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## KU Pembroke Pines Welcomes Representative Dennis Baxley



On November 7, 2014, Keiser University Pembroke Pines had the honor of hosting Representative Dennis Baxley on campus. Representative Baxley met with KUPP staff and toured our classrooms and labs. He also discussed education initiatives with our Vice Chancellor of Community Relations and Student Advancement, Mrs. Keiser. During his visit, representative Baxley addressed active military members who were completing a training workshop on campus. He thanked them for their ongoing service and shared well-wishes for the holidays.



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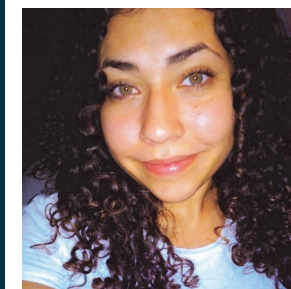
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## Reflections from Fieldwork

By Angeline Cummings— BS Dietetics and Nutrition 2015



KU Pembroke Pines offers a Bachelors of Science degree program in Dietetics and Nutrition. Our program is unique because it is one of only two programs in South Florida with a supervised practice fieldwork component allowing students to work at local South Florida partner organizations applying their skills. The following article describes the experience of Angeline Cummings, a current student during her fieldwork experience.

So you are probably thinking "I cannot wait to get into my supervised practice, it will probably be so much easier than being in class". I am here to tell you this is not necessarily true and hopefully you will step away from this article with a clearer picture of the direction you are heading.

Sure, life becomes a little easier when you do not have to attend classes and take exams. The fact of the matter is that you still have to turn in assignments and report to campus every three weeks. This portion of the program also requires a financial investment. During the final on-campus course of the program, you will be required to submit proof of the following; membership to the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, a copy of your car insurance card and registration, proof of health insurance, a drug screen, a background check, a health check-up, and up-to-date vaccinations. These items are important because they are basic requirements for working in the field. Be prepared to contact your health insurance company to verify coverage. If you do not have health insurance see Student Services for available options.

The rotations are full time but the hours are dependent on your preceptors' availability. This means that you may not be able to work that full time job you have been balancing with school or you may have to adjust your hours with your employer. You may also have to stay at your site later, arrive earlier, and you will work on a weekend. It is vital to keep in mind that this is a learning experience so the more time you spend at your site the more you will gain. Try to go the extra mile in everything you do, ask if they need assistance and if you have a question do not hesitate to ask. Several students are offered jobs after their rotation so be sure you make a lasting impression.

The supervised practice portion can become intense when you are in the clinical rotations so make sure you pay close attention during class and do not just memorize but rather absorb and apply all the material that is presented. When you go to your site take as many notes as you can, I promise they will help you out with assignments and throughout your rotation. I have been very fortunate to have great preceptors. I was also able to network and form a bond with the employees at each facility. Again, you never know who you can meet so always be friendly and get know everyone. Be sure to keep a positive mental attitude, not just throughout your classes or supervised practice but your entire life. This program is not a means to an end, it is an experience that will allow you to flourish the rest of your life.

At last, I would like to leave you with one of my favorite quotes "negative thinking is mental malpractice." –Dr. Robert Anthony



## KUPP Hosts a Toy Drive in Partnership with Operation Homefront



For the third year in a row KU Pembroke Pines collaborated with Operation Homefront to make the Holidays a bit brighter for local military families. Operation Homefront is a nonprofit organization with a focus on improving the quality of life for military families. This year, Pembroke Pines held an event to signal the start of the toy drive on December 4th. Adults attending the event were encouraged to donate a new unwrapped toy. Students and faculty from our Occupational Therapy Assistant program volunteered to transform the campus into a Winter Wonderland. The event was open to the local community and was well-attended by members of the military as well as their families. The event kicked-off with a welcome message from Campus President Cecil Kidd and the Pledge of Allegiance by US Army Sgt. Michael Colon-Mateo. Devon Campbell, Chief of Staff of the office of Representative Shevrin Jones shared some thoughts of gratitude to our military families. We were treated to a lively and impressive martial arts demonstration from the students of Nato's Tiger Dojo Miramar. Attendees enjoyed refreshments, holiday music, and various children's activities including coloring stations, crafts, and face painting provided by our talented Librarian, Bonnie Marshack. The guest of honor; Santa Claus made a special appearance direct from the North Pole. He presented children with goody bags and posed for Holiday portraits taken by Professor Jonathon Lowndes.

