UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 6 - 17
Pre-registration for Spring '09

OCTOBER 8 • 12 P.M.
Unnatural Causes: Episode 3; 2 West Amphitheatre
(see page 4 for details)

OCTOBER 20 • 12 P.M.
Research for Lunch: “Developing a Proposal Budget”; Historical Library

OCTOBER 24 • 9 - 10 A.M.
“The UK Experience: Theory into Practice, Myth and Reality” presented by UK professor Chris Hart; 402 BSB

OCTOBER 31
CON Halloween Party; Historical Library

NOVEMBER 3 • 12 P.M.
“Daring, Dames, and Demographics: The Early History of Nursing in Charleston” presented by Carole Bennett; 220 CON

The Importance of Infrastructure

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

At our recent College of Nursing retreat I shared the impressive record of our growth in the past six years that you will find on page 2 of this newsletter. I like to think of this review as “You’ve come a long way, baby” since our achievements over this time clearly reflect our hard work and focus on targeted outcomes. To all of us I therefore say thank you for our success as a CON team!

As we both enjoy the fruits of our labor and catch our breath for what lies ahead, we also must begin preparing for our next five year growth spurt. Based on our many discussions, I believe that our most pressing need is to strengthen the infrastructure of the College so that we have the essential framework we need to forge ahead. So, in the next six months, I want to make our infrastructure our collective priority. For each service area of the College I would like you to share with me your ideas for quality improvement.

- How can our offices of education, practice and research better support our work?
- How can the Nursing Technology Center, Nursing Business Center, Dean’s office, Marketing office, Development office, Student and Alumni Affairs Office, and Student Services office function more efficiently and effectively?
- What CON processes can be improved and in what way?
- What skills do we (faculty and staff) need to move forward that we currently do not have?

This is an open invitation to students, staff and faculty alike. The only caveat is please be constructive and remember that there are no new resources available to us – only the reallocation and reorganization of existing ones.

They say it takes a community. We are that community, aspiring to five more years of rising greatness. I am eager to hear from you. —Gail
MUSC CON REVIEW 2002-2008: “A WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE”

2002 - 2003
- 50 BSN students, plus Francis Marian University (FMU) students – 283 students total
- 3 department chairs and 3 associate deans
- Started to create the CON Archives
- Redesigned the CON Web site
- Created the CON intranet
- Initiated annual surveys of faculty and staff
- NCLEX score of 87% - raised from 2001-2002 score of 78%

2003 - 2004
- 100 BSN students in Charleston + 20 at FMU
- 1 department chair and 3 associate deans
- Started online RN-BSN program
- Graduated 1st doctoral student
- Created the Nursing Technology Center (NTC) in the CON
- Initiated the Outstanding Faculty Teaching Awards – BSN, MSN, PHD
- Raised $1.28 million in Development

2004 - 2005
- CCNE accreditation
- FMU assumed BSN students as a separate program
- Lifelines created
- eCONnections created
- Raised $1.7 million in Development

2005 - 2006
- 150 BSN, 160 MSN, 18 PhD students – 387 total
- Appointed Ann Edwards Endowed Chair holder
- Streamlined faculty governance structure
- Raised $2.1 million in Development

2006 - 2007
- 187 BSN; 142 MSN; 22 PhD students – 351 total
- Renovating simulation lab space
- Raised $2.8 million and $2 million in-kind in Development

2007 - 2008
- 163 BSN; 144 MSN; 39 PhD students – 346 total
- Awarded VA Nursing Academy Partnership
- Developed and submitted the DNP proposal
- Created “Best Practices” for online and classroom teaching
- Opened the Simulation Laboratory and created 6 nursing modules
- Raised $2.4 million and $800,000 in-kind in Development

FACULTY
- 2002-2003 – 44 regular; 39 modified; 64% doctoral
- 2003-2004 – 43 regular; 89 modified; 67% doctoral
- 2004-2005 – 40 regular; 112 modified; 65% doctoral
- 2005-2006 – 35 regular; 120 modified; 74% doctoral
- 2006-2007 – 35 regular; 123 modified; 80% doctoral
- 2007-2008 – 36 regular; 129 modified; 72% doctoral
- 2008-2009 – 41 regular; 138 modified; 75% doctoral

