



2010 College of Nursing Research Day Held Successfully

Close to 250 faculty members, students, clinical nurses and others filled the Spencer Partrich Auditorium to hear two outstanding keynote speakers. Dr. Brian Smedley spoke eloquently about factors underlying health inequalities in the United States and described strategies to create healthier communities for all. Dr. Patricia Brennan challenged the audience to *imagine* ways that health technology can be used to help patients manage their health stating “a lack of vision now will lead to an increasing gap later”. It is the job of nurses and leaders to envision what might happen if we blend...the best of nursing education, the best of our students, the best of technology, and the best of our patients’.

Keynote speakers were followed by a crowded and well-attended research poster session featuring exciting research among our faculty, students, and clinical nurse partners. Ms. Brenda Burton from Detroit Receiving Hospital won the award for best Clinical Poster. Her research was titled *Benefits of Group Exercise Sessions on and Inpatient Psychiatric Unit*. Mr. Hayan A. Ali, CON PhD student, won the student poster award for his research titled *Translation and Validation of the Arabic Version of the Acute Coronary Syndrome (ACS) Index*. Dr. Helene Krouse took the best faculty poster award for her research titled *Geospatial Linkage with Public Health Asthma Outcome*.

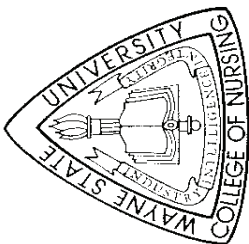
Upcoming Faculty Presentations

Two College of Nursing faculty members will be presenting their research at national and/or international meetings. Dr. Judith Fouladbakhsh will be presenting a paper and research poster at the International Congress on Complementary Medicine Research, May 19-21, 2010, in Trumso, Norway. She will present “Use of complementary and alternative medicine providers, practices and products among U.S. cancer survivors” and will present a poster “Development and testing of a viniyoga intervention protocol for non small cell lung cancer patients.”

Dr. Jessie Casida will be presenting a paper titled “Sleep, anxiety, and depression among adults with LVADs” at the annual meeting of the American Association of Heart Failure Nurses, which will be held June 24-26, 2010 in Orlando, Florida. Congratulations to both Dr. Fouladbakhsh and Dr. Casida!

Dr. Judith McComish Receives a DMC Faculty Scholar Grant

Congratulations to Dr. Judith McComish who was awarded a DMC Faculty Scholar Award to investigate postpartum depression!



Dr. Judith Fouladbakhsh

Dr. Fouladbakhsh will assume a national position (Coordinator for the Oncology Nursing Society Special Interest Group on Complementary and Integrative Medicine) with the Professional Nursing Organization in May 2010.

In addition, Dr. Fouladbakhsh recently hosted the appreciation luncheon for Beaumont Hospital in recognition of partnership with a homeless shelter and WSU Nursing Faculty/Students which was attended by Val Gokenbach, Beaumont VP of Nursing, Jackie Duncan, Director of Clinics, Linda Rietz, Director of Emergency Center as well as many others.

Dr. Lisa Chiodo Receives a Junior Faculty Grant

Congratulations to Dr. Lisa Chiodo who was awarded a WSU Junior Faculty Grant for her research titled "Prenatal exposure to alcohol and late teen/young adult alcohol preference." Dr. Chiodo's central hypothesis is that prenatal alcohol exposure predicts greater alcohol use/abuse in late teens and young adults through learned positive associations with alcohol's sensory characteristics. These learned associations are posed to enhance teen alcohol recognition (odor) and young adult preference (taste) and increase alcohol-seeking and high-risk teen and young adult alcohol-related behaviors.

SAMHSA Winter Institute Held in Detroit, Michigan

Fifteen doctoral students representing both the PhD and DNP programs were invited guests at a reception for the national fellows of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Minority Fellowship Program. The program's Winter Institute was held at the MGM Grand in Detroit at the end of February. The doctoral students had the unique opportunity to socialize with PhD fellows from around the country who are studying substance abuse and mental health issues. The students felt the experience was extremely worthwhile. Several College of Nursing faculty also participated in the Institute. Dr. Hossein Yarandi served as the statistician-in-residence. Dr. Judy Frye-McComish gave a presentation on *Promoting Mental Health of Mothers and Their Infants*. Dr. Jessie Casida spoke on *Opportunities for Career Advancement through the Robert Wood Johnson Nurse Scholars Program* and Dr. Jean Davis gave a keynote address on *Navigating Academia*.

