“This is my wish for you: peace of mind, prosperity through the year, happiness that multiplies, health for you and yours, fun around every corner, energy to chase your dreams, joy to fill your holidays!” - D.M. Dellinger

**Connections**

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TIS THE SEASON

By Dean Gail Stuart, PhD, RN, FAAN

We are winding down the year but winding up the holiday festivities. We filled our appetites at our recent Holiday Party and hopefully we are beginning to fill our calendars with festive holiday plans.

It also is a great time of year to extend my personal thanks to everyone in our College of Nursing family. Once again I am amazed at all the energy, commitment and expertise contained within our community. I hope the holidays are a time of joy and renewal for us all. See you in the brand new year! - Gail

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BEST ONLINE PROGRAMS

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KINSHIP SERVES UP A HOLIDAY FEAST

On November 21, faculty and staff gathered together for a kinship celebration to kick-off the 2016 holiday season. According to Dictionary.com, kinship is a sharing of characteristics or origins. In the College of Nursing, there is a true kinship that most of us feel. Some of these relationships stand the test of time and go on even after our work here is done.

For the gathering, everyone was asked to bring in a dish to share that was special to the cook. Some of the foods brought back pleasant memories. Some dishes held a cultural significance. Either way, the variety of food shared was delicious and represented various customs from our CON family. People shared the origin of the food they prepared and some recipes were traded.

Two jars were set out for participants to write notes of thankfulness and wishes for 2017. The wishes will be read next year to see if any came true. A world map also was available for people to mark the country they most identify with. The map will be part of a student gathering in the spring so that our entire CON community will be represented around the world.

Finally, as you can see from the pictures the photo booth props were a big hit. All had a lovely time.

WINTER CONVOCATION - DEC. 8

The College of Nursing Convocation (hooding ceremony for MSN, DNP and PhD students, and pinning ceremony for ABSN students) will be held Dec. 8 at 10 a.m., in the Charleston Music Hall (37 John St.).

Students completing degree requirements should plan to arrive by 9 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.

This year’s speaker will be Jerry Mansfield, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, executive chief nursing officer and chief patient experience officer at MUSC Health.
CON RECOGNITION FUND

FACULTY AND STAFF:
Please consider a contribution to the CON Recognition Fund.
Faculty: $50   |   Staff: $25

These funds are used to send faculty and staff cards and flowers for births or bereavement, purchase retirement gifts, and to pay for parties and showers.

Only checks made out to 'CON Recognition Fund' can be accepted. Drop off a check at Kathleen Cartmell’s office (Rm. 523) or her box in the 5th floor mailroom.

DECEMBER
7 / DOTS Brown Bag Lunch / Noon / CON 432
8 / Winter Convocation / 10 am / Chas. Music Hall
8-9 / MUSC Board of Trustees Meeting
19 / Professional Development Series / 4-5 pm / CON 202
21 / Staff Meeting / 9 am / CON 221
22-31 / CON Closed / Reopens on January 3

CON RECOGNITION FUND

JANUARY
3 / CON Reopens
11 / Stethoscope Ceremony / 4:30 pm / St. Luke’s Chapel
16 / Martin Luther King, Jr. Day / State Holiday / CON Closed

FLU VACCINATION
YOU STILL HAVE A CHANCE TO GET YOUR FLU SHOT BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR

Dec. 7 / 7:00-11:00 am
Express Admission Unit, Room 217 Main Hospital

Dec. 14 / Noon-4:00 pm
Express Admission Unit, Room 217 Main Hospital

Flu shots also available at Employee Health (57 Bee St.) weekdays from 7:30 am until 3:30 pm.

Must have MUSC ID badge for vaccine.

CELEBRATE THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON
Happy Holidays

Welcome to
DOTS:
Diversity and Openness Talking Series

CON Diversity & Inclusion
Monthly Brown Bag Series

Wed., Dec. 7 @ Noon | CON 432

Register on MyQuest
All MUSC students, staff and faculty are invited.
**FUNDED GRANTS**

**PI:** Terri O. Fowler, DNP, APRN, FNP-C  
**SPONSOR:** Duke Endowment  /  **TITLE:** Building the Healthcare Workforce to Serve the Underserved  
**GOAL:** To develop a model of integrated clinical experiences for interprofessional teams of students within the safety net delivery systems to establish a network of teaching community health centers. This proposal builds on the momentum established by the AHEC Institute for Primary Care, a collaboration between MUSC and East Cooper Community Outreach, to provide care to the uninsured, and an interest by Fetter Health Care Network, a Federally Qualified Health Center, to build a pipeline of primary care providers to serve the underserved.