EDUCATION GRANTS FUNDED
- 2002-2003 – 8
- 2003-2004 – 13
- 2004-2005 – 6
- 2005-2006 – 6
- 2006-2007 – 4
- 2007-2008 – 4

RESEARCH GRANTS FUNDED
- 2002-2003 – 14
- 2003-2004 – 7
- 2004-2005 – 2
- 2005-2006 – 4
- 2006-2007 – 8
- 2007-2008 – 11

PRACTICE GRANTS FUNDED
- 2002-2003 – 6
- 2003-2004 – 8
- 2004-2005 – 5
- 2005-2006 – 3
- 2006-2007 – 3
- 2007-2008 – 5

PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS
- 2002-2003 – 20
- 2003-2004 – 28
- 2004-2005 – 25
- 2005-2006 – 37
- 2006-2007 – 24
USC Honors REACH 2010

REACH 2010 and Georgetown Diabetes Coalition received the Literacy Leaders Award (for health) from the University of South Carolina School of Libraries and Information Science on September 16 at the South Carolina State Library. Other winners included author Jane Conner and South Carolina ETV.

The awards were created as part of the School of Library and Information Science’s Children, Libraries and Literacy Initiative, a $6 million campaign launched in 2005 to eliminate illiteracy across South Carolina.

Reach 2010 Charleston and Georgetown Diabetes Coalition promotes the power and potential of partnerships between communities and institutions of higher education as a way to improve health. The coalition is a partnership between the Charleston and Georgetown communities and the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) College of Nursing that is eliminating disparities for African Americans with diabetes.

For more information about the Children, Libraries and Literacy Initiative and the Literacy Leaders Awards, visit the Web site: www.libsci.sc.edu/ccbl/index.htm.

Getting to Know...Patrick

Name: Patrick Davis
Position: Nursing Technology Center Director
How many years at CON? 0.1
How many years at MUSC? 0.1
Most rewarding thing about your job? There is always something new and interesting to do.
Hometown: I was a military brat so I don’t really have a hometown, but I have spent more of my life in SC than anywhere else.

Describe your hometown in 3 words: The whole world.
Family: Wife, Zoe; daughter, Madeline, and two Ragdoll cats, Carmen & Chloe
Astrological sign: Pisces or Aquarius (I’m on the cusp.)
What did you listen to on the way into work today? 101.7 FM
If you could invite three guests (living or deceased) to dinner, who would they be? Warren Buffet, Ben Stein, Lou Dobbs, and my father. Boy oh boy...that would be an interesting dinner.
Last movie you saw? Batman: The Dark Knight
First concert you ever attended? The Police
Favorite place you’ve traveled to? British Virgin Islands
If you could attend any sporting event what would it be? Carolina football
One thing you’ve never done, but hope to accomplish one day? To go white water rafting.
In which store would you like to win a $3,000 shopping spree? Best Buy
What do you enjoy most doing in your spare time? Spending time with my family.
Favorite sport to play: Volleyball
Favorite sports team or player: USC Gamecocks
Favorite outdoor activities: Riding bikes and running
Favorite board game: Trivial Pursuit
Favorite TV show(s): House
Favorite movie: Lord of the Rings: Return of the King
Favorite magazine: Popular Science
Favorite breakfast cereal: Reese’s Peanut Butter Puffs
Favorite fruit: Apple
Favorite chips/snack: Ruffles
Favorite cookie: Sugar cookies
Favorite candy bar: Reese’s peanut butter cups
Favorite thing about living in Charleston? The weather.

EndNote Class for Mac Users

Suzanne Gresle will offer a hands-on EndNote class for Mac users on Monday, October 20, from 10 - 11 a.m. in room 437 of the MUSC Library. Please e-mail Suzanne (gresles@musc.edu) if you plan to attend.

All Faculty, Staff and Students!

If you haven’t yet done so, please complete the very short survey (only nine questions) regarding the College’s and MUSC’s rating on the Excellence Pillars. You can find it at: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=Zttv0rAA5F0tJAPe0ELg9Q__3d_3d

~ Xerox Totals - September ~

Student Svps - 5,642    Mail room - 3,808
3rd Floor - 6,605      4th Floor - 8,414
5th Floor - 6,410
On-line EBBP Training Now Available

The interdisciplinary Council for Training in Evidence-Based Behavioral Practice (EBBP), sponsored by National Institutes of Health’s Office of Behavioral and Social Science Research (OBSSR), announces the release of a newly redesigned Web site and training modules at http://www.ebbp.org. A goal of the EBBP project is to develop online learning tools to help behavioral practitioners and students integrate research and practice in real-world conditions. Three training modules are currently available: The EBBP Process, Searching for Evidence, and Introduction to Systematic Reviews.