Lambda Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau

Lambda Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International has launched a new website www.waynestatesigma.com. We are also recruiting volunteers for the Board of Directors for 2010-2012

State of Michigan Nursing License Renewel

All nursing licenses that expired on March 31, 2010 should be renewed by now. Anyone that has not renewed will not be allowed to teach as of April 1, 2010. When your renewed certificate arrives, it is imperative that a copy is filed in the Dean's office. As soon as you receive your certificate, please bring or send Ruth Jensen a copy for your file. You may fax, attach to an e-mail, use USPS, or inter-office mail.

Nursing Certifications

As a requirement for accreditation, the College of Nursing is to have a current copy of all nursing certifications that you possess. Please bring or send a copy of all current certificates to Ruth Jensen before May 1, 2010.



April is a promise that May is bound to keep. ~ Hal Borland



2010 LifeLine Awards

Each year, the college hosts the LifeLine Awards to recognize the achievements of distinguished health care professionals and community leaders who work to advance the well-being of the region's citizens and strengthen the availability of health care services. This year's event, to be held **September 14, 2010** from 6:30-10 p.m. at the Detroit Golf Club, will honor the following community champions with a wonderful program and strolling dinner:

Beth Morrison
President and CEO
Haven

Robert G. Riney
Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer
Henry Ford Health System

Heidi Jacobus
President and CEO
Cybernet

Virginia Hill Rice, PhD, RN, CNS, FAAN
Professor, WSU College of Nursing

The LifeLine Awards were established in 2001 by the Wayne State University College of Nursing as a way to recognize individuals for their contributions to health care that are regional, national and/or global in their impact. This awards gala also serves as an annual fundraiser that provides scholarships to WSU nursing students in need and assists in faculty recruitment. With the nursing shortage rapidly approaching crisis stage nationwide the ability to continue to attract excellent faculty to the College and prepare future generations of nurses is imperative.

The College of Nursing Board of Visitors, an invaluable link between the College of Nursing and the community at large, hosts the event. This select group of business executives, civic leaders and health care professionals – all of whom share an abiding interests in the future of nursing education – enhance, support and contribute to the financial stability of the College of Nursing. The LifeLine Awards is but one way in which they demonstrate their patronage.

Investing in Future Nurses

To date, the LifeLine Awards have provided over **\$300,000** in scholarships to Wayne State University College of Nursing students. These scholarships immediately affect the lives of the students who receive them; most of the funds are allocated within 30 days of the event.

Fast Facts

- The Wayne State University College of Nursing has been preparing highly trained nurses for careers in clinical practice, education and research for 64 years.
- One out of every four nurses who practice in southeast Michigan graduated from Wayne State's College of Nursing.

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Fast Facts

- Graduates average a 96.7 percent first-time pass rate for the NCLEX-R.N. state licensure examination – 11 percent higher than the national average.
- The College of Nursing graduate and undergraduate programs consistently are ranked among the top 10 percent of all nursing programs in the country.
- The doctoral program was ranked fifth in the nation in 2007 by Academic Analytics, a New York firm that measures faculty performance rather than institutional reputation. Wayne State was the only Michigan College or university that appeared in the top 10.
- The College of Nursing was one of the first in the nation to offer an accelerated program for individuals already holding an undergraduate degree in another field who want to become nurse. The Second Career/ Second Degree program allows students to complete the nursing program in 16 months.
- The accelerated Neonatal Nurse Practitioner program is the only one of its kind in the state.

Cohn Building Report

Submitted by David Barnett, Facility Coordinator

With April upon us, most of the major construction is very close to completion.

- Room 13, the new Distance Learning Classroom, is operating successfully after a couple of technology tweaks.
- The Computer Classroom (Rm. 115) and Open Computer Lab (Rm. 113) have been fully completed.
- The Bio-physical lab's construction is completed with a couple of minor code issues that should be resolved by the end of the first week in April. A "RO" pure water system will be installed shortly in the lab.
- The south entry door on the 3rd floor has been replaced. Finish work around the door and ceiling remains to be completed by FP&M.
- The south elevator has been experiencing some difficulties that are the result of the building's electrical power. The power supplied to the building is delivered by Detroit's Public Lighting Commission. The power has been experiencing a number of irregularities of late. FP&M is searching with its elevator consultants and engineers to correct and stabilized the power that operates this equipment. The ventilation issue seems to have reached a satisfying conclusion.
- The Simulation Laboratory is operating successfully. There are still some minor tweaks underway.
- During the spring break the technology in the Auditorium (Rm. 21) was up-graded with new HD cameras, switcher, Accordent Capture Station, SMART Interactive touch panel, and the Video Conferencing Codec. The system was also upgraded with additional Microphones for on site conferences.
- Five LED fixtures have been installed on the front façade of the Cohn Building to enhance the night lighting of Cass Avenue.

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April Calendar

April 26 - Classes end

April 27 - Study Day

April 28 - May 4 - Final Exams

