I love summertime more than anything else in the world. That is the only thing that gets me through the winter, knowing that summer is going to be here.

- Jack McBrayer

SIMPLY STELLAR

May 27, 2016

Gail W. Stuart, PhD, RN, FAAN
Dean
College of Nursing
Medical University of South Carolina
99 Jonathan Lucas Street, MSC 160
Charleston, SC 29425-2401

Dear Dr. Stuart:

On behalf of the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), I am pleased to advise you that the CCNE Board of Commissioners acted at its meeting on May 3-5, 2016, to grant accreditation to the baccalaureate degree program in nursing at the Medical University of South Carolina for 10 years, extending to June 30, 2026. The accreditation action is effective as of September 28, 2015, which is the first day of the program’s recent CCNE on-site evaluation. You should plan for the next on-site evaluation to take place in the fall of 2025.

At its meeting, the Board determined that the program met all four accreditation standards. The Board additionally determined that there are no compliance concerns with respect to the key elements.

Thank you for your participation in the CCNE accreditation process. The Commissioners join me in expressing our very best wishes as you continue to promote excellence in nursing education.

Sincerely,

Susan D. Ruppert, PhD, FNP-C, FAANP, FAAN
Chair, Board of Commissioners
MUSC NAMED LGBT HEALTH LEADER
MUSC Health was recently recognized as a "Leader in LGBT Healthcare Equality" by the Human Rights Campaign Foundation. Diversity and inclusion is one of the chief initiatives within the MUSC 2020 Strategic Plan, therefore the adoption of LGBT inclusive policies is in alignment with the commitment to advance equity and inclusion. The Healthcare Equality Index 2016, an annual survey, was created in order to assist the LGBT community find resources and healthcare facilities where they could receive equitable and inclusive care. The index measured 2,060 healthcare facilities across the country on four criteria: Patient Non-Discrimination, Visitation, Employment Non-Discrimination and Training. MUSC Health was one of only 496 to receive the leadership designation and meet all four of the criteria. MUSC Health is committed to inclusive treatment and care of LGBT patients and their families as well as education. Trainings are available through the MUSC MyQuest system on gender identity, LGBT patient centered care and specific RN training on improving care through advocacy. MUSC along with the College of Nursing has committed itself to creating a community where "every member is respected and valued."

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Throughout Hassmiller’s presentation, "Nursing’s Role in Building a Culture of Health," she will talk about the next steps needed to ensure that the nursing workforce is prepared to provide exceptional care to patients, families, and communities. Finally, she will highlight how the nursing workforce can play instrumental roles in building a Culture of Health in America and enabling everyone in our diverse society to live the healthiest lives possible.

All students, faculty, staff, regional alumni, donors and the South Carolina nursing community are invited to attend. The lecture will be presented on Wednesday, July 20 at 4:00 p.m. in the MUSC Drug Discovery Auditorium (70 President St.), followed by a reception.

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The 2016 Yes (Yearly Employee Support) Campaign is coming to a close but you still have time to help MUSC reach its goal of $375,000. More importantly, you can help CON increase its participation rate. Last year, the college had a 58% participation rate, however, presently we only 39% total participation. We need your help! No gift is too small. By donating $5 or $10 you help increase our participation rate which looks good to outside donors. Click here to give today.

MUSC Alliance for Equality

MUSC Safe Zone Program,
Office of Student Diversity

MUSC Diversity and Inclusion
JUNE
10 / BSN Mini Orientation / 9 a.m. / CON 202
15 / Staff Meeting / 9 a.m. / CON 202
20 / Faculty Assembly / 1 - 4 p.m. / CON 202
30 / MyQuest Modules (compliance) due for all faculty, staff and students

FOR MORE LISTINGS OF PROGRAMS & EVENTS VISIT CON’S WEB CALENDAR

JULY
04 / Independence Day / State Holiday / CON closed
18 / Faculty Assembly / 1 - 4 p.m. / CON 202
18-21 / PhD Learning Intensive I (new 2016 cohort) / 8 a.m. / CON Drawing Rm.
20-22 / PhD Learning Intensive III (continuing students) / 8:30 a.m. / TBD
20-21 / DNP Orientation / 7:30 a.m. / Bio Engineering Lobby
20 / Staff Meeting / 9 a.m. / CON 202
20 / Janelle Othersen Visiting Professorship Lecture / 4 p.m. / DD Auditorium

