Four faculty recognized for accomplishments, receive tenure/promotion

In June, four HHP faculty were notified by President Bernie Machen regarding the Board of Trustees decisions on this year’s tenure and promotion recommendations:

Dr. Daniel Connaughton (TRSM) and Dr. Heather Gibson (TRSM) were promoted to Professor.

Dr. Evangelos Christou (APK) was awarded tenure, and Dr. Brad Behnke (APK) was awarded tenure and promoted to Associate Professor.

HHP alumna and Director of Living Well selected for SEC Greats program

In February, Cassie Macias was honored as the Florida Women’s Basketball 2012 SEC Great, an honor that features former outstanding student-athletes from all 12 Southeastern Conference member institutions.

Macias played for the inaugural varsity Gator women’s basketball team and was influential in establishing the sport as one of the activities available to women. Initially founded as a club team, the Lady Gators eventually earned varsity status during Macias’ senior year, 1974-75, when she was named the first-ever team captain.

Macias was honored at the SEC Women’s Basketball Tournament in March. Macias currently serves as the director of Living Well at UF.

(Read about the Lady Gators’ story of struggle, triumph and the quest for equality on page 26.)

Dr. Adam Barry named recipient of Southern College Health Association’s New Professional Award

In January, Dr. Adam Barry (HEB) was recognized by the Southern Regional Affiliate of the American College Health Association for his outstanding service to the field of college health. The award is given to those who have made significant contributions to their institutions or affiliates.

Barry’s research focuses broadly on alcohol-related behaviors, beliefs, perceptions and attitudes of college students. His research has been included in publications such as the American Journal of Health Promotion, Health Education and Behavior, Journal of American College Health and Journal of School Health.

Dr. Peter Adhihetty honored as HHP’s Teacher of the Year

This spring, Dr. Peter Adhihetty, assistant professor in the Department of Applied Physiology and Kinesiology, was selected as HHP’s 2011-2012 Teacher of the Year. Adhihetty was recognized for his outstanding work at HHP and was nominated by colleagues and several current and former students.

Letters submitted in support of Adhihetty commended his innovative teaching methods, his willingness to serve as a mentor, and his approachable, positive personality.

One former student wrote that “Dr. Adhihetty’s belief in his students is what makes them believe in themselves.”

Adhihetty was honored in April at HHP’s annual Spring Awards celebration.

HHP Dean Steve Dorman named 2012 recipient of the UFAA Gold Standard Award

In July, Dr. Steve Dorman, dean of the College of Health and Human Performance, was recognized by the University of Florida Alumni Association (UFAA) for his positive contributions as a college leader at the university.

This annual award is given to one dean who has demonstrated excellence and has made a difference at UF.

Dorman received the honor during the annual awards ceremony of the UFAA in Miami. He was recognized for his leadership in the college and for numerous successes - publications, grants, community service and effectiveness - as observed by the university during the recent year.