Advancing Healthcare Transformation. That’s the name of a new report from the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN). This association of deans of nursing formally requested a national study to better understand the possibilities and challenges ahead for academic nursing. So in 2015 the AACN commissioned a study on how to highlight nursing’s role in academic health centers (AHC).

This report provides a deeper examination of the potential for enhanced partnership between academic nursing and AHCs around the imperative to advanced integrated systems of healthcare, achieve improved health outcomes, and foster new models for innovation.

The findings are sobering in that it found that academic nursing is not well positioned as a partner in healthcare transformation. Yet the report states that enhanced partnerships between AHCs and academic nursing will benefit all parties and, above all, enhance the ability of academic health systems to transform healthcare.

The report recommends a number of actions all based on “Embracing a new vision for academic nursing.” It recommends that institutions adopt the following vision:

**Academic nursing is a full partner in healthcare delivery, education, and research that is integrated and funded across all professions and missions in the academic health system.**

Elements of this vision include:

> Nursing participation in health system governance.
> Expanded academic nursing leadership in clinical practice and care delivery.
> Growth and evolution of academic nursing research programs in partnership with the medical school, health system, and other professional schools.
> Collaborative workforce plans and training programs in partnership with the health system.
> Integration of academic nursing into population health initiatives.
> System-wide commitment to leadership development to prepare and support future nurse leaders.

You can be sure that I will bring this up for discussion in multiple forums here at MUSC in the days ahead, starting here in the College. The report also provides a self-assessment worksheet that is a good starting place for where we stand on this issue in our own clinical enterprise. So let’s get reading and then let’s roll up our sleeves and get busy on making this vision real here at MUSC!...Gail
DNP program lands a “Top 15” spot

The MUSC Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) graduate program landed a 14th spot finish among 149 programs evaluated for this ranking.

Dean Gail Stuart said the DNP program has once again distinguished itself nationally for its quality, faculty engagement and innovation. “This accomplishment is a testament to the remarkable hard work and dedication of our faculty, staff and students.

“This recognition underscores MUSC’s commitment to increasing the number of nurses holding advanced degrees and providing an innovative learning experience for our nursing students,” Stuart said. “We also continue to demonstrate our expertise with a consistent showing in one of the top two spots in the U.S. News and World Report annual rankings for online nursing programs.”

The director of the MSN/DNP program, Catherine Durham, who has a doctorate in nursing practice, said the program graduates more DNPs than any other program in the state. “We’ll have over 40 DNP graduates this May, many of whom will continue to work in the rural communities of South Carolina where they live, meeting our mission to fuel the pipeline of advanced care providers and taking nursing higher.”

“MUSC graduates more doctors of nursing practice than any other program in the state.”
- Cathy Durham

MUSC had additional rankings for its programs in health professions, pharmacy, masters in nursing, research, statistics, chemistry, biological sciences, clinical medicine and psychiatry.

For the first time, U.S. News has two separate rankings of nursing schools for master’s and doctor of nursing practice programs. For more information about the rankings methodology or to view additional MUSC rankings, visit its calculation page.

Community nurse educator remembered by colleagues, friends

Ida Latisha Johnson Spruill, PhD, RN, associate professor emerita in the MUSC College of Nursing, passed away on the morning of March 16.

Spruill was a shining example of kindness, compassion and determination, and she lived her life in service to others, believing at her core that all people deserved respect, justice and access to quality health care. People often asked her what fueled that passion, her steadfast commitment to her research, and especially the deep and abiding love she had for the people involved in her research. Her answer was: “As we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same,” a quote by spiritual author Marianne Williamson, Spruill’s favorite.

Her career was on a steep trajectory, but in many ways the accolades were less important to her than the measure of her work. However, on Dec. 23, 2013, when President Barack Obama presented her with a Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers, she was understandably excited. The PECASE awards are the highest honor bestowed by the U.S. government on science and engineering professionals in the early stages of their independent research careers.

Rather than talking about her award, she spoke of how meaningful her work was to her and how blessed she was to work with such special people. “I’m humbled to be recognized by such esteemed experts for this honor and thankful to be able to work with Sea Islanders, a population I truly respect and love,” she said in an interview. “To be honored for doing something I love, with people who put their trust in me, is an emotionally–charged experience. I am elated to bring positive recognition to MUSC, especially the College of Nursing, and to South Carolina.”

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Click here to continue reading about Dr. Spruill’s life and rememberences from friends and colleagues.
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**CELEBRATING NATIONAL NURSES WEEK**

May 6–12, 2016

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The industry is pushing for the proportion of nurses with baccalaureate degrees to increase from 50% to 80% by 2020.

