UPCOMING EVENTS

May 6 - 12  
National Nurses Week  
“Nursing: A Profession and a Passion”

May 10  
Confederate Memorial Day;  
State holiday–College open

May 7 • 12 pm  
Nurses Week Celebration;  
Historical Library

May 17 • 3 pm  
Convocation;  
St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church (405 King St.)

May 18 • 9 am  
Graduation;  
MUSC Horseshoe - No classes

May 28  
Memorial Day - No classes

Visitors Guide

By Dean Gail Stuart, PhD, APRN, BC, FAAN

April has been quite a month for visitors to the College of Nursing:

- Four prominent Deans joined us for my five year Dean’s Review;
- A Distinguished Leader in Nursing consulted with us on our goal of obtaining a research center grant;
- Five national leaders came to visit as members of the Advisory Board of our PhD HRSA grant; and

- Nurses from Columbia and Greenville met with us to collaborate on creating new simulation models in nursing education.

Quite a line-up and influx of “brain power” for our faculty, staff and students! At the end of the day, I think that the best part of welcoming such prestigious guests to our College is that they view our world with fresh eyes and open ears. They eagerly listen to those ideas and activities that we in the College take for granted as part of our everyday work world. They ask questions, express amazement, and critically evaluate. They also give us a vivid comparison of what we are doing here at MUSC in relation to other schools across the country.

In so doing we have heard from these visitors that our academic programs are both innovative and of high quality. We heard that our growing research agenda matches that of many of our sister schools. We were commended on our outstanding community outreach and clinical practices. And perhaps best of all, they all reflected on the healthy,
On April 10, the **One Voice One Plan** proposal was introduced to the SC Senate and was referred to Committee on Education. The Senate Bill 0657 addresses the critical needs of nurses and is being sponsored by Senators Peeler, Alexander, Lourie, Setzler, Matthews, Hayes, Land, Pinckney, Courson, Fair, McGill and Short.

The bill, titled *South Carolina Critical Needs Nursing Initiative Act*, calls for the enactment of establishing the Critical Needs Nursing Initiative Fund in order to improve the number of qualified nurses in South Carolina by providing nursing salary enhancements, creating new faculty positions, providing for additional nursing student scholarships, loans, and grants, establishing the Office for Health Care Workforce Research to analyze health care workforce supply and demand, and providing for the use of simulation technology and equipment in the education of nurses.

The best thing we can do now is thank Chairman Peeler and the co-sponsors for supporting the legislation. Also, it will be helpful to have as many calls and/or emails go to Chairman John Courson and his Senate Education Committee as possible. They will be the ones responsible for scheduling a hearing and amending and/or passing the bill on to the full Senate for consideration. It would be great for students and faculty to coordinate an email or phone call campaign. Any other calls from the nursing community at MUSC or the Charleston area would be key as well.

The following senators are members of the Education Committee.

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invigorating, supportive, and collegial culture and climate they experienced among all those whom they met in the College. Such external review and feedback confirms and affirms the path we believe we have set and the successes we have experienced to date.

The other important role of such visitors is to challenge us in relation to some aspects of the College that have been in place for so long that we take them for granted... and maybe they have outlived their usefulness. Or alternatively to think about our goals, intended and actual outcomes and efficiencies... both academically and in light of the “business” of the College. These are the areas in which we need to stretch and grow in the days ahead. They have challenged us to rethink aspects of our strategic plan given our resources and our stated values. And they remarked more than once that we should be publishing the impressive work we are doing each and every day! All good thoughts worthy of our consideration, as we engage in the evaluation of this past year and begin planning for the year to come...Gail

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**Graduation is only a concept. In real life every day you graduate.**

**Graduation is a process that goes on until the last day of your life.**

**If you can grasp that, you’ll make a difference.**

* - Arie Pencovici
The College was proud to have Joan Austin, DNS, RN, FAAN, a Distinguished Professor and Sally Reahard Chair at the Indiana University School of Nursing in Indianapolis, as our Distinguished Nurse Leader this spring. On April 18, Dr. Austin delivered a presentation entitled, Creating a Research Infrastructure: From Pilots to RO1s to the University community that was also simulcast to the Medical College of Georgia, Clemson University and Greenville Hospital Center. Additionally, Dr. Austin met with faculty who are planning a Research Center proposal, to share her experience in creating a National Institute of Nursing Research funded center that focused on Chronic Illness and Quality of Life. Dr. Austin’s candor, good humor, and scholarship were appreciated by everyone who met her that day!

