

## NEWS & NOTES

# Health sciences programs have a new home

The new Health and Behavioral Studies Building opened its doors this fall. The \$45.6 million facility, located adjacent to the Student Success Center, provides much-needed classroom space and is specifically designed for teaching, research and collaborative learning.

"We'll be able to employ the latest technologies and teaching methods in the new spaces," said Sharon Lovell, dean of the College of Health and Behavioral Studies,



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ies, adding that faculty had input into the building's design.

Working across disciplines and programs will be one of the hallmarks of the new building. "Interprofessional education, practice and research is critical now and our accrediting bodies require it," Lovell said, "so we designed the building so disciplines are mixed across floors, which will facilitate that kind of interaction."

Among the building's amenities are 13 research laboratories; 17 classrooms; 19 teaching laboratories; two lecture halls with seating for 165; a speech, language and hearing clinic; a food production laboratory; and a patient simulation laboratory.

Location is another benefit, Lovell said. With frontage along Martin Luther King

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Jr. Way (formerly Cantrell Avenue), the six-story building is easy to find for community members who participate in its research labs and receive services in its clinics.

Four of the college's seven departments—communication sciences and disorders, health sciences, nursing, and social work—made the move this summer from the Health and Human Services Building on East Campus. The other three departments will remain in their current locations for the foreseeable future, with kinesiology in Godwin Hall, graduate psychology in Johnston and Miller halls, and psychology in Miller Hall.

# Debate team coaches museum's TED-Ed Club

Members of the JMU Debate Team helped 13 area middle-school students present TED-style talks to a live audience in Grafton-Stovall Theatre in April.

The program was sponsored by the Harrisonburg Explore More Discovery Museum's TED-Ed Club. Based on the popular TED Talks, the club encourages students to create and deliver short talks on issues they are passionate about.

The debate team, led by Mike Davis, worked with the students to come up with ideas and strengthen their presentations. The talks, each lasting about three to five minutes, covered a broad range of topics, including concussions, kids in politics, autism, bees, deforestation and learning from history.



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