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Thinking Ahead: Education Innovation

By Dean Gail Stuart, PhD, RN, FAAN

It has been said that the two institutions most resistant to change are academia and health care. The belief in “business as usual” probably accounts for the high costs and sometimes questionable outcomes of these endeavors.

I am proud to say that our MUSC College of Nursing has fully embraced change and the idea of disruptive innovations, as you will see in the pages of the upcoming issue of Lifelines. In fact, in the past 10 years we have literally transformed this College of Nursing from one that was small, contained and comfortable in its niche to a college that is diverse, dynamic, and on the cutting edge of the changes that are taking place in education, research and health care. This is reflected in our three impressive achievements in 2012 that set us apart from other colleges of nursing across the country:

1) Ranked in the top 20 Best Online Graduate Nursing Programs by US News and World Report
2) Ranked 21st in NIH research funding among all colleges of nursing nationally
3) Leading the state by educating over 250 future primary care nurse practitioners and nurse educators

So you may be wondering how did we accomplish this transformation? The answer is clear and simple. First, we have a true team here in the College— working together to move each aspect of our work forward both individually and collectively. Second, we have a vision of greatness linked to preparing nurses who will shape the future of health care. Third and most important, we have a faculty and staff who embrace change, are willing to take risks, have a thirst for both quality and innovation, and are truly dedicated to the success of our students.

Together, we are constantly searching for new and better ways to do our work. We live with the understanding that change means growth, adaptation, experimentation and risk-taking. We have learned that it’s easy to come up with new ideas but the hard part is letting go of what has worked for us in the past but will soon be out of date. We also have learned that one of the pitfalls of success is the belief that what we did yesterday will be fine for tomorrow.

Here at the MUSC College of Nursing we believe that learning and innovation go hand in hand and we truly are “thinking ahead.” ...Gail
Convocation and Graduation

Congratulations to the Class of May 2013! Spring convocation will be held Thursday, May 16, at 3 p.m. at the Charleston Music Hall, 37 John Street. Graduates should arrive by 2 p.m. in order to be assisted with robing and line-up for the processional.

Graduates will wear their graduation robe and hoods. Caps are not worn at convocation. There will be a photographer at the event.

The ceremony generally lasts 1 ½ hours and includes the pinning of the undergraduate students and the hooding of the master’s and doctoral students. Several awards and recognitions are part of the program as well. Family and friends are invited to attend. Tickets are not required, however, graduates should use their best judgment regarding number of people to invite (four to five guests per graduate will be fine).

Parking is available in the area, specifically at the garage adjacent to the Francis Marion Hotel (corner of King and Calhoun Streets) and the Charleston Visitor’s Center located on Meeting Street. Arriving early and car-pooling is advised.

Friday, May 17 is graduation for the entire university. This event begins at 9 a.m., but graduates are asked to arrive at McAlister Fieldhouse, located on The Citadel campus, by 7:30 a.m. for assistance with robing and line-up for the processional. Graduates will wear their graduation robe, hoods, and caps. You may wear what you like under your gown.

The commencement website has information for candidate’s guests (including disability accommodation), as well as information about news releases, photos and videos, and adverse weather plans. There is also a map for candidate and audience seating.

National Nurses Week: May 6 - 12

This year’s theme is “Delivering Quality and Innovation in Patient Care.” Often described as an art and a science, nursing is a profession that embraces dedicated people with varied interests, strengths and passions because of the many opportunities the profession offers. Nurses have many roles – from staff nurse to educator to nurse practitioner and nurse scientist – and serve all of them with passion for the profession and with a strong commitment to patient safety.

Staff of the Year

Congratulations to Maria Toler, recipient of the College of Nursing’s 2013 Staff of the Year award. This award was presented on April 22 during the CON Administrative Professionals breakfast. Maria has been with the college since 2000, working in the Office of Practice. According to the comments from the survey, Maria exemplifies the can-do attitude and consistently goes beyond expectations. Way to go Maria!