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FACULTY DEVELOPMENT SERIES

Sessions follow Faculty Assembly from 4 - 5 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 19
“What we do and how we work together” presented by Drs. Stuart, Smith & Barosso

OCTOBER 17
“Research: Resources at your fingertips” Presented by Dr. Acierno & SCTR colleagues

NOVEMBER 21
“Authorship” presented by Drs. Angelini, Nemeth, Edlund & Kelechi

DECEMBER 19
“Conflict Management” presented by Dr. Garner

SAVE THE DATE

FACULTY & STAFF RETREAT
Monday, August 22 @ 9 a.m.
Cooper River Room at Waterfront Park
Mount Pleasant

June 24, 2016
LOWCOUNTRY NURSING RESEARCH CONFERENCE
Bridging the gap between research and the bedside.

Roper St. Francis Office Park
8536 Palmetto Commerce Parkway
Ladson, SC
SUCCESSFUL DNP PRESENTATIONS
Oops! We made a mistake. Last month we inadvertently omitted many DNP students who made their final project presentations. The following is a list of all who successfully defended their final projects. Congratulations!

Anna Leigh Day
Benjamin Williamson
Brandi Knight
Brandy Higson
Brianna Campbell
Brittany Lewis
Brittany Timmons
Brooke Patterson
Caroline Yurchak
Cheryl Jones
Christina Sweatman
Ellen Gallman
Emily Rowland
Grace Schnitzer
Jade Nelson
Jameela Goudarzi
Jeanette Parker
Jessica Benton
Jessica Strickland
Jillian White
Kaitlin Stone
Kasey Bamel
Kimberly Mouzon
Lindsey Felki
LynnMarie Tranovich
Richard Hill
Sarah Brancoff
Shalondrive Ward
Stormie Albrecht
Teonica Murphy
Vanessa Hartmann
Vicki Morton
Virginia Hall
Wesley Jacobs
Whitney Deel

CONVOCATION AWARDS
- FACULTY AWARDS -
  Golden Lamp Award
  Kari Mau, DNP

  Outstanding Clinical Faculty Award
  Caroline Scruggs, MSN

  Excellence in Faculty Teaching Award
  Martina Mueller, PhD

- STUDENT AWARDS -
  Outstanding BSN Student Award
  Julia Levin-Rector

  Josephine A. Fogle Award
  Martha Lee

  2015-16 First Honor Graduates
  Nazokat Atadjanova (BSN)
  Mackenzie Callis (BSN)
  George Smith (BSN)
  Jameela Goudarzi (DNP)
  Phyllis Raynor (PhD)

  2015-16 Second Honor Graduate
  Shelli Gibbs (DNP)

LARGEST CLASS OF NURSE GRADUATES WALKS ACROSS STAGE
On an overcast Friday morning, 290 nursing students marched together to receive their degrees on May 20 at MUSC’s commencement. The annual ceremony was held on the MUSC Horseshoe where 160 BSN, 53 RN to BSN, 17 MSN, 42 DNP, and 18 PhD degrees were handed to the graduates.

The day before, the College recognized 122 nursing students who completed their studies in the spring at a convocation ceremony that was held at the Charleston Music Hall. This ceremony recognized students and faculty for their achievements. Congratulations to all.

HRSA FACULTY LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM
The 2016 Faculty Loan Repayment Program (FLRP) application cycle is now open and will close on June 30, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. EST. The FLRP provides loan repayment to individuals who have an interest in pursuing a career as a faculty member in a health professions school. Program applicants must be from a disadvantaged background, have an eligible health professions degree, and have an employment commitment as a faculty member at an approved health professions institution for a minimum of two-years. Participants receive funds (up to $40,000 for two-years of service) to repay the outstanding principal and interest of qualifying educational loans.

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Funded Grants

PI: Amy A. Williams, PhD  
SPONSOR: Duke Endowment  
TITLE: Boosting Our Barrio: A Community Based Intervention to Improve School Preparedness for At-Risk Children  
GOAL: To identify technology-based strategies to address barriers to homework use and adherence. Qualitative methodology will be used to guide development of a mobile/web-based application that the candidate intends to develop and test in a subsequent pilot grant (NIH R21/R34).

