We are real troopers in the College of Nursing. For two years we have (mostly cheerfully) resided in Harborview Tower where very few faculty or staff members have had an individual office; where “privacy” is a foreign word; and where going to a meeting on campus is a trek of unknown time or transportation. Yes, troopers we are indeed!

But our sacrifices will be rewarded as we prepare to move back into our iconic College of Nursing building. It is strategically positioned on the gentle curve of Jonathan Lucas Street that now overlooks the beauty of landscaping in front of the new Drug Discovery and Bioengineering buildings on campus. As an added bonus our College will soon be one of the oldest, preserved buildings at MUSC.

Thus it is fitting that when we renovated the building we took all this into consideration. Totally gutted and redone, our new home will not look like the crisp efficiency of an IBM or Google workspace filled with steel, granite and gray metallic furniture. No, rather ours will combine the warmth of Charleston with the marriage of technology and welcome. It will pay homage to our past but as seen through the lens of our future.

December 11, 2014 will be a grand day for us as the Board of Trustees will “cut the ribbon” allowing us to all move back into our building on December 15. And on January 24, 2015 we will host a Grand Open House – welcoming the entire community and showcasing our new home. I hope you mark your calendar and plan to join us on this celebratory day welcoming us home...Gail
Taking nursing to a higher level

We’re taking nursing to a higher level by transforming the 60-year-old College of Nursing building into a state-of-the-art educational facility worthy of its place in the 21st century. This two year renovation means students and faculty can really concentrate on learning and teaching rather than adapting to the shortcomings of an outdated space.

The makeover is almost complete. The official ribbon cutting is set for Dec. 11 at 2 p.m. with MUSC President David Cole and the Board of Trustees in attendance. A Grand Open House for alumni and donors is scheduled for Jan. 24.

The 44,000 sq. ft. of renovated space features a reworked infrastructure that includes:

- Two new large classrooms that will accommodate up to 100 students in one and 88 students in the other. Each classroom is equipped with a large projection screen, and microphones.
- A 400 sq. ft. simulation lab that will be used exclusively by CON faculty and students.
- Fifty-four additional faculty and staff workspaces, including two research suites.
- Two new elevators
- A reconfigured entrance and reception area that is positioned to handle large gatherings such as graduation receptions for students and their families.

The new building, as well as the grounds surrounding it, will be very inviting and conducive to learning.

Winter Convocation

The College of Nursing Convocation (hooding ceremony for MSN, DNP, and PhD students, and pinning ceremony for BSN students), will be held Thursday, December 11 at 10 a.m., in the Charleston Music Hall (37 John St.).

Students completing degree requirements should plan to arrive by 9:00 a.m. Graduates will wear their graduation gown and hood, no caps. Faculty should dress in full regalia.

Carpooling is recommended. Parking is available in adjacent lots, but is limited.

The speaker will be Andrea L. Coyle, MSN, MHA from the MUSC Medical Center. Coyle is leading the “magnet journey” for the hospital.

The latest issue of Lifelines will be arriving in your mailbox soon! Inside the Fall/Winter issue: Valuing Diversity: The importance of words, thoughts, and actions.
NOVEMBER

THU 06
College of Charleston "MUSC Night"
6 p.m. | CoC New Science Center Bldg.

FRI 07
ABSN Accepted Student Day
1-4 p.m. | BSB 202

THU 13
Warren A. Sawyer Lecture
5:30 p.m. | BSB Auditorium

FRI 14
AHEC Bench 2 Bedside (BSB)
all day | Various locations

THU 20
CON Thanksgiving Lunch
noon | HOT 10th floor

THU-FRI 27-28
Thanksgiving Break
CON Closed

DECEMBER

THU-FRI 11-12
MUSC Board of Trustees Meeting
all day | Colcock Hall

THU 11
Winter Convocation
10 a.m. | Charleston Music Hall (37 John St.)

THU 11
CON Building Ribbon Cutting
2 p.m. | CON front steps

MON 15
Move Into Renovated CON Building
all day | 99 Jonathan Lucas St.

TUE 23
Holiday Break
CON closed Dec. 23 - Jan. 1

CAREER DEVELOPMENT MONTH
The following sessions will last about an hour and are open to all CON faculty.

