Highest kudos to everyone here in the College! Our MUSC Excellence survey scores attest to our high standards, incredible teamwork and focused dedication to our education, research and practice missions. We are leading the university on many of the Pillar Goals and so I dedicate this column to celebrating and recognizing some of the many aspects of our success as reflected in the following results. Congratulations to all for incredible work performance...Gail

FY 2010-11 PILLAR GOALS - CON MUSC EXCELLENCE

**SERVICE**
- Graduating students believe they made the RIGHT choice in selecting CON at 90% or higher or would choose this experience again – **WE SCORED 97%**
- Current students believe they are receiving a high quality education at 90% or higher – **WE SCORED 97%**
- Achieve customer service satisfaction rate of 90% or higher in Office of Academics, Student Services, NTC, Research, Practice, Dean’s Office and Faculty – **WE SCORED 99-100%**

**QUALITY**
- Achieve pass rate on licensure exams of 90% - **WE SCORED 95%**
- Achieve 90% graduation rate each program - **WE SCORED 92%**
- Achieve E-Value score of 4.2 or higher for ‘students satisfied with faculty eff. as teacher’ – **WE SCORED 4.25**
- Rank in the top 50 schools of nursing in NIH funding – **WE RANKED #48 NATIONALLY**

**PEOPLE**
- Faculty made the right choice in selecting MUSC CON at 90% or higher - **WE SCORED 100%**
- 90% of staff are pleased to be working at MUSC CON – **WE SCORED 96.8%**

**GROWTH**
- Increase total grant submissions by 10% - **WE INCREASED BY 15%**

**FINANCE**
- Budget to Actual - Actual expenses will not exceed any revised budgets for FY 2010 - **WE CAME IN AT 94% OF BUDGET**
- Increase extramural funding by 5% - **WE INCREASED BY 22%**
**JULY**

**4 MONDAY**
Independence Day - CON closed

**9 SATURDAY**
Kayaking with CON at Middleton Place
10 a.m. (please arrive at 9:15)
Cost: $25
Email Katie Brasseur at brasseur@musc.edu to sign-up.

**11-15 MONDAY - FRIDAY**
PhD Immersion Week

**18 MONDAY**
Retirement Party for Drs. Phyllis Bonham and Mary Martin
4 p.m.
CON Historical Library

**27-29 WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY**
DNP Orientation

**27 WEDNESDAY**
Bethany Hall Long, PhD, RNC, FAAN,
Janelle Othersen Visiting Professor
5 - 6 p.m.
Storm Eye Institute Auditorium

**AUGUST**

**4-5 THURSDAY-FRIDAY**
MSN & DNP immersion (current students only)

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

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**MUSC COLLEGE OF NURSING**

**JANELLE OTHERSEN VISITING PROFESSOR SERIES**

“Advocacy and Policy in Health Care: Making it Happen”

Bethany Hall-Long, PhD
- Professor, University of Delaware School of Nursing
- Delaware State Senator
- Graduate of MUSC College of Nursing

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 27**
5:00 - 6:00 P.M.
STORM EYE AUDITORIUM
Student essays receive recognition

The College of Nursing has had two students participate and receive recognition for the essays they submitted for the Robert Wood Johnson New Careers in Nursing degree program. Altonya McMillan and Deana Phouksouvath have had their essays posted on the following sites:

http://www.newcareersinnursing.org/scholars/essay-contest/winners/altonya-mcmillan
http://www.newcareersinnursing.org/scholars/essay-contest/winners/deana-phouksouvath

The essay contest is a way for students to share their personal story about why the student wanted to become a nurse, what the student has learned, who has inspired the student, and what the student wants to contribute to the profession. The hope of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation New Careers in Nursing is to help students’ realize their dream of becoming nurse and inspiring others. Each essay begins with, “I believe this about nursing.”

Altonya’s essay begins, “I believe this about nursing…I will make a difference.” Altonya has a Master of Business Administration in International Business, coupled with second language skills (Spanish), and believes all of this will be useful as she begins her nursing career. She writes, “I plan to integrate it all!

