Hi Everyone,

This year has gone by quickly with many changes. In August, our past Dean, Dr. Eugene Sander, assumed the University presidency and we welcomed our new Dean, Dr. Shane Burgess. We are so fortunate to have both President Sander and Dean Burgess. Many of you met Dean Burgess while he traveled the State extensively in the early days of his administration. If you have not met him, you will really enjoy doing so when you have the opportunity. In addition to these changes, Associate Deans Christensen and Cox retired and Vice Dean Kaltenbach will retire this month. We congratulate them and thank them for their great service to the College of Agriculture & Life Sciences and the University. A search for each of the Associate Dean positions has been underway and we anticipate welcoming the new Associate Deans after the beginning of the new year.

The Department continues to prosper. In the past three years, our undergraduate enrollments have nearly doubled, our graduate program, administered by the Department, remains strong and cross-disciplinary, and our investigators continue to obtain grants despite an abysmal climate for federal funding. We also fully launched our online education program, Online To You, this past summer. The revenues from this effort will help our Department remain strong for the future.

We surveyed several alumni for information on their career positions. The returns you sent were very helpful to us and we will do this again in the spring. THANK YOU!

It does not seem possible that we are so near to celebrating the holidays that will bring in 2012. At this time, I think of the many friends that we have in our alumni. Alumni, we need you!! I had two very special letters from alumni that I taught in the past. How wonderful is that!! If you have not been in touch with us, please update us on your whereabouts and doings. We hope to have a Facebook or LinkedIn page for alumni exchange in the near future.

With this letter comes all of my very best wishes to each of you for a wonderful Holiday Season and a very Happy New Year!
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**S. GOING ET AL. AND L. HOUTKOOPER ET AL.**


**M. HINGLE ET AL.**


**K. LIMESAND ET AL.**


**E. MEUILLET ET AL.**


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**S. MISNER ET AL.**


**D. ROMAGNOLI ET AL. AND O. SELMIN ET AL.**


**C. THOMSON ET AL.**


**J. WINZERLING ET AL.**


**Presentations, Seminars and Conferences**

**DR. HONGU**


**DR. MEUILLET**


**DR. MISNER**


Invited Presentation: NC1169 EFNEP Related Research, Program Evaluation and Outreach Multi-State meeting, Lincoln, NE, October, 2011.

Invited Participation: Dr. Misner was invited to join the prestigious Journal Committee in the Society of Nutrition Education and Behavior this summer and was elected Secretary for the group.

Invited Participation: Dr. Misner was also selected to participate in the Conference Planning Committee for the National EFNEP Conference in Feb, 2012 and she also participated on the EFNEP Youth Evaluation team to gather questions for the future national on-line reporting system.

**DR. ROMAGNOLO AND DR. SELMIN**


**DR. THOMSON**


**NSc Seminars**

Dr. Nobuko (Kay) Hongu, Assistant Specialist, Nutrition and Physical Activity Extension Specialist, Department of Nutritional Sciences. “Walk Across Arizona: Walking Together for 10 years!”

Dr. Lynn Joens, Professor, Department of Veterinary Sciences & Microbiology, University of Arizona. “Oysters: Nutrition With Added Physiological Excitement.”

Dr. John Konhilas, Assistant Professor, Department of Physiology, University of Arizona. “Diet, Disease, Exercise, and a Little Bit of Sex: The Impact on Cardiac Adaptation.”

Dr. Jessica Miller, Postdoctoral Research Associate, Arizona Cancer Center, University of Arizona. “Application of Metabolomics to Chemoprevention Research.”

Dr. Patricia Thompson, Associate Professor, Cellular & Molecular Medicine, University of Arizona. “Bile Acids and Colorectal Cancer, What Have we Learned?”

**Awards, Notables, and In The News**

Congratulations to Kelly Jackson who was one of three recipients who received the Recognized Young Dietitian of the Year Award from the American Dietetics Association.

Linda Houtkooper was selected to be a member of the Science Board for the President’s Council on Fitness, Sports and Nutrition. She was also selected to be a member of the Executive Advisory Committee for “the Next 25” for the University of Arizona.

Scottie Misner, Team Leader and The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance - Education Program Team (SNAP-Ed) received the 2011 College of Agriculture & Life Sciences Outstanding Team Award.