*The Institute of Medicine, The Future of Nursing: Focus on Education*
Convocation and Graduation information

Convocation is the pinning ceremony for the students earning a BSN and the hooding ceremony for the students earning a MSN, DNP, and PhD. It is scheduled for Thursday, May 19 at 2:00 p.m. at the Charleston Music Hall, 37 John Street.

Graduates are asked to arrive by 1:00 p.m. so they can be assisted with robing and lined-up for the processional. Faculty should arrive by 1:30 p.m.

Graduation is Friday, May 20 at 9:00 a.m. at the MUSC Horseshoe. More details will be forthcoming from the Office of Enrollment Management and can be found at http://academicdepartments.musc.edu/esl/em/records/commencement/.

ABSN students present poster at conference

On March 13, ABSN students, Caitlin Baker and Carleigh Fox, presented a poster titled “A Diabetes Epidemic in Rural South Carolina: A National Library of Medicine GIS Community Mapping Pilot Initiative,” at the Association for Prevention and Teaching Research conference in Albuquerque, NM.

Using low cost and open source GIS mapping tools, the pair identified local diabetic resources for a rural SC community where the prevalence of diabetes is one-and-a-half times the national average. The GIS mapping provided a visualization of resources that was integrated into an interactive website for dissemination among providers and the 15,000 community residents. This NLM/NIH pilot project provided an accessible platform for students, community members, and faculty to engage with data and their communities.

Scholarship opportunity

F.A. Davis is offering its annual $1,500 undergraduate nursing student scholarship opportunity.

This scholarship reflects our continual commitment to the education of nurses and recognizes the very special nature of those who have chosen to embark on this challenging, yet rewarding career path. The application deadline is July 15, 2016. Questions? Email: scholarship@fadavis.com.

Student takes nursing higher

Dear Dr. Stuart,

I could not let my shift end today without letting you know what an awesome nursing student I had working with me today. Kelsey van den Heuvel was an absolute joy to have by my side today in the MSICU. She was beyond helpful, proactive, knowledgeable, caring, and just downright a fabulous RN in the making. She offered assistance not only to myself but also to other nurses during a particularly busy day on the unit and she did so with confidence and compassion. Kelsey is a credit to MUSC College of Nursing and I am grateful she will soon be a part of the nursing profession.

Best Regards,
Julie I. Hayler, BSN, RN
Medical-Surgical Intensive Care Unit

Presidential Scholars announced

Congratulations to the following College of Nursing 2016-2017 Dr. Raymond S. Greenberg Presidential Scholars:

Rachel Butler
Krista Dies
Sanura Eley O’Reilly
Jake Forrester
Brandon Gates
Catherine Griffin
Maria Petrie
Susannah Rogers
Jieso Ru
Leilani Smith
Courtney Tutterow

HELP SNA COLLECT MOVE-IN KITS For One80 Place

Items needed:
- Towels (2)
- Washcloths (2)
- Bar soap
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Shower curtain
- Shower curtain liner

Items may be new or gently used!
Store ideas: Dollar Store or Goodwill

Receive 30 minutes by donating THREE items – receive one hour by donating all SIX items

ITEMS DUE BY 04/15 IN THE STUDENT LOUNGE

SNA SPRING SOCIAL
April 27 @ 7 pm @ Goldbug Island
DJ, food, beer & wine included in ticket price
Tickets: $30 pp/$50 for 2 (Only 150 tickets available)
Grant submissions

PI: Susan Newman, PhD
SPONSOR: DHHS/Administration for Community Living
TITLE: PHOENIX: Development of a Spinal Cord Injury Peer-Supported Self-Management Intervention
GOALS: The goal of this 2-phase, 3-year proposal is to develop and pilot test, in partnership with the South Carolina Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) Association, a structured, sustainable, technology enhanced, SCI Peer Navigator intervention for implementation across South Carolina, integrating online and telehealth platforms.

PI: Teresa Kelechi, PhD
SPONSOR: NIH/NINR
TITLE: The Relationship Between Symptom Clusters and Biofilm Development in Venous Leg Ulcers
GOAL: This application represents an interprofessional and international collaboration among basic, nurse and symptoms scientists who have been actively involved in wound research. The overall aim is to identify the presence of and relationships between symptom clusters and the wound environment as related to the microbial content, especially the presence of biofilm.