Deana’s essay begins, “I believe this about nursing…nursing is about touching the lives of others while providing optimal care for patient’s health and well-being.” Deana writes, “My grandfather was an inspiration to me. He was a general doctor in Laos prior to the catastrophic events of the Viet Nam War. His stories helped me know I wanted a life-long career of providing care for others.”

Congratulations to Altonya and Deana!

Alumni Board
Seeking Leaders

The College of Nursing Alumni Board is seeking enthusiastic alumni to serve on the Board in various roles for the 2011-12 academic year. The primary focus of the Board is the annual Homecoming and Silent Auction. This year’s Homecoming is scheduled for Friday, March 2, 2012.

For more information about specific positions available and commitment, please contact Susan Newman at newmansu@musc.edu or Mardi Long at longm@musc.edu by July 29.

Are you are square, circle, triangle, or squiggle?

Joan Herbert, director of organizational performance for MUHA, provided a lunch and learn workshop on June 13 to the Robert Wood Johnson News Careers in Nursing scholarship recipients. The topic of the presentation was identifying personal strengths and communication skills based on personality traits associated with shapes. Interaction with students and faculty generated great conversation and all shapes were represented among the group!
Williams receives scholarship to health disparities workshop

Congratulations to Tiffany Williams, MSN, APRN, CPNP-PC for receiving a full scholarship to attend the 9th Annual Disparities in Health in America: Looking at America in A Global Context Summer Workshop held June 20 – 25, 2011 at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, TX. The goal of the workshop was to provide the attendees with a comprehensive approach to the issue of health disparities and a broad knowledge base of the bio-psychosocial approach in addressing health disparities.

In the past, this workshop has been found to be of great interest to healthcare professionals, social workers, students, fellows, community members, civic and governmental leaders.


Funded grants

Congratulations to Chartlene Pope, PhD, MPH. She assisted Florence Hutchison, MD, chief of staff at the Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center (VAMC), in securing a program grant from the VA Office of Specialty Care Services to improve electronic and phone consultations with specialty services for providers in primary care to better reach Veterans in rural areas and at outlying Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs). The program will commence at the Ralph H. Johnson VAMC and its CBOCs along the coast (Myrtle Beach, SC to Savannah, GA) and then will be extended to the VA Southeast Network (VISN 7). Lisa Sternke, PhD, a CON doctoral graduate, will be the program coordinator.

Congratulations to Marilyn A. Laken, PhD, RN, FAAN (Co-PI) along with Dr. Brent M. Egan, MD (Co-PI) for receiving funds from the National Institutes of Health, for their R34 proposal titled “Controlling blood pressure in treatment resistant hypertension: A pilot study.” This two-year pilot study is designated to establish the feasibility, safety, and comparative effectiveness of four evidence-based treatment strategies including a combination of two of them for improving BP control in a diverse population of Treatment Resistant Hypertension (TRH) patients in a wide variety of community-base practice settings.

Grant submissions

Janelle L. Wagner, PhD (PI) along with CON doctoral student, Gigi Smith, MSN, APRN, CPNP (Co-I) submitted an R21 application titled “Coping with epilepsy (COPE): A youth and caregiver self-management intervention.” This application was submitted in response to Program Announcement 10-069, Research Project Grant and represents an innovative, theory driven self-management intervention for a vulnerable population, families of youth with epilepsy (YWE). This study aims to examine the feasibility and preliminary efficacy of the COPE intervention to improve self-management cognitions and behavior in YWE and their caregivers.

Pamela H. Williams, JD, PhD, RN also submitted an R21 application in response to Program Announcement 10-069. Her study, “Clarifying values in decisions whether to contribute to genomic research biobanks,” will explore mechanisms to assess need and measure outcomes of strategies to improve disclosure and support for patients asked to contribute to biobanks to support future genomic research.