Following the event, KU Pembroke Pines continued to collect toys donated by students, staff, faculty and community partners. We received a major contribution of over \$500 worth of toys from G4S Secure Solutions; our longstanding toy drive partner. Overall, we were able to collect approximately \$1,700.00 worth of toys. The toys were picked up from our campus by a representative from Operation Homefront. The toys were then sorted, wrapped, and distributed to local families in South Florida with a military member currently serving overseas. We are proud to have had the opportunity to participate in this event and to foster a culture of service on our campus. We would like to thank everyone who attended the event and/or donated a toy.

## Fall Employer Advisory Board Meeting



Keiser University Pembroke Pines campus held its fall Employer Advisory Board meeting on Wednesday, November 12, 2014. The campus hosted board members representing dozens of South Florida businesses. The purpose of our Advisory Board is to serve as a liaison between Keiser University and the community we serve. The board members collaborated with the university's faculty and administration to ensure that Keiser University's students are career-ready. Advisory Board Members network with members across the following industries: business, healthcare, information technology, and law enforcement.

Academic Dean, Yvette Acebo, addressed the attendees and thanked them for their continued commitment to enhancing both the educational and career opportunities of Keiser University's students. Criminal Justice Program Director, Nancy Alleyne presented the Employer Choice Award to G4S Secure Solutions for their ongoing contributions to the University initiatives and student success. Following the welcome remarks, board members were separated into program-specific groups for discussion sessions led by Academic Program Directors and faculty.

Advisory Board Members evaluated our programs for effectiveness and graduate employability. Board Members were tasked with reviewing the University's mission statement, each program's objectives, curriculum, textbooks, and facilities. Additionally, board members offered input about externship requirements for applicable programs. We look forward to reviewing the feedback offered as we continue to improve our program outcomes.



# Cystic Fibrosis Fundraising

Each year Keiser University holds a university wide fundraising drive to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Student Services provided information to students about this life threatening genetic condition. Students learned that Cystic Fibrosis affects approximately 30,000 individuals in the United States and that the condition primarily affects the respiratory and digestive systems. Research and improvements in treatments have drastically increased options to manage the condition while simultaneously improving the quality of life and life expectancy of those affected.

Our campus united behind this worthy cause by executing a variety of fundraising events. The Student Government Association kicked off the fundraising drive by hosting a sandwich sale. SGA members sold tasty toasted Cuban sandwiches, coffee, and tea. OTA students held multiple bake sales of decadent homemade pastries. Criminal Justice students sold fluffy pancakes, fruit, and toasted bagels to raise funds. Dietetics students health conscious snacks and baked goods. Additionally, Student Services partnered with a local restaurant; Sushi and Thai Miramar to host an offsite luncheon with a percentage of the proceeds being donated to support the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Staff and students bought “jeans passes” allowing us to wear our favorite pair of jeans while contributing towards the fundraising efforts. Perhaps the most creative and daring fundraising activity came from Professor Weisberg who auctioned off his beard to benefit the cause. Overall Pembroke Pines raised \$1,800.00, surpassing our goal of \$1,500.00. We are proud of our students, faculty, and staff for all of their efforts and commitment to supporting Cystic Fibrosis treatment and research.





# Scare Fair Open House



On October 29, 2014 the students, staff, and faculty of KU Pembroke Pines invited members of the local community to visit our campus for our annual Scare Fair Open House. The normally bright and welcoming classrooms and hallways were completely transformed into a terrifying scene of nightmares. Hungry zombies roamed the campus. Crazy professors beckoned students to come to class and the zombie clinic run by our Mad Doctor reached patient capacity. The event was completely interactive and sent students and guests screaming throughout the hallways.

The event was separated into two floors of activities. On the first floor, young children were entertained by staff with face painting, coloring, and spooky story telling. The second floor housed terrifying exhibits. Our Occupational Therapy Assistant students created a psychiatric ward overrun by insane patients. Medical Assisting students staffed a zombie clinic led by our very own Dr. Katwaroo. Crime Scene students staged a murder scene complete with walking maggots and blood splatter. The event included refreshments and Halloween candy favorites for all guests. We look forward to hosting another Scare Fair in 2015.