### Austin Visit Productive

[Image: Pictured L - R: Dr. Gail Stuart, Dr. Joan Austin and Dr. Elaine Amella.]

**Susan Newman, PhD(c), RN,** doctoral candidate, received notification from the federal Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) that her dissertation proposal entitled, *Community Integration after Spinal Cord Injury: Using Photovoice to Identify Barriers and Facilitators,* was funded. This very prestigious award was supported by her mentor in the College, **Dr. Carolyn Jenkins.**

**Susan Benedict, DSN, RN, CRNA, FAAN,** recently came across these interesting stats:

- In a study examining the publication records of over 1,000 faculty in nine universities, the publication rate ranged from an average of 1.9 per year [physics] to 2.7 [biochemistry]. Nursing was not included.
- In publicly controlled medical schools, the average overall was 150 per year; private medical schools 250 per year. One-third of medical school faculty are not involved in research.
- 1.0 - 1.3 papers resulting per grant is the NIH average.

(Source: Ethical and Regulatory Aspects of Clinical Research, Emanuel et al [Chair NIH Dept Clinical Bioethics], 2003, 394)

### Grossman Named Director

On May 1, **Janet Grossman, PhD, APRN, BC, FAAN,** associate professor, assumed the position of director of the CON’s Center for Community Health Partnerships. Grossman’s extensive experience includes leading community-based projects in the cities of Chicago, Miami and Newark, as well as the excellent network of projects she has established in Charleston, including the Family Drug Court that uses a family-focused mental health intervention. In addition, she is Co-Investigator of federally funded projects in school-based health clinics and youth smoking cessation. Grossman is also a member of the SC Task Force on Suicide Prevention, and is a national trainer in suicide prevention for the Air Force. Her multiple activities and national leadership made her the obvious choice in this effort.

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Upcoming Dates of Interest

- May 7: All CON classes begin for Summer
- May 14: University classes begin - tuition due
- May 17: CON May Convocation
- May 18: MUSC Commencement – No Classes
- May 21: Last day to drop/add
- May 21-June 1: Pre-registration for Fall 2007
- May 28: Memorial Day - No classes

Convocation and Graduation

The College of Nursing Convocation is a special occasion for nursing students completing their BSN, MSN, and PhD degrees. BSN students will receive a pin, while MSN and PhD students will be hooded.

Rehearsal for Convocation will be Wednesday, May 16 at 3:30 p.m. at St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church, located at 405 King St.

Convocation will be held Thursday, May 17 at 3 p.m. at St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church and will run about 1 ½ hours. Each student is allowed to invite four guests. No tickets are required. Students should wear their gown and hood (no caps for Convocation).

Graduation will take place Friday, May 18 at 9 a.m. at the MUSC Horseshoe. College of Nursing students should plan to arrive at the Institute of Psychiatry Auditorium lobby by 7:30 a.m. to line-up for the processional. There is no limit on the number of guests and no tickets are required. Students should wear their gown, hood, and cap.

For information regarding Graduation, please go to www.musc.edu/academics/grad/index.html.

CV Format Standardized

The College of Nursing now has a standardized curriculum vitae format (see below) that will facilitate the work of the college on many levels. This format, developed from the faculty’s suggestions, will be used for grant proposals, departmental and tenure reviews, college or university service appointments, professional association leadership positions, speaking engagements, publishing and editorial review boards, and research and consulting positions in a variety of settings.