The EBBP Process module aims to enhance the skills of behavioral interventionists from a variety of health care disciplines to find, appraise, and apply evidence to improve the health of individuals, communities, and other populations. In Searching for Evidence, behavioral health professionals will learn about available on-line resources and develop skills to more effectively search for health care evidence. In Systematic Reviews, evidence-users will learn to appraise the quality of systematic reviews, and evidence-creators will learn the basic steps in conducting a systematic review. Instructors who use the modules or other EBBP materials in their courses are also invited to share syllabi, conference presentations, and other resources in the new EBBP Teaching Resource Library.

Unnatural Causes Episode Screenings

EPISODE 3: BECOMING AMERICAN
Wednesday, October 8
12 - 1 p.m.
2 West Amphitheatre
Co-sponsor: Alliance for Hispanic Health
Lunch Provided by: Office of Student Diversity

EPISODE 4: BAD SUGAR
Wednesday, October 15
12 - 1 p.m.
IOP Auditorium
Co-sponsors: CON Student Nurses Association and Student Government Association
Lunch Provided by: College of Nursing

EPISODE 5: PLACE MATTERS
Thursday, October 23
12 - 1 p.m.
IOP Auditorium
Co-sponsor: Humanities Committee
Lunch Provided by: SCTR-TEACH

EPISODE 6: COLLATERAL DAMAGE
Thursday, October 30
12 - 1 p.m.
IOP Auditorium
Co-sponsor: Public Health Interest Group
Lunch Provided by: Center for Community Health Partnerships

EPISODE 7: NOT JUST A PAYCHECK
Thursday, November 6
12:15 - 1:15 p.m.
BSB 100
Co-sponsor: Student Interprofessional Society
Lunch Provided by: College of Health Professions

Questions?
Contact Meredith Van Ruymbeke in the Center for Community Health Partnerships at (843) 792-4647 or vanruymm@musc.edu.

We’re Almost There!

Thanks to you we’ve raised over $95,000 to support nursing scholarships, but we would like to reach our goal of $125,000 during the 125th year at the College of Nursing.

Please consider giving a contribution to the 125th Anniversary Fund and help to educate our future nurses today!

For more information, contact Denise Ciccarelli at (843) 792-8421 or ciccarel@musc.edu.

College Briefs

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RWJ Foundation to Fund 20 Scholarships

Sally Stroud, with support from Deborah Williamson, was awarded funding through the Robert Woods Johnson Foundation (RWJF) New Careers in Nursing Scholarship Program. Grants provided through this competitive program will be used for scholarships to increase the number of students enrolled in the College’s accelerated baccalaureate degree nursing program. This groundbreaking national initiative, launched by RWJF and the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN), aims to help alleviate the nation’s nursing shortage by dramatically expanding the pipeline of students in accelerated nursing programs.

Through the RWJF New Careers in Nursing Scholarship Program, the College of Nursing was awarded $200,000 to allocate among 20 students in 2008-2009. Scholarships in the amount of $10,000 each will be distributed to entry-level nursing students in the accelerated program. Award preference is given to students from groups underrepresented in nursing or from disadvantaged backgrounds. Grant funding also will be used by the school of nursing to help leverage new faculty resources and provide mentoring and leadership development resources to ensure successful program completion by scholarship recipients. Ten students who began in August have already been selected to receive the first round of scholarship dollars: Jared Carter, Aisha Choudry, Jonathan Edwards, Christopher Hock, J’Vonne Hunter, Tiffany Hunter, Derek Martindale, Nick Porter, Christopher Santos, and Jennifer White.

AACN serves as the National Program Office for this RWJF initiative and oversees the grant application submission and review processes. For more information about this program, visit www.newcareersinnursing.org.

Spring 2009 Pre-Registration

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Students should meet with their academic advisor and register on-line via WebAdvisor. If difficulties are encountered with registration, please contact Peggy Sires at (843) 792-8515 or siresp@musc.edu. If you would like to speak to Peggy in person, she can be found in room 216 at the College of Nursing.

AENT Applications for Spring 2009

The purpose of the Advanced Education Nursing Education Traineeship (AENT) is to financially assist students enrolled in MSN and PhD nursing programs. To be eligible, students must be a full-time graduate student in good standing. Also, part-time students who are graduating in May 2009 are eligible for the award. Students must be registered for Spring classes by October 31, 2008 to be eligible. Graduate Students are encouraged to check their MUSC e-mail for information and an application which will be sent out by Monday, October 6 to coincide with pre-registration.

Faculty and Students Reminder

When students are not in compliance with essential program requirements such as drug screening, background checks, CPR certificates, immunization record, and CATS training (HIPPA/OSHA etc) access to Webct will be denied until documentation of compliance is provided. If this should occur, students should contact Anette Hebebrand-Verner at (843) 792-9054 or hebebran@musc.edu.

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Doctoral Student Kudos

**Catherine Ling**, doctoral candidate, received $4,000 to fund her proposal, “Stepping Forward: Pedometers and People with Class III Obesity,” from the Southern Research Nursing Society/ American Nurses Foundation Dissertation Grants. This funding is very competitive and entitles recipients to be part of the American Nurses Foundation Scholar group, a very prestigious designation! Congratulations to Catherine and her committee - Drs. Sandy Brotherton, Barbara Edlund, Teresa Kelechi (chair), and Sheila Smith (advisor).

**Mellissa Batchelor Aselage**, doctoral student, has been invited to present at two national conferences during the fall semester: the AACN/ Hartford Geriatric Nursing Institute (HGNI) Geriatric Nursing Education Consortium Faculty Development Institute in St. Louis, and the AACN Baccalaureate Education Conference in San Antonio. Both presentations relate to her leadership as faculty at UNC-Wilmington where she instituted technological outreach in her undergraduate geriatric course and instituted the Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment process developed for national dissemination by the HGNI.

**Julius Kehinde’s** proposal, “Help! I am terrified: The lived experience of fall and fear of falling in the older adults living in the community,” was recently selected for this year’s National Institute of Aging’s Grants Technical Assistance Workshop (TAW) to be presented at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland. Julius, a doctoral student, developed the proposal in the NRPHD 806 Advanced Qualitative class.

Doctoral student, **Lucy Megginson’s** abstract entitled, “A Dimensional Analysis of Marginalization,” was recently accepted for poster presentation by the Southern Nursing Research Society (SNRS) for the February 2009 conference in Baltimore, Maryland.

**Robin Matutina** doctoral student, had a manuscript accepted for a future publication in the journal, Cancer Nursing Practice.

Congratulations

**Elaine Amella** was informed that the protocol she developed, “Mealtime Difficulties,” was accepted for the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) National Guideline Clearinghouse Web site (http://www.guideline.gov).

Health Fair at Franklin C. Fetter
A heart-felt “thank you” goes to our College of Nursing student volunteers: Ashley Elaine, Reames Rinehart, J’Vonne Hunter, Tiffany Hunter, Gwendolyn Egolf, Ashley Ragan, Heather Williams, Ashley Plonk, and Kellar Lambert for their participation and contribution in assisting with health screenings at the Franklin C. Fetter Community Health Center on Johns Island on Saturday, September 13. The event was a huge success and was appreciated by the residents Johns Island.

Upcoming Conferences & Courses
CONTINUING NURSING EDUCATION CONFERENCES
NEONATAL PHARMACOLOGY CONFERENCE 2008
November 16 - 19, 2008
FRONTIERS IN PEDIATRICS
December 5 - 7, 2008
For more details, visit http://www.musc.edu/nursing/departments/continuingeducation/courses.htm.

WOUND CARE COURSES
WOUND CARE SPECIALTY COURSE
(three week courses at the College of Nursing)
October 11 - November 1, 2008
INTRODUCTION TO THE PRINCIPLES OF DEBRIDEMENT
October 18, 2008

Writing Club
On September 3, the CON Educator Clinician Track held its annual retreat at the dean’s home on Little Oak Island. Due to the large demand for a writing club, a regularly scheduled meeting has been planned. On first Monday of each month, the Educator Clinician Track Writing Club will meet to brainstorm and assist one another with publications and upcoming submissions. The next meeting will be held on October 6 in the Dean’s Conference room.

Caring for Trident Literacy
On September 11, also known as the Day of Caring, ten College of Nursing volunteers worked tirelessly to organize student files and kitchen supplies at Trident Literacy Association in North Charleston. All hands were on deck, from associates deans and faculty to staff and students. The event was hard work, but the outcome was amazing. The day proved to be a great community experience.
Barbara J. Edlund was asked to serve on the Board of Trustees of Bishop Gadsden Retirement Community. She is also a member of the planning committee for the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine/Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association that will be held in Austin Texas in March 2009.

Susan Benedict was an invited speaker at the 6th International Conference on Holocaust Education in Jerusalem. The conference was attended by over 700 educators representing 52 countries with the presentations being simultaneously translated into Hebrew, Spanish, French, and Russian.

Susan will be leaving MUSC in December to be Visiting Professor at the University of Botswana. There she will be teaching their new MS program and establishing an oncology nursing program.

Laura K. Cousineau, has been selected to receive the National Library of Medicine/Association of Health Sciences Libraries Fellowship.

### Timeline for CCNE Accreditation

**2008**

- September 8 ................. Steering Committee appointed
- November 10 ............... Progress report to Evaluation & Program Effectiveness Committee (EPEC)
- December 1 .............. Deadline for all data requests
- December 19 ............. Data collection to be completed

**2009**

- January 2 ................. Incorporate data into draft report
- February 9 ................. Progress report to EPEC & Faculty Assembly
- April 13 ................. Progress report to EPEC & Faculty Assembly
- April 30 ................. First draft of report completed
- May 1 ......................... First draft and review revision
- May 15 ......................... First draft to EPEC & consultant for review
- June 15 - July 24 ........ Revise draft & send to printer
- July 1 ......................... Dean to invite third party comments to CCNE
- July 24 ......................... Agenda & arrangements for site visit sent to site visit team leader
- August 7 ....................... Final agenda, report, documents to CCNE visitors & office
- September 28 - 30 ...... Site visit *(no annual leave will be approved for these days)*
- October 15 ................. Site visit team to report to CCNE
- within 6 weeks .......... Final report submitted to dean, College of Nursing
- within 2 weeks .......... Dean’s response to CCNE *(if requested)*
- March 2010 ................. CCNE accreditation & review committee
- April 2010 ..................... CCNE Board of Commissioners
- May 2010 ..................... CCNE notification to College of Nursing
Carter Receives PANNA Scholarship

First semester accelerated BSN student, Jared Carter, was surprised during his Adult Health I class when Caroline Counts, MSN, RN, CNN, Classes of ’68, ’82, and ’88, and Deborah Brooks, MSN, APRN, BC, CNN-NP, Classes of ’76 and ’01, presented him with a $500 scholarship from the Palmetto Chapter of the American Nephrology Nurse’s Association.

The scholarship is named for Ms. Counts who founded the Palmetto Chapter and served as the President of the American Nephrology Nurse’s Association. Jared was selected for the scholarship based on feedback from first semester faculty regarding his academic and classroom leadership.

In addition to the scholarship, Jared also received a “goody bag” from the local chapter and a student membership in the national organization.

Newly Elected Alumni Board

The College of Nursing Alumni Board will present the Outstanding Alumnus Award and five student scholarships at the 2009 Homecoming event to be held on March 28. The alumni association encourages you to nominate a person for this award whose excellence in professional practice, community service, academic performance, leadership endeavors and other accomplishments merit special notice. If you would like to propose an alumnus for consideration for one of the alumni association’s annual awards, please download a copy of the nomination form and send it to the MUSC Office of Alumni Affairs for forwarding to Mardi Long, CON, room 307. The nomination form can be found at http://alumni.musc.edu/news/alumnus_award_form.pdf.

The 2008-2009 College of Nursing Alumni Board includes:

- **Nancy Finch**, president
- **Lynne Nemeth**, past president
- **Karlayne Toole**, president elect
- **James Metzger**, secretary
- **Donna Padgette**, treasurer
- **Cameron Mitchum**, membership committee co-chair
- **Evyonne Thurman**, membership committee co-chair
- **Linda Warren**, outstanding alumnus award co-chair
- **Florence Simmons**, outstanding alumnus award co-chair
- **Weatherly Brice**, nominating committee co-chair
- **Jennifer Fox**, nominating committee co-chair

Cathy Mulloy has been selected as the recipient of the MUSC Women’s Club top scholarship of $2,000—a nice recognition of her scholarship and volunteerism.

**Save the dates**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24 • 10 A.M.**

“The UK Experience: Theory into Practice, Myth and Reality” presented by Chris Hart
- Basic Sciences Building, Room 402

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3 • 12 P.M.**

“Daring, Dames and Demographics: The Early History of Nursing in Charleston” presented by Carole Bennett
- College of Nursing, Room 220

~ College of Nursing’s 125th Anniversary Events ~