K-12 demonstration put the ‘cool, gross’ in week of PhUn

Claire Bevensee and Michael Pre had the pulse of their third-grade classmates at Deer Valley Elementary School in Hoover after a visit by faculty and students from the UAB Department of Physiology and Biophysics. The group of 40 students had the rare opportunity to touch, and watch real sheep lungs in action.

The consensus? A combination of awesome and disgusting, but a great day to learn about how their body processes the air it breathes.

“Everybody thought it was cool and gross,” Bevensee says. “The lungs were kind of squishy and gross. It’s really fun getting to learn about new stuff.”

The students were given that opportunity as part of Physiology Understanding (PhUn) Week, an event established by the American Physiological Society that invites its members to volunteer for outreach programs in K-12 classrooms. More than 20 faculty, staff and students from physiology and biophysics volunteered to teach Deer Valley students about science and specifically about how our bodies consume and use the air we breathe.

“This was a great opportunity for us to share our knowledge of physiology and show these young students how it affects their daily lives,” says Edlira Clark, Ph.D., a postdoc in physiology and coordinator of Physiology Understanding (PhUn) Week. “We had the rare opportunity to touch and watch real sheep lungs in action. The students were given that opportunity as part of Physiology Understanding (PhUn) Week.

More than 20 UAB physiology students and faculty spent two days earlier this month teaching third-graders at Deer Valley Elementary how their body processes the air it breathes. The outreach project was part of Physiology Understanding (PhUn) Week.

UAB’s economic impact means jobs, revenue for state

A newly released study reveals the UAB exerts a $4.6 billion annual economic impact on the state; supporting one of every three dollars circulating in its economy and sustaining one of every 33 jobs held by its citizens.

Paul Umbach, principal of Tripp Umbach, a nationally renowned firm retained to measure the economic, employment and government revenue impacts of UAB’s research and operations, presented the findings to university and community officials Nov. 8.

The firm’s report concluded: “Through its local spending, as well as its direct and indirect support of jobs, the presence of the university stabilizes and strengthens the local and statewide tax base and is an integral part of the state’s economy-generating revenue, jobs and spending.”

Umbach said, in the simplest terms, “UAB’s impact is $12.6 million per day or $500,000 every hour of every day.”

The complete results, available online at www.uabs dum Impact, reveal that UAB generates $302.2 million in tax revenue for state and local governments, including sales, property and business tax payments. For each dollar the state invests, UAB generates $16.23 in the total state economy, and $1 in every $25 in the state’s budget is generated by the effect of university operations.

“UAB continues to give the state the greatest possible return on its investment,” said President Carol Garrison. “Both our refined strategic plan and ‘Blueprint Birmingham,’ our regional plan for economic development, call for growth of the UAB enterprise. As we move toward our goals in partnership with leaders in our surrounding community, it is very exciting to see what that growth might mean in terms of real dollars.”

Daniélou awarded Conner Prize for History of Ideas

Catherine Daniélou, Ph.D., may be 4,500 miles from home, but her love for France and history made its way across the Atlantic Ocean with her 25 years ago when she came to the United States.

“History was my first love,” Daniélou says.

She has always been interested in the intersection of general history, the history of philosophy, sciences, religion and literature and the changing of those ideas with time. So Daniélou was happy to submit an essay for consideration for the Frederick W. Conner Prize in the History of Ideas. Her entry, “Our days pass too quickly: Madame de Sévigné and aging,” was selected as the winner for 2010.

Daniélou will be recognized Tuesday, Nov. 30 at 3 p.m. in the Mervyn Stone Library Henley Room.

“I’m delighted,” Daniélou says. “If you look carefully, for the past decade and earlier, Conner Prize winners have been exemplary researchers and truly engaged teachers, as well. Not that I think the attention necessarily is deserved, but I am honored and proud to find myself in such company.”

Daniélou’s research has focused on early modern non-fiction writers, especially those who are called moralist writers, and who, starting with Michel de Montaigne in the French Renaissance, critically studied and debunked the actions, nature and behavior of human beings, including their habits and inner workings.

Daniélou, an associate dean in the UAB College of Arts & Sciences, says early-modern French moralist writers primarily were observers concerned with moral principles without necessarily wanting to regulate behavior. Some presented a secular vision, such as La Rochefoucauld, and others had strong religious beliefs, such as Pascal or Pierre Nicole.

