Sports Science Goes Global

Barbara Boyett

As an alumna who has returned to Houston, Barbara Boyett is familiar with the challenges faced by young people and the opportunities that await them. She says, “I’m a firm believer in education and the power of knowledge. I think that the more we can do to support education and guidelines for personal growth, the better off we will be.”

CBHS Development Officer

Bea Perdue

Bea Perdue, Development Director at CBHS, has been working with alumni and partners to expand the impact of CBHS’s programs. She says, “We’re always looking for new ways to reach out to our alumni and partners. I think that the more we can do to support education and guidelines for personal growth, the better off we will be.”

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CBHS and MT Lambda Presentation of the 2015 LGBT+ College Conference

Among the more than 600 attendees were students, faculty, and administrators from fifteen Tennessee colleges and universities joined by corporate, non-profit and community leaders exploring topics that impact supporting and serving diverse constituents. Presenters who focused on the conference theme “Diversify Your World” included MTSU 2014-15 Distinguished Alum Vernice “FlyGirl” Armour ’97; I/O Psychology Professor Dr. Patrick McCarthy, TBR Director of Diversity and Equity Initiatives Bobbie Porter; MTSU Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Debra Sells; U.S. Army Reserve Deputy Chief of Staff Brigadier General Tammy Smith; and Nissan Director of Diversity Jeffrey Webster. CBHS

Denise Bates

The Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) Office of Academic Affairs funded a grant submission from Dr. Denise Bates, Department of Health and Human Performance. Her proposal, “Reaching the Higher Education needs of Middle Tennessee Refugees and Immigrant Youth,” received funding in the amount of $36,656. CBHS

Stuart Bernstein and Catherine Crooks

Department of Psychology researchers Dr. Stuart Bernstein and Dr. Catherine Crooks were awarded a grant of $43,000 from the Baptist Healing Trust to promote healthy behaviors through literacy. The funding will support the Healthy Raiders Reading Program, a service-learning endeavor that helps members of underserved populations learn more about health care. CBHS

Riley Finch

CBHS advising team member Riley Finch submitted an outreach campaign to the Education Advisory Board (EAB) as a specialist program. His campaign is being noted as an example of excellence. Academic and student affairs leaders count on EAB to provide best-practice research and practical advice for strategies to increase retention and improve professional readiness. CBHS

Cyrille Magne

The MTSU Foundation Special Projects Committee presented the 2015 Special Projects Award to professor of psychology, Dr. Cyrille Magne. The recognition includes financial support ($14,000) for his project, "Effect of Music Intervention on Literacy Skills in Children with Dyslexia." CBHS

Brittnie Neal

Brittnie founded Advocates for Community Empowerment (ACE) to provide health education and health empowerment to refugees, immigrants, and other underserved groups in Rutherford County. Her goal is to help these communities adapt better to their new environment and adopt healthier lifestyles. The 2015 graduate in community and public health was rewarded for her efforts with the MTSU Student Community Service Award. CBHS

Social Work Alums Giving Back

During Alumni Weekend festivities, a panel of MTSU Social Work alumni who are currently working in professional and academic positions presented their experiences and answered questions about career patterns and employment opportunities. Approximately 70 students attended, and after the presentation both the panel members and the students stayed for further discussion. As stated by one student in attendance, “This is the most inspiring activity that I have attended at MTSU!” CBHS

Lynda Williams

Criminal Justice alumna Lynda Williams was recently named assistant deputy director at the U.S. Secret Service. Williams has served in the agency for more than 25 years and recently visited campus to talk with students about preparing for a future that could include the elite agency. She shared information with students about working on both the investigative and security side of the agency, while warning them of the perils of personal misconduct and the long-term effects of social behavior, drug use, and financial irresponsibility. “It’s not just with the Secret Service,” said Williams. “Almost any employer of any size is going to do a background check and the larger and more prestigious the organization, the deeper they are going to dig. Flirting the delete key after having second thoughts about a wild weekend is not going to remove the evidence. As you’re sitting in a classroom preparing for your career, think of all the other activities you participate in as part of your portfolio.” CBHS

Passports to Success at Mitchell-Neilson Elementary

Professor Claire Cook’s family and consumer studies (FCS) students quickly assessed and understood what the Collaborative Learning and Leadership Institute’s aim was for helping elementary school students make the connection between school achievement and future success. Dr. Cook’s students also saw first-hand how their classroom lessons can be applied to community needs when they planned the end-of-semester program event. Passport to Success gave Mitchell Neilson students a chance to learn about future careers and the path (via MTSU) to reach their dreams. CBHS

True Blue A1C Ashton M. Thomas Forever 24 Endowed Scholarship Fund Established

Ashton Thomas ’13
February 1, 1990 – September 28, 2014

Ashton took great pride in serving his country as an active member of the Tennessee Air National Guard; valued his Criminal Justice Degree from MTSU; and strived to be a role model for his students at the Smyrna YMCA. His parents Patrick Thomas and Kendra Rohichaud have established the True Blue A1C Ashton M. Thomas Forever 24 Endowed Scholarship Fund to honor him and support the education of patriots like him. To contribute to the fund contact the CBHS Development Officer at Bea.Perdue@mtsu.edu. CBHS

TXMD–Fashion Forward

Students in textiles merchandising and design (TXMD) worked alongside top designers and networked with fashion industry insiders at Nashville Fashion Week 2015. As the event’s education sponsor, TXMD students served as assistants to some of the 20 designers who showed collections at the event. “Our students gained valuable experience and made personal contacts that will help their professional opportunities in the industry. More importantly, our program and MTSU were associated with a prestigious event that will contribute to our academic and public profile,” said Dr. Rick Corlfe, a professor in the human sciences department. CBHS

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