EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
FISCAL YEAR 2017 – 2018
Vision
To improve the health of populations by developing and inspiring health scientists and leaders.

Mission
As a College dedicated to educating a diverse range of health professionals, we benefit our students, the University, and community through our synergistic approach to creating new knowledge and expertise. Through interprofessional collaboration and innovation, we enrich the learning environment, increase our capacity to conduct research, and augment our ability to provide service. We are a dynamic and responsive College that generates solutions and contributes to the overall health and well-being of the citizens of our state and beyond.

Executive Summary
Established in 1966, the College of Health Professions remains competitive among other top Colleges of Health Professions in the country. We offer ten different academic degree programs, and several are ranked in the top 30 nationally by the US News and World Report. The College of Health Professions’ student enrollment is 792, which makes us the largest College on campus. Our national reputation continues to excel in rehabilitation in neurological disorders with an emphasis in stroke and spinal cord injury. We have seen significant growth in research to include an all-time record of 47 active grant awards totaling $9.5M.

Our commitment to excellence in clinical, professional, and community service has expanded over the years with faculty, staff, and students actively engaged in these critical areas of our mission. We are pleased to have a new dean, Dr. Zoher Kapasi, who will focus on a strategic plan that will help the College build upon its strengths. Plans are underway to have a strategic planning retreat in the fall of 2018.
Changes in Leadership

James Zoller, MHA, PhD retired on June 30, 2018, after twenty-four years with the University. Dr. Zoller served as the Interim Dean of the College from July 1, 2016 until his retirement. In recognition of his exceptional leadership, Dr. Zoller was granted Dean Emeritus by the Board of Trustees.

Zoher Kapasi, PhD, PT, MBA was appointed Dean of the College effective May 1, 2018, after an extensive national search. Dr. Kapasi has twenty-four years of experience as an academic faculty member and seven years as an academic leader at Emory University School of Medicine. Some of his many administrative accomplishments while at Emory include successful initiation of dual degree programs, successful development of two residency programs, increasing direct research grant revenues by more than 200% over a five-year period, establishing a collaborative relationship with the Georgia Institute of Technology to broaden research opportunities, and increasing clinical revenues in faculty practice. In summary, his leadership experience encompasses all areas of our tripartite mission of education, research, and service.

Dr. Kapasi received his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in physical therapy from Seth G S Medical College at University of Bombay in India. He received his PhD in anatomy-immunology from the Medical College of Virginia at Virginia Commonwealth University and later earned an MBA from Goizueta Business School at Emory University.

Lauren Gellar, PhD, MCES assumed the role of Director for the Division of Healthcare Studies effective March 1, 2018. Dr. Gellar was the inaugural Program Director of the Health Promotion Program at the University of South Carolina-Beaufort, and she served as Interim Director of our program for seven months, demonstrating outstanding leadership. Dr. Gellar received her PhD in Clinical and Population Health Research from the University of Massachusetts Medical School. She received both her Master of Education in Community Nutrition Education and Master of Science in Public Health and Nutrition from Columbia University Teacher’s College. She is also a Master Certified Health Education Specialist.

Naomi Sampson, MHA was appointed Assistant Dean for Strategic Initiatives effective August 1, 2018. In this role, she will collaborate with faculty and staff on critical events related to the development and implementation of the College’s strategic plan. Ms. Sampson brings a wealth of expertise from her role as Director of Executive Operations and Management. Additionally, her long history in our College, working closely with at least three prior Deans, and her broader reach throughout the MUSC enterprise will be valuable as the College advances strategic initiatives. Ms. Sampson received her Master in Health Administration degree in 2009 from College of Health Professions at MUSC and is a certified Project Management Professional through the Project Management Institute.

The college welcomed new students at orientation in May.
EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS

Academic Degree Programs
Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Studies
Master in Health Administration
Master of Science in Cardiovascular Perfusion – Entry Level and Post Professional
Master of Science in Health Informatics – Executive and Residential
Master of Science in Occupational Therapy
Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies
Doctor of Health Administration – Executive, Information Systems, Interprofessional Studies
Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice - Post Baccalaureate and Post Masters
Doctor of Philosophy in Health and Rehabilitation Science
Doctor of Physical Therapy

Program Updates
> The Master in Health Administration program was reaccredited by CAHME (Commission on Accreditation for Healthcare Management Education) for 7 years.

> The Division of Occupational Therapy submitted two Occupational Therapy Doctorate (OTD) proposals, entry level and post professional, that were approved by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education in September 2017. The entry level OTD will replace the Master of Science in Occupational Therapy and will begin in the summer of 2019. The post professional will begin in the fall of 2019.

> The Division of Anesthesia for Nurses successfully implemented a Doctorate of Nurse Anesthesia Practice (DNAP), the first entry level clinical doctoral program in the state of SC for certified registered nurse anesthetists.

> Dr. Na Jin Seo, Associate Professor, Division of Occupational Therapy, in collaboration with Dr. Leah Enders, received a utility patent for a “wearable device for improving tactile sensitivity.” Many people in the United States experience sensory deficits, particularly in the hand, after experiencing a stroke. The invention provides a method to increase tactile sensitivity with a wearable device on the tip of a finger.

