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thirty years + counting

Jefferson

The College of Health Professions, at Thomas Jefferson University, celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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CHP students, teachers, administrators, employees, and alumni have steadily expanded understanding of what the health professions are and what they do.

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Number of interdisciplinary core courses that CHP students take, in classes mixing students from all majors at the college, in order to gain competencies in healthcare dynamics, principles of science and research, healthcare informatics, and clinical care planning.



*The College of Health Professions' Human Performance Laboratory is a state-of-the-science research facility dedicated to a better understanding of human movement.*



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To document the depth and breadth of **achievements** by CHP alumni in their many fields would require a volume unto itself. Liz Newman, OT'85, a graduate of the college's first occupational therapy class, is *shown here* at the "Independence Square" facility at the National Rehabilitation Hospital, in Washington, DC. At various stations there, patients work to regain skills, such as the use of automobiles. National Rehab is one of the nation's top rehabilitation facilities and the only freestanding one in the nation's capital. As OT (Occupational Therapy) Rehabilitation Manager there, Newman directs a staff of 30 therapists and others who help patients regain the functionality needed for daily life and work.

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The college is a leader in international collaboration in the health sciences. CHP touches the world with study abroad opportunities, a faculty and student exchange program with Japan's Kitasato University, and in Europe with the University of Professional Education/Hogeschool of Arnhem and Nijmegen, The Netherlands. It is also establishing allied health education programs with Tianjin Medical University in The People's Republic of China.

"CVT" (cardiovascular technology)

"MRI" (magnetic resonance imaging)

"CT" (computed tomography)

— the college's newest diagnostic imaging programs.

"BT" (biotechnology) — the college's newest laboratory sciences program.

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*Total multiyear funding for external grants and contracts, active during all or part of the 1998 fiscal year, approached \$4.5 million, including a grant to create a Center for Excellence in Health Professions and a grant for an Allied Health Accreditation project. (The first federal funding to the college was a grant for \$10,237 for general program support for medical technology in 1971.)*



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*Number of students in Jefferson Hospital's Training School for Nurses when it opened in 1891.*

*Since the end of World War I, when occupational therapy primarily helped veterans return to work, therapists have expanded the definition of "occupation" to encompass whatever efforts make up an individual's daily goals and activities.*



Although they may not be the Beatles, the staff of CHP's Center for Collaborative Research (CCR) tried to recapture a little bit of 1969 several years ago. And while it may not be Abbey Road, Walnut Street – in the middle of the CHP campus – has become a fun and fashionable thoroughfare that crosses through major medical centers including Jefferson.

CCR has garnered an increasing number of grants for interdisciplinary research projects in allied health, with \$3.8 million in current funding. The center, under the direction of Kevin J. Lyons, PhD, Associate Dean, is now building a national research infrastructure for allied health, based on the recommendations of the National Commission on Allied Health, the Pew Health Commission, and the Institute of Medicine.



Among their myriad accomplishments, CHP graduates have pioneered new kinds of health care. This requires leadership – a skill they hone first at Jefferson. While at the college, Colleen Carey, NU'94, won the Achievement Award for Student Life for her service in a variety of student activities. Subsequently, she applied for and received highly sought after training at the National Cancer Institute.

