Thank you!
The Diversity and Inclusion Committee and the Multicultural Student Nursing Association would like to thank everyone in the College of Nursing for spreading the love during the holiday peanut butter drive. We challenged faculty, staff and students to collect 300 jars and we are thrilled to report that 329 jars were collected and donated.

Food pantries struggle to keep this top source of protein on their shelves, especially during the holiday season. The College of Nursing is doing its part in keeping this item stocked and available to local individuals and families in need. The peanut butter was delivered to the shelves of the Charleston Area Senior Citizens Services on Meeting Street in Charleston, Ocean Grove United Methodist Church Food Program in Awendaw, and Midland Park Community Ministries in North Charleston. Thank you again and please continue spreading the love to all Lowcountry food banks, who rely on the generosity of the individuals and communities in which they serve.

Winter Convocation | Dec. 10
Convocation is the pinning ceremony for the students earning a BSN and the hooding ceremony for the students earning an MSN, DNP, or PhD degree. This year’s ceremony will be held Thursday, December 10 at 10 a.m. at the Charleston Music Hall located at 37 John Street. [Click here for a diagram of the Music Hall] Graduates will be seated on the first floor in section A. The speaker will be Carolyn V. Donohue, MSN, vice president of nursing and senior nurse executive at Roper Hospital.

Graduates will need to dress in a graduation gown and hood for convocation. CON’s Student Services staff will be on hand to assist with hood placement in the hall’s upstairs lobby. If weather permits, students will line-up in alphabetical order outside the building and have a group photo taken. Graduates are encouraged not to bring personal items, as there is no way to secure them.

Caps and gowns have arrived for the December graduates and are available for pick-up from the CON Student Services area on the second floor. If you are unable to pick-up your gown from the CON building, caps and gowns will be available at the convocation site. Graduates are asked to arrive by 9 a.m. in order to be assisted with robing and lined-up for the processional. Faculty should arrive by 9:30 a.m.

Car-pooling is advised as traffic and parking are always a challenge.

Dean Stuart gives keynote at Carter Center Symposium
On November 12, Dean Gail Stuart was the keynote speaker at the 31st Annual Rosalyn Carter Symposium on Mental Health Policy where she showcased strategies to combat behavioral health issues in today’s workforce. The two-day symposium discussed several potential solutions to address the gaps in the behavioral health workforce that have resulted from a surge in demand, along with the field’s shift toward integrated care and population health.

In 1985, former first lady Rosalynn Carter initiated the annual Rosalynn Carter Symposium on Mental Health Policy to bring together national leaders in mental health to focus and coordinate their efforts on an issue of common concern. The symposia have been a unique opportunity each year for this leadership to hear remarks from a variety of individuals with expertise on a selected topic; discuss diverse viewpoints in an open forum; identify areas of consensus and potential collaborations as well as points of divergence; and to recommend action steps for symposium participants to move an agenda forward.

Held each November, the symposia have examined such issues as mental illness and the elderly, child and adolescent illness, family coping, financing mental health services and research, treating mental illness in the primary care setting, and stigma and mental illness.
CALCETAND OF EVENTS

DECEMBER

FRI 4
Faculty & Staff Holiday Lunch
Noon | Drawing Room

THU 10
Winter Convocation
10 a.m. | Charleston Music Hall

THU-FRI 10-11
MUSC Board of Trustees Meeting
Colcock Hall

<< SAVE THE DATES >>
FACULTY WORKSHOPS OFFERED IN 2016

Monday, February 1 | 1 - 3 p.m. | CON 202
Discussion about plagiarism with Tom Smith, PhD

Monday, February 29 | Noon - 4:30 p.m. | CON 202
QI Faculty Workshop with Marilyn Laken, PhD, RN, FAAN

Know someone looking to make a change?
CURRENT FACULTY POSITIONS AVAILABLE
View the faculty openings listed below. Only online applications will be accepted. Follow the application guidelines on the listing in which you are interested. Applications will be accepted until position is filled. All inquiries are confidential and should be addressed to Dr. Gayenell Magwood at magwoodg@musc.edu.

INSTRUCTOR OR ABOVE
- Certified NP in Family. This position is a full-time tenure track faculty position in the MSN/DNP primary care APRN program.

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ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
- Director of Undergraduate Programs. This position is a full-time tenure track faculty position. The program director provides leadership in assuring the quality of the undergraduate programs of study: RN to BSN and accelerated BSN.

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
- This position is a full-time tenure track faculty position in the PhD program and a mid-career researcher who will continue their externally funded research.

JANUARY

MON 4
College Open
CON re-opens from holiday break

MON 18
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
CON closed

WED 20
Staff Meeting
9 a.m. | CON 202

MON 25
Research For Lunch with Dr. Ron Acierno
Noon | CON 513

CON HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The College of Nursing will officially close at the end of business Tuesday, December 22 and will re-open Monday, January 4, 2016.

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

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

12/23: Annual Leave
12/24: Holiday (Christmas Eve)
12/25: Holiday (Christmas Day)
12/2: Holiday (Day after Christmas)
01/01: Holiday (New Year’s Day)
Student attends NCIN conference

In September, Tiffany Williams, DNP, APRN, CPNP-PC, assistant professor, and Tiffani Smalls, ABSN student, attended the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation’s 8th Annual NCIN Program Liaisons’ Conference in Washington, DC.

This meeting convenes each year to engage grantees from across the country to explore best practices and new approaches to strengthen their accelerated degree programs and increase the pipeline of students traditionally underrepresented in nursing. The conference was attended by representatives from 130 grant sites. In addition, each school in the 2014-2015 cycle was able to invite one scholar to the event and this year Smalls was selected.

According to Smalls, nursing leaders and scholars from all over the country came together to share ideas, network, and create new friendships.