“They all looked at us humans without concession,” Daniélou says. “I have studied their vision of the world, how they see the individual in connection to society and the
Brain research to be featured on Dec. 4 Alzheimer’s telethon

UAB neuropathologist Richard Powers, M.D., and UAB brain research will be featured in the first national telethon supporting Alzheimer’s disease, presented by the American Alzheimer’s Foundation and airing on the Web and selected NBC television stations across the country.

The Together for Care Telethon will be hosted by Al Roker on Saturday, Dec. 4. Birmingham viewers will be able to see it online at 7 p.m. at www.alzfdn.org/telethon/
details.html. It will air in 16 cities around the country that evening.

The telethon will support individuals with Alzheimer’s disease and related illnesses and their caregivers with personal stories from celebrities such as Hector Elizondo, Natalie Morales and Joy Bauer plus health-care professionals and caregivers from across the county.

UAB Health Center Hueytown now provides urgent care

The UAB Health Center Hueytown, in conjunction with the UAB Department of Emergency Medicine, is now open two nights each week and on weekends to provide urgent care services to the community.

The center is open from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. Care is provided by UAB physicians during the extended clinic hours, and the doctors also provide high-quality urgent care services for non-life threatening illnesses and injuries. Walk-ins are welcome.

For more information, call the UAB Health Center Hueytown at 497-4083 or visit www.uabmedicine.org/ hueytown.

Nightingale exhibit to open on Nov. 30

Barbara Dossay, Ph.D., international co-director, Nightingale Initiative for Global Health, will present the Reynolds Lecture, “Florence Nightingale: Learning From the Past & Looking Forward to the Future,” at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30 in the Lister Hill Library Ireland Room.

“The Life and Letters of Florence Nightingale,” a special exhibit co-sponsored by the UAB School of Nursing, will open in the Alabama Museum of the Health Sciences following the lecture.

LHL offers training during lunchtime

Want to find evidence-based medicine reviews? Want to explore some apps and websites for iPhones and smart phones? Come to Express Training@LHL on using the Cochrane Library Dec. 2 and mobile applications Dec. 9 in Lister Hill Library.

Bring your phone and work along or just come watch the demonstration and learn. Bring your (non-messy) lunch and Lister Hill Library will provide drinks and dessert. More information is online at www.uab.edu/lister.
Engineers share the next revolution in medicine with kids

Chipped a bone in a car accident? No problem. Ripped carilage apart in your knee from years of running? That can be fixed, too. Blood vessels constricted by disease? Let’s make some new ones to replace them.

These scenarios aren’t as far-fetched as they may seem. In fact, UAB researchers are researching those possibilities and many more in the BioMatrix Engineering and Regenerative Medicine (BERM) Center, and now you can get a hands-on look at their work.

The BERM Center will display some of its innovative tools from Nov. 26 through Jan. 2, 2011, in McWane Science Center. In two bioreactors UAB scientists will grow blood vessels and carilage using cells and biomaterial during the McWane exhibit “If a Starfish Can Grow a New Arm, Why Can’t I?”

Tissue engineering — or regenerative medicine — is an emerging multidisciplinary field involving biology, medicine and engineering, and it could be the next revolution in medicine, says Timothy Wick, Ph.D., co-director of the BERM Center and chair of UAB’s Department of Biomedical Engineering.

“The field of tissue engineering is exploding,” Wick says. “It is likely to revolutionize the ways we improve health and quality of life for millions of people by restoring, maintaining or enhancing tissue and organ function.” It could be used to cure diseases and replace worn-out body parts with living tissue-equivalents. It may enable us to cure and restore lost tissue function, rather than simply treat symptoms like pain with drugs or replacing lost tissue or organ function with things like metals, plastics and ceramics. It's great to have an opportunity to share the excitement this field can have on improving health and highlight the work of our researchers and students.”

Chandler Bibb, associate vice president of marketing for McWane, says UAB's portion of the exhibit will be a highlight.

“After talking with Dr. Wick, our team was amazed by what they were working on,” Bibb says. “We knew we had to find a way to help increase awareness in our community about their efforts.

UAB graduate students also will be on the floor during the afternoons, explaining tissue engineering to visitors and showcasing UAB's research.

“We want McWane Science Center visitors to hear researchers from UAB talk about tissue-engineering applications today and in the future and learn about careers in the field,” Bibb says. “It’s a great opportunity for our students to teach science and engineering and interact with the local community.” Wick adds.

BERM Center strengths

The BERM Center is a collaborative alliance between the Department of Biomedical Engineering, Center for Metabolic Bone Disease, Cell Adhesion and Matrix Research Center and High-Resolution Imaging Facility.

