This past month I was fortunate to take a much anticipated vacation in the lovely hillsides of Tuscany, Italy. This was truly a “small town” and “local color” type of get-away in which I roamed fortressed cities, delighted in the tastes of fresh pastas and amazing cheeses, and absorbed the many fine crafts of the villagers. Among these was a fascinating tour of a working vineyard in which the owner clearly had a passion for his work. As we walked through the expanse of the property, he recounted the careful and considered steps that go into the cultivation of the grapes that will eventually become wine. Nothing was done without thoughtful precision; nothing was left to chance; nothing was taken for granted.

Traveling on that afternoon’s vineyard journey I thought about the parallels to what we do here in the College of Nursing. Each of our three missions – education, research and practice – requires a unique form of cultivation. Much like the vine that yields the grape, we must start with a strong foundation for our work. We then move to focusing our attention on managing our vines’ more vigorous growth. We train, shape, fertilize and protect our growing works. At times, it is necessary to prune or trim to strengthen the base structure. And all of these activities are focused on one end – to maximize our yield of our highly desired, quality outcomes.

But it does not end there. Equally important to the growing process are the cultivating activities of casking, aging, tasting and bottling the wine. These processes challenge one’s ability to be patient, to understand that maturation takes time, and that only from testing the development of one’s product can you determine that now “the time is right.” So on the next occasion that you see a glass of wine, take a minute to think about our own vineyard here in the College of Nursing and our unique art of cultivation...Gail
Women’s roles at MUSC

A NEW ON-LINE EXHIBIT FROM THE LIBRARY’S UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES

Women’s roles at the Medical University of South Carolina are as varied as the women themselves. From the announcement of the acceptance of female students in 1895 to the selection of the first female dean of the College of Medicine in 2010, women have significantly influenced and impacted the direction of the Medical University. In their roles as faculty, staff, and students, these pioneers opened up the health professions and the field of scientific research to generations of females hoping to pursue careers in medicine and science. The following women are but a few of the hundreds of women that have made their mark.

This is a working site, or you may want to call it, a “living exhibit.” The exhibit began with women that University Archives already had biographical statements and photographs. Archives will start with these initial women and then add individuals over time. Every month one or two new biographies will be posted; so check back in the next couple of months for new additions!

For more information about the web exhibit, please contact Brooke Fox, University archivist at foxeb@musc.edu.

New NurseTabs application available

NurseTabs (iPhone/iPod Touch app) has released a new app called NurseTabs-Pharmacology. Developed by Holly and Shawn Austin it is the only app for Pharmacology that is a tool reference/study tool that is specific to how it is taught to nursing students rather than a typical drug guide. In its first five days since its release it has received great reviews on iTunes and has soared into the top 60 for medical apps out of the thousands available for sale. The price is $9.99 price and will soon to be available on Verizon’s Android series.

If you purchased the original NurseTabs, which will soon be called “NurseTabs-Med/Surg,” you will be able to receive a free update which will include over 100 new diseases/diagnosis in September. A third app is in development and will be released in October (more details to come). All of these apps are designed to aid the student nurse from an educator’s perspective.

Holly recently won a national educator’s award and has spoken to many groups nationally about the unique perspective she brings with technology. To find out more information about NurseTabs visit, http://nursetabs.com/pharmacology.html.

VISA no longer accepted for payment

Starting with the fall 2010 semester, MUSC will not accept VISA branded debit or credit cards for student account payments. MUSC will continue to accept MasterCard, American Express, and Discover credit cards. The convenience fee from credit card payments made online through WebAdvisor will change from a flat fee of $60 to 2.5 percent of the payment amount. Additionally, the flat late fee charge of $125 will be changed to 1.5 percent of the monthly balance.

The University will continue to provide the option on e-Check on the web as an alternative to debit card payments. This option requires no additional fees. MUSC is not the only university in the state that has been forced to reevaluate accepting VISA. Clemson, USC, Winthrop, College of Charleston and others have already stopped accepting VISA. Many other colleges and universities across the country have also stopped accepting VISA and have found the cost savings are substantial.

If you have any questions, contact studacct@musc.edu or visit www.musc.edu/studentaccounting.

Writing Center to host nurse-poet

MUSC’s Writing Center is bringing nurse-writer Veneta Mason to Charleston to lead two programs under the umbrella “Writing and healing: Conversations about the humanities and health care.”

Thursday, September 2, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
“Creative Responses to Illness and healing”
Veneta Mason will facilitate a discussion about the importance of storytelling in health care, focusing on how stories of both patients and caregivers improve patient-caregiver relationships and foster healing.
Venue: Charleston County Public Library

Friday, September 3, 12 - 2 p.m.
“The Poetry of Caretaking”
Veneta Mason will share her story about how creative writing, particularly poetry, has influenced her professional work in health care.
Venue: Baruch Auditorium at MUSC

For more information, contact Lisa Kerr, PhD at kerli@musc.edu.

This program is sponsored by The Humanities Council SC, a state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities; inspiring, engaging and enriching South Carolinians with programs on literature, history, culture and heritage.
**AUGUST**

10  **TUESDAY**  
New Faculty Welcome  
4:30 p.m.  
Colcock Hall

12  **THURSDAY**  
Student Government Association  
End of Semester celebration  
6 - 9 p.m.  
Mad River, Market Street

12-13  **THURSDAY-FRIDAY**  
MUSC Board of Trustees meeting

23-25  **MONDAY-WEDNESDAY**  
Accelerated BSN new student orientation

26  **THURSDAY**  
Stethoscope Ceremony  
4:30 p.m.  
St. Luke’s Chapel

6  **MONDAY**  
Labor Day  
College closed

**SEPTEMBER**

1-2  **WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY**  
Visit from NINR Deputy Director, Mary Kerr

2  **THURSDAY**  
Veneta Mason, nurse poet  
“Creative Responses to Illness and Healing”  
6 - 7:30 p.m.  
Charleston County Public Library

3  **FRIDAY**  
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**Getting to know... Bernie Jansen**

*Position:* Information resource consultant  
*How many years at MUSC?* One  
*How many years at CON?* One  
*Hometown:* Akron, OH  
*Alma Mater:* University of Akron  
*Family/Pets:* Franny, wife (OR nurse at University Hospital); and two dogs, Jorja and Roxy.

*Superstitious?* No  
*Worst habit?* Biting my fingernails when I’m thinking.  
*Collect anything?* DVD/Blue-ray discs.  
*What time did you get up this morning?* 6:20 a.m.  
*What music are you currently into?* Indie rock  
*What did you want to be growing up?* Baseball player  
*What book is on your night stand?* War of the Worlds  
*Last movie you saw?* Inception  
*Webpage bookmarks?* All things Google  
*If you could have any superpower, what would it be?* Flying  
*Opening ceremonies of the Olympic games*  
*First concert ever attended?* The Pink Floyd Experience with my father  
*In your opinion, what is the world’s greatest problem?* Inconsideration of others  
*Talent I’d most like to have:* Speak in many languages  
*Coke or Pepsi?* Coke

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**NURSU 409**  
**COMMUNITY PROJECTS POSTER DAY 2010**

Monday, August 9  
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**CON Historical Library**

Come out and support CON’s 3rd semester BSN students!
Student tech support

Student technology support services in the Education Center and Library Building offers the following services and support. Remember to utilize these services that the University makes available to all MUSC students.

- Laptops
- Academic Software Access
- In-Warranty Hardware Support
- General Troubleshooting
- Smartphones and Similar Mobile Devices

Support Services is located at the Library’s 4th Floor Service Desk. Hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12 - 4 p.m. For questions, contact stusuppt@musc.edu or visit [http://stss.library.musc.edu](http://stss.library.musc.edu).

CON student handbook changes

The following revisions to the CON Student Handbook have been approved by faculty:

- Section III: Admission Policies, page 4, the BSN admission requirement of the SAT/ACT has been removed.
- Section IV: Progression Policies, page 2, the following statement has been revised: “if an under graduate baccalaureate student earns less than 2.0 or a ‘WF’ in a second nursing course, the student is dismissed from the program and is ineligible for readmission into the College of Nursing. If a master’s or DNP student earns less than 3.0 or a ‘WF’ in a second nursing course, the student is dismissed from the program and is ineligible for readmission into the College of Nursing.”

2nd quarter NCLEX scores - 100%

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) released the College of Nursing’s NCLEX (National Council Licensure Examination) second quarter results. 100 percent of College of Nursing graduates taking the national examination between April 1 and June 30, 2010 passed.

The NCSBN has developed the examination used by its member boards to test the entry-level nursing competence of candidates for licensure as registered nurses and as licensed practical/vocational nurses.

CCNE seeks third party comments

MUSC College of Nursing will be undergoing a formal accreditation visit on October 18 - 20, 2010 by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) for its Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program. Any constituents such as students, alumni, faculty or members of the practice community may provide written comments and input regarding their experience with the College of Nursing and its DNP program.

Written third party comments may be sent to CCNE by September 18 to the address below:

Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education
Attention: Amanda Brownbridge, accreditation assistant
One Dupont Circle, NW
Suite 530
Washington, DC 20036-1120

Congratulations doctoral students

Congratulations to the following PhD students who passed their oral comps, proposal defense, or dissertation defense.

- Brian Conner - Oral comps
- Teresa Carnevale - Oral comps
- Julius Kehinde - Proposal defense
- Christy Miller Smith - Dissertation defense

MUSC FACULTY CONVOCATION

August 24, 2010 at 4:30 p.m.
BSB Auditorium, Room 100
Reception to follow in Colcock Hall

The keynote speaker will be Benjamin Dunlap, Ph.D., President of Wofford College. He attended Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar and completed his doctorate at Harvard University in English Language and Literature. Do not miss this opportunity to hear such a dynamic speaker.

THE POWER OF EDUCATION: Transforming Lives
June grant submissions

**Teresa Kelechi, PhD, RN** resubmitted a revised R01 application titled, “Preventing venous leg ulcers with cryotherapy: A randomized clinical trial” to the National Institutes of Health. The overall aim of this study is to test the effects of a cryotherapy on leg circulation and venous leg ulcer development in a high-risk chronic population with multiple co-morbidities.

**Berry Anderson, PhD, RN** submitted a South Carolina Clinical & Translational Research Institute KL2 application titled, “Concurrent behavioral activation and transcranial magnetic stimulation for the treatment of depression.” This application provides specialized training in advanced statistical theories, research methods, psychotherapy, and brain stimulation modalities, and explores the therapeutic benefits of administering behavioral activation therapy during transcranial magnetic stimulation sessions for individuals with major depressive disorder.

**Charlene Pope, PhD, RN, MPH, CNM** submitted an application to the National Library of Medicine. This study titled, “Community-based collections for health literacy disparities in people over 65.” The long range goal is to build sub-collections in an established online qualitative data repository that focuses on health literacy practices of older adults and can be used for literacy intervention development in the reduction of health disparities.

**Sally Stroud, EdD, ANP, BC** and **Robin Bissinger, PhD, RNC, NNP** submitted an application to the Health Resources and Services Administration under the Advanced Nursing Education Expansion (AANE) funding opportunity announcement. This application is a request for support of students enrolled in the newly implemented online Doctor of Nursing Practice/Master of Science in nursing primary care nurse practitioner program.

Funded projects

The College of Nursing received funding from the Health Resources and Services Administration for the Advanced Education Nursing Traineeship (AENT) and for the Nurse Faculty Loan Program (NFLP). The AENT grant is for financial support for students enrolled in advanced education nursing programs to prepare nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, nurse anesthetists, nurse educators, public health nurses and nurses in other specialties requiring advanced education. The NFLP grant is for financial loan support for students enrolled in a PhD, DNP program and students enrolled in a MSN degree program.

Congratulations to **Deborah Williamson, DHA, RN, MSN** for receiving another year of funding from Charleston County School District for the ABRAZOS Childhood Development program in the amount of $8,279. ABRAZOS is a bilingual early childhood development program designed for 3-year old Spanish-speaking children in order to promote school readiness, as well as improve their mother’s English and literacy skills.

Publications & Presentations


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PRESENTATIONS

Bonham, P. Evolution of Ostomy, Wound and Continence nursing in the U.S. and around the globe: The legacy of Norma Gill. Keynote address. WOCN-WCET International Conference, Phoenix, AZ. June 2010

Bonham, P., Kelechi, T., Mueller, M., Robison, J. Are toe pressures measured by a portable photoplethysmograph (PPG) equivalent to standard laboratory tests to detect lower extremity arterial disease (LEAD)? Research poster, WOCN-WCET International Conference, Phoenix, AZ. June 2010.


Office of RESEARCH

Domestic violence toolkit released

The Office of Practice has unveiled a new web site that provides health professionals tools and resources to care for patients in abusive relationships. The web site, www.IPVtoolkit.org, was funded by The Duke Endowment and developed by the College of Nursing’s faculty, staff and students. The web site aims to promote effective screening and appropriate referral for health care providers when they come into contact with victims of intimate partner violence (IPV). IPVtoolkit.org provides educational materials including a video, “Picking Up the Pieces,” that can be downloaded. “Picking up the pieces,” written by Gail Gilden, ScD, RN, defines interpersonal violence and encourages victims to seek help from their primary care provider. This video is also available in Spanish. A team of experts is currently reviewing the site for its content and possible additions.

In addition, Deborah Williamson, DHA, RN, MSN presented the IPV Toolkit to providers at the Coordinated Community Response to Domestic Violence (CCRDV) monthly meeting on July 21 in North Charleston. While Anna Tecklenburg presented the website at ZONTA International on June 24. ZONTA International is an organization that brings community resources together in collaboration to advocate for victims and to raise awareness and prevent interpersonal violence in the Tri-County.

To learn more about the IPV Toolkit, contact Deborah Williamson at wilmsnd@musc.edu or Maria Toler at tolerm@musc.edu.

WOCN news

Phyllis Bonham, PhD, RN, MSN, CWOCN, FAAN, Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses (WOCN) Society President, presided over the first joint international conference of the WOCN and World Council of Enterostomal Therapists (WCET) June 12-16. This global meeting brought together WOCN nurses from 39 countries.

Additionally, the WOCN Society celebrated that the American Nurses Association has officially recognized wound, ostomy and continence nursing as a nursing specialty and approved the WOC nurse scope and standards of practice.
Newman selected for prestigious Liberty Fellowship

Liberty Fellowship has announced that Medical University of South Carolina College of Nursing assistant professor, Susan D. Newman, PhD, RN, CRRN has been selected as a young South Carolina leader who will join their 2012 class. Susan was chosen from a pool of 400 candidates spread across the state. The 22-member class represents business, government and nonprofit sectors of South Carolina.

Liberty Fellowship seeks to inspire outstanding leadership in South Carolina, empowering the state and its future leaders to realize their full potential. The six-year-old program fosters value-based leadership by exposing rising young leaders, ages 30 - 45, to diverse perspectives, critical thinking, and intellectual and personal development.

“I was delighted to nominate Dr. Newman for this fellowship. She is an ideal candidate for this program and will represent the College of Nursing and the Medical University very effectively,” said Dr. Raymond Greenberg, president of MUSC.

The integrity of each Liberty Fellowship class depends largely on the blend of differences and diversity of perspectives of the individual leaders. Finding the right mix is a key focus of the Liberty Fellowship.

“The members of this class span a broad and interesting spectrum. They are established leaders who represent a mosaic of backgrounds, skills and experiences,” said Jennie Johnson, executive director of Liberty Fellowship.

In addition to attending four seminars over the two-year period, including one Aspen Institute global seminar with leaders from around the world, each class member commits to completing a personal project that will have a positive impact on the state.

“I am absolutely thrilled and honored to be selected as a Liberty Fellow. I am looking forward to meeting and learning from other leaders around the state who share my interest in making a positive difference in the communities of South Carolina,” said Susan.

Susan is an assistant professor in the College of Nursing and College of Graduate Studies at the Medical University of South Carolina. She previously worked as a staff nurse at Roper Rehabilitation Hospital. Currently, her career is focused on community-based rehabilitation and health promotion intervention research with people with spinal cord injuries.

Duffy earns certification

Nancy Duffy, DNP, RN, CEN, CNE has earned the designation Certified Nurse Educator (CNE) after meeting strict eligibility criteria and successfully completing a rigorous certification examination developed and administered by the National League for Nursing.

Congratulations, Nancy.

Looking for a good read?

Getting What We Deserve: Health & Medical Care in America by Alfred Sommer, MD, MHS offers a radical approach to health and disease.

“This small gem gamely takes on America’s health care crisis. Making ample use of graphs, tables and maps to illustrate his clear history, Sommer offers a commonsense approach to our dilemma. Want to understand the West’s dramatic improvements in life expectancy? Consider simple, inexpensive improvements in standards of living and public health, such as sanitation and nutrition, that predated the explosion of drugs and medical interventions, he asserts. Will the public option impair our national health? Look no further than Canada and England, where it works—and where residents are just as long-lived and healthy. His cry may get lost in the noisy national debate, but its clarity deserves to be heard.” - Publishers Weekly

Want a new faculty photo taken? Call Digital Imaging at 792-3000 to set up an appointment.
MUWC scholarship applications available

The Medical University Women’s Club (MUWC) scholarship application for 2010 has been posted on the MUSC website: http://academicdepartments.musc.edu/womensclub/scholarship.htm

All full-time MUSC students in their second or subsequent years from any of the six MUSC colleges are eligible and encouraged to apply for these annual scholarships. Previous applicants may reapply. Last year eleven students were awarded a total of $10,000. This year, thanks to generosity and hard work, the Medical University’s Women’s Club will award $15,000 in scholarships.

The deadline for submission of applications on-line is Friday, September 3 at 4 p.m.

The Scholarship Committee of the Medical University Women’s Club will review the applications and select scholarship recipients based on financial need, academic achievement, and community and university service. An applicant’s transcript, personal statement and letter of recommendation from an MUSC faculty member are required and are an important part of each application.

Scholarship recipients will be notified by September 17 and recognized on September 22 at the Medical University Women’s Club annual membership coffee at the home of Dr. Ray and Mrs. Leah Greenberg.

Thank you letter to students from community leader

The following letter was sent to CON assistant professor, Cindy Hudson, DNSc, RN PHCNs, BC about her community health nursing classes (NURSU 409).

Cindy,

Thank you and congratulations on a successful health check pilot!! Your participation in the mass food distribution on July 17 (Charleston Housing Authority, 550 Meeting Street in Charleston) made a lasting and transformational effect in the lives of dozens of clients receiving food assistance through the Lowcountry Food Bank. Please share this email and the enclosed photos with your entire group of students to acknowledge their contribution to this project’s success.

The glucose and blood pressure checks, referrals and outreach materials regarding healthy eating tips enhanced the Junior League sponsored mass food distribution. More than 250 families received nearly 11,000 pounds (including fresh watermelon and bananas, canned tuna, dried pinto beans, ravioli, assorted canned vegetables, assorted soup, brown rice, Cheesburger Mac, assorted vegetable soups, and other food items). Despite the record high temperatures, the MUSC nursing students served everyone with kindness and dignity, patiently responding to all inquiries, and expertly guiding Food Bank’s clients through outreach materials. Thank you for making this project such a tremendous success, it is your enthusiasm and hard work that allows us serving underprivileged families in such a highly impactful way!

We, at the Lowcountry Food Bank, truly applaud and graciously thank each and every one of the participating MUSC students for your remarkable support of this weekend and hope for continued partnership. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly, if you have any additional questions about our programs and services, or if you would like to participate in another volunteer project serving low-income families, children and the elderly.

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Director of Development and Programs
Lowcountry Food Bank
www.lowcountryfoodbank.org
CON welcomes new DNP and PhD students

In July, the College of Nursing welcomed 84 new DNP students and 14 new PhD students to its MUSC campus. The new cohort of students came to Charleston for their orientation to the world of doctoral education. The admission of these new students brings the total number of doctoral students educated at the MUSC College of Nursing to 172, making us the largest educator of doctoral degree nurses in South Carolina. Students in the DNP and PhD programs help to “fuel the nursing pipeline” by working as advanced practice nurses and nursing faculty upon graduation.