Donato Romagnolo was invited by the Medical Nutrition Council and the Nutrition Science Council of the American Society for Nutrition to Chair the 2012 Symposium on “Nutritional Regulation of Epigenetic Changes.”

Donato Romagnolo was invited to serve as a scientific reviewer for the American Institute for Cancer Research Grant Program, Washington, D.C. He was also invited to serve as a member of the Internal Advisory Board for the NAU/UA Partnership for Native American Cancer Prevention Program.

Congratulations to Theresa Spicer who received the College of Agriculture & Life Sciences Second Quarter Outstanding Staff Award.

Congratulations to Cynthia Thomson who received the Abbott Nutrition Award in Women’s Health from the American Dietetic Association. This award is given to recognize dietitians who make significant contributions to the importance of nutrition in women's health.

Cynthia Thomson was also awarded the 2011 American Medical Writers Association Book Awards: 1st Place, Best of the Best for Non-fiction medical writing for the American Cancer Society’s Complete Guide to Nutrition.
**Graduate Degrees and Awards**

**Doctors of Philosophy**

Fatimah Yousef

Fatimah will be working in a postdoctoral position at King Abdulaziz University, to measure serum 25(OH)D among Saudi population in relation to bone health.

**Masters of Science**

Lindsey Diemert

Awards and Notables

The Oncology Nutrition Dietetic Practice Group (ON DPG) selected Gayle McCartney to receive the 2011 ON DPG Award for Excellence in Oncology Nutrition Research for an abstract she submitted for presentation at the American Dietetic Associate Food & Nutrition Conference and Exhibition.

Congratulations to Ashley Vargas who was selected as the 2011 recipient of the $3,000.00 Member Seed Grant from the Research Dietetic Practice Group for her project on the relationship between diet and cancer.

**Undergraduate Student News**

Congratulations to Zachary Conley who was accepted into the Undergraduate Biology Research Program. Zachary also earned an Honors College Undergraduate Research Grant.

Nichole Ashley Greene was accepted at Sodexo NY/Philadelphia Area-Medical Nutrition Therapy-Philadelphia Area Dietetic Internship in Fall, 2011. She is one of 14 interns in the NY area and 12 interns in the Philadelphia area.

Margeaux Krieger, Dezi Abeyta, and Josh Siegleman represented the Nutritional Sciences Department at the First Annual Health Professions College Fair at the Arizona Health Sciences Center, March 2011.

Chelsea Page is an undergraduate student who has been selected for the NASA Space Grant Internship Program for 2011-2012. She will be working on nutrition and physical activity research projects with her mentors, Dr. Kay Hongu (Department of Nutritional Sciences) and Dr. Barron Orr (Office of Arid Lands Studies).

Peter Raisanen was recognized as the Outstanding Graduating Senior in Nutritional Sciences for December 2011. Congratulations Peter!

**Other Presentations**

**JENNIFER REEVES**


Jennifer and the AZ State Coordinated School Health Team are developing the model policies guidebook for AZ Urban Physical Education.

**Alumni Update - Kim Krumhar, Ph.D., CNS**

Kim Krumhar earned his Ph.D. in Nutritional Sciences at the University of Arizona in 1985 studying food protein chemistry under the direction of the late Dr. James W. Berry. After graduating, he accepted a post-doctoral appointment in the Department of Applied Biological Sciences at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, MA. After a year of postdoctoral work, he accepted an offer to join the Pepsico Organization in Texas as a Research Scientist developing food and nutritional products. In later years he moved into senior leadership positions at Nestle, Metagenics and Herbalife International. While at Herbalife he led and managed new product R&D in an exciting and fast moving nutritional products industry environment of rapid growth due to growing concern over the major chronic health issues of our day – obesity, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, women’s health, and the challenges of providing appropriate nutrition for a rapidly aging population.

Most recently, Kim has rejoined the Nestle R&D organization in Solon, Ohio. He leads various nutrition-related initiatives including strategy development for Nestle’s programs in Nutrition, Health and Wellness; new ingredient and technology development, investigation of new health claims and development of products and programs for Nestle’s healthier-eating and weight maintenance products. This includes Jenny Craig, Lean Cuisine, Stouffers, Buitoni and other portion-controlled and prepared foods for managing weight and providing the right balance between indulgence and calorie control.

Kim is grateful for the training and mentorship received in his years at the University of Arizona, and for the inspiration and leadership of its faculty and staff who were instrumental in his early career and success as a scientist and professional in the field of Nutrition.

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