The BERM Center capitalizes on UAB's established strengths in matrix biology and emerging strengths in stem cell biology, 3-D cell and tissue culture, nano-structured biomaterials, tissue engineering and regenerative medicine.

Tissue engineering research involves several areas, including biomaterials, cell differentiation and cell-matrix interactions, biomolecules, engineering design, biomechanics, informatics to support tissue engineering and stem-cell research.

One BERM Center research project is trying to create a bone-graft substitute with adult stem cells that would give patients and physicians a safer, less expensive alternative to bone grafts. Wick says replacement parts and therapies developed by tissue engineering are likely to come in waves in the future.

“When you think about tissue engineering going to market, it's going to be product by product,” Wick says. “Some of the first products will be carilage, skin, blood vessels, tendon, bone — tissues in the body that can be fairly easily replaced in the lab and function in the body when implanted. Replacing a kidney, liver or heart is farther down the road. We'll need some technical breakthroughs there.”

Real-world perspectives

The “Starfish” traveling exhibit at McWane presents the basic sciences behind the complex topic of tissue engineering and provides real-world perspectives and applications. It offers young visitors (and their parents) a chance to discover the career opportunities possible in a wide range of fields — from applied science to government policy to design and engineering.

The exhibit also provides a bit more insight about the way humans are created, the effects of injury or disease, the process of healing and ways we might improve and enhance these processes.

“It's a great introduction to the science of tissue engineering for visitors of all ages,” Bibb says. “There are several hands-on interactive areas that enable visitors to learn the basic biology of cells and test virtual experiments.”

Wick also will take part in a Science of Tomorrow luncheon scheduled for Dec. 10 from noon to 1 p.m. at McWane Science Center. Wick will discuss the science behind tissue engineering during the free event. RSVP for the luncheon by calling 714-8414 or e-mail reservations@mcwane.org.

INTERACTIVE

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Interaction with K-12 schools. See the PhUn on BlazerCast at www.youtube.com/uabnews.

Clark says she hopes the department will continue to participate in PhUn Week activities in the future as a way to honor Benos.

“He was the one who said, ‘Let’s do this,’” Clark says. “He loved physiology and he loved teaching. If we can teach kids about physiology, you can never start too early. I can’t think of a more appropriate way to honor him.”

Clark may have organized the event, but she says the support from the department and the willingness of so many to volunteer is what made it a success. “This couldn’t have happened without the help of our volunteers,” Clark says. “I bounced a lot of ideas off Dr. Wyss and received so much help from our students. We’ve worked together great as a team, and it’s truly been fun.

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Jalie Tucker, Ph.D., professor and chair of health behavior, received the Presidential Citation for Distinguished Service from the American Psychological Association (APA) for more than a dozen years’ service representing a division she helped create.

The division was approved as a candidate division in early 1993, and Tucker became the president that August. “The division had to be quickly organized,” Tucker says. “We needed to set up a governance structure, standing committees and bylaws — everything you have to do with a new organization. That was actually a lot of fun. There was tremendous talent out there, people were eager to step up and participate and to have a home within psychology’s major professional association.”

At the same time, the division had to function immediately within the larger association to help set up a credible proficiency examination for doctoral psychologists engaged in the treatment of alcohol and other psychoactive substances. Reimbursement of psychological services was undergoing severe cuts by managed care organizations. The exam provided doctoral psychologists with a nationally recognized proficiency credential for addiction services, the first of many such credentials now offered by the APA.

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The Division on Addictions helped define the original exam content, which is based on research, and it continues to oversee exam updates every seven years.

“We wanted to be sure the exam was founded on the best evidence to guide practice,” Tucker says. “Historically, treatment in the addictions field has been based on the personal experiences of recovering alcohol and drug miners, more so than on research.

“Although there is now much good research to serve as the empirical foundation for treatment, there has been a real disconnect for decades between the research findings and what was happening in the trenches of practice. The national proficiency exam helped put them together, at least within psychology.”

Tucker stayed involved after her term as division president as the elected division representative to the APA Council of Representatives — the association’s governing body. She has also been a member and chair of the Board of Professional Affairs, a major APA board that oversees a number of initiatives, including evidence-based guidelines for psychological practice and psychologists’ role in health-care settings, including primary care.

As board chair in 2004, Tucker testified as a provider panel member representing the APA to the Institute of Medicine Committee on “Crossing the Quality Chasm: Adaptations to Mental Health & Addictive Disorder.”

“I’ve stayed involved in the APA in a number of roles, but I also got out of the way of the immediate leadership of the Division on Addictions,” Tucker says. “It’s important to do that in a new organization because you need to let other new people come in and have their time at the steering wheel. Our group’s enthusiasm has remained high, and our effectiveness continues to grow both within and outside of the APA.

Tucker’s contributions to Division 50 are based on a longstanding commitment to advance practice and policy through guidance from basic and applied research on alcohol, drug problems and other addictive behaviors. With funding from the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism and the National Institute of Drug Abuse, she has been researching addictive behavior change processes and patterns for 30 years and championing the need for change in the way insurance companies, health professionals and businesses view mental health and substance-use disorders.

“These are stigmatized disorders, and lay people and professionals alike often view addictive disorders as being very difficult to change without a long course of intensive treatment,” Tucker says. “That is true in a minority of cases, but there are several good treatments available now, and many people change with brief-focus-centered interventions or on their own.

Tucker laments the way our laws and funding priorities tend to emphasize solutions to the drug problem through the criminal justice system and by police and border interdiction aimed at reducing the drug supply. She says prevention and treatment, which help reduce the demand for drugs, should be among the embraced solutions.

“There is a lot of need out there — even in prison — for these types of services,” Tucker says. “That’s one of the reasons why it was important for us to find a home in the APA through the division. Addictions have been such an academic backwater and on the margins of practice, it was not something that was initially a high attractor of young psychologists. But the problem is so big, and it’s not going away.”

Once the National Institute on Drug Abuse and the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism got involved and started funding research and training in the early 1970s, the quality of the science improved very quickly. Now, the addiction field has become a leader in the science of behavior change, she says.
Two named models of excellence for people with disabilities

**Twana Carr** has never viewed herself as someone who empowers others. She believes in hard work, smiles when she communicates with others and displays a pleasant attitude in her position as mail clerk in UAB Hospital. Her deafness neither defines her, nor is it a crutch. Now, Carr is being recognized as a model of employee excellence to others with disabilities.

The Birmingham Area Governor’s Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities recently named Carr the Large Business Employee of the Year. The award is given annually to an Alabamian with a disability for outstanding achievement in overcoming significant limitations to secure and maintain gainful employment.

“I was shocked to be nominated and equally shocked to win,” Carr says. “It’s hard for me to believe, but I hope this is something that can be viewed positively in the deaf community. I feel like I’m representing them, and this may give people more opportunities to hire deaf people.”

**Janice Allen**, food services manager with Food and Nutrition Services at UAB Hospital, was nominated and selected as Professional of the Year, which is given to an individual who has made extraordinary contributions toward promoting self-advocacy and employment and to improving the quality of life for people with disabilities.

Carr and Allen were nominated by Sherri Moultrie, coordinator of the Human Resources Disability Representative and Retaining a Valued Employee Program (RAVE).

“I’m honored to nominate Twana and Janice for these awards,” Moultrie says. “Twana has displayed outstanding performance, exemplary work ethic, commitment to self-advocacy efforts, perseverance and a good attitude. I’ve had the opportunity to work with Ms. Allen on many occasions and can attest to her extraordinary contributions.”

**Positive attitude**

Carr, who has worked as a mail clerk in the hospital for more than nine years, makes it a point to interact with others as much as possible on a daily basis. Her primary form of communication is sign language, but that doesn’t deter her from approaching fellow employees and patients or family members if they need help.

“Sometimes people have come up to me who are afraid to communicate,” Carr says. “I carry paper and pens and pencils with me; it’s how I communicate with those who hear. I just let them know that they don’t need to be afraid. I’m here for them if they need any help.”

Co-workers often speak of Carr’s positive attitude and outlook as one of her greatest strengths. Carr says she’s not sure where she gets that mindset.

“I guess that’s just me, just who I am,” she says. “I like to work hard. I like to learn as much as I can. I would just like to be a positive example.”

Carr is responsible for delivering and picking up mail throughout the hospital. Her responsibilities include preparing mail by route, storing it in mailroom shelves and metering outgoing mail for post office delivery. All her evaluations have been exemplary.

“Twana’s successful employment reminds us that individuals with disabilities make significant contributions to organizations and bring welcome diversity to the workplace,” Moultrie says.

Carr says one of the reasons she is able to flourish in her job is the support provided by her supervisors and co-workers.

“I’ve always been encouraged to do my job well,” she says. “They’ve always given me praise and told me what a hard worker and how motivated I am. That keeps me going. It makes me keep wanting to do it.”

**Award for the group**

Allen is responsible for the largest hospital kitchen in Alabama, which prepares meals for more than 1,000 patients daily. She has been instrumental in helping students make culinary arts a career choice and also has exposed students with disabilities to various entry-level positions within Food and Nutrition Services. She facilitates kitchen tours for those with disabilities and assists them in exploring potential opportunities.

“I’m very appreciative of the award, but I don’t consider it my award,” Allen says. “It’s the department’s award. I place them into a position, but it is the supervisors and employees who make it happen by working closely with the individual to help them reach their potential and achieve success.”

Allen has worked closely with Moultrie to find jobs for those with disabilities, particularly slow learners.

“I’ve contacted Ms. Allen often, and she always takes the time to see how she can assist the RAVE Program,” Moultrie says. “It is a pleasure to work with and have access to a manager who truly believes in fostering a disability-friendly workplace.”

Allen says when the right fit emerges, it’s a joy to watch the new employees flourish.

“They just appreciate being given the chance to show what they can do,” Allen says. “And their families are so supportive. They appreciate so much that their child is...
Daniel provides ‘cup of kindness’ to biostatistics program

John Bentley is a somewhat non-traditional graduate student in biostatistics. He’s a faculty member in the University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy who has commuted between Birmingham and Oxford, Miss. He admits it has been challenging trying to shuttle between two places. That was especially true this past August when he proposed his dissertation and needed to gather signatures and drop off forms. Bentley needed to return to Oxford quickly and couldn’t do it.

Della Daniel, administrative associate in biostatistics and coordinator of the graduate program, knew of Bentley’s plight and stepped in to help. She offered to gather the signatures Bentley needed and drop the forms off on his behalf so he could stay on track for graduation.

“Della has been extremely helpful during my time in the program,” Bentley says. “It’s not just that Della is extremely knowledgeable and always has an answer to your question, it is her willingness to help and her kindness that make Della such a wonderful employee — and person.”

Daniel’s desire to help students, faculty and staff, her positive support and her dedication to her co-workers and job are just a few of the reasons she was selected November’s Employee of the Month.

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“One thing that makes Della such an outstanding employee is her willingness to help and her kindness,” says Allison McClure, Ph.D., associate professor and director of graduate studies in biostatistics. “Her organizational skills and knowledge make her an integral part of our department.”

To focus solely on Daniel’s successful contributions to the program would be to underestimate substantially her true impact, co-workers say.

“Her dedication to UAB and the students and faculty here is immeasurable,” says David Allison, Ph.D., sums up Daniel’s attitude.

“Our graduate students come from across the world, and one could imagine few situations in which a cup of kindness would be more welcome,” says Allison, head of the Section on Statistical Genetics in the Department of Biostatistics.

“Della supplies that cup of kindness every day. As much as our grand achievements, it is the accumulated impact of a few warm smiles, a few extra kind words that can make our days. Della is a wellspring of those smiles and kind words, and we are very fortunate to have her as part of our UAB family.”

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Because Daniel is the first person prospective students meet and the last person graduates see, she is the first and last impression the department has on students. Because the biostatistics program attracts many international students, Daniel also is charged with helping them assimilate into the program.

Guoguo Peter Wang says there could be a better person for that role than Daniel.

“As an international student, at times I am not able to explain my problems very clearly,” Wang says.

“However, talking with Della, I don’t have too many troubles, because she is always very kind and patient. When she is listening, she smiles very often. This makes me feel very comfortable, and therefore I can clarify myself easily.”

“I just try to put our international students at ease,” Daniel says. “They’re from a different country and they may not be accustomed to the way things are — especially coming here alone. They need the support of someone here to help them out and show them the way a little bit.”

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“But how will Santa Claus know where I am?”

Be an elf this Christmas.

Christmas can be less merry for children and families staying in the hospital over the holidays — but the Christmas Toy Fund is UAB’s way of making those holidays a little bit happier. Through December 10th, make your donation to help in the purchase of toys and supplies for the celebration that will bring a merry Christmas to pediatric patients at UAB Hospital.

To contribute to the Christmas Toy Fund, send a check (payable to the UAB Maintenance Pediatric Toy Fund) to Room S036, 619 19th St. South, Birmingham, AL 35294.

And don’t miss the Christmas Toy Fund celebration Thursday, December 16th at 11:00 a.m. for refreshments, live entertainment, a visit from Santa, and tiny tots with their eyes all aglow.