- Education
- Professional Experience
- Academic Honors and Awards
- Research
  - Pending, Funded & Approved
  - Training grants/demo projects
- Publications
  - Articles – Peer Reviewed
  - Articles – Other
- Books/Chapters
- Abstracts
- Instructional/Media
- Presentations
  - Invited, International, National, Regional & Local
- Service
  - University, College of Nursing & Community
- Professional Service
  - Editorships/Editorial Boards/Reviewer
  - Organizational Membership and Leadership
  - Conference/Meeting Planning Activities
  - Consultation/Review Boards/
  - Review Panels/Peer Reviewer
    + National
    + Regional
- Dissertation/Thesis Advisement
- Teaching (last 5 years)
  - Doctoral, Graduate, Undergraduate
- Continuing Education (last 5 years)
New Compliance Requirements

All faculty, staff and “agents” of UMA are required to complete the following each year:

• 3 units of Compliance Training
• 1 unit of Code of Conduct (General Training)
• 2 units of billing training

This year there are two mandatory units (both available on CATTS):

• Code of Conduct Training
• A new 2007 presentation on HIPAA Privacy & Security

The second unit of billing may be accomplished by:

• Attending faculty meetings where compliance is being discussed
• Completing the departmental specific course on CATTS outlining new codes for your specialty

Additional training may be required for some MUSC faculty and employees:

• If you work in clinical areas, you are also required to complete OSHA training on CATTS
• If you are a clinician or staff member involved in clinical research, you will be required to complete the Clinical Trials module
• All clinical department chairpersons, clinical business administrator, and department compliance liaisons must also receive one unit of Leadership Training.

**ALL TRAINING MUST BE COMPLETED BY JUNE 1, 2007**

Hispanic Health Initiative

The Hispanic Health Initiative Honors Program will host a Student Orientation & Welcome on Monday, May 14 at 12:30 p.m. in the College of Nursing’s Historical Library.

New student members include Sarah Burden, David Fulmer, Megan Kenyan, Jessica Leinbach, Michael Sollie, Nicole Staubus and Elizabeth Trice.

The Hispanic Health Initiative Advisory Board welcomed new board member Jamie Mascarin, El Sol Radio, during its quarterly meeting. Other board members include:

Lisa Belton, SAFE Initiative, Communities in Schools
Eileen Chepenik, Trident Literacy Association
Vanessa Diaz, MD, MUSC Dept. of Family Medicine
Latasha High, Charleston Center of Charleston County
Rev. Mercedes Julian, Iglesia San Juan
Diane Kennedy, LCAHEC
Alberto Montero, MD, Hematology-Oncology, MUSC HCC
Nilsy Rapalo, Comm. Mental Health Ctr., Chas./Dor.
Ronald Ravenell, FCF Family Health Center, Inc.
Carlos Salinas, DMD, Craniofacial Genetics, MUSC CODM

Grants Funding Extended

Deborah Williamson, DHA, RN, CNM, Principle Investigator on the An Education, Screening, and Referral Program for Abuse among Pregnant Women grant, received approval on Mar. 22 from the Duke Endowment to extend $86,386 in grant funds until Dec. 2007.
HEALTH 1ST

WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS
May 2 - Free blood pressure screenings and educational materials on the prevention and management of heart disease, stroke, osteoporosis, as well as upcoming events at the Wellness Center - presented by Annie Cruzan, Harper Student Wellness Center

May 9 - NAMI’s Walk/Run and other Mental Health Awareness Month topics - presented by Liz Puca, Institute of Psychiatry

May 16 - Ergonomics at Your Worksite - presented by Stacy Haney, MUSC Risk Management

May 23 and 30 - Topics to be announced

HEALTH 1ST BROCHURE
Pick up this newly developed brochure to see all the programs Health 1st has to offer employees. Inside you will find other MUSC and community programs to guide you towards a healthier lifestyle.

CLASSES
For more information or to register for the following classes go to www.musc.edu/medcenter/health1st or contact Health 1st at health1st@musc.edu or 792-1245.

• Triathlon & Biathlon Training - May 8 - June 15
Come learn more about the first ever MUSCMAN triathlon and biathlon training program.

• Stress Management - May 23 | 9:35 - 10:30 am | IOP Auditorium
Learn how to properly deal with stress. This class will be taught by Diane Conte, Prevention Partners.

• Smoking Cessation Class - May 24 | 4:30 - 5:30 pm | SEI Auditorium
Learn how to quit smoking for good! This class will be led by Xavery Hopkins, Prevention Partners.

• What is Memory Loss and When Should I Worry? - May 30 | 6 - 7:30 pm | IOP Auditorium
This is part of the Mind Your Health 2007 seminars. FREE for MUSC employees and students.

