This is a great time of the year – we are welcoming new students into our family and accepting applications for our next round of admissions. It also is the time of year when many of us are asked the question: Why should I come to MUSC over another school or program? I welcome this question because it allows me to extol our many accomplishments and assets and I hope you do the same. So, to help you respond most effectively you might relate the following:

- A 95% pass rate for NCLEX-RN in 2010.
- A 100% pass rate for AANP certification exam for family nurse practitioner in 2010.
- A 92% graduation rate for 2010-11.
- Current enrollment of 435 nursing students:
  > 177 BSN (baccalaureate)
  > 39 MSN (masters)
  > 163 DNP (doctor of nursing practice)
  > 56 PhD (doctoral)
- Leading the state in educating over 250 future primary care NPs and educators.
- An underrepresented diversity rate of 23% for the College, with 55% diversity in BSN program.
- Students participation in over 3,000 simulations in our state-of-the-art Simulation Center.
- Of our tenure track faculty, 87% are doctorally prepared.
- Ranked in the top 50 nursing programs in NIH funding nationally in 2010.
- Increased total grants funded by 25% this past year.
- Received $865,425 in grants for practice initiatives this past year.
- Outstanding levels of satisfaction among our students, staff and faculty:
  > 97% of our graduating students believe they made the right choice in selecting CON.
  > 97% of our current students believe they are receiving a high quality education.
  > 90% of our staff are pleased to be working at the MUSC CON.
  > 100% of our faculty believe that they made the right choice in selecting CON.

I hope you agree with me in thinking that this list is most impressive. If so, spread the word far and wide and share in the pride of who we are and what we do...Gail
Enhance your job performance

MUSC’s Department of Human Resources Management has created several staff development and training classes in order to enhance skills, job performance, and job satisfaction. Below is a list of topics that have been scheduled for fall.

- Accounting 101
- University Purchasing Card Training
- TeamWork: The Impact of Communication & Collaboration
- Employee Relations
- Employment 101 - Selecting Talent
- Handling Controversial Issues (This workshop is a three hour training session designed to assist individuals within a group setting on handling tough interpersonal intergroup conflicts.)
- Respect In The Workplace
- Anti-Harassment
- Time/Organizational Management
- Family Medical Leave Act (This training is designed to explain policies and procedures as it relates to the FMLA.)
- Preparing for Retirement

To view dates, times and additional information on the training courses, visit http://academicdepartments.musc.edu/vpfa/hrm/training/training-page or contact VeLonda Dantzler at vyd@musc.edu.

New staff welcome

Please welcome Cam Spencer to the College of Nursing. Cam has been hired as program coordinator to assist Teresa Kelechi, PhD on her RO1 cryotherapy project. She will work on the 5th floor and share office space with Moby Madisetti. If Cam looks familiar to some it is because she was a clinical instructor for the CON in the 1970’s. If you remember Cam, stop by room 527 and say “hi.”

DE state Senator, graduate visits CON

On July 27, CON welcomed Bethany Hall-Long, PhD back to the MUSC campus. Dr. Hall-Long is a graduate of the College of Nursing, a professor at the University of Delaware, and is currently serving as a Delaware state senator. She spoke with faculty and students about her experience being a nurse, a health care advocate and a policy maker in Delaware. Dr. Hall-Long was visiting the College as a part of the Janelle Othersen Visiting Professorship series.

Left to right: Sen. Bethany Hall-Long, Mrs. Janelle Othersen, Dean Gail Stuart, and Dr. Biemann Othersen.
AUGUST
4-5 THURSDAY-FRIDAY
MSN & DNP immersion
(current students only)

9 TUESDAY
New Faculty Orientation
12:15 - 2:45 p.m.
CHP 204-A

11-12 THURSDAY-FRIDAY
Board of Trustees Meeting

22-26 MONDAY-FRIDAY
BSN New Student Orientation

23 TUESDAY
Faculty Convocation
4:30 p.m.
BSB 100

24 WEDNESDAY
New International Student Orientation
Designed for incoming international students to help
them familiarize and adjust to MUSC and the
surrounding Charleston community.
4 - 5:30 p.m.
Harper Student Center, 45 Courtenay Dr
Rebecca Mueller at muellemr@musc.edu

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

SEPTMBER
5 MONDAY
Labor Day - CON closed

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
Stethoscope Ceremony
August 25
4:30 p.m.
St. Luke’s Chapel

Search Facebook for “MUSC College of Nursing”
and like us to stay up to date on news and events
happening at the College.

Like us on Facebook

Or click here on the link below.
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The MUSC College of Nursing group
will be archived in the near future and
our group page is likely to disappear. If
you are a member of CON’s group page
be sure to like us on our new Facebook
page so that we can stay in touch.
June supply drive for My Sister’s House

The College of Nursing second and third semester students held a Supply Drive for My Sister’s House resulting in 177 items such as dish soap, paper towels, and trash bags collected. To motivate student participation, the classes challenged each other with the winning class getting a pizza party. My Sister’s House is an organization that provides services, programs and resources to empower victims of domestic violence and their children to live free from abuse. It serves victims in Berkeley, Charleston, and Dorchester Counties.

After counting, re-counting, and re-counting, the third semester students won by one item! The pizza party was on July 20 immediately following a test!

Special thanks to Anna Calhoun, Andrew Stufflebean, and Jade Wallace for their leadership with this project. Anna shared, “Ms. Raven at My Sister’s House was so grateful for the donations and inspired by the support of the students.”

Scholarship candidates on campus

Andre Estrada, Kristen Green, Elizabeth Kelly, Lauren Johnson, and Catherine Reeves, incoming accelerated BSN students, were on campus on July 26 to interview for the Medical University Hospital Patron Scholarship and Elsie Morgan Scholarship. Candidates met with MUHA and College of Nursing administrators, toured the Sim Lab, and enjoyed lunch with current students. Students were selected to interview based on their incoming GPA’s. The average GPA of the five students was a stellar 3.8. All had equally impressive community service and references. The scholarship recipients will be selected and notified in August.

Assignments are due when?

Graduate students have requested that a standard time be delineated for when assignments are due in all graduate courses. Faculty Assembly voted that this time would be 11:55 p.m. or 2355 EST. This information will be included in the course syllabi as well. Having a set time will eliminate students having to remember this for each course they are taking. However, this does not hold true for undergraduate courses.

Moodle testing requirements

In order to take tests using Moodle you will need the following applications:

- Mozilla Firefox 5
- Java (up to date version)
- Compatible wireless connection (802.11g)

PhD and DNP students visit CON

The College of Nursing welcomed 114 doctoral students to Charleston in July. Seventy DNP, 14 MSN and 44 PhD students convened on the CON campus to meet faculty, set-up schedules, meet with advisors and network with fellow students.

NCLEX

The second quarter NCLEX report is in and CON’s pass rate for first time takers was 98%! That gives us an overall rate of 98% for the first two quarters. The overall second quarter rate for the state is 92% and the nation is 90%.

Congratulations to all!
Funded grants
The College of Nursing received another year of 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 Margaret B. Kennedy (Betsy) RN, MSN a Doctoral Student for receiving funds from The National League for Nursing for her proposal titled, “Fostering developmental networks for mentorship of nurse faculty: Connections that count.” The goals of this study are to explore methods to enhance faculty development, retention and satisfaction as key elements in preparing nurses of the future and therefore foundational for translation and implementation of scientific discoveries.

Congratulations to Kathleen T. Brady, MD, PhD (PD) along with Jeannette Andrews, PhD, APRN-BC, FNP (Co-PD) and Kathryn Magrud-er, PhD (Co-PD) for receiving a Video Consent Supplement titled, “Video assisted research consent (SCTR supplement).” The specific aims of this projects are to: 1) Develop a multi-media approach to presenting important consent information by producing a video library of frequently encountered research procedures, and 2) Pilot test materials developed in Aim 1 through an “electronic” research informed consent process compared with the traditional “paper” research informed consent process. They hypothesize that the electronic consent supplemented with video taped educational materials will be superior to the consent process. The long term goal is to improve human subject comprehension and satisfaction with the research consent process by incorporating multi-media components, ultimately promoting improved community relationships.

Grant submissions
Martina Mueller, PhD (Co-Investigator) submitted a sub-contract to the University of Florida. The title of the study is “Adequate breast milk for improved health of very low birth weight pre-term infants.” The overall objective of this three year study is to identify a means wherein mothers of very low birth weight (VLBW) infants can provide a more adequate breast milk supply and in doing so foster their sense of self-efficacy, and improve health outcomes in their VLBW infants.

Ida J. Spruill, PhD, RN, LISW resubmitted an R01 to NIH. The title of her grant is “Ethno-Cultural barriers to health literacy/disease management in African Americans.” The proposed study will use a mixed method approach to: examine ethno-cultural variations in health literacy (including the conceptualization of diabetes as an illness) among African Americans from four distinct regions in South Carolina, and develop and test a new instrument, the Diabetes Cultural Health Literacy Survey, to assess illness perceptions, self-management strategies, cultural beliefs and learning preferences in adult African American men and women with Type 2 Diabetes (T2DM).

Publications and presentations
PUBLICATIONS
Egan, B.M., Laken, M.A. (2011). Is blood pressure control to less than 140/less than 90 mmHg in 50% of all hypertensive patients as good as we can do in the USA: or is this as good as it gets?. Current Opinion in Cardiology. 26(4): 300-7.


PRESENTATIONS
CON Presents at 12th Summer Institute

Anna Tecklenburg, program coordinator of the Hispanic Health Initiative (HHI) and Romina McCandless, program coordinator of PASOs, presented at the South Carolina Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy’s (SCCPTP) Annual Summer Institute. Over the course of the past decade, the SCCPTP’s Annual Summer Institute has come to be recognized as one of the leading teen pregnancy prevention conferences in the entire country. This year it was held in June in Myrtle Beach and was attended by nearly 500 colleagues from across the country. Anna and Romina conducted a workshop on “Portales de Salud,” a pilot project that they designed and implemented to equip Latino parents with the reproductive health knowledge and communication skills to be able to talk to their teenagers about sex.

PASOs news

The MUSC PASOs program continues to conduct outreach events within the community and at migrant camps. PASOs coordinator Romina McCandless and Hispanic Health Initiative (HHI) Scholar Will Torres volunteered to assist the Charleston County School District by providing STI, folic acid, and contraceptive information to men and women at migrant camps on Edisto Island and in Hollywood.

Aside from conducting outreach activities, PASOs has also been working on expanding the services it provides to the Latino community and has partnered with The Benefit Bank of SC to assist clients with benefits enrollment to improve access to health and social services. Two PASOs representatives are now trained Benefit Bank counselors and are able to assist Latino clients with signing up for Medicaid, SNAP, and TANF benefits.

PASOs also strives to keep informed of the latest developments in the field of reproductive health. Recently, program coordinator Romina, and evaluation coordinator Lucy Wilms attended the National Summit on Preconception Health in Tampa, FL. The summit, hosted by the CDC, HRSA, and the Florida Department of Health, showcased the ideas, innovation, and expertise that have emerged in the field of preconception health over the past five years. PASOs will use the information learned to help outline a preconception health plan for working with the Latino community of SC.

YES Campaign

For a second year in row Maria Toler has volunteered to be the College’s YES campaign representative. The mission of the YES Campaign is to promote employee support in the areas of research, education, and patient care in accordance with the mission of MUSC.

If you wish to make a donation, drop off a check to Maria in room 522, or e-mail her at tolerm@musc.edu and she will stop by and collect your donation. Thank you all for supporting this important initiative.