Many other staff members nominated for the award received tremendous praise from faculty and staff: Arty Douglass goes above and beyond; demonstrating true MUSC Excellence. Sabrina Green always has a smile on her face and never gets upset or flustered. Anette Hebebrand-Verner is very genuine and makes the work environment fun. Joanne Langdale always graciously and cheerfully assists with the hiring and ongoing management of personnel. Carlos Lopez is cheerful, accommodating, easy to work with and always gives you the time you need. Moby Madisetti is a natural leader. He is well respected and respects others. Carolyn Page contributes significantly to the CON through her interactions with students, faculty and staff. Jo Smith exceptionally represents CON to our outside friends and visitors. Susan Sparks enabled us to move in a smooth and efficient manner through her tireless effort and attention to detail. Raquel Vining presents a calm, friendly, and patient demeanor and provides quiet encouragement, even when faculty and students are confused, rushed and stressed.
MAY

1 WEDNESDAY
Cross Cultural Sharing
“Cooks from Around the World”
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
CON - HOT, 10th Floor
Faculty and staff are invited to
prepare dishes from their
ethnic or cultural background

17 FRIDAY
MUSC Graduation
9 a.m. (graduates arrive by 7:30)
McAlister Fieldhouse,
The Citadel campus

16 THURSDAY
MUSC Board of Trustees Mtg.
3 p.m. (graduates arrive by 2 p.m.)
Charleston Music Hall, John St.

CON Convocation
3 p.m. (graduates arrive by 2 p.m.)
Charleston Music Hall, John St.

27 MONDAY
Memorial Day
CON closed

BULLETIN BOARD

CATTs
Faculty and staff: Please begin
working on your annual training
and disclosure requirements for
2013. Also, you must complete
an annual conflict of interest
disclosure statement. All
compliance training and
discloser statements must be
completed by June 15, 2013.

Links
Conflict of interest disclosure
CATTs modules
Presidential Scholars
Congratulations to the College of Nursing students selected to participate in Presidential Scholars: Christie Beck, Chanita Coulter, Martha Fletcher (DNP), Cameo Green (DNP), Kimbi Marenakos, Kathryn McDevitt, and Toya Williams.

The MUSC Presidential Scholars Program is the university’s premiere interprofessional program for students. It was originated by MUSC President Greenberg when he was the MUSC provost as a mechanism to enrich the academic culture of the university and promote greater interprofessional understanding among health professional students.

Student Leadership Society Selects Green
Cameo Green, DNP student, was selected for the MUSC Student Leadership Society. After graduating from College of Nursing’s MSN program, Cameo returned last fall to earn her DNP. She was recognized at the MUSC Student Leadership and Service Banquet on April 17. Congratulations!

McDevitt Elected President of SIPS
Katie McDevitt, a first semester accelerated BSN degree student, has been elected president of the Student Interprofessional Society (SIPS). SIPS is a campus-wide student group dedicated to promoting the concept of interprofessional education. As future health care professionals, students at MUSC will be expected to collaborate successfully with a wide spectrum of people outside their specialty. This group was created to facilitate interaction between disparate disciplines while still in professional training.

Fountain Featured in Essay Contest
Jacob Fountain won the “What do you believe about nursing” essay contest for March 2013 sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation’s New Careers in Nursing. This national essay contest asks nursing students to share a personal story about why they want to become a nurse, what they have learned, who inspired them or what they want to contribute to the profession. Click here to read Jacob’s response of why he dreamed of becoming a nurse.

ANP/GNP Student Scholarships Available
New ANP/GNP student scholarships (up to $5,000) are available. Some of the criteria candidates must meet include: Must be a full-time student matriculated or matriculating into either adult/gero primary care NP, adult/gero acute care NP, or adult/gero clinical nurse specialist. Applicants must plan to work in the field of nursing focusing on the older adult and must be a GAPNA member in good standing (student membership is $40). Application submission deadline is June 15, 2013. Click here for more information or to download a scholarship application.

CON’s Diversity Committee
The College’s Diversity Committee has developed a mission statement, it reads: “The College of Nursing is committed to embracing and drawing from the unique voices, experiences, and perspectives of our students, faculty, staff and volunteers in all that we do. Our commitment to diversity, health equity and inclusion informs and empowers us to reflect and effectively serve all of our constituents.”

Many thanks to all who selflessly and publicly volunteer to serve on the Diversity Committee. These individuals demonstrate commitment to the College and in seeking to forward its mission.

2013 MEMBERS:
Ida Spruill, Chair, Berry Anderson, Sabrina Green, Mardi Long, Moby Madisetti, Njideka Lynda Osuala (student), Carolyn Page, Tiffany Williams, and Willette Burnham, MUSC Office of Student Diversity

Adult NP Announcement
The American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Program (AANPCP) has announced that the Gerontology NP Nurse exam has retired as of December 28, 2012. The Adult NP program at the College of Nursing will retire within the next two years and the new Adult-Gerontology exam has started for certification. Current Adult-Gero NP students who plan to sit for certification with AANPCP upon graduation will be eligible for the Adult-Gero NP Exam.
**Funded Grants**

Nancy Duffy, DNP, RN, CEN, CNE, has received $25,000 in funding from the National Student Nursing Association (Johnson & Johnson) for the development of an electronic repository within Moodle of success strategies for students.

Sheila Smith PhD, RN and former PhD student, Catherine Ling, PhD FNP-BC, Graduate School of Nursing, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, received a Faye G. Abdellah grant to conduct the effects of mentorship on sustained weight loss and physical activity adherence related to participation in MUSC’s Healthy Charleston Challenge.

Congratulations to Michelle Mollica, MS, RN, OCN, PhD student, for receiving funds from the American Cancer Society for her proposal titled, “Transition from Breast Cancer Patient to Survivor in African American Women” for a Doctoral Degree Scholarship in Cancer Nursing. The purpose of this mixed methods study is to examine the effect of a peer navigation intervention in a group of African American women completing breast cancer treatment in Charleston, SC on outcomes of follow-up screening for second primary cancers and recurrence, and health-related quality of life.

**Submitted Grants**

Jennifer Shearer, PhD, RN, CNE submitted an application to the MUSC Center for Global Health for the Faculty Pilot Project Grants. The goal of the application, titled “Global Health and Simulation in Midwifery Curriculum,” is to establish a long-term collaboration with the Bangalore Baptist Hospital Institute of Nursing in Bangalore, India by providing a human patient birthing simulator, training for faculty, sharing the simulation expertise at MUSC and developing student and faculty exchange opportunities.

**Leading by Example**

The REACH 2010: Charleston-Georgetown Diabetes Coalition program, spearheaded by CON Professor Carolyn Jenkins, DrPH, RD, CDE, RN, CS, BC, was referenced in a HRSA webinar titled, Healthy People 2020 Spotlight on Health Webinar: Social Determinants of Health. The national webinar, broadcast on April 24, cited REACH as one of the model programs in the country that addresses and affects social determinants of health, and promotes health equity. Approaches employed by the program included community development, empowerment, and education related to diabetes; health systems change associated with access, care, and education; and coalition advocacy.

REACH 2010 (Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health) is a US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention demonstration program that responds to the US Department of Health and Human Services’ goal to eliminate racial and ethnic disparities in health status by the year 2010. As part of REACH 2010, community projects were funded to develop, implement, and evaluate community action plans to improve health care and outcomes for racial and ethnic populations.

**PhD Students Shine at SNRS**

The 27th Annual Southern Nursing Research Society took place in February in Little Rock, AR. PhD student, Judy Mikhail received the Minority Health Research Interest Group Student Poster Award for her presentation.

In addition, the following poster presentations were made by our exceptional PhD students. Congratulations to all.

- Diane Allen, “Effectiveness of the army weight control program: A retrospective chart review.”
- Elizabeth Crook, “Physical activity measurement in adolescents with asthma and obesity.”
- Julie McCulloh Nair, “Heart disease: An exploration of college students’ perceptions, risk factors and preventive measures.”
- Judy Mikhail, “The association of race, insurance, and socioeconomic status on length of stay in trauma patients.”
- Michelle Mollica, “Transition from patient to survivor in African American breast cancer survivors.”
- Tara O’Brien, “Older rural adult usage of technology.”
- Rebecca Walker, “Nursing impact on public policy: An analysis of high risk Medicaid emergency department use.”

“If at first the idea is not absurd, then there will be no hope for it.”

— Albert Einstein
APRNs Lobby at Statehouse

The nurse practitioner/certified nurse midwife lobby day at the SC Statehouse on April 17 was a huge success. The SC Coalition for Access to Health Care, an organization made up of the state’s advanced practice registered nurses (APRN) and the SC Nurses Association, organized a day for APRNs to meet with state legislators to let them know the important contributions APRNs are making in the delivery of health services to the citizens of South Carolina. More than 50 nurse practitioners (NP) and certified nurse midwives (CNM) from around the state participated. The College of Nursing was represented by Sharon Bond, PhD, CNM, associate professor, and Rory Brodie, DNP student. They shook hands with representatives and handed out business cards. The NPs and CNMs sat in the galley of the Statehouse and were applauded and recognized by state representatives. During her statehouse visit, Sharon ran into several CON graduates who have gone into practice since graduation. She was pleased to see that they had made the time and effort to lobby for their profession.

HI Scholar Focuses on Food Security

BSN student and Hispanic Health Initiative (HHI) scholar, Natalie Murphy has been investigating food security issues in the Hispanic community as part of her research practicum, an elective credit to pursue an area of interest in nursing. Food security refers to the availability, access and use of food. Working with Associate Professor Deborah Williamson, DHA, MSN, RN and Anna Patton, HHI coordinator, a pilot project was developed to determine the level of food security and access to federal food programs among the Hispanic population in the Charleston area. Natalie’s interest in food security developed during HHI’s population focused nursing community project. After reviewing literature, she learned that more than 26 percent of Hispanic households experienced food insecurity in 2011. This data is significantly higher than the national average of 14.5 percent. There is very little information about food security specific to Hispanics in Charleston and she hopes that the next group of HHI Scholars will be able to carry out this important project.

FACT

In 2010, 17.2 million households (approximately one in seven), were food insecure, the highest number ever recorded in the United States.

- www.worldhunger.org

Reading that Clicks

Free the nurses
By Anna Reisman | Slate

The easiest way to expand access to health care is out of the federal government’s hands
By Matthew Yglesias | Slate

Advocating for APRNs
AACN

Nurses, doctors paying it forward in wake of Boston, Waco tragedies
By Chris Dyches | WBTV

Nurses for poor mothers linked to healthy births in SC
By Jamie Self | The State

If this was a pill, you’d do anything to get it
By Ezra Klein | The Washington Post
Faces, Places & Accolades

Martina Mueller, PhD, associate professor has joined the editorial board of the Journal of Clinical Nursing as a statistical reviewer.

Catherine Durham, DNP, APRN, FNP-C, instructor, is the graduate educator representative for the State Board of Nursing’s Advisory Committee on Nursing.

Sharon Bond, PhD, CNM, associate professor, has been elected to Fellowship in the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM). New Fellows will be recognized at an awards ceremony at the ACNM annual meeting in Nashville, TN on May 30.

On April 16 and 17, the Carter Center held their Second Annual Mental Health Liberia Program Review. Issues related to Liberian policy, training, outcomes management, stigma reduction, family support, and fundraising were all items of discussion. As part of the meeting, Dean Gail Stuart, PhD, RN, FAAN presented her ideas on a future Mental Health Liberian Leadership Academy to provide for the sustainability of this important global project.

Congratulations to Carrie Cormack, MSN, RN, CPNP, instructor, who has been selected to receive the 2013 MUSC Teaching Excellence Award as Developing Teacher. This prestigious award is bestowed to an individual for teaching excellence demonstrated by a junior faculty member.

In recognition of her selection, Carrie will receive a cash award of $3,000 from the MUSC Foundation, a pewter medallion to wear during MUSC’s commencement exercises, and a designated parking space for one year. In addition, she will be recognized at May’s commencement as well as at the Faculty Convocation program held in August.

The purpose of these awards is to recognize MUSC faculty members who have made outstanding contributions to the University through teaching.

Any regular, full-time faculty member who holds an academic rank of instructor or higher in a college or department of MUSC, who has not been the recipient of this award within the previous three years, is eligible for nomination.

Presented for the first time in 1995, these university-wide teaching awards were proposed as part of MUSC’s Educational Strategic Plan.

Kudos to Carrie! She has enhanced the College of Nursing through her high quality teaching methods.

John R. Raymond Fellowship
>> CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The Women Scholars Initiative, with support from the Office of the Provost, is honored to announce the call for applications for the John R. Raymond Mentoring Fellowship. This fellowship provides some financial support for a selected full-time female faculty member to initiate a relationship with a mentor affiliated with an outside institution. The female faculty member’s field of interest may be in research, clinical practice, or education/teaching and the mentor should be an expert in his/her chosen field.

This fellowship has been instituted in honor of Dr. John R. Raymond, who served as Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs at MUSC from 2002 to 2010, and currently serves as President and CEO of the Medical College of Wisconsin. Throughout his tenure at MUSC, Dr. Raymond was a strong advocate for women faculty and instrumental in establishing and advocating the Women Scholars Initiative.

Applications are due no later than 5 p.m, May 1st, and may be sent via email as a single PDF file to Miriam Hutto (huttomj@musc.edu). The recipient will be announced no later than May 30 and a reception for the recipient is scheduled for June 27. Contact Mary Mauldin, Chair, JRR Mentoring Fellowship Advisory Committee (mauldinm@musc.edu) with any questions.

Download application/instructions: http://tinyurl.com/cojwfzv
Download mentor agreement: http://tinyurl.com/d7occh2

L to R: Dean Gail Stuart, former First Lady Rosalynn Carter, and Dr. Walter Gwenigale, Liberian Minister of Health and Social Welfare