**PI:** Kathy Van Ravenstein, PhD, FNP-BC  
**SPONSOR:** Duke Endowment  /  **TITLE:** Increasing Aging in Place Through Increased Physical Activity  
**GOALS:** To utilize existing telemedicine equipment to obtain baseline and weekly BP, HR, and weights on participants by interprofessional teams of nursing and physical therapy students through the use of wearable activity monitors. Tailored software (app) implementation will allow participants and providers to monitor physical activity (PA), in real time as part of integrated programs to increase daily PA levels. This project will also enhance interprofessional training so PT students can learn to provide tele-video instruction and lead PA programs to participating residents in the complex.

**GRANT SUBMISSIONS**

**PI:** Frank A. Treiber, PhD  
**SPONSOR:** NIH/NHLBI  
**TITLE:** Patient Centered Health Technology Medication Adherence Program for African American Hypertensives  
**GOALS:** To represent an innovative, qualitative and quantitative approach aimed at testing and further optimizing a mobile health blood pressure and medication adherence monitoring program interfaced with a smart phone application for improving medication adherence and BP control among African-Americans with uncontrolled hypertension.

**PI:** Gigi M. Smith, PhD, APRN, CPNP-PC  
**SPONSOR:** HRSA  
**TITLE:** Nurse Faculty Loan Program  
**GOALS:** To request for financial loan support for students enrolled in a PhD program or a post-master's DNP program with a career goal to serve as nurse faculty upon graduation.

**CO-PI:** Martina Mueller, PhD  
**PI:** Leslie A. Parker, University of Florida  
**SPONSOR:** National Institute of Health  
**TITLE:** Optimizing Breast Milk Production in Mothers of Extremely Premature Infants to Improve Infant Health  
**GOAL:** Mueller will be responsible for overseeing all data management and statistical analysis activities, including oversight of data management personnel, design and implementation of the statistical methods for analyzing trial results, and preparation/presentation of trial reports.

**PI:** Melba A. Hernandez-Tejada, PhD  
**SPONSOR:** VOCA/SC Department of Public Safety  
**TITLE:** Mental Health Services for Elder Abuse Victims: Using Home Based Telehealth to Serve both Rural and Urban Victims  
**GOALS:** This project complements the existing VOCA-funded Primary Care Based Elder Abuse Screening project with a treatment services project. Specifically, this project will provide evidence based counseling and referral for other services to elder abuse victims, with a focus on reaching rural residing elders via HIPAA home based telehealth technology.

**NIH NEWS**

**ANNOUNCING NEW TOOLS AND INFORMATION TO SUPPORT SCIENTIFIC WORKFORCE DIVERSITY IN EXTRAMURAL PROGRAMS**

Promoting a diverse and robust scientific workforce is critical to advancing scientific discovery and research in support of human health, so NIH has developed a new portal of information on supporting diversity in NIH-funded research. This NIH website has four main areas of focus:

- **Background on NIH initiatives** in support of scientific workforce diversity
- **Resources for scientific leadership and faculty members** to use to further diversity in their programs
- **Resources for investigators and trainees** to develop their careers, find training and mentorship, and learn about others’ careers through personal stories and video interviews
- **Reports and data on diversity** in the NIH-supported workforce, and in the broader research workforce

Additionally, the site provides direct links to NIH institute and center-specific programs related to supporting diversity in particular research areas. NIH welcomes your feedback on the site, and they encourage you to share this resource with your colleagues.
RECENT WORK

PUBLICATIONS


BOOK CHAPTER

PRESENTATIONS


ACADEMICS

BSN student, Marina Miller, recently presented a poster titled “Exploring factors that influence non-participation and non-adoption of weight management behaviors and participation within a VA MOVE! Weight management program” at the Perry V. Halushka 51st Annual MUSC 2016 Research Day. Miller worked with Michelle Nichols, PhD, RN this summer and fall with to analyze data from a study Nichols conducted with Veterans enrolled in the VA’s MOVE! weight management program.

Congress to Courtney Tutterow and Jessica Stinson, who were both selected to win $100 Barnes and Noble gift cards last month after completing a follow-up survey for SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment). SBIRT training has been integrated into the BSN, MSN/DNP and COM curricula, and all who complete an SBIRT follow-up survey are entered for a chance to win.