WELLNESS TEAMS
Join a Wellness Team and get a FREE T-shirt. Coaches and participants are needed! The competition begins May 1st but you can join a team at any time and all team members will receive log books. By joining a Wellness Team you can walk your way to prizes, friendship and a healthier, happier you. All are encouraged to participate! If you want to join a team or just need more details, contact health1st@musc.edu or call 792-1245.

Check out our website at www.musc.edu/medcenter/health1st for healthy recipes, news on upcoming events, information on wellness teams and much more!
Nancy Duffy has been selected as a recipient of MUSC’s Teaching Excellence Award as Educator/Lecturer. In addition to the recognition, she will receive a cash award from the MUSC Foundation, a pewter medallion to wear with her academic regalia during Commencement, as well as a designated parking space for one year. Well done, Nancy!

Congratulations to Mary Martin. Her abstract, Transforming the Workforce Through Reduction of Lateral Violence in Nursing, was accepted for the Sigma Theta Tau International 39th Biennial Convention that will be held November 3-7 in Baltimore, MD.

Lynne Nemeth

Charlene Pope
- Charlene Pope presented in a panel discussion on Academic and Health Care Organizations on the Magnet Journey Together on April 27, 2007 at the 5th Annual South Carolina AHEC Magnet Conference, co-hosted by the South Carolina AHEC, the ANCC, and the SC Magnet Planning Committee.

Laurie Zone-Smith has successfully defended her dissertation. Congratulations to Dr. Zone-Smith—the newest member of our doctoral graduates family.

Jane Anderson has accepted the position of Instructor on the Educator/Clinician track and will begin July 1. Her office will be located in room 306.

Sally Stroud has accepted the position of Associate Dean for Academics at the College of Nursing. Stroud has many years of experience both in education and clinical practice and she will bring many strengths with her to this new role. She will also continue as Director of the Graduate Program.

Tara Hulsey has been recruited by Charleston Southern University to assume the position of Dean of Nursing effective July 1. She will continue on the MUSC faculty with adjunct appointments in the College of Nursing and College of Medicine, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology in order to maintain research activities related to prenatal care. Congratulations on this outstanding opportunity.
Congratulations to Suzanne Gresle who passed her comprehensive examination in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at USC and is now a Doctoral Candidate!

Rebecca Bowman and Melissa Glover-Johnson have joined Employee Health Services as Registered Nurse II’s.

2007-08 Presidential Scholars Announced

The 2007-2008 Presidential Scholars were announced at the Presidential Scholars Day on April 10. Six College of Nursing (CON) students were chosen from a competitive applicant pool to participate in the year-long extracurricular activity which addresses healthcare issues from an interprofessional approach.

CON students selected include: Jenny MCord Anderson, Catherine Ling, Pamela Murphy, Kristie Quarles, Nicole Staubes and Blair Webb.

The following 2006-07 participants were recognized for their contributions and received a medal for their participation: Patricia Fisher, Preston Fitzgerald, Olando Singletary, Jessica Tillman and Michael Wong.

Former Presidential Scholar, Ashley Miller, served as a Fellow. Dr. Charlene Pope, Assistant Professor, and Dr. Betty Bear, Professor Emerita, served as Faculty Scholars.

Preston Fitzgerald, a psychiatric nurse practitioner student who also went through the College of Nursing’s accelerated BSN program, is the new editor of South Carolina Nurse.

PowerPoint Templates

The College of Nursing would like all students and faculty to use the approved PowerPoint templates in their presentations to give visibility to our school. The templates can be accessed on CON’s Intranet (under the “Tools” heading).
Healthy Women = Empowered Women
A Public Forum

Saturday, November 3, 2007, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Trident Technical College, The College Center
7000 Rivers Avenue, North Charleston, SC 29406

Explore how public policy addresses health care disparities and inequalities among women in South Carolina and discover what you can do in your community to ensure that all women have access to a full range of reproductive health information and services.

For more information about the forum, sponsorships or exhibit space, call Catherine Malloy at 843-886-3171 or e-mail vote@http://charleston.sc.lwv.org

Beginning August 1, register online at http://charleston.sc.lwv.org.

Presented by the League of Women Voters of the Charleston area with funding from New Morning Foundation, LWV Education Fund and the Millenium Campaign. The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues through education and advocacy.