for students who have been unsuccessful in the clinical program, or for those who entered a clinical program and decided that the work was not to their liking.

Before this degree was offered, these students had to choose another degree, most often, either Biology or General Studies. In both cases, these students lost their clinical credit hours. This degree can be most marketed for freshman level students. This degree has always become very popular, and through word of mouth twenty students have changed their major to the B.S. in Health Science for Non-Clinicians. Recently, a former student of OLHCC came back just so she could complete the work for this degree and is now one of two interns, interested in occupational therapy. This new degree will lead many willing and exciting students to great careers and opportunities that may not have been available for them.



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The new president plans to steadily increase that number each Fall semester. "Some people say we are the best kept secret around," Dr. Landry said. Landry, however, plans to divulge that secret. He has been actively sending recruiters to high schools in the area with scholarships and other offers of financial aid. He expects more transfer students from Delgado, Nunez, and Fletcher Community Colleges in the future. His stepped-up recruitment effort has been enhanced by advertisements about the College's offerings on the radio and television, by postings on billboards, and by broadcasting on social media. Dr. Landry is also excited about the formation of a group of about 100 OLHCC ambassadors to connect with the greater New Orleans-area community.



Jackie Clarkson & Dr. Landry

After serving three years in the U.S. Army, Dr. Landry resigned at the rank of captain. He received a Bronze Star for his service. Landry earned a PhD in International Affairs from the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, IN and served as an executive for Raymond-James, a prestigious financial management company. He also began an American Studies Program at the University of Southern Mississippi and later chaired the Dept. of Government at Nicholls State University.

One can sense optimism in Dr. Landry's voice when he says, "As OLHCC approaches its Centennial, there is much to celebrate."

## OLHCC Entrepreneur Makes Healthy Treats for Dogs and Humans Alike

By Allison Houston

Our Lady of Holy Cross College's Pre-Veterinary Medicine student, Jourdan Grubb is a young entrepreneur who recently launched a small business. Sweet Puppy Cakes, LLC combines her passion for dogs and healthy lifestyle with her all-natural doggie cupcakes that are safe and delightful for both dogs and dog owners. This home-kitchen based small business operates in the Greater New Orleans area.

Jourdan's doggie cupcakes are all natural, lactose-free, and made with fresh and organic ingredients. Her cupcakes have no added sugars that lets "the fruit and/or vegetables take center stage." Jourdan uses all natural ingredients that are intended to enhance the quality of life for dogs. She takes into consideration the allergy tendencies of dogs when choosing her ingredients. However, every dog has their own allergies and she does emphasize consulting with your veterinarian before introducing new foods into your dog's diet.

Sweet Puppy Cakes flavors, just to list a few, include Pumpkin and Apple, Sweet Potato and Green Beans, Sweet Potato and Honey, and Pumpkin and Blueberry. The doggie cupcakes are sold in batches of six or twelve; she also offers mini-cupcakes. All are made to order. All doggie cupcakes are topped with peanut butter and fresh fruit and/or vegetables. People interested in purchasing cupcakes from Sweet Puppy Cakes can go to <http://www.sweetpuppcakes.com>.

If you are interested in her upcoming events or you just want to follow her business as it continues to grow in popularity you can "like" the business's Facebook page [www.facebook.com/sweetpuppcakes](http://www.facebook.com/sweetpuppcakes). Since her launch, she has been very successful with the Sweet Puppy Cakes booth in several local craft shows.

Sweet Puppy Cakes are a great treat for both dogs and dog owners. The cupcakes provide comfort and joy in knowing about the quality of ingredients and the care that goes into creating these delicious treats.



One of the many kinds of cupcakes offered by Sweet Puppy Cakes



**2014-2015 SNA Board Members (L to R):** Minhtran Nguyen, Kayla Cherie, Tabitha Candies, Ashley Poole, Paul Trinh, Raquel Gordillo, Brittany Gravois, and Holly Mollere



Dr. Pretcher has fun with Nursing Students at Boo in the Lab on October 22. The Junior Nursing class won the contest for Best Decorated Bed in the Halloween event.

## Counseling Dept. Establishes Play Therapy Course in Italy

By Colby Antoine

College is the ultimate opportunity to not only learn, but to also experience new things otherwise unreachable. With clubs, organized activities, and programs designed for students to accomplish such goals, education has become more of a need to its willing participants instead of just a mere want. Our Lady of Holy Cross College proves this by establishing a program that far exceeds any expectations. Under the lead and direction of Dr. Ted Remley, director of the institute and professor of the Counseling department, Play Therapy in Italy was brought to life. Dr. Remley has been "offering play therapy and counseling institutes for the past 13 years, usually 3 each year." Originally a "modality used for children," as quoted by the Dean of the counseling department, Dr. Carolyn White, this educational opportunity for the school's students and faculty brings a stunning insight into a whole new world of learning.

