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THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA'S CAMPAIGN FOR THE FUTURE





s someone who graduated from the Ph.D. program, then served as a faculty member and administrator before becoming dean, I understand the success of the College of Allied Health lies in our culture of collaboration, cooperation and teamwork. All 19 programs are engaged in challenging work at the forefront of Allied Health research while providing care that helps people reach their highest potential.

Every day, the students, faculty and staff provide rehabilitative interventions for people recovering from a stroke, empower people with disabilities in the workplace, help people regain health and independence following a life-changing illness, diagnosis, or injury, and enable children with physical and learning disabilities to thrive.

Allied Health professionals are on the front lines of patient care in our state. Our rehabilitation sciences, communication sciences and disorders, nutritional sciences and nuclear medicine programs prepare students to lead in settings that span the entire spectrum of health care: prevention, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation.

Each of our degree programs trains students to interpret complicated clinical data while honing vital leadership skills. All College of Allied Health programs and specializations embody innovative approaches in patient-centered care guided by interprofessional collaboration that is leading the way for 21st-century health care practice.

We are excited to invite you to participate in this campaign. Your support empowers our academic community to advance world-class education, research, treatment and community engagement. With your help, we will continue to provide individuals and communities with the tools to maximize their potential, advance Allied Health sciences to new heights of excellence at OUHSC and ensure equitable access to outstanding care throughout Oklahoma.

## - Jane Wilson

DEAN, OU COLLEGE OF ALLIED HEALTH

## OUR ROOTS

he College of Allied Health was established in 1970. It has 19 programs terminating in seven baccalaureate degrees, five master's level degrees, six doctoral level degrees and one certificate. These programs cover diagnosis of disease and disorders, wellness and prevention, therapeutic and rehabilitative services, health care administration, and allied health professions education. Each program is singular, with its unique curriculum delivered by outstanding faculty and designed to promote knowledge and robust collaboration across disciplines.

## Our success is proven by the following facts:

- We have a 95% pass rate on professional entry boards/ licensure examinations in the nine professional-entry programs.
- We offer the only bachelor of nuclear medicine, radiography, radiation therapy and sonography programs in Oklahoma and the largest and most comprehensive occupational therapy program in the state.
- Over 62% of the college's alumni choose to stay in Oklahoma.

Support from donors like you helps healthcare professionals create miracles for adults in rehab, detect diseases early enough to prevent life-threatening illnesses, improve the quality of life for people living with Alzheimer's or Parkinson's, and empower children to overcome speech and language delays.



# OUR PATH FOR THE FUTURE

hrough thoughtful gifts and selfless vision, your gifts make an OU education possible for thousands of aspiring allied health students, while also enabling world-class research and improving the health of people throughout our state and beyond.

The college has an ambitious goal to do our part in supporting the university's core traditions of providing academic excellence for all who have the drive to succeed; generating real-world impact through pathbreaking research and innovative thought leadership; and creating a place for learning and belonging, where everyone is a valued member of the OU Family.





## WHY WE

## LEAD ON

## **Academic Excellence for All**

## **Real-World Impact**

## Research & Career Development Opportunities

Driving world-class research and delivering a quality classroom experience for students requires recruiting and retaining top talent, along with funding for groundbreaking discovery. As an important part of the state's premier research university, the College of Allied Health recruits faculty, staff and students from across the globe and strives to provide the resources required to pursue transformative ideas and bring them to fruition.

Gifts of \$25,000 to \$250,000 help support top-tier research undertakings:

- Funding for medical equipment and technology allows the college to educate students with state-of-the-art technology. Expenditures will include the purchase of X-ray equipment, updates to the scanning laboratory, and updated sonograph, ultrasound and computed tomography scan units.
- Interprofessional Language, Enrichment and Prekindergarten Program (iLEAP) Fund in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders allows for the purchase of augmented communication devices and iPads for pre-school students with delayed communication skills and autism spectrum disorders.

The College of Allied Health is committed to being a place that honors and celebrates its community – teachers, students and patients who all come from different places and backgrounds. To assure a durable focus on our commitment to patient-led, compassionate care, the college seeks to establish programs that foster a welcoming culture, generate awareness of new perspectives and strengthen the student-faculty connection with student research and leadership opportunities.

A Place for Learning &

**Belonging** 

Gifts of \$25,000 to \$125,000 help sustain traditions and elevate excellence:

- Named lecture series endowments
- Center for Leadership and Mentoring
- Student-led competitions and conferences
- Leadership Pathway Program for program directors, department chairs or aspiring deans
- Interprofessional Education Projects Program, a collaborative venture that enlists students, clinicians and the community

## Scholarships & Graduate Student Support

For promising students who cannot afford a quality college education, endowed scholarships are indispensable, particularly for non-traditional students with families and first-generation college students. Financial need is common, and for all students, the best possible educational experience is contingent on student-centered support programs.

**Supporting student scholarships** is an easy and effective way to maximize the potential of your gift. It doesn't take a large gift to make a big difference. Donors united by a common vision can multiply the impact for undergraduate, graduate and health professional students in all departments, ensuring that educational excellence is always in reach for those with the talent and drive to succeed.

### **Named Endowments**

For donors who seek to create a legacy and make a difference in the lives of current and future students, named scholarship endowments may be established in the college or all departments with a gift of \$25,000. A \$25,000 endowment will generate an approximate \$1,200 scholarship each year.

"Pursuing my dream of becoming a physical therapist began while sitting in my work cubicle. I realized, 'I want to do more. I want to directly help people move well. I want to restore people's lives.' But pursuing my dreams takes more than blood, sweat and tears — it takes funding. I am supporting myself financially through this journey, and my accrued loan balance will be a heavy burden that could limit my career options and the patients I can reach. Scholarships from generous donors allow me, and students like me, to continue in our academic careers with the knowledge that student loan debt after graduation will not hinder our dream of positively changing our future patients' lives."

- Melissa S. Littleton, CO