Sally Kennedy PhD, APRN, FNP-C, CNE submitted an proposal to the Duke Endowment titled, “IP GAPPs: Interprofessional gaming applications promoting patient safety.” The goal of this application is to promote a culture of improved patient safety by developing an online, interactive virtual environment in which interprofessional teams of students become immersed to evaluate medical errors, develop system-level strategies to prevent future mistakes, and cultivate specific, foundational skills to promote and sustain interprofessional communication, collaborations, and cooperation.

Congratulations

Teresa Kelechi, PHD, RN received the Gamma Omicron at-Large Chapter Research Recognition Award for 2011 for her leadership and scholarship in nursing research. The award was presented May 24 at the annual Chapter Business meeting. Teresa was nominated for the award by her mentee, PhD student, Robin Matutina.
Hispanic Roundtable on HIV/AIDS

The Hispanic Roundtable on HIV/AIDS had nearly 100 participants from all over the state including 25 MUSC College of Nursing students attend the annual Hispanic Roundtable. This is the third year that the College of Nursing and LowCountry AIDS Services have collaborated to organize this event. The sessions included a panel presentation on various initiatives taking place throughout SC to combat HIV/AIDS in the Hispanic community and training on community mobilization and leadership development. The Roundtable continues to grow in size and has been a great avenue for pulling professionals together across the state with the ultimate goal of reducing the rate of HIV/AIDS.

CCHP CU Expo

The Center for Community Health Partnerships (CCHP) was well represented at the recent Campus-University (CU) Partnerships Expo, held May 10 - 14 in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. A team of seven academic researchers and community partners attended the conference, making six presentations in total. Three teams from the 2009 cohort of the Community Engaged Scholars Program traveled to present the findings of their research. These teams included:

1) Susan Newman, MUSC CON and Gwen Gillenwater, disability Resource Center; “Unmet health needs of individuals with disabilities in the Tri-County area.”

2) Carol Wagner, MUSC COM; Kathy Stone, Select Health SC; Joyce Winkler, Gloria Warner, Carolina Rodriguez all with Eau Claire Community Health Center Cooperative; “Importance of Vitamin D as it relates to health status and disease.”

3) Renata S. Leite, MUSC CODM; Beth Carpenter, Town of Hollywood, SC; “Oral health promotion in Hollywood, SC.”

In addition, Jeanette Andrews and Melissa Cox from the CCHP also attended the conference, presenting on topics such as best practices for community advisory boards, IRB processes for community-engaged research and the CES Program.

HHI conducts health screenings

CON students who are apart of the HHI Scholar program have been conducting health screenings at migrant camps on Johns and Wadmalaw Islands. Will Torres, Justin Frichtel, and Alex Allen went to the camps as part of their Population Focused Nursing clinicals. They took blood pressures, conducted glucose screenings and assessed participants prior to an HIV test. These screenings were done in collaboration with Franklin C. Fetter Family Health Center and LowCountry AIDS Services.

The Teen Health Leadership Project

On May 24, the Teen Health Leadership Project (THLP) concluded it’s fourth year with a banquet at St. John’s High School. Families and friends joined the TLHP students to celebrate their many accomplishments. Following a slide show of the year’s highlights, students spoke about the research, outreach and workshops that occurred throughout the year. The THLP wishes the best to Morgan Smith, April Magwood, Jesse Edwards and Alayah Hamlin who will make their way to college in the fall. The THLP will resume in August for it’s fifth year at St. John’s High School.
Kayaking with CON @ Middleton

Saturday, July 9th at 10am

The Fine Print: See Katie Brasseur to sign up (brasseur@musc.edu). Cost is $25 per person, make checks payable to MUSC CON SGA. This cost includes the kayak gear (if you need it) and the guided trip. We will leave from Middleton Place Plantation at 10am, so please be there by 9:15am. Single and tandem kayaks are available on a first come - first serve basis (16 singles, 9 doubles). Please bring your own kayak if you have one. Suggested items to bring: sunscreen, water, a snack, insect repellant and your sense of adventure!!