This week, Dr. Aziz welcomed President Miller, Texas A&M University System Regents John Bellinger and Sam Torn, and Susan Torn to the CONHS. As part of their day at the Island University, they enjoyed a tour of the Simulation and Clinical Learning Center, visited about importance of academic and clinical partnerships, and discussed how we can best educate the next generation of healthcare professionals.
This simulation was led by Assistant Professors Dr. Melissa Leal & Dr. Heather DeGrande and Assistant Clinical Professors Teresa Ercan & Ashley Drillen. Nursing, Health Science, Education, and Kinesiology students participated in the CONHS's semi-annual Poverty Simulation. During the half-day event, students role-play living a month in poverty and experience the lives of low-income families. The goal of the exercise is to promote poverty awareness, increase understanding, and enhance empathy.”
Dr. Faezeh Babaieasl, along with Dr. Mehdi Sookhak, Dr. Yuxia (Lucy) Huang, and Dr. Wenlu Wang were selected for funding from the NIH PAIR program for the AIM-AHEAD project (Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning Consortium to Advance Health Equity and Research Diversity). One of only fifteen awards nationally, the TAMU-CC team's project is entitled AEQUIH: Advancing Equitable AI for Unveiling High-Risk Mental Health Challenges Among Hispanic Youth. The NIH’s AIM-AHEAD program has established mutually beneficial, coordinated, and trusted partnerships to enhance the participation and representation of researchers and communities currently underrepresented in the development of AI/ML models and to improve the capabilities of this emerging technology, beginning with electronic health records (EHR) and extending to other diverse data to address health disparities and inequities.
Happy Birthday!

Ushma Saraf - 6th
Dixie Andelman - 9th
Megan Markowsky - 11th
Anna Haga - 12th
Ashley Dominguez - 14th
Megan Kramr - 14th
Bryana Cazarez - 25th

No November Work Anniversaries
Save the Date

Thanksgiving Holidays

Thursday, November 23 &
Friday, November 24

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SAVE THE DATE
November 28
FOW Meeting
1 PM in IH275
Clinical Assistant Professor, Lisa Snell, led her students through unfolding simulations at Islander Regional Hospital, during which the students exhibited exceptional assessment skills and critical thinking.
The staff of the SCLC was enthusiastic about taking part in the Halloween 2023 Break in the Day event, and even one of our simulators made an appearance.
Congratulations to Dr. Christina Murphey on being selected as a Subaward PI on a research grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Maternal and Child Health Bureau Office of Epidemiology and Research, Division of Research. Entitled Community Hands Advancing Maternal Health Promotion (“CHAMPions”), the project responds to the call from HRSA for applied research to understand and address the root causes of maternal mortality and morbidity through novel community-based solutions.

Dr. Murphey will work closely with Dr. Robin Page (PI), Co-I Dr. Kelly Wilson (TAMU Associate Dean for Research), and Co-I and Biostatistician Dr. Gang Han (TAMU School of Public Health) and a collaborative network of key stakeholders on the 5-year $2.28M CHAMPions project. The primary project goal is to develop a nurse-led intervention to address maternal health disparities in an underserved minority population in Southeastern Texas including the Golden Crescent Region. The intervention will train and equip community members with specialized knowledge and skills to become “Maternal CHAMPions,” serving pregnant and postpartum mothers to mitigate risk and improve maternal health outcomes.
Thank you to the wonderful student volunteers that came out to support the Health Sciences and Technology Research Symposium. Your commitment to the CONHS is always appreciated!
Congratulations to Dr. Melissa Leal for her recent chapter publication in the new Sage Handbook of Nursing Education. This book was developed with international representation from all over the world and it is a comprehensive handbook for all nursing education worldwide.
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This week as part of the CONHS Share It! series, Dr. Luis Espinoza offered a training entitled "Using Microsoft OneDrive to Collaborate". He highlighted the history of OneDrive, how it works, and the benefits of using the platform with a collaborative research team.

Thank you, Dr. Espinoza!
Dr. Hassan Aziz was recently appointed to serve on the initial Board of Directors for the Association of Medical Laboratory Education Programs (AMLEP). The mission of the Association is to facilitate and encourage collaboration, cooperation, and communication among medical laboratory educational programs. AMLEP advances the quality of medical laboratory education through involvement in academic, clinical, and regulatory issues which affect medical laboratory education and practice. AMLEP also advocates for the interests of medical laboratory education programs and students with respect to administration, accreditation, education, practice, and public policy issues.
Spooky Halloween fun this week at CONHS. Faculty and staff taking advantage of the festivities around TAMUCC campus.

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**Full-time STAFF & FACULTY WELLNESS PROGRAMS**

Grant funded through the Wellness Committee & HR.

**WALK FOR WELLNESS**
- *Not a Rec. Sports membership.*
- Walk the indoor track in Island Hall recreation facility.
- To sign up, let the Welcome Desk staff know you are a Walk for Wellness participant.
- **$0**

**FREE FRIDAYS**
- *Not a Rec. Sports membership.*
- Workout in the Island Hall recreation facility on any Friday.
- To sign up, let the Welcome Desk staff know you are a Free Fridays participant.
- **$0**

**WELLNESS PUNCH PASS**
- *Not a Rec. Sports membership.*
- This 5 visit pass gives you full access to the Dugan amenities. Complete all 5 visits within the month and you will receive a complete reimbursement. Limit 1 reimbursement/month.
- To purchase your pass, stop in the Rec. Sports office. Once you complete all 5 visits, email patricia.rodriguez@tamucc.edu.
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**ISLANDER HEALTH INITIATIVE**
- Each semester, 12 participants receive this all-inclusive program that teaches you new ways to better your health and wellbeing through seminars and free personal training. All participants receive a FREE Rec. Sports membership for the semester.
- To apply, click Islander Health Initiative Application.
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- *Must have a Rec. Sports membership to qualify.*
- Get $50 back if you workout in the Dugan Wellness Center 45 times throughout the Fall or Spring semester (27 times for Summer). Employees who have payroll deduct are auto enrolled.
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- **$175/SEMESTER**

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Congratulations to the Texas A&M-Corpus Christi men’s cross country program who won its first-ever Southland Conference Championship on Friday! The women placed fourth at Windcrest Golf Club, hosted by UIW. Special shout out to CONHS students Kelvin Kimaiyo, Sharon Kiprop and Faith Ramos for excelling on the track and in the nursing field!
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