Dr. Remley sums up the program by describing how "the participants [will] learn about counseling and mental health services from Italians." Undergraduate students, counseling graduate students, counselors, and counselor educators attend the trip due to the 30 continuing education hours, as well as the three academic credits, that become obtainable. This does not mean that non-counselors and non-mental health professionals cannot participate; the program makes it possible so that anyone interested can go. However, those who are not students will not be able to engage in the recreational activities planned.

Those participating will get the opportunity to stay for two weeks in an old villa located in the beautiful city of Tuscany, Italy, which showcases the true essence of Italian living. Participants also get the chance to visit the ancient Italian cities of Florence, Pisa, Siena, and Lucca. The cost is \$1,795. It includes the room in the villa (typically shared with one other person), transportation in Italy, health and travel insurance, and most of the meals. Payment is usually split into two distinctive time frames.

The Play Therapy in Italy will be a wonderful occasion of fun and exploration. Dr. Remley mentioned that the first trip will begin in February and end in March of 2015. This will be the first time the program is tried out at OLHCC. Twenty-five students have already signed up. For more information, contact Dr. Ted Remley at [tremley@olhcc.edu](mailto:tremley@olhcc.edu).

## Student Nurses

### Make Contributions

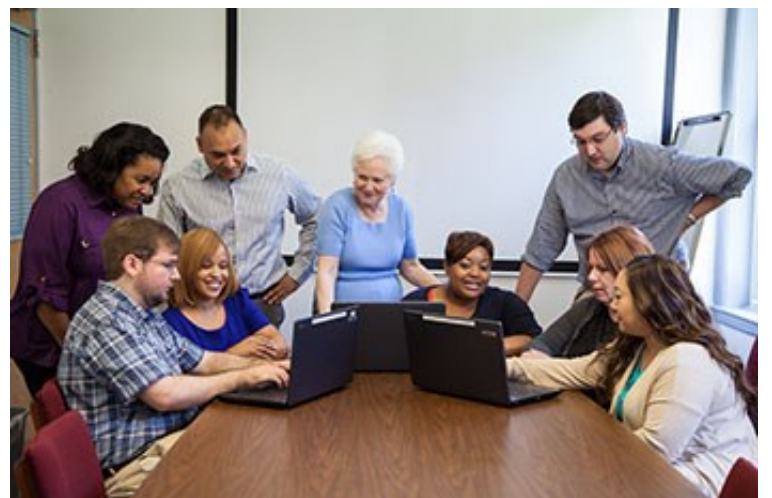
By Holly Mollere

The SNA at OLHCC has been working hard to represent our school at numerous community service events and at the 2014 Louisiana Association of Student Nurses (LASN) Convention.

Twenty OLHCC students assisted the elderly at Our Lady of Wisdom by helping them participate in Bingo and awarding prizes to all the members on September 27<sup>th</sup> and November 15<sup>th</sup>. Boo at the Zoo was a two day event, October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, and 31 SNA members attended and helped Audubon Zoo manage an event for the children of our community. Our SNA members worked the rock climbing wall station and the inflatable obstacle course provided by United States Marine Corps. Our SNA members thoroughly enjoyed their participation at Boo at the Zoo and cannot wait until next year. On October 25<sup>th</sup>, OLHCC had 8 SNA members walk one mile in the Susan G. Komen Breast cancer walk to benefit our Breast Cancer Survivors. On Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, a number of our members walked with Ms. Jean "JJ" Jackman to support her in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk.

From October 9-12, twenty students and two faculty advisors represented OLHCC at the LASN Convention in Lafayette. Students attended various focus sessions including Prison Nursing, Critical Care Nursing, and Nurse Practitioner to provide information on different aspects of nursing. Members also attended a Hurst review that improves test taking skills in preparation for the N-CLEX.

The most honorable recognition was presented at the LASN banquet to honor our SNA Faculty Advisors, Mrs. Marie McGregor and Mrs. Kristy Solis, for Faculty of the Year. Our faculty is one of the reasons and why we were awarded The Stellar School Award at National Association of Student Nurses Convention last April.



Above: Counseling students and faculty

Below: An old villa in Tuscany, Italy



# Tri Beta Activities Mix Fun With Scholarship

By Shae Crain

At Our Lady of Holy Cross College, it is general knowledge that student-run clubs and societies are the crux of social life amongst students. In the midst of the many groups, fewer are as active as its Biology Honor Society, Tri Beta. With its assembly of membership ranging from majors in the hard sciences, to history and English students, Tri Beta is an ever moving and changing entity that, luckily enough, has found itself a chapter in Our Lady of Holy Cross College. That chapter, Eta Gamma, is one of the most active societies in the college.

