Welcome back! There’s so much news to share to kick off the 2014-2015 academic year! It was great to see so many new and returning faces who braved the heat at the Activities Fair on Monday. Get ready for a great semester!

**NEW NAME!**
As you can see from the title of our newsletter, our name has changed! Formerly the Pre-Professional Health Advisory Center or Pre-Health Advising Center, we are now officially the Health Professions Advising Center (or HPAC for short). With our new name also come some other changes:

- New web address: www.bradley.edu/healthprofessions
  (The old web address will automatically redirect you to the new page.)
- New Facebook: www.facebook.com/BradleyHealthProfessions
  (If you Liked our old page, it was merged with this new page, and all likes were carried over.)

**FALL DROP-IN HOURS**
Got a quick question for Dr. Val? For the Fall 2014 semester, I'll have weekly Drop-In Advising hours – no appointment necessary:

- Thursdays 3-5pm
- Fridays 9-11am

As always, you can still schedule appointments at https://prehealth-val_bennett.youcanbook.me/
Or call Nora at 309-677-4200 for assistance.

**HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS VISIT CAMPUS**
This semester I’m excited to be teaching a special section of HS 110 Intro to Health Science, open to all majors. We will be hosting a series of guest healthcare professionals to talk about their various careers. Even if you are not enrolled in my class, all are welcome to attend classes when we have guests to learn more about various health careers and have a chance to interact with these professionals. Our first two speakers are:

- 9/23 – Jelani Thornton, Occupational Therapist
- 9/30 – Dr. Abby Mahoney, DPM, Podiatrist

All speaker sessions meet on Tuesdays 4-5pm in Bradley Hall 235. Check future newsletters, the HPAC Events Calendar or Facebook for updates and future speakers.

**INTERVIEW SKILLS WORKSHOP**
**WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 10TH, 5:30-7PM**
**BRADLEY HALL ROOM 235**
Are you anxiously awaiting that invitation to interview at a medical, physical therapy, dental, PA or other health professional school? Prepare yourself and practice at this interactive workshop! Learn about interview formats, questions, SCC resources & services, etc. Dr. Jack Gibbs, MD, retired physician and interviewer for UICOMP will join us. Sandwiches and snacks provided, so please RSVP by September 8th by Liking this event on www.facebook.com/BradleyHealthProfessions, or email healthprofessions@bradley.edu.

**INTRO TO HEALTH PROFESSIONS WORKSHOP**
**WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 17TH, 5:30-7PM**
**WESTLAKE ROOM 116**
Hey freshmen, transfer students, or anyone else who is getting started on their path to a career in healthcare! Are you a new pre-med, pre-PT, pre-PA, pre-dental, pre-pharmacy, pre-vet student or interested in pursuing any other career in healthcare? Then this meeting is a must for you! Come meet Dr. Val Bennett, Director of the Health Professions Advising Center to learn about resources and services available and how to make the most of your Bradley experience to best prepare for applying to health professional schools. Hear from student panelists about their journeys and what they wish they had known or done as freshmen. Open to students from ALL majors. Pizza & drinks will be provided. Please RSVP by September 12th by Liking this event on www.facebook.com/BradleyHealthProfessions, or email healthprofessions@bradley.edu.

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