PI: Ron Acierno, PhD
SPONSOR: Department of Defense
TITLE: Reversing Dropout from PTSD Exposure-Based Treatment: In Vivo Exposure Homework Workout Buddies; an Innovative Idea from Our Telemedicine Patient Participants
GOAL: We propose to evaluate whether the opportunity to receive social support during in vivo exposure therapy homework from Veterans who themselves have successfully competed Prolonged Exposure "PE" (i.e., the therapeutic equivalent of an exposure therapy 'workout buddy') is effective in reversing dropout and improving PTSD outcomes; and, secondarily, to determine whether this program is particularly helpful for those receiving PE via telemedicine.

Publications & presentations

> PUBLICATIONS


> PRESENTATIONS

> POSTER PRESENTATIONS


PhD student receives global travel grant
Congratulations to Marvesh Mendhi, a nurse anesthetist pursuing a PhD at CON, who received a $2,000 global health travel grant from MUSC’s Center for Global Health (CGH) to support her dissertation work in Uganda. Her work will address a significant health priority in the World Health Organization’s Millennium Development Goal - reducing neonatal deaths caused by hypoxic events - by capturing the voices of traditional birth attendants and midwives in Uganda to better support neonatal resuscitation training in resource-poor settings.

RESEARCH FOR LUNCH
Monday, April 11
Noon - 1 p.m. | CON 432
Julie Barroso, PhD will be discussing her May R01 submission

Monday, April 18
Noon - 1 p.m. | CON 513
Emily Johnson, PhD will be discussing her June R03 submission
Congratulations to Kari Mau, DNP, APRN-BC, instructor, and Andrea Coyle, MSN, MHA, RN, clinical instructor, and the rest of the 2015-2016 Amy V. Cockcroft graduating class. The Amy V. Cockcroft Nursing Leadership Development Program is a yearlong program which includes five intensive, three-day sessions held in Columbia. This progressive leadership program advances a nurse leader’s ability to lead and navigate complex organizations and work effectively with interdisciplinary teams that will prepare nurses for innovative health care leadership in the 21st century.

Last month, Joy Lauerer, DNP, PMHCNS-BC RN, assistant professor, and Sarah Gainey, MSW, LISW-CP, program manager, attended the Screening Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) Grantee Annual Conference in Washington, DC. SBIRT is an approach to the delivery of early intervention and treatment to people with substance use disorders and those at risk of developing these disorders. As part of a three year SAMHSA grant, the SBIRT project team is currently integrating SBIRT into the Colleges of Medicine and Nursing’s curricula.

“If you want something you’ve never had, then you’ve got to do something you’ve never done.”
- Thomas Jefferson

Faculty award nominations sought

The Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost is pleased to invite nominations for the 2016 MUSC Foundation Distinguished Faculty Service (DFS) Award and Outstanding Clinician (OC) Awards. Nominations from faculty, staff, and students will be accepted. Up to three awards may be made each year and each honoree will receive a $3,000 contribution from the MUSC Foundation.

The DFS award honors MUSC faculty members who, over a substantial portion of their careers, have provided exceptional and sustained service and contributions in teaching, research, health care and/or public service to the University and the citizens of SC.

The OC award honors full-time faculty who have made outstanding contributions to patient care at MUSC. Currently, active clinicians that commit a significant proportion of their time caring for patients in ambulatory or inpatient settings are eligible for this award. Awardees will have demonstrated a high level of professionalism, integrity, and devotion to patient care.

Last year Cathy Durham, DNP, and Deborah Williamson, DHA, were recognized with the Developing Teacher Award and the Educator-Mentor Clinical Professional Award respectively.

The deadline for all nominations is April 30 and should be submitted to the attention of Mark S. Sothmann, Ph.D., Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, 179 Ashley Avenue, Colcock Hall, MSC 002, MUSC.

In order to nominate someone, please provide a written justification to include a typed or printed narrative of no more than two single-spaced pages directly addressing the contributions made to MUSC and those the institution serves. A copy of the nominee’s curriculum vitae or professional resume should be enclosed. Additional letters of endorsement are encouraged in order to demonstrate the breadth of the nominee’s contributions.

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Faculty & Staff Retreat
Monday, August 22 @ 9:00 a.m.
Cooper River Room at Waterfront Park
Mount Pleasant
APRIL 6TH
4:00-5:00PM
ZUMBA WITH SARAH

Join us in the Crow’s Nest studio at MUSC Wellness Center for a Zumba event!

April 6th
4:00-5:00pm

Counts as an SNA event!

Crow’s Nest studio @ MUSC Wellness Center

Featuring Sarah Eule from 4th semester!

FREE for all students

Friends & family welcome - $10 per guest

Any questions?
Contact Julia at levinrec@musc.edu