Despite being a prestigious, honor group recognized by academics nationwide, the requirement for membership is attainable by any student. To be a member in Tri Beta Eta Gamma, all that is needed is a love and appreciation for the biological sciences. To put it simply, if one happens to find himself or herself being the only person managing to guffaw at a joke regarding polar bears and radium, he or she is likely to find the joke's sequel in a Tri Beta email.

With such a simple requirement, the rewards are plenty. As a member of Tri Beta, one can now participate in a number of service activities that promote interest, scholarly attainment, and research in the biological science. The officers for 2014-2015 are as follows: Ron Scheuerman, President; Shae Crain, Vice President; Mary Khouri, Secretary; and Victoria Enclade, Historian. The group's officers, as veteran members, lead members in a wide range of activities. This semester's activities included participation in the following events: Barataria Preserve Research Assistance, Wild Things at Big Branch Nature Preserve, Boo at the Zoo, Rescue Ranch, Trunk or Treat, and the Walk for Autism Speaks. A few activities planned for next semester include the opportunity to see an autopsy, veterinary surgery viewing, and possibly a trip to LUMCON in Cocodrie.

For those who wish to further themselves in the ever-growing scientific community, Tri Beta offers itself as a stepping-stone in the way of establishing contacts, recognition, and experience. Research grants are offered in perpetuation of independent study and experimentation. The society's yearly, peer-reviewed journal, Bios, offers members the chance to become published before even achieving their degree, which is an unusual and illustrious feat.

Students should feel free to attend any meeting regardless of current membership status.



**Tri Beta students at work.** Left picture: Ron Scheuermann in canoe at Big Branch Nature Preserve. Right picture: Mandy Prejeant (left) and Jennifer Nguyen (right) at Rescue Ranch aiding in cleanup for the non-profit organization.

# LA Poet Laureate Visits OLHCC

By Alane Templet

On October 9, students in Ms. James's Creative Writing class, along with other students and faculty members, had the privilege of listening to the Louisiana Poet Laureate, Ava Leavell Haymon. The poet laureate gave a wonderful presentation. She discussed with students how to consider poetry and how to think of it as creating a work of art for others to connect to.

Ms. Haymon taught students how to write poetry, saying: "When you blurt something out it's usually the truth--it's often what you're trying not to say. Therefore, it's great poetry because you want the reader to be vulnerable and you want the poem to be true." She read poetry from her most recent collection called *Eldest Daughter* and also from *Why the House Is Made Of Gingerbread*, both published by the Louisiana State University Press. One of the most memorable stanzas she read was from her poem "The Witch Has Told You a Story":

You are food.  
You are here for me  
to eat. Fatten up,  
and I will like you better.

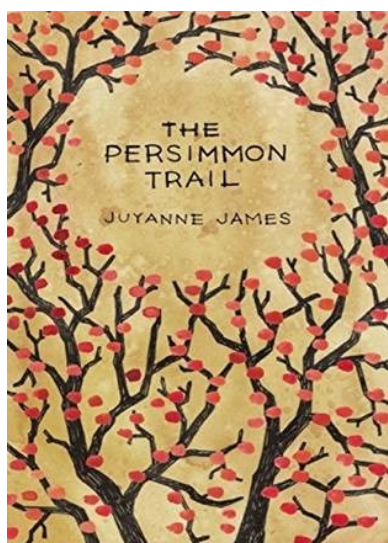
Ms. Haymon kept everyone laughing with her quick wit and charm. She gave advice to aspiring writers wanting to have their work published and offered words of wisdom and inspiration to all the students. Of her visit to OLHCC, Ms. Haymon said that the "openness of the students was impressive" which is "such a big part of a good school."



**(L to R): Creative Writing Instructor Ms. Juyanne James, Poet Laureate Ava Leavell Haymon, and Humanities Department Chair Dr. Claudia Champagne.**

## OLHCC Author

Ms. Juyanne James has published a new collection of short stories. Most of the stories are set in Louisiana. She has published stories in a variety of publications prior to this collection. The book will be available in the Spring at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).



## Sally-Ann Roberts Addressed 18th Annual Thanksgiving Prayer Breakfast

WVL-TV News Anchor Sally-Ann Roberts was the Keynote Speaker at Our Lady of Holy Cross College's 18th annual Prayer Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 22. This inspiring event raises funds for student scholarships.



**Christmas Party**  
**Friday, December 12**  
**8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.**  
**Royal Palms Reception Hall**  
**1901 Manhattan Blvd.**  
**Harvey, Louisiana**

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