PI: Susan D. Newman, PhD and Suparna Qanungo, PhD  
SPONSOR: MUSC Center for Global Health Pilot Grant Program  
TITLE: A Preliminary Investigation of Assets and Challenges Affecting Health and Participation After Spinal Cord Injury in India  
GOAL: This one-year pilot study will be conducted using a community-engaged research approach to explore the personal and environmental assets and challenges affecting the health and participation of individuals with SCI in Delhi, India.

PI: Julie Barroso, PhD  
SPONSOR: NIH/NCCIH  
TITLE: Cognitive Behavioral Stress Management for Treating HIV-related Fatigue?  
GOAL: To develop and evaluate an adaptive intervention with tremendous reach to alleviate fatigue in HIV-infected people.

PI: Michelle Nichols, PhD, RN  
SPONSOR: RWJF  
TITLE: Moving Evidence to Action: A Systematic Review of Nutritional Interventions and Health Literacy with Community Members to Inform Local Initiatives  
GOAL: To allow dedicated time and effort to conduct a systematic review of nutrition education interventions that incorporate health literacy assessments.

PI: Ken Ruggiero, PhD  
SPONSOR: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)  
TITLE: Integrated Web-Based Resource to Address Risk for Substance Use Problems in the Fire Service  
GOAL: To advance the development and evaluation of freely accessible, integrated learning resources for behavioral health providers and firefighters to facilitate screening, assessment and access to education to support behavioral health and well-being and encourage help seeking specifically related to substance use problems.

PI: Kathy VanRavenstein, PhD  
SPONSOR: Duke Endowment  
TITLE: Increasing Aging in Place Through Increased Physical Activity  
GOALS: (1) To use existing telemedicine equipment to obtain baseline and weekly BP, HR, and weights on participants by interprofessional teams of nursing and physical therapy (PT) students, under supervision of MUSC faculty and the primary investigator; (2) To support tailored software (app) implementation in order to leverage existing telemedicine investment by incorporating wearable activity monitors that allow participants and providers to monitor physical activity (PA), in real time as part of integrated programs to increase daily PA levels. It will also enhance interprofessional training so PT students could provide televideo instruction and lead PA programs to participating residents in the complex.

PI: Melba Hernandez-Tejada, PhD  
SPONSOR: SC Dept. of Public Safety  
TITLE: Identifying and Intervening in Elder Abuse, Particularly in Underserved Communities: A Training Program for Healthcare Providers and Students of Health Professions  
GOAL: To implement a low-cost, easily disseminated and highly sustainable elder abuse identification, intervention, and referral training program. This end user protocol is specifically designed for health care professionals already in practice, and healthcare professional students in training in academic settings.

PI: Wendy Muzzy, MLIS, MRA  
SPONSOR: SC Dept. of Public Safety  
TITLE: Innovative Treatment for Female Victims of Military Sexual Trauma  
GOAL: This project offers evidence-based counseling services tailored to these female victims of military sexual trauma in an innovative context.
Recently, the HHI Scholars met with PASOs Promotoras (community health workers) at the Ladsen Flea Market who talked about their experiences in the community. The promotoras introduced them to one of the vendor’s fresh produce that can be used in favorite dishes in Latin America. The promotoras also prepared a “scavenger hunt” for the students to find important cultural items for the Spanish speaking community at the flea market.

WHERE WOULD WE BE WITHOUT MIGRANT WORKERS?
Aside from picking perfect tasting strawberries, what stood out most was the hidden nature of the migrant and seasonal farm workers in our community. I wonder how many people even realize that they are living among us, playing an essential role in our economy. The camp we visited was near a road, but tucked away in a very rural area - so hidden that the majority of Charlestonians probably have never seen them or even thought about them.

