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CHS Faculty Members Honored for Excellence in Teaching

LEXINGTON, Ky. (April 23, 2008) – [Janice Kuperstein, PT, PhD](#), has been named the recipient of the 2007-2008 College of Health Sciences Kingston Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Dr. Kuperstein is an associate professor of Physical Therapy. She was honored for demonstrating innovation in teaching as well as long-term excellence in education.

According to the awards committee, Dr. Kuperstein consistently receives glowing reviews from her students and fellow faculty members. She has also created several service learning projects for physical therapy students, including opportunities with:

- Cardinal Hill Hospital's Sensory Integration Camp for children with special needs
- Hospice of the Bluegrass
- Horseback riding facilities that combine riding with physical therapy to enhance motor retraining in children with special needs.

Dr. Kuperstein joined the College of Health Sciences faculty in the summer of 1996. She received her B.S. in P.T. from the State University of New York - Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse, and did graduate work in Human Genetics at the Medical College of Virginia. She received her M.S.Ed. in Clinical and College Teaching with an emphasis in Health Care Administration from U.K. This year, Dr. Kuperstein received her doctorate in Gerontology by completing her research, "A Faith-Based Approach to Assisting Older Adults with Health System Navigation." She also serves as the Administrative Liaison to the Center for Rural Health Academic Program.

Faculty named finalists in university-wide teaching award

[Richie Andreatta](#), Ph.D., and [Carl Mattacola](#), Ph.D., were recently named finalists in the 2008 Provost's Outstanding Teaching Awards. To be chosen for the awards, faculty members must demonstrate "evidence of outstanding performance as a teacher, as documented by students and peers."

About Dr. Andreatta

Richard D. Andreatta is an Associate Professor in the Division of Communication Sciences & Disorders within the Department of Rehabilitation Sciences. He is also a

faculty associate in the Spinal Cord & Brain Injury Research Center (SCoBIRC) at the UK College of Medicine.

Dr. Andreatta received his Ph.D. in Speech Physiology and Neuroscience in 1999 from Indiana University, Bloomington. At the University of Kentucky, Dr. Andreatta is the director of the Laboratory of Speech-Orofacial Sensorimotor Physiology. This facility contains several specialized hardware and software systems for testing, recording and analyzing orofacial muscle force, vocal tract aerodynamics, lip-jaw kinematics, orofacial perception, and mechanically evoked perioral reflex responsiveness and modulation.

About Dr. Mattacola

Dr. Mattacola is a NATABOC certified athletic trainer and serves as the director and assistant professor of the Graduate Athletic Training and Rehabilitation Sciences Ph.D. Programs at the University of Kentucky. He received his bachelor's degree in physical education/athletic training from Canisius College in Buffalo, New York. He completed his doctor of philosophy degree in sports medicine and received his masters of education degree, both at the University of Virginia. Dr. Mattacola has held various positions as an athletic trainer and as a professor, including Temple University in Pennsylvania and Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia.

His research has focused on the study of functional assessments of neuromuscular postural control, resulting in many published articles/abstracts in journals like *American Family Physician*, *Journal of Athletic Training*, and *Orthopaedics*.

The University of Kentucky College of Health Sciences consists of nine programs: Athletic Training; Communication Sciences and Disorders; Physical Therapy; Rehabilitation Sciences PhD Program; Clinical and Reproductive Sciences; Clinical Nutrition; Physician Assistant Studies; Radiation Sciences; and Clinical Leadership and Management.

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