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Graduate School News Highlights



From Dr. Barbara Schaffner, Associate Provost for Graduate Studies

Take Time to Appreciate the Work You Do

We are fast approaching the end of the COVID-19 pandemic in our country, and we could not be more pleased or thankful. Now is a time for reflection of our recent past, one that forced us all to face and acknowledge the horror of the disease and the effects on all our communities. History from the 1918 “Spanish flu” pandemic, which wiped out entire U.S. communities, allows us to review the response from some of the nurses that served during those horrific times. As recorded in *The Spanish Influenza Pandemic of 1918-1919: New Perspectives*, a student nurse named Mabel Chilson decided to join the ranks “of helpers” but wondered “were we helpless or could we fight?” Chilson recounted her experiences as challenging, but also as positive, “emphasizing the opportunity it held for meaningful ministrations.” [Continue reading >>](#)

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Nursing An Unexpected Advantage

Two years ago, there were 229 million cases of malaria worldwide. One of the reasons the disease continues to be so hard to treat is that the one existing malaria vaccine is only about 30% effective (Martin, 2021). However, the current focus on developing a vaccine to fight COVID-19 has opened opportunities for teams working on more complex and deadly communicable diseases to benefit with new and improved vaccines. [Continue reading >>](#)

Regina Prusinski

Nursing Graduate Director

MBA The Future of Remote Work: What About Your Job?

Coming out of the pandemic, businesses find themselves in foreign territory. The pandemic created new views in workers that were required to work online. As things open up, businesses are now faced with new challenges. Come back to work, stay online, or allow a combination of both. This report by the McKinsey Institute offers some information for managers looking for insight. [What's next for remote work: An analysis of 2,000 tasks, 800 jobs, and nine countries.](#)

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Don Eskew

MBA Graduate Director

Allied Health The Future of Allied Health: Health Coaching

The Master of Science in Allied Health (MSAH) program is thrilled to announce our partnership with **Wellcoaches** to provide students with the foundational skills needed to begin a career in health and wellness coaching as well as the acquisition of additional interpersonal skills.

What is health and wellness coaching?

Health and wellness coaching is a growing field that allows health professionals to assist clients in pursuing enhanced health and wellbeing. [Continue reading >>](#)

Erica Van Dop

MSAH Graduate Director

Education Teachers Making a Difference: A Social Justice

Curriculum

We welcomed a recent Master of Arts in Education (MAE) graduate as the keynote speaker at our spring Graduate Student Conference. Sara Barkley, a fifth-grade teacher in the Hilliard School District, was chosen because of her work in researching and developing a social justice curriculum for young students. Her curriculum will be applied immediately in her classroom, helping her students understand and talk about the racial protests across the United States. [Continue reading >>](#)

Dee Knoblauch

Education Graduate Director

Educational Mathematics Broadway's Greatest Hits: A Love Affair with The Golden Ratio

The Golden Ratio is one of the traditional topics that teachers highlight when trying to convince students that "math is everywhere." From ancient Greek architecture to the modern design of ukuleles, that eponymous irrational number of phi can be found in the human engineering of aesthetically-pleasing products. [Continue reading >>](#)

Jeff Smith

MAEM Graduate Director

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