No one is born hating another person because of the color of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite.” - Nelson Mandela

IT’S ALL ABOUT THE IMPACT FACTOR

By Dean Gail Stuart, PhD, RN, FAAN

So we are familiar with the concept of the “impact factor”, which is defined as a measure of the frequency with which an article in a journal has been cited in other articles in a particular year. It is often viewed as a proxy for the relative importance of a journal within its field and journals with higher impact factors are seen to be more important than those with lower ones.

So that’s one very specific kind of impact factor. But there are other impact factors as well, such as national rankings of your institution. And for the fourth year in a row the MUSC College of Nursing has ranked in the number one or number two slot among the nation’s nursing schools for online graduate programs by U.S. News & World Report. The MUSC College of Nursing surpassed more than 500 nursing schools surveyed to once again earn the No. 2 ranking on the publication’s 2017 Best Online Graduate Nursing Programs list. Now that’s an impact factor.

And here is an impact factor at yet another level – the impact that MUSC has on the economy of our region. For example, did you know that MUSC is responsible for one out of every 12 jobs in the Lowcountry, and for generating over $3.8 billion in revenue for the local and state economy? That is enormous, especially when you consider that tourism accounts for $3 billion of the Lowcountry’s economy.

So metrics are important and there are many ways of assessing value and importance. But at the end of the day, the most critical measure is the “impact” we are having on the lives of our students, colleagues, patients, families and communities. That must always remain our true north and guide us in the plans we make, goals we set, and actions we take. Therein lies our most vital lasting impression. - Gail
CON RANKED NO. 2 FOR ONLINE GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAM

By Mikie Hayes, The Catalyst

The MUSC College of Nursing continues to hit high marks among online graduate programs. U.S. News and World Report, the de facto leader in the evaluation and rankings of degree-granting programs at regionally accredited institutions, has ranked the CON No. 2 in the category of online graduate nursing program in the United States for the second year in a row. 2017 marks the fourth year in a row that the program has earned the No. 1 or 2 spot.

Joseph Stocking, a second semester Doctor of Nursing Practice student in the nursing executive leadership and innovations (NELI) track, has the highest praise for the college and the program.

“I am very proud of the MUSC College of Nursing. This most recent distinction comes as no surprise. The breadth of leadership at the College of Nursing is phenomenal. Despite the challenges associated with online learning, the passion and commitment demonstrated by the faculty is second to none and makes for an outstanding learning environment. Their commitment and support of students in the Nurse Executive DNP program, in which I’m enrolled, has been invaluable in helping me create a unique learning experience as I prepare myself for executive leadership.”

Having devoted 20 years of his life and career to the U.S. Navy, a great deal of it spent in the medical arena, when it came time to retire, Stocking had a strong interest in nursing. Having served as a combat medic, emergency medical technician and respiratory therapist, he was very comfortable in the medical world.

During his time with the Navy, Stocking served all over the world and was even stationed on the USNS Comfort, the world’s largest hospital ship. He moved with the Navy to Charleston from Connecticut in 2005, and upon retirement in 2014, he started the college’s ABSN degree program. Once he completed it, he was accepted into DNP program, which will take two years to complete. Upon graduation, he plans to become a nurse leader in the field of emergency management and continue this work.

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION NEWS

Last month, MUSC hosted Tim Wise, a well-known American anti-racism activist and writer, who led an impactful conversation on racism, inequality, and white privilege. While he rarely allows his speaking occasions to be recorded, he has made the talk available on MyQuest for the entire MUSC community.

After the discussion, several CON faculty and staff members came together to process and discuss some of the information they received such as raising awareness and not being silent. While talking to others helped create more awareness and visibility of diversity and inclusion issues, many wondered how they could be more active in their communities. Wise mentioned an organization during the Q and A session that participants may find helpful called, Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ). SURJ is a national network of groups and individuals organizing white people for racial justice. (You can find the SURJ Charleston chapter on Facebook.)

Many thanