It is not our differences that divide us. It is our inability to recognize, accept, and celebrate those differences.”

- Audre Lorde

Watching the Olympics energizes, inspires and amazes! As I followed these men and women who excel in their chosen sports I could not help but think about the years and years of practice they had to do in order to qualify for the Olympic games. They sacrificed so much – social events, parties, proms, and often even a normal school experience.

For most of them, their hopes and dreams for an Olympic medal vanished in an instant. So much effort...and then it is over. I think however if you hear them talk, they speak about how worthwhile the journey was and how honored they were to participate in the games, whatever the outcome.

Here in the College of Nursing we have our own aspiring clinical athletes – the students in each of our BSN, MSN, DNP and PhD programs. They too have embarked on a journey and they are putting in years of study and practice and sacrifice to achieve the goals they have set for themselves.

So, we celebrate with them as well. We began with the new graduate students who arrived in July for orientation and eager to launch this new phase of their professional development. We continued with the Stethoscope Ceremony for the Accelerated BSN students who had the same glint of excitement in their eyes as the Olympic athletes. Finally, we have our own winning medals for sure as we celebrated our most recent graduating cohort of RN to BSN students, with a 100 percent graduation rate and unparalleled levels of honor graduates.

So congratulations to our CON star clinical athletes – we have virtual bronze, silver and gold medals for each of you. - Gail
LOWCOUNTRY HEART WALK - 9/24/16
The Heart Walk is the American Heart Association’s premiere event for raising funds to save lives from this country’s No. 1 and No. 5 killers - heart disease and stroke. Designed to promote physical activity and heart-healthy living, the Heart Walk creates an environment that’s fun and rewarding for the entire family.

Please consider joining the College of Nursing, the MUSC community, and the American Heart Association on Sep. 24 in our efforts to build healthier lives, free of cardiovascular diseases and stroke at the 2016 Lowcountry Heart Walk.

This annual celebration promotes physical activity and heart healthy living in a fun, family and dog friendly environment. Heart disease is our nation’s No. 1 killer despite 80 percent of cardiovascular disease being preventable through lifestyle changes.

The College of Nursing has four team captains. JacKetta Cobbs, Ruth Henderson, Teresa Kelechi, and Lynne Nemeth have stepped up to lead and cheer their group of walkers. Motivating these four teams is Gayenell Magwood who is serving as the College’s champion. Together, we can make a difference! Register today to walk with a College of Nursing team or just donate by clicking this link.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH
September 15 kicks off Hispanic Heritage month. MUSC is recognizing this period through the Hispanic Heritage Month Speaker Series hosted by the MUSC Alliance for Hispanic Health every Wednesdays beginning Sep. 21 between noon and 1 p.m. running through Oct. 12.

Since 1988, Americans have observed National Hispanic Heritage Month between September 15 and October 15, by celebrating the histories, cultures and achievements of Hispanic and Latino Americans to the United States. September 15 was selected as the beginning of the 30-day celebration because it is the anniversary of independence from Spain in 1821 for five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Mexico was declared independent a day later on Sep. 16. Also, Columbus Day or Día de la Raza (Oct. 12) falls within this period.

In addition to events hosted by MUSC Alliance for Hispanic Health, community events will also be taking place in Charleston, including the Latin American Festival at North Charleston Wannamaker County Park on Oct. 2 from noon to 6 p.m. Interestingly, South Carolina has one of the fastest growing rates of Latinos in the country making up five percent of the state’s population, according to the Pew Hispanic Center. The College of Nursing is looking forward to celebrating the contributions and culture of our community.

So, what is the difference between Hispanics, Latinos and Spanish? In short, the term “Hispanic” refers to people from a Spanish-speaking origin. This includes Spain, but not Brazil because Brazilians speak Portuguese. (Think: language.) “Latino” refers to people of Latin American origin which includes Brazil but excludes Spain. (Think: geography.) And “Spanish” refers for people exclusively from Spain. Here is great video that explains the differences.
SEPTEMBER

05 / Labor Day / State Holiday / CON closed
19 / Faculty Assembly / 1-4 pm / CON 202
20 / Scholarship Reception / 4-5:30 pm / CON (Swain Foyer)
21 / Staff Meeting / 9 am / CON 202
24 / Lowcountry Heart Walk / 9 am / Liberty Square

OCTOBER

13-14 / MUSC Board of Trustees Meeting
17 / Faculty Assembly / 1-4 pm / CON 202
17 / President Cole Walk Through / 4 pm / CON
19 / Staff Meeting / 9 am / CON 202

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERIES
All sessions are held after Faculty Assembly from 4 - 5 pm in the same room as FA.

SEPTEMBER 19
“What we do and how we work together” presented by Gail Stuart, Gigi Smith, Julie Barroso & Lynn Shull

OCTOBER 17
President Cole to visit to CON after FA (no scheduled session)

NOVEMBER 21
“Authorship” presented by Diane Angelini, Teresa Kelechi, Lynne Nemeth & Barbara Edlund

DECEMBER 19
“Resources at your fingertips” presented by Leila Fourney, SCTR/SPARC

JANUARY 16, 2017
“Negotiation, preparation and resolution” presented by Ron Acierno

FEBRUARY 20, 2017
“Mindfulness and stress management” presented by Alyssa Rheingold

Topics for the remaining months are still being finalized but include: conflict management, building a national reputation, and leadership skills.

Please consider joining one of the College of Nursing’s teams on Sep. 24 in our efforts to build healthier lives, free of cardiovascular diseases and stroke at the 2016 Lowcountry Heart Walk.

Choose one of CON’s five teams who are lead by JacKetta Cobbs, Ruth Henderson, Teresa Kelechi, Lynne Nemeth and Gayenell Magwood who is serving as this year’s College champion.

TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Register today to walk with a College of Nursing team or just donate by clicking here.
**RECENT PUBLISHED WORK**


**Poster presentation:**


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**RESEARCH RESOURCES**

If you are looking for others at MUSC, Clemson, or USC who share or complement your research interests, check out Palmetto Profiles, a website that allows users to explore networking opportunities among Health Sciences South Carolina member organizations to enable collaborative research. If you’re not listed on their website, please list yourself and your interests.

Another great tool is CON’s annual report. This report lists all grant titles and investigators, and is an great way to see all the interesting things we are doing here in the college in terms of practice, research and education.

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**SCTR SERVICES FOR STUDENTS**

As a student, the research environment at MUSC can be tough to navigate. MUSC’s South Carolina Clinical & Translational Research (SCTR) Institute is here to help.

Join SCTR for a Lunch & Learn on Sep. 14 from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. in the Bioengineering Building (Rm. 112) to give you a run down of all the services and research opportunities available to you, as students, to take you from study planning and development all the way through results dissemination.

Regardless of your past research experience and/or level of expertise, SCTR offers research services, free consultations covering nearly every component to the research process, and education, training and funding opportunities.
CON CELEBRATES SECOND RN TO BSN PINNING

The College of Nursing hosted the second Pinning Ceremony for 52 graduates of the RN to BSN degree program on August 16 at St. Luke’s Chapel.

Andrea Coyle, MSN, MHA, RN, NE-BC, professional excellence and Magnet® program director for the MUSC Medical Center, inspired the graduates by sharing her own story and the value she holds for nurses and the work they do on a daily basis.

After the pinning, student Patricia Roth provided student reflections and shared how faculty and classmates gave her motivation and encouragement to make it through the program. “I have learned so much in the past year from this program’s curriculum and faculty, but also from my fellow classmates. Reading your weekly discussion posts were invaluable to my learning process. You have no idea how much your knowledge, insight, and experience as working nurses have taught me,” she said.

This cohort represented various SC hospitals, including 38 from MUSC Health. This class also represented 27 MUSC Health Scholarship recipients. Jamie MacDougall was selected as the First Honor Graduate, and Melissa Danielson was selected as Second Honor Graduate. Several graduates were invited to join Sigma Theta Tau, the International Honor Society for Nursing including Betts Bishop, Michelle Decaria, Carrie Laird, Jamie MacDougal, Holleigh Maddren, Crystal Mullinax, Patti Roth, Jennifer Rozak, Terry Lynn Thompson, Jacqueline Wood, and Sarah Zeigler.

OLIVER PRESENTED ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP

The College of Nursing Alumni Association presented ABSN student, Heather Oliver, class of December 2017, with a $500 Elizabeth Ann Jones Scholarship at the Stethoscope Ceremony held August 30.

Oliver is a graduate of the College of Charleston where she earned a Bachelor of Science with a major in public health. As a student, she was an intern with the Palmetto Medical Initiative, and also volunteered with this organization on a medical mission trip to Nicaragua. She has a strong background in community service and has been an effective leader in multiple settings with diverse populations. Probably the ultimate compliment to Oliver is from one of her references who stated, “If given the choice, I would choose Heather as my personal health care provider – she is caring, efficient, and thorough in all aspects of her work.”

VANAP GRADUATES SIX

The VA Nursing Academic Partnership (VANAP) hosted a graduation ceremony to honor six post-baccalaureate nurse residents who successfully completed the year-long accredited academic training program. Laura Haddon, April Lunney, Jessica Mills, Ashlee Powell, Katie Robertson, and Nicole Skosnik graduated from the program on August 5 and all have accepted positions in the VA network. For more information on VANAP and the post-baccalaureate nurse residency program, contact Janice Skipper at skipperr@musc.edu or Brian Conner at connerb@musc.edu.

SUCCESSFUL DISSERTATION DEFENSES

Theresa Wyatt
“Readiness of Newly Licensed Registered Nurses to Screen for Domestic Violence”
Chairs: Elaine Amella, PhD, RN, FAAN & Charlene Pope, PhD

Heather Tonya Anderson
“The Influence of Self-Efficacy on Physical Activity in Older Adults with Diabetes”
Chair: Carolyn Jenkins, DrPH, APRN, FAAN

Donna Carrillo
“Compassion Fatigue: A Cross-Sectional Study”
Chair: Teresa Kelechi, PhD, RN, FAAN

Suzanne Sutton
“Development and Pretesting of a Weight Management Behavior Questionnaire for Overweight and Obese African American Females”
Chair: Gayenell Magwood, PhD, RN, CCRN Alumnus
ADVOCATING FOR FULL SCOPE OF PRACTICE

As we face the many challenges related to delivering high quality, patient-centered health care and strive to make it available to the broadest number of patients, the number of primary care physicians per patient continues to decrease. By 2025, it is expected that the U.S. will have a shortage of approximately 66,000 primary-care physicians. This decrease in the primary care workforce will make it more difficult for patients to access routine and preventative health care. Furthermore, it creates challenges for patients managing complex and chronic health care conditions.

Advanced practice nurses (APRNs) have a longstanding role as both primary care and sub-specialty care providers. The majority of APRNs are educated in primary care tracks and, 75 percent of APRNs are actively practicing in primary care.

Enrollment and graduation rates from advanced practice nursing programs have risen at steady rates in the past several years with enrollments up by 63 percent and graduation rates up by 71 percent from 2005-2010. With 89 percent of nursing students prepared in primary care, many of these graduates will go on to provide primary care upon completion of their master’s or doctoral programs.

With training as adult nurse practitioners, family nurse practitioners or pediatric nurse practitioners, primary care nurse practitioners are prepared to deliver care in a variety of settings. They diagnose and treat episodic conditions, provide health maintenance, manage chronic conditions and provide care coordination across the lifespan.

With a proven track record, nurse practitioners possess the knowledge and skill to deliver primary care. As members of the nursing profession, we should advocate for full scope of practice in SC and other states where it is not part of the nurse practice act. Contact your state legislators and discuss why APRNs are ready to provide primary health care to the growing number of citizens that need it.

APRNs FACTS

- APRNs have full scope of practice in 17 states and the District of Columbia
- 12 states require NPs to be supervised to varying degrees by a physician or other health authority
- 21 states (SC included) mandate that APRNs have a collaborative agreement with a physician
- Both the National Governors Association and the Institute of Medicine have urged state legislatures to loosen laws restricting APRN practices
- APRNs are more likely to work in rural and underserved areas when granted full scope of practice. However, in states with more restrictive supervision requirements, APRNs are less likely to practice in rural areas than in states with full scope of practice
- More than 88% of ANPs and FNs accept Medicare; 89% of PNPs accept patients with Medicaid funding and most PNPs accept new patients

PASOS CLIMBS TO NEXT STAGE OF NATIONAL INITIATIVE

Congratulations to PASOs’ Early Childhood Initiative for being selected as a Pioneer by the Children’s Wellbeing challenge. The group was selected out of 284 entries by demonstrating a compelling approach and outstanding leadership in the field of children’s wellbeing. The PASOs Early Childhood Initiative is one of 120 organizations invited to continue to the next stage.

The Children’s Wellbeing challenge is sponsored by Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) and is designed to support emerging leaders who have projects that nurture the building blocks of wellbeing in kids. As a Pioneer, PASOs will receive an invitation into the inner council of Ashoka and the RWJF, as these organizations work to build a better vision for how children grow up in the U.S. Ashoka and the RWJF believe that the collective wisdom from this group can serve as the foundation for a powerful movement.

PASOs supports Latino families with children ages 0-5 in target areas, including: child development, health, early literacy, parenting, nutrition, child safety, developmental screenings, and navigation of early childhood resources. The PASOs Tri-County program is locally affiliated with the College of Nursing and partners with the MUSC Children’s Care Clinic at Northwoods and the Duke Foundation.

PASOS EXPLORES CULTURAL IDENTITY WITH HHI

For several years, PASOs has partnered with CON’s Hispanic Health Initiative (HHI) Scholars to provide cultural experiences that enhance a student’s professional competency when working with the Latino community. Recently, HHI scholars met with PASOs’ promotoras (community health workers) at a flea market in Ladson, SC to explore cultural issues surrounding health care in the Latino community. The promotoras discussed the difficulties faced by the Latino population when accessing health care, and how cultural barriers can contribute to health disparities. Additionally, students learned about some unique Latino foods and customs, and discussed the relationship between cultural identity and the impact of a patient’s health care experience.
WELCOME: The College of Nursing would like to welcome the following new College of Nursing team members. Fred Thompson has been hired as the new graduate program coordinator. Brittany Baber is filling a new position as grants coordinator and Lindsay Zimmer has been hired as a research nurse for the WISDOM CINGS grant.


APPOINTMENTS: Michelle Nichols, PhD, RN, has been appointed to associate director for the SCTR Community Engagement program.

REPORTS: The 2015–2016 Annual Report for the College of Nursing is available on the Intranet under Resources > College Reports and Plans

AWARDS: Michelle Nichols, PhD, RN, was selected for the Past President’s Award for Professional Development, Omicron Delta Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International.

MILESTONE: In 1987, the Journal of Perinatal and Neonatal Nursing released its inaugural issue. Thirty years later the quarterly publication is still delivering pertinent and relevant information to perinatal and neonatal nurses. This milestone is due in part to the vision of the journal’s co-founder and senior editor, Diane Angelini, EdD, CNM, FAAN, who saw the need for clinical practice nursing literature from both nurse specialties.

CATALYST FEEDBACK: As part of evaluating MUSC’s current communication needs, The Catalyst editorial and writing team would like your input on how best to continue bringing you MUSC news and features that are relevant, timely and representative of the work you do every day in leading innovation for the lives we touch. Please share your thoughts, suggestions and comments at the survey link below so that this hardworking team can determine opportunities for enhancing MUSC’s longest-running news source.
https://redcap.musc.edu/surveys/?s=F7NC9RDF3E

CHANGES AT MUSC LIBRARIES: The new printing system uses MUSC ID badges. The GoPrint cards are no longer in use for printing but they still can be used in the copiers. The copiers will eventually be changed over to the new system using MUSC ID badges. If you have any issues with the new system please go to the 2nd or 4th floor desk.

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