November 3 | Noon | HOT 910
An Academic Career: What’s It All About?
Drs. Williamson, Acierno, Edlund

November 10 | Noon | HOT 304P
Reflections on My First and Second Year on Faculty
Drs. Atz, Durham, Lauerer, Hudson

November 17 | Noon | HOT 910
Networking: Helpful Strategies.
Drs. Jenkins, Laken, Amella

November 24 | Noon | HOT 304P
Administrative Panel: What You Need to Know.
Drs. Stuart, G. Smith, Magwood

Warren A. Sawyer lecture
The Waring Library Society will host its annual Warren A. Sawyer Lecture on Nov. 13 at 5:30 p.m. in the Basic Sciences Building Auditorium. Dr. Charles S. Bryan will present his talk, “James Woods Babcock and Pellegra: Solving South Carolina's Greatest Medical Mystery.” A reception will follow at the Wickliffe House. For more information, contact waringhl@musc.edu.
Beck selected for SCLN scholarship

Fourth semester ABSN student, Marie Beck has been awarded the South Carolina League for Nursing Annual Scholarship. She is a role model for her peers and the future of nursing, and has distinguished herself among her peers by lending her extraordinary leadership skills to so many areas of the College, campus, and community.

In the College of Nursing, she was elected president of the Student Nurses Association and selected for the Hispanic Health Initiative Scholars Program. Beck is a Presidential Scholar and represents the CON on the MUSC Student Government Association. Additionally, she provides student input to the Apple Tree Society, a faculty organization which focuses on teaching and student learning.

Logothetis receives Charleston Co. Medical Society Scholarship

Jackie Logothetis, third semester student enrolled in the ABSN degree program, has been awarded the Charleston County Medical Society Scholarship. The Charleston County Medical Society provides one scholarship annually to a nursing student who is a native of and current resident of Charleston County.

Logothetis is a graduate of the College of Charleston. She has a keen interest in orthopaedic and podiatric care, having worked for Charleston Bone and Joint prior to her admission to the College of Nursing. She is a member of the American Society for Podiatric Medical Assistants (ASPMA).

Students selected to attend national conference

DNP students Christina Bagwell and Morgan Melton were selected to be student volunteers at the 7th National Doctors of Nursing Practice Conference in Nashville, TN that was held in early October. Following an application and an interview, Bagwell and Melton were two of only 16 selected nationally to attend this conference due to their exemplary performance, professionalism, and enthusiasm.

The national conference provides a forum for advanced practice nurses, leaders, policy makers, and scholars to further explore and share competencies of the DNP prepared nurse that can influence health care practice, delivery, and patient outcomes.

During the week long conference both attended multiple lectures daily along with leading discussions and evaluating DNP poster presentations. The students were excellent ambassadors for the College of Nursing and had opportunities to speak with directors from other DNP programs, including John Hopkins and University of Virginia, about their experiences as MUSC students.

Many participants were impressed with Bagwell and Melton’s youth. With the exception of one other student volunteer, they were the youngest in attendance by at least 10-15 years which earned admiration from attendees for their achievements so early in their nursing careers.

Congratulations to the following PhD students who successfully defended their dissertations.

Sarah M. Gilbert
“Changing Places: Adult Children and the Transition of Aging Parents”
Mentor: Elaine Amella, PhD, RN, FAAN

Diane M. Allen
“Implementing an Intuitive Eating Weight Management Program for Military Service Members: A Feasibility Study Using the RE-AIM Framework”
Mentor: Teresa Kelechi, PhD, RN, FAAN

Kathryn A. Van Ravenstein
“Physical Activity in Women with Fibromyalgia”
Mentor: Elaine Amella, PhD, RN, FAAN

The ABSN students hosted a Trunk or Treat party on Oct. 27 for the children at One Eighty Place, formerly Crisis Ministries. From left: Rebecca Klenk, Hannah Slavitt, Aliyah Anjarwalla, Katie Dorr, and Sekou Dakarai.

SNA card signing for VA vets for the Art of Encouragement. Cards were created for veterans to let them know that their fellow citizens appreciate their service and the sacrifices they have made – and continue to make.
Funded grants

Congratulations to Deborah Williamson, DHA, MSN, RN, CNM, for receiving an additional $63,900 from the Center for Public Service Communications for her project titled, “Teen Health Advocate Leadership Program Planning Grant.” The primary goals of this project are to 1) increase health information literacy among students and community residents on Johns Island, 2) develop leadership skills in students and increase their engagement in the community, and 3) promote health careers among minority students.

Submitted grant applications

Ron E. Acierno, PhD submitted an R01 application titled, “Behavioral Activation and Therapeutic Exposure for Bereavement after Motor Vehicle Fatalities,” to the National Institute of Nursing Research. The proposal’s primary objective is to use a randomized controlled trial design to compare the effects of a paraprofessional delivered treatment, behavioral activation and therapeutic exposure, to those of typically offered supportive grief counseling in reducing symptoms of complicated grief among motor vehicle crashes.

Janelle L. Wagner, PhD submitted an NIH R01 application titled, “A Novel Target for Pediatric Epilepsy Self-Management: Coping Techniques.” Wagner’s proposal represents an innovative, self-management intervention for families of youth with epilepsy. The aim of this study is to examine the efficacy of the COPE intervention used to improve primary and secondary coping responses related to self-management in youth with epilepsy and their caregivers.

Charlene Pope, PhD, MPH, RN, FAAN and James R. Roberts, MD, MPH (Dept. of Pediatrics) submitted an NIH R21 application titled, “Reducing Disparities in Interpreted Sick Child Visits: Feasibility Test of a Communication Pilot.” This exploratory sequential mixed methods study will use applied linguistics and discourse analysis with established pediatric surveys to develop and pilot test the feasibility of an intervention addressing disparities in communication quality, medication adherence and knowledge of upper respiratory infections, satisfaction with visit communication, and concordance of provider instructions and parent understanding in sick child visits for families with limited English proficiency.

Kenneth J. Ruggiero, PhD submitted an NIH R01 application titled, “Bounce Back Now: A Low-Cost Intervention to Facilitate Post-Disaster Recovery.” Ruggiero’s study will evaluate a novel, scalable, and highly sustainable smartphone/web-based intervention designed to address post-disaster PTSD and depression. The intervention, Bounce Back Now, will be tested in a study with 5,000 disaster survivors and will be accessible by any internet-connected device (e.g., laptop, tablet, smartphone).

Elaine J. Amella, PhD, RN, FGSA, FAAN submitted a proposal to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for the Future of Nursing Scholars program. The program’s goal is to develop the next generation of PhD prepared nurse leaders who are committed to long-term leadership careers that advance science and discovery, strengthen nursing education, and bring transformational change to nursing and health care. Amella’s request is for support of two RWJF Future of Nursing Scholars for CON’s PhD program.

Kathleen Cartmell, PhD, MPH, and Chanita Hughes-Halbert, PhD (Dept. of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences) resubmitted an NIH R21 application titled, “An Exploratory Study of Patient Navigation for Clinical Trial Accrual.” This proposal represents an innovative strategy for improving patient participation in cancer clinical trials. The study aims to refine and test an intervention for utilizing nurse and social work navigators to facilitate the process of clinical trial education, support and recruitment. Navigators will identify patients who are, or who may become eligible for a clinical trial over the course of their treatment, and provide them with education and practical support with respect to clinical trials.

A win for a PhD student

Congratulations to PhD student, Michelle Nichols who received a $5,000 grant from the American Nurses Foundation’s 2014 Nursing Research Grants Program. Her project, titled “Exploring Factors that Influence Non-participation and Non-adoption of Weight Management Behaviors and Participation within a VA MOVE! Weight Management Program,” examines the VA program’s high attrition rate.

Twenty-five nurse researchers were selected for their dedication to transforming the nation’s health through the power of nursing. The 2014 grantees are comprised of scholars from 23 different institutions in 16 states. To view a list of the ANF 2014 grant recipients, [click here](#).

NIH notice

Notice of revised NIH definition of “Clinical Trial.”
Notice number: NOT-OD-15-015. [Click here for details](#).
Election Day is around the corner, talk to your legislators

By Amy Williams, MSN, APRN, CPNP

The American Nurses Association, the largest professional association for nurses tells us that “When Nurses Talk, Washington Listens.” We are among the largest profession in health care with 3.1 million registered nurses and advanced practice nurses. Can you imagine the impact we can have if we all commit to advocating and voting for legislators that commit to furthering our professional missions of holistic patient care, safe staffing, full scope of APRN practice and investment in education for nurses? As we approach midterm elections on November 4, we need to assess which candidates in our district and nationally support these missions. Here are some tips for this election cycle:

• Pledge to Vote.
• Find your Congressional representatives.
• Find out if your existing Congressional representatives are up for re-election this year and find out who they are running against.
• Call your Congressional representatives’ offices and their opponents’ offices, identify yourself as a nurse or advanced practice nurse constituent and ask where they stand on key nursing issues like the Affordable Care Act, APRNs and DME, APRNs and Veterans, Home Health, Safe Staffing, The Nursing Workforce Development Fund and Medicaid Expansion.

This election year the stakes for our profession and patients are high. Let’s unify our powerful legislative voice and vote for candidates that support the best interest of both our profession and our patients.

Scholarship opportunity

The March of Dimes is pleased to offer several $5,000 scholarships to recognize and promote excellence in nursing care of mothers and babies. The scholarship application is available online at marchofdimes.org/scholarship or by request via email to scholarship@marchofdimes.org.

Qualified scholarship applicants must be registered nurses currently enrolled in graduate education with a focus in maternal-child nursing with at least one academic term to complete after the summer of 2015. Scholarship applications must be received via email no later than January 30, 2015. For additional information, please contact Mary Lavan at mlavan@marchofdimes.com.

Hispanic Health Initiative Scholars

The 17th cohort of Hispanic Health Initiative Scholars (HHI) recently were introduced to the Spanish speaking community provided by PASOs promotoras (community health workers). The CON received a grant from Trident United Way to train community members as promotoras to work within the Spanish speaking community to help connect community members with health and other community services.

HHI Scholars and promotoras met at the Ladson flea market to learn about culture, foods, and health practices common in Central and South America. This flea market is attended by a large number of Spanish speaking families to purchase not only food, but also other household items. The promotoras developed a scavenger hunt for items such as food used around the holidays, a bracelet to protect against evil eye, and common Mexican toys for children. When the hunt concluded there was a discussion on the significance of each hunted item.

ABSN student, Heath Evans, with limited language skills, felt relaxed walking around the market on her own, but when the hunt began she became less comfortable. “Once I was given a list of things to find that were unfamiliar to me and from an entirely new culture I had the feeling of being totally lost and clueless,” Evans said.

Although conversational in Spanish, Nicole Olive, ABSN student, felt anxious about asking for help and was often times frustrated by her limited Spanish vocabulary. “Through this activity I gained a better understanding of the social determinants the Hispanic population in our community faces on a daily basis, especially in regards to health care - where not only is language a barrier, but patients are also forced to navigate a different system with unfamiliar cultural norms.”

CON welcomes Pruitt to faculty
Charlene Pruitt, MSN, RN, will be joining the College of Nursing on Nov. 3 as an instructor in the undergraduate nursing program. Pruitt earned a Bachelor of Science in biology from the University of South Carolina and a BSN from South Carolina State University. In 2011, she graduated with a Master of Science in Nursing in from Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, AZ. Prior to joining the CON, Pruitt was an instructor at South Carolina State University.

MUSC and the Great Southeast ShakeOut
Over 2.1 million people worldwide practiced how to Drop, Cover, and Hold On at 10:16 a.m. on October 16 during Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drills including MUSC. The Great ShakeOut began in Southern California in 2008 and has since spread to other states and other countries. Each drill is coordinated by regional organizations, which work together by sharing resources, best practices, and more. Your quake-safe solution should not involve a doorway, a triangle or running. The good news is we have resources and guidance to help you prepare for the next big one!

From left: Sabrina Green, Beth Jensen, Stephanie Armstrong, Kathy Williams, Elaine Amella, Joy Lauerer, Patricia Miller, and Annemarie Donato.

 Wins
On October 8, Yolanda Long received her Bachelor of Science degree in human services from the University of Phoenix.

PUBLICATION

POSTER PRESENTATION
Mat Gregoski, PhD - “Reduction in Advanced Glycation Endproducts: Pilot Results From The Healthy Charleston Challenge Lifestyle Wellness Intervention.” The Obesity Society's Obesity Week, Boston, MA, November 2014.

PRESENTATIONS


COLLEGE HOLIDAY CLOSINGS
The College of Nursing will officially close at the end of business Monday, December 22, 2014 and will re-open Friday, January 2, 2015.

The way the state holidays fall this year, this will equate to four days of annual leave.

If you plan to take additional time off during this time, please get approval to do so from your supervisor.

REMINDER
Please remember that Work Requests are REQUIRED for ALL purchasing requests. The necessary form is available on the CON Intranet.

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HOMECOMING 2015

You are a key to our continued success.

All MUSC College of Nursing alumni are invited to return to Charleston for a weekend of reconnecting and remembering.

• Catch up with former classmates
• Hear the latest college news from Dean Stuart
• Take a tour of the newly renovated home of the College of Nursing
• Enjoy a Lowcountry oyster roast

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