Dear Alumni and Friends,

We are closing another successful fall semester on campus with students studying hard and faculty grading final exams and papers. With the welcome of President Ferguson in August, campus has been full of new energy. We continue to make progress in the development of a new health college, which brings with it a sense of excitement.

We have an impressive group of students this fall. Jessie Smock was awarded the College of Sciences and Humanities’ 2014 Bernadette H. Perham Scholarship for academic excellence and leadership at the Indiana Women of Achievement celebration. Drew Deathe was awarded an Aspire Undergraduate Research Award for his project titled, “Ball State University Students’ Knowledge, Perceptions, and Behaviors Related to Ebola and Pandemic Disease” under the leadership of Marty Wood. Alyssa Ham will be working with Jean Marie Place on a project titled, “Understanding Postpartum Depression from Mexican Women’s Experiences” as a result of receiving the Department of Physiology and Health Science Research Award.

The Health Science Program was re-accredited this fall following a site visit from a SABPAC review team. The program received many accolades and the site visit team provided valuable insight as we prepare to transition to a new accreditation process. Kari Wortinger, our primary departmental advisor, was instrumental in our successful review!

Marianna Zamlauski-Tucker conducted our first-ever graduate program webinar as part of a new institutional initiative focused on graduate student recruitment. Lisa Beck, Ellen Edmonds, and Dena Mullins received a 2014-15 Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Fellowship and are currently engaged in classroom-based scholarship related to their teaching. Jean Marie Place was selected as a 2014-15 Diversity Associate. Jagdish Khubchandani will be spending 10 hours a week during spring semester in the Center for International Development as a Faculty Fellow exploring global health funding opportunities. We continue to be proud of our faculty and their accomplishments.

This week we will initiate members into Eta Sigma Gamma Alpha Chapter, graduate a number of undergraduates, visit a potential immersive learning partner site, and begin thinking about what 2015 brings. We hope you will make us a part of your 2015—stop by the department, mentor a new professional, or like us on Facebook! Wishing you a joyous winter season!

Warmly!—
Dr. Denise Seabert
Eta Sigma Gamma Executive Director Julie Eastes is pleased to join the Physiology and Health Science Department as the new executive director of Eta Sigma Gamma. Julie has over seven years experience working at BSU, recently having held a position in the Ball State University Alumni Association as program coordinator. Some of the areas Julie was involved in were: Assistant Advisor for the Homecoming Steering Committee and the St.A.R.T. program (Student Alumni Relations Team), staff assistant for several constituent alumni groups. Julie is a board certified health coach and owns Turning Point Wellness; a health coaching business. Julie has two adult children, Shea, 26; and Shelby, 22, who recently graduated from BSU in July. Julie and her husband, Bradley, reside in Muncie with their two Shichon dogs, Benji and Bella.

**2014 McGovern Lecture Online**

The McGovern Lecture was held this past October, in the Student Center Ballroom. This year’s award recipient was Dr. James S. Marks. He is senior vice president, directs the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation’s Portfolio Group, which includes work to catalyze demand for healthy places and practices, building bridges between health and healthcare, strengthening vulnerable children and families and health-related disparity reduction. The lecture titled, Health Beyond Healthcare: Building a Culture of Health discussed trends in healthcare today and offered insights and tips to a healthier life. You can read more about Dr. Marks, and view this year’s lecture at [http://cms.bsu.edu/academics/collegesanddepartments/physiology/newsandevents/mcgovernlecture/mcgovern2014](http://cms.bsu.edu/academics/collegesanddepartments/physiology/newsandevents/mcgovernlecture/mcgovern2014).

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Dr. Jagdish Khubchandani Honored with 2014 Junior Faculty Award at August Convocation

Dr. Jagdish Khubchandani was awarded the Outstanding Junior Faculty Award at the Fall 2014 Faculty/Staff convocation. The award is the highest recognition of demonstrated composite excellence in teaching, scholarly productivity and service by a faculty member who has been at Ball State University for less than six years.

Dr. Khubchandani joined the department in 2010. He earned his PhD in Health Education from University of Toledo in 2010 and a Doctorate in Medicine from India in 2003. While at Ball State he has mentored 14 students who have received funding for research projects and organized Operation Jungle Red now in its 3rd year to raise awareness and stop violence against women.

Dr. Khubchandani was selected to serve as an inaugural Faculty Fellow for the Ball State Global Health Institute (2011-2012). He is serving on seven journal editorial boards, and is a reviewer for more than a dozen journals in biomedicine and public health.

Dr. Khubchandani’s research expertise is in the areas of violence prevention, childhood maltreatment, global health, and clinical epidemiology. Recently Dr. Khubchandani co-authored two research projects which were presented at the American School Health Association Conference, in Portland, Oregon this past October. These projects, coauthored by Dr. Denise Seabert and Mrs. Lisa Beck, from the Physiology and Health Science department, looked at school health policies and health risk behaviors in adolescents.

Congratulations to Dr. Khubchandani on recognition for his contributions to the Ball State and Muncie Communities.
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Most recently this scholarship was awarded to Olivia Cosgray, former member/leader of ESG’s Alpha Chapter and our 2014 Outstanding Health Science Graduate. She is currently in the Dominican Republic serving the as a Peace Corps volunteer. Awards like the Warren E. Schaller Scholarship help our outstanding majors achieve their goals.

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