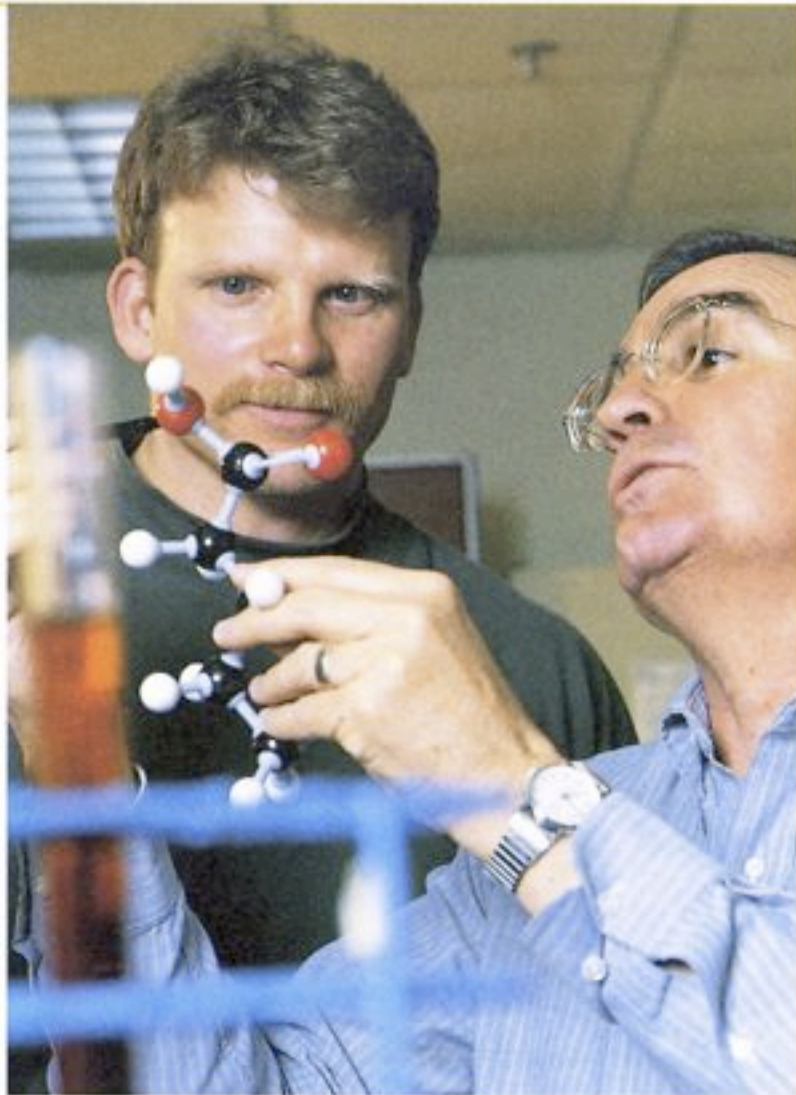
Carey has now defined and created her own unique position at the Fox Chase Cancer Center at Memorial Hospital in Burlington County (Mt. Holly, NJ.) As director of the Breast Evaluation Services, she is an all-purpose patient contact, ombudsperson, advocate, educator, and source of counsel to women with breast

cancer. She coordinates a complete, one-day diagnosis and treatment planning visit involving a meeting among the patient, physicians, and herself; helps explain mammogram results; assists in scheduling; and takes calls nights and weekends from patients. Very few medical centers have someone serving in this capacity for breast cancer patients. Carey also obtained funding from a foundation to commission a play written about breast cancer that she arranges to have professionally performed at her educational appearances with groups far and wide.

For the 90s and beyond, nursing and allied health professionals have become key to a new emphasis on primary care in the U.S.

In 1957, Norma Ermler became the first student in Jefferson's formal cytotechnology program – a training initiative resulting from realizations since the 1940s that mass screening of uterine cells could result in cancer detection and could save the lives of many women. Today, the cytotechnology program is one of the largest in the country.

*CHP's Department of General Studies provides the basic science and elective courses for the College's baccalaureate programs. The department also offers an associate in science degree and an associate in arts degree. Students may also choose to earn a Secretarial, Human Resources Management, Medical Practice Management or Addictions Counseling certificate.*



The national atmosphere was a fertile one for new ideas: “When we established the College of Allied Health Sciences in 1969, the concept of using teams of health professionals to treat patients was unorthodox.” *John W. Goldschmidt, MD, founding dean of the college.*



**1998** With the official entry of Magee Rehabilitation Hospital into the Jefferson Health System, the system now has a majority of the rehabilitation hospital beds in the greater Philadelphia metropolitan area. There, and in a host of other departments in the various hospitals in the system, CHP's occupational and physical therapy students now have unprecedented opportunities for learning.

**Nightmare at sea** – In 1918, enroute to the war, 2,000 troops aboard the USS Leviathan developed the flu. Some died and half went to Army Hospitals when they arrived in France. As a result, nurses were assigned duty for the first time aboard such ships, and Jefferson graduate Mary (Robinson) Godfrey, NU'09, became the first chief nurse assigned to a warship.



A significant number of CHP alumni launch their own businesses by creating companies, setting up their own practices, or becoming consultants in the healthcare field. Ann Boris, NU'90, is founder and Chair of the Board of MCR Systems, Inc., which provides data collection, processing, and systems to managed-care companies.

*The Review*, the college's magazine for alumni and friends, features news on the careers of alumni (including a recent story on alumni-owned businesses), as well as updates and other helpful information for graduates. (This year, *The Review* celebrates its 25th anniversary of continuous publication.)