“The New Careers In Nursing Summit was an incredible honor to attend,” Smalls said. “The summit offered a unique opportunity to learn about how the nursing profession is evolving with second-degree nurses in the ranks. This meeting renewed my belief in how much impact our profession has on our communities.”

Smalls also had the opportunity to bond with other amazingly talented nursing students and she hopes to remain in contact with this strong network of nursing colleagues.

Project DIABETES

Ida Spruill, PhD, RN, FAAN, and the Project DIABETES team have been on the move. Since October, the team has traveled around South Carolina offering diabetes education sessions and sharing study results with project stakeholders. Through a partnership with Novo Nordisk Pharmaceuticals, the Project DIABETES team were able to provide free diabetes education presentations to communities in Orangeburg, Dillon, Allendale, and Richland counties in appreciation for their participation in the study.

Similar to the diabetes education sessions, the stakeholders’ meetings provided information, resources, and refreshments to community members in Fairfield, Jasper, Greenville, and Edgefield counties, in addition to providing a summary of study results that allows participants to provide feedback and guidance on next steps for the project from a community perspective.

While the education sessions and meetings are still underway in South Carolina, the team also traveled to Bethesda, MD to attend the 7th Health Literacy Annual Research Conference that was hosted by the Boston University School of Medicine. The conference provided a forum in which interdisciplinary health literacy advocates and investigators discussed their efforts and results, while raising the quality of health literacy research globally.

In advance of its projected timeline, Project DIABETES has successfully accomplished its goal of completing an additional 200 surveys for a total of 400 surveys. Grant closing activities will continue through January 2016.
Funded projects

Congratulations to Deborah Williamson, DHA, MSN, CNM, for receiving funds from the Greenville Hospital System (The Duke Endowment) for the PASOs project. PASOs, in its sixth year, provides culturally-appropriate prevention services for South Carolina’s uninsured Latino population, and creates an efficient continuity of care for this population within health care systems.

Grants submitted

INVESTIGATOR: Martha L. Sylvia, PhD, MBA, RN
SPONSOR: HRSA | Nursing Workforce Diversity Program
TITLE: Matrix Support to Promote Diversity in the Nursing Workforce: A Multisite Collaborative
GOAL: To develop a strong and sustainable evidence based program to promote diversity in undergraduate nursing programs by building an environment that addresses barriers that prevent success for nursing students of diversity.

INVESTIGATOR: Gigi Smith, PhD, APRN, CPNP-PC
SPONSOR: HRSA
TITLE: Nurse Faculty Loan Program
GOAL: To secure financial loan support for students enrolled in a PhD in nursing or post-master’s DNP program in the College of Nursing.

INVESTIGATORS: Gail W. Stuart, PhD, RN, FAAN and Gigi Smith, PhD, APRN, CPNP-PC
SPONSOR: Jonas Center for Nursing Excellence for the Jonas Nurse Leaders Scholar Program
GOAL: To provide financial assistance, leadership development, and networking support to expand the pipeline of future nurse faculty and advanced practice nurses.

INVESTIGATORS: Teresa J. Kelechi, PhD, RN, FAAN and Ron Acierno, PhD
SPONSOR: NIH / NINR
TITLE: Technology Enhanced Self-Management Interventions for Fatigue and Pain: The Symptoms Self-Management Center
GOALS: To provide infrastructure and context for nurse scientists who will identify groups of patients who are at risk for chronic disease symptom exacerbation in the areas of fatigue and pain through cutting edge biomedical informatics. Also, the project aims to develop effective, scalable and sustainable technology enhanced self-management interventions that are accessible to these patients through iterative, patient-centered design approaches, as well as to evaluate these in real world community settings through established community partnerships interventions.

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A well informed mind... is the best security against the contagion of folly and of vice”
- Ann Radcliffe
CON welcomes new staff

Jacketta R. Cobbs has been hired as a program manager for the WISSDOM Center, a multidisciplinary collaborative research and training center funded by the American Heart Association. Cobbs is a native of Charleston and a graduate of Florida A&M University where she earned a bachelor’s degree in chemistry and a master’s in public health. Cobbs joins the college with research experience including basic science, community outreach, military science, and clinical research. The WISSDOM Center brings together scientists from MUSC’s Nursing, Regenerative Medicine and Neuroscience departments to target black and white disparity in stroke recovery using novel approaches to achieve a better understanding of stroke.

Sarah S. Gainey, MSW, LISW-CP(S), is a licensed independent social worker/supervisor and has been working in the mental health, addictions, and support services fields for more than 15 years in the Charleston area. She joins the college as a program manager for the Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) grant. This project’s aim is to improve and enhance the training of health professions students (undergraduate and graduate nursing students, as well as medical students) to provide competent screening, brief intervention and referral to treatment for persons who have or are at-risk for substance use disorder.

Gainey received an undergraduate degree in psychology from the College of Charleston and a master’s degree in social work from the University of South Carolina. She is an active member of the Motivational Interviewing Network of Trainers (MINT) and has been trained to provide motivational interview training and supervision.

Faculty wins

Julie Barroso, PhD, ANP, RN, FAAN, has been elected to the Board of Directors of LowCountry AIDS Services (LAS). LAS has been serving men, women and children living with HIV/AIDS in Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester counties for more than 20 years. LAS provides case management, access to medical care, housing assistance, financial assistance, nutritional assistance and legal assistance along with an array of other supportive services to hundreds in the Charleston area.

Publications & presentations

> PUBLICATIONS


> PRESENTATIONS

Stuart, G. W. (November 2015). Help Wanted: Reshaping the Behavioral Workforce. 31st Annual Rosalynn Carter Symposium on Mental Health Policy, Atlanta, GA.


“Thank you.” - Ed Lenahan

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