

Faculty Activity Report

April 2024

Richard Haptonstall, MFA, Associate Professor of Theater/Music and Department Chair, Performing Arts, and Rebecca Spear, MFA, Assistant Professor, Theatre & Communications

Rich Haptonstall and Rebecca Spear accompanied twelve FVCC theatre students to the Region 7 Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival this February in Spokane, WA. KCACTF is a national theatre program involving 18,000 students from over 600 academic institutions nationwide which has served as a catalyst in improving the quality of college theatre in the United States. Student and teaching artists enjoyed a week of attending productions, workshops and symposia, showcasing their recent work, and participating in regional-level award programs. Rich Haptonstall led a workshop spotlighting both Viewpoints and Suzuki Actor Training and Rebecca Spear led a Musical Theatre Audition Technique/Synthesis workshop. FVCC Mask and Hammer Theatre Club is incredibly grateful for this opportunity to participate in this excellent program which strives to encourage, recognize and celebrate theatrical opportunities for students.

Nicole S. Sanford, MA, Associate Professor, Music

- On Tuesday, April 2nd the FVCC Music Program hosted an Evening Student Recital featuring second-year music majors. Seven students performed. The recital included piano, voice, violin, and percussion students.
- On Friday, April 5th there was an Afternoon Student Recital featuring students enrolled in private lessons on piano and violin.
- On Friday, April 12th the FVCC Vocal Jazz Ensemble will be performing at the Memory Care Unit in Columbia Falls and the NW Museum in Kalispell.
- Students are gearing up for the Something Rotten spring musical!

James Goudy, MS, Associate Professor of Computer Science/Web Technology, Program Director for Programming and Gaming AAS, Program Director for Computer Science Transfer AS

James Goudy had a site visit on February 27th with Sokn Engineering. Met with CEO, Cassie Monaco, and Project Manager, Corey Zwart. He met with the County IT director Matt Reynolds on March 14th, after the IT Panel. He discussed possible internship possibilities, curriculum, and technologies with both groups.

Three former FVCC computer science students, Wolfgang Sandtner, Ethan Hoff, and Joanna Hannigan were featured at the Scholarship Dinner on March 6th.

Philip C. MacGregor, EdD, Associate Professor, Computer Applications/Accounting

On March 14th, there was an employer panel for the IT and Security students. The Programming and Game Development students also attended. The first hour was for employer introductions and a question and answer time. During the second hour, the IT and Security students met with individual employers for discussion while the Programming and Game Development students broke out and had discussions with the two Flathead County panel members. Panel members were from Succuri, LLC, Flathead County, National Flood Services, Endpoint Utility Corp, Kalispell School District 5, and Logan Health.

Karla Ryan, MS, Associate Professor of Anatomy and Physiology

On Friday, April 5th, Karla gave a lecture on disease processes focusing on diabetes, cancer formation, and epigenetics to Sarah Connor's biology classes at Glacier High School. For the demonstration, she took a healthy lung and a diseased lung. She also had a healthy brain and a less healthy brain. Students in these classes are primarily freshmen and sophomores. This is the

3rd year Karla has been invited to give this lecture because the students enjoy it. They are already planning next year's visit.

Hannah Kauffman, MFA, Associate Professor of English and Writing

April 3rd–6th Hannah attended the Conference on College Composition and Communication (4Cs) in Spokane. She primarily attended sessions focused on student artificial intelligence(AI) use and methods for addressing and even bringing AI ethically into the classroom. She will be meeting next week with colleagues to determine how best to share that information with the campus.

Janice L. Heil, MA, Associate Professor of Physical Therapy, Program Director, Physical Therapist Assistant

The PTA program has been busy in the final weeks of the program before they head out to clinical internships around the valley and state (one even to Kansas). We have had a variety of guest speakers from the community with a wide variety of experience and specialty training in physical therapy come to the classroom to present to our students.

- Amanda McDonald, PTA from Precision Physical Therapy & Sports Rehab spoke to the students about the Functional Movement System.
- Ryan Ayers, PTA came from Ortho Rehab to speak and demonstrate blood flow restriction training
- Kristin Stockham-Baller, DPT, from Ortho Rehab presented on pelvic health physical therapy.
- Jay Shaver, PT (Retired) spoke to students about Workplace Rehabilitation, Functional Capacity Evaluations, and Pain Science.
- Candy VanFrachen, PTA and Certified Lymphedema Practitioner from Immanuel Living spoke about Lymphedema management and demonstrated Manual Lymphatic Drainage technique. Candy is also a graduate of our inaugural PTA class.
- Ricardo Fernandez, PT from OrthoRehab spoke to our students about the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) and advocacy as students and graduates.

Students also volunteered at the Rock Steady Boxing Class for patients dealing with Parkinson's Disease. This class is run by Lynnell Gravelle, PT, who works at Advanced Rehabilitation Services.

Katie Clarke, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Communication

Dr. Katie Clarke (Communication Faculty) recently presented at the National School Board Association Annual Conference for Public Education Leaders in New Orleans, Louisiana. Her talk, "Navigating Political Storms" shared her story of chairing the Whitefish School Board during a time of community unrest. The presentation outlined the lessons learned from the experience and the three strategies the Whitefish School Board used to effectively navigate targeted attacks while maintaining the district's focus on supporting student growth. She was joined by Whitefish Superintendent Dave Means and fellow Whitefish School Board Members.

While at the conference, Katie attended sessions led by educational leaders discussing today's educational landscape and covering issues such as the future of AI and education, student achievement and assessment, student engagement, and instructional differentiation. Over 7,500 public educational professionals and advocates attended the conference. Other speakers included Ruby Bridges, Tim Shriver, and Rick Stiggins.

Carlin Phillips, M.S., LCPC, Program Director, Substance Abuse Counseling and Pre-Social Work Transfer

Carlin learned about a widely-used electronic health records program, called TherapyNotes, which has an "In The Classroom" option. It is a free account that she can set up for the Substance Abuse Counseling students to access a "sandbox" EHR program so they can begin to get comfortable using electronic healthcare software for documentation and treatment planning. It is a product she has professional

experience with already, so it will be very easy to support students in navigating the system and toying around with some different documentation and treatment planning tools. Students will likely use different EHR systems when they begin their internships, but many of the processes are the same, across EHR programs. The best part? It's FREE!

Also, our BSW 2+2 Distance Learning partners from the University of Montana were recently here for their spring "campus day", when they came to the valley to meet with their Kalispell/FVCC cohort. The 2+2 director, a faculty member, and the 2+2 advisor visited both SW 100 and SW 200 to talk to prospective students about the application/transfer process to transfer to UM and complete a Bachelor's in Social Work online. They shared a wealth of information, both with the students and professional advisors.