University of Florida to host annual meeting of the American Society of Biomechanics

APK’s Dr. Mark Tillman and Dr. Chris Hass are co-chairs of the 2012 American Society of Biomechanics (ASB) 36th annual meeting. The meeting will bring together more than 500 scientists, clinicians and researchers in the field of biomechanics for three days of presentations, tutorials and research sessions in Gainesville, Fla. from August 15 - 18.

ASB was founded in 1977 “to encourage and foster the exchange of information and ideas among biomechanists working in different disciplines and fields of application, biological sciences, exercise and sport sciences, health sciences, ergonomics and human factors, and engineering and applied sciences, and to facilitate the development of biomechanics as a basic and applied science.” [www.asbweb.org]

This year, 536 abstracts were submitted from across the United States and the world. Of the submitted abstracts, 169 were selected as presentations and 332 as traditional poster presentations. The meeting will feature informative tutorials and symposia, engaging keynote lectures, award presentations, networking opportunities and lab tours.

HHP student selected as 2012 Florida Alliance Scholar

In May, HEB student Alexis Woods was selected as one of the 2012 Florida Alliance Scholars, sponsored by the Florida Alliance for Health Professions Diversity (FAHPD). FAHPD is a new organization which has a mission to increase the diversity of health professionals and researchers, reduce racial and ethnic health disparities, and promote access to quality health care for Floridians.

Woods was one of only 11 students selected in the state of Florida for 2012. The review process included being scored by a eight-member review panel and then selected by a sub-committee of FAHPD.

As a Florida Alliance Scholar, Woods will work independently in partnership with her mentor, Dr. Delores James, to complete a research project. She will conceptualize the research, identify appropriate research literature that undergirds the study, handle data management, interpret the data and draw conclusions. At the conclusion of her research, she will create and present a poster of her findings during the recognition ceremony this summer.

Dr. Patricia Tripp named University Athletic Trainer of the Year, appointed to International Committee for the National Athletic Trainers’ Association

This spring, Clinical Assistant Professor Dr. Pattie Tripp was recognized as the University Athletic Trainer of the Year by the Athletic Trainers’ Association of Florida (ATAF).

Dr. R.T. Floyd, district IX director of the National Athletic Trainers’ Association (NATA), presented Tripp with the award at the annual clinical symposium.

Additionally, Tripp recently earned an appointment to the International Committee for NATA; a two-year, renewable appointment that officially took effect in June.

Eric Friedheim Tourism Institute selected as UNWTO Knowledge Institution

This summer, the Eric Friedheim Tourism Institute (EFTI) in the Department of Tourism, Recreation and Sport Management was named one of only six institutions in the United States to partner with the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO).

EFTI was selected as a UNWTO Knowledge Institution, helping to set research and knowledge management standards on tourism analysis, tourism policy and governance.

UNWTO is the United Nations agency responsible for the promotion of responsible, sustainable and universally accessible tourism. They generate market knowledge, promote competitive and sustainable tourism policies and instruments, foster tourism education and training, and work to make tourism an effective tool for development through technical assistance projects in over 100 countries around the world.

HHP team ties for 2nd place in 2012 AAHE Case Study Competition

Three students in the Department of Health Education and Behavior created a campaign, Lucky I’m Loved, for the 2012 American Association for Health Education Case Study Competition.

The annual competition is designed to allow student teams from a variety of institutions to display their ability to solve problems, apply the CHES responsibilities and communicate a health message.

Sarah Napolitano, Ashley Van Putten and Megan Thomas developed their campaign with the help of faculty advisor Holly Moses.

Their video campaign tied for second place with Truman State University. (View the team’s video online by visiting http://tinyurl.com/7wdc25q)