FORMULA FOR HEALTH

After examining data from about 1 million adults, researchers determined that for every four hours people sit, they should exercise for 30 minutes in order to reduce the risk of heart disease and other health problems. - Ulf Ekelund, Norwegian School of Sports Sciences
HHI PERFORM SCREENINGS FOR ABRAZOS PROGRAM

The Hispanic Health Initiative (HHI) Scholars performed a two-day health screening at Midland Park Primary for mothers participating in the Abrazos program. The Abrazos program focuses on Hispanic mothers through English as a Second Language courses and health educational classes provided by PASOs, while their children attend the Head Start Program.

Scholars Ashley Ehlers, Jamie Giangreco, Danielle Greig, Amy Jones, Andrea Lavieri, John Mana, Jessica Mathias, Maria Petrie, Yulia Romazanova, Maylin Taylor, and Lila Wooten were introduced to the Abrazos group by performing BMI, blood pressure, glucose, and cholesterol screenings for the participants. The students played a vital role as they were able to explain the significance of the results, as well as health goals the mothers should focus on following their screening results.

In turn, the scholars were exposed to how health needs and concerns can vary within different populations, which aided in their overall understanding of the Charleston community as a whole.

HHI SCHOLARS TEAM UP WITH FETTER HEALTH CLINIC

Recently, the Hispanic Health Initiative (HHI) scholars teamed up with the Fetter Health Care Network (FHCN) to assist with screenings for migrant workers living and working in Lodge, SC (Colleton County). Scholars Jamie Giangreco, Danielle Greig, Meghan Martin, Maria Petrie, Susannah Rogers, Yulia Romazanova, Maylin Taylor, and Lila Wooten performed intake histories, blood pressure and glucose screenings, and assisted with rapid HIV testing. Also, the students taught hands-only CPR to interested parties.

FHCN provided two physicians to examine the laborers and their families who had positive screening results and to answer any medical questions or concerns they may have had. FHCN also provided two outreach agents to follow-up with those who had identified health problems.

Before the screening, HHI held a clothing drive to address the most basic needs of the migrant workers. Led by Ashley Ehlers, the drive netted nine boxes of clothes that were shared with the workers and their families.
AWARDS & HONORS: The American Epilepsy Society has elected Gigi Smith to its Board of Directors. She will serve a 3-year term for the medical and scientific society whose members are engaged in research and clinical care for people with epilepsy.

• Congratulations to Lynn Shull who was recognized for her 30 years of service at MUSC’s Annual Service Awards reception on Nov. 1. In addition to Shull, Teresa Kelechi was recognized for her 20 years of service while Raquel Vining, Kathleen Cartmell, Martina Mueller, Lynne Nemeth, and Brittany Baber were recognized for their 10 years of service.

PURCHASING REMINDERS: If you are expecting to attend a conference or schedule a business trip, please ask CON’s procurement team to buy your airplane ticket and pay for your registration ahead of time. Don’t take the risk of purchasing these items yourself and not being able to be reimbursed. Please keep in mind that after you return from your business trip a NEW work order (under travel reimbursement) must be submitted for your expenses (hotel, baggage, taxi, etc...) with the CON procurement team. Per SC state policies $300 is the limit to spend for hotel charges per day before taxes. The meal per-diems are $25 (in-state) and $32 (out-of-state). Also, ask the procurement team to purchase any goods or services that you are expecting to add/have with your grant ahead of time or before any work is performed. Reimbursements over $250 require pre-authorization from Carlos Lopez if using grant funds or Lynn Shull when using an unrestricted account. Any purchases/reimbursement over $250 without approval could be accountable for a $100 penalty fee. For purchases/travel requests use this link https://con-wp.mdc.musc.edu:9676/portal. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Adriana McKenna or Meredith Kerr.

STRATEGIC PLAN: CON’s updated Strategic Plan is now available on the intranet.

HOLIDAY E-CARDS: The development communications team has developed holiday tribute e-cards which are now available as a giving option at musc.edu/giving. MUSC’s e-cards offer a simple and meaningful way to celebrate someone special. All e-card donations are 100% tax-deductible through the MUSC Foundation. Visit https://connect2.musc.edu/ecards/holiday to view.
Are you up to date on the advances in biomedical and clinical research methodology?

Current public health professionals, biostatisticians, epidemiologists, biomedical and clinical researchers – as well as residents, post docs, fellows and graduate students – who aspire to advance in this changing field will benefit from a series of workshops on quantitative methods used in key areas of public health, population health, and biomedical and clinical research.

**Topics include:**
- Bayesian Biostatistics
- Clinical Trials & Data Management
- Longitudinal Data Analysis
- Machine Learning & GIS
- Statistical Methods for Basic Scientists

Schedule and registration information at [musc.edu/2017-summer-institute](http://musc.edu/2017-summer-institute)