During our tour my impression was that the living conditions were not horrid, but not good either, especially by American standards. I’m sure many would argue that since most of the farm workers are not legal residents, we have little responsibility for their health and well-being. However, these are the people who are responsible for our food supply. They work long hours in difficult weather and conditions so that we can have copious amounts of food on our tables. Besides, according to one reading assignment, farmers have a difficult time finding domestic workers to harvest crops. So, it seems that regardless of their legal status, Americans should be eternally grateful to migrant farm workers for what they do, and provide them with reasonable on-the-job housing and access to health services.
AWARDS: The MUSC Office of Interprofessional Initiatives has named Brian Conner, PhD, RN, as one of four outstanding facilitators of IP710, an interprofessional course that is designed to lay the foundations for beginning (first year) professions students to understand the complexities of the health care system and the role of interprofessional collaboration to improve the system. He received a $500 stipend and was honored at a Student Interprofessional Education Fellowship Recognition Ceremony in May.

Emily Johnson, PhD, has been awarded the MUSC WSI John Raymond Fellowship to establish external mentorship. This fellowship will be instrumental in expanding her research in the field of implementation science.

LEADERSHIP: Joy Lauerer, DNP, RN, has been tapped to be the lead faculty member for the DNP program’s new Psych-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner track.

FEED YOUR MIND: The Office of the Associate Dean for Research is coordinating a new ‘Feed Your Mind’ series that will allow faculty to describe their ongoing research efforts in more depth than afforded by the five minute ‘Research Update’ during faculty meetings. The hope is that both clinicians and researchers will be inspired by what they see and hear to either initiate new collaborations, or adapt current practices. Be on the lookout for emails about the CON ‘Feed your Mind’ talks.

FACULTY EVALUATIONS: An up-to-date CV in the FAIR database and a completed self-evaluation must be submitted no later than two weeks prior to the scheduled evaluation appointment. There is a fillable Word document for each of the faculty evaluation forms; they are located on the CON Intranet under Resources > Faculty Evaluation Forms. Start early so you will be prepared for your evaluation that will take place in June. If you have questions about the process, please contact Department Chair Julie Barroso, PhD, RN.

VOLUNTEERS are needed for a blood pressure screening activity at the Charleston Housing Authority 10th Annual Community Festival (20 Franklin St.) on June 2 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. For more information contact JacKetta Cobbs, MPH program manager at cobbsj@musc.edu.

MUSC CON PLEDGES: On April 29, AACN President and Chief Executive Officer Deborah Trautman offered remarks at a White House Champions of Change for Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery event in Washington, D.C. At the Administration’s request, Dr. Trautman recognized AACN member schools committed to addressing opioid use disorder and overdose in America. Over the past month, more than 200 schools of nursing with advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) programs have pledged to educate their APRN students on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain. The addition of this content complements the information APRN students currently receive on such topics as pain management and substance abuse. MUSC CON has signed on to this pledge.

MUSC President David Cole has announced a new President’s Values in Action Award that recognizes a deserving colleague, supervisor or direct report for his or her demonstration of one of the five enterprise values: compassion, respect, innovation, collaboration and integrity. The Values in Action Award is not intended to take the place of CON’s existing Faculty Award or Staff of the Year Award; rather, it is yet another opportunity to highlight the good work of an individual or team at an institutional level. Click here to learn more.

Anyone who uses an MUSC NetID account will be required to change his or her password every 180 days. New policies, developed by the state’s Division of Information Security, are designed to improve the confidentiality of patient health information and other restricted data. There will be a phased rollout of the new password process based on alphabetical order beginning in June. An email will be sent notifying you it is time to change your password. Also, passwords must be at least eight characters long and new passwords cannot be the same as any of your previous six passwords. For a complete list of the new policies, visit netid180.musc.edu.

MUSC has partnered with Roper St. Francis and Trident United Way on a 2016 Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA). Data from this survey will help health care providers and community organizations improve the overall health and wellness of our community, and identify community needs, establish priorities for programs and services, and inform strategies to address gaps between critical needs and services. To encourage broad community participation, the CHNA survey will be available online, sent by mail, and/or distributed at community meetings and local events. In addition to the survey, the CHNA includes other opportunities for input through meetings, focus groups, and interviews with community members and organizations, state and local leaders, major employers, and community health organizations. This survey is anonymous, and takes roughly 5-7 minutes to complete. A CHNA summary report will be shared with the public once results are analyzed and reviewed. SURVEY: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CommunityHealthNeedsAssessment-2016