

The logo for ASAHP UPDATE features a stylized circular emblem on the left, composed of overlapping segments in shades of blue, green, and purple. To the right of the emblem, the text "ASAHP UPDATE" is written in a bold, sans-serif font. "ASAHP" is in a dark blue color, and "UPDATE" is in a lighter blue color.

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### 2015 ASAHP SPRING MEETING

The theme for the Association's 2015 Spring Meeting is "Higher Education at a Crossroads." The event will be held at the Embassy Suites at the Kingston Plantation in Myrtle Beach, SC on March 19-20. A block of rooms starting at \$149 per night has been reserved for March 16 - March 21. This special rate will be available until **February 20** or until the group block is sold-out, whichever comes first.

Reservations can be made online at:

[http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/M/MYRESES-ASA-20150316/index.jhtml?WT.mc\\_id=POG](http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/M/MYRESES-ASA-20150316/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG) or by telephone at: 800-876-0010 (Press 2 for Embassy Suites Hotel). Indicate you are with the Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions or by using the group code "ASA." Sponsorship opportunities are available at <http://www.cvent.com/events/2015-asahp-spring-meeting/event-summary-f702872230084db3b9e53f5c10699089.aspx>.

Key addresses will be made during plenary sessions on the following topics:

**Natalie "Nikki" M. Krawitz** (University of Missouri) on budget and finance.

**Marshall Hill** (National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements) on such agreements.

**Leander Foley** (Capitol Hill Partners) on higher education policy in the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress.

**Cheryl Miller-Scott** (HealthSouth) on rehabilitation care.

**Mark Sothmann** (Medical University of South Carolina) on higher education challenges.

**Roy Anderson** (Cleveland Clinic) on clinical education in a changing health care environment.

**Hugh Bonner** (SUNY Upstate Medical University) will present the Deans' Memorial Lecture. This address will be presented at a Luncheon in memory of ASAHP member deans who are deceased.

### 2015 ASAHP ELECTION

Nominations are being accepted for the *2015 ASAHP Election*. The following positions will be contested when the election begins on July 15:

Secretary (two-year term)

Board of Directors (three-year term)

Nominations & Elections Committee (two-year term)

The deadline for submitting nominations is **March 31, 2015**. They can be directed to any of the following individuals who serve on the Nominations & Elections Committee. The same holds true for obtaining information about the election, which is scheduled for next July.

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## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

-The *Robert Wood Johnson Foundation* seeks to better understand consumer perceptions of value in the new and emerging health care landscape and to fund research studies that will allow for rapid learning on consumer valuation of health care. Funded studies will cover a diverse set of topics to help inform the development of tools, resources, and policies to support consumers in making high-value decisions that produce benefits. Researchers are eligible to submit proposals through their institutions. More information can be accessed at [http://www.rwjf.org/en/grants/funding-opportunities/2015/optimizing-value--consumer-focused-value-trends.html?rid=b9DqDr\\_nbyVqMCzAWLsAxFXYXWIRNIAH&et\\_cid=172726](http://www.rwjf.org/en/grants/funding-opportunities/2015/optimizing-value--consumer-focused-value-trends.html?rid=b9DqDr_nbyVqMCzAWLsAxFXYXWIRNIAH&et_cid=172726)

-Applications are being solicited for the FY 2015 *Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program* (GWEP). The purpose is to establish and operate geriatric education centers that will implement the project to develop a health care workforce that maximizes patient and family engagement and improves health outcomes for older adults by integrating geriatrics with primary care. Special emphasis will be on providing the primary care workforce with the knowledge and skills to care for older adults and on collaborating with community partners to address gaps in health care for older adults through individual, system, community, and population level changes.

Schools of Allied Health are among the eligible applicants. The closing date for applications is **March 5, 2015**. More information can be accessed at <http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=270450>.

## HEALTH WORKFORCE CONFERENCE

The 11th Annual AAMC Health Workforce Research Conference will be held on **April 30-May 1, 2015** in Alexandria, VA. The theme is: *Transforming the Health Workforce: The Good, The Bad, The Ugly*. The event will feature 12 breakout sessions featuring quantitative and qualitative research on topics that include: workforce implications of new care delivery models and health system redesign; health workforce supply and demand (such as PAs and allied health); emerging health professions; and interprofessional education. Registration is scheduled to begin at the end of February. Questions may be directed to Clese Erikson at [cerikson@aamc.org](mailto:cerikson@aamc.org).

## HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) released *Connecting Health and Care for the Nation: A Shared Nationwide Interoperability Roadmap Version 1.0*. The draft Roadmap is a proposal to deliver better care and result in healthier individuals through the safe and secure exchange and use of electronic health information. The public comment period for the draft Roadmap closes **April 3, 2015**. The roadmap can be accessed at <http://www.healthit.gov/sites/default/files/nationwide-interoperability-roadmap-draft-version-1.0.pdf>.

## NEWS FROM THE COLLEGES

The University of Nebraska Board of Regents approved an initiative that UNMC's School of Allied Health Professions, currently an academic unit within the College of Medicine, become an independent UNMC college. Pending approval by the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, the school would ascend to college status in July 2015. It would become UNMC's sixth college, joining medicine, nursing, dentistry, pharmacy and public health. The School of Allied Health Professions offers educational programs in 13 professions and has the second-highest enrollment among UNMC colleges.

## NUTRITION/DIETETICS WEBSITES

The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics is deploying a new suite of websites, with the official launch and marketing campaign occurring in mid-February. A new site, [www.eatrightPRO.org](http://www.eatrightPRO.org), features streamlined navigation and access to information that practitioners need, accessible by browsing through sections or using the newly designed search function. It complements the Academy's existing website, [www.eatright.org](http://www.eatright.org), which will continue as a consumer-focused site containing healthful-eating information, articles, recipes, videos and other content that will highlight the expertise of Academy members. Rounding out the Academy's suite of websites is [www.eatrightSTORE.org](http://www.eatrightSTORE.org), which showcases publications and resources, from the latest books and digital tools to client education and professional development opportunities.

ASAHP Board Member **Julie O'Sullivan Maillet** (Rutgers University) is a former president of that organization.