> The Division of Healthcare Studies created the “Pathway to MUSC” program to foster student recruitment through the South Carolina Technical Colleges System. The first cohort graduated in May 2018.

Our Students

792 STUDENTS
94% OF GRADUATES REPORTED THEY RECEIVED A HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION.

56% IN-STATE

UNDERREPRESENTED MINORITY 18% UP FROM 10% FIVE YEARS AGO
71% WOMEN

3.5 AVERAGE ENTERING GPA

29% MEN
The College promotes initiatives that foster diversity and inclusion among our students, faculty, and staff. Our significant accomplishments include:

**Pipeline & Scholarship Opportunities for Physical Therapy (PT)**

The COAST (Creating Opportunity & Academic Success for Tomorrow’s Therapists) Program was founded in 2017 by students and faculty members as a student-driven mentorship and pipeline program for the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program. The program aims to promote awareness of the PT profession to underrepresented minority students, assist students in steps necessary for admission into a graduate PT program, and provide mentoring and career exploration opportunities for students interested in PT.

The PROSPER (PROfessionals Supporting PT Education and Recruitment) Scholarship was created by the Physical Therapy Division and the Office of Development in 2017 to provide an annual scholarship to a first year (incoming) physical therapy student.

**AHEC Summer Careers Academy**

Six prospective students (two Occupational Therapy, one Physical Therapy, and three Physician Assistant Studies) participated in the 2018 AHEC Summer Careers Academy. This one-week intensive program is an important recruitment pipeline for underrepresented minority students interested in health professions and who are from or living in South Carolina. The participants observed classes, shadowed clinicians, toured facilities, engaged in interprofessional learning opportunities, and participated in community-based activities.
Grants Awarded

RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

8th in NIH funding among 65 colleges of health professions

47 funded grant awards

1st endowed chair
Christie Family Endowed Chair in Stroke Rehabilitation Research

$9.5M awarded in grant funding

61% of grant awards from NIH totaling $5.8M

90% federal sources of funding

RESEARCH STRENGTHS

› Rehabilitation in neurological disorders (emphasis in stroke and spinal cord injury)

› Health services delivery (comparative effectiveness)

› Health, employment and longevity post spinal cord injury

› Alzheimers, Addictions, Voice and Swallowing

The overall monetary value of grant awards for FY 18 was $9.5M. NIH grant awards make up 61% for a total of $5.8M. Funding from all federal sources represents 90% of the grant dollars received, which includes 11% from the DHHS Administration for Community Living and 10% from the Veteran’s Affairs.
The College of Health Professions exceeded the 50th Anniversary Fundraising Campaign goal of $3.5M. This two-and-a-half-year campaign began under the leadership of Dr. Lisa Saladin on July 1, 2015, and concluded on December 31, 2017, at $3,631,139.

The College continues to see significant growth in planned giving commitments, reaching $654,738.91 in FY18. We are grateful to recognize and honor 46 members of the College of Health Professions Legacy Society.

The College established the Mary Eileen Leonard Scholars Program in memory of Ms. Mary Eileen Leonard, a 1947 graduate of the Medical Technology Program. Established through her estate gift, this is the largest scholarship in the history of the college. This scholarship will be available to deserving students, with preference given to those with a background in medical technology and laboratory sciences. This will honor both her life’s work and her heartfelt desire to help students achieve their career dreams.

The 2018 Showcasing Success Luncheon and Ceremony was held with record attendance. At this annual event which celebrates generous scholarship donors and their student recipients, 35 scholarships totaling over $84,000 were awarded.

The College received a $166,000 gift commitment through the estate of Mrs. Cindy Tucker-Hipps, a 1988 graduate of the Radiation Therapy program.

Mr. Robert Chisholm made a third planned gift commitment in support of the Camden Scott Meyer Pediatric Fund. His total contributions now exceed $100,000.

Mrs. Merriman Dowdle, a 1996 graduate of the Physician Assistant Studies program, established the Merriman Lee Dowdle Endowed PA Scholarship to support second year PAS students.
The College of Health Professions had another significant year with growth in revenues and stability in recurring expenses for FY18. Revenues increased to over $40.8M with expenses of $38.9M that included $9.9M in University allocations to pay for central support as well as $4.7M in contributions to the University Strategic Fund. Therefore, the College realized a $1.8M positive margin in 2018.

Two primary factors contributed to this positive margin. First, two of our academic programs encountered higher enrollment figures and revenue increased by $700K. Second, research activity reduced personnel expenses coupled with several faculty vacancies lowered our costs across the College by $400K combined.

With the recruitment of our new Dean, Dr. Zoher Kapasi, we anticipate continued growth in research, educational programs and enrollment in our existing programs. During this upcoming fiscal year, we will invest in hiring two new positions focused on marketing and research operations. In addition, we are exploring a new faculty evaluation system and working with Human Resources to identify equity adjustments for our employees based on a salary market analysis. The financial stability of the College of Health Professions will allow for opportunities to grow strategically and develop proposals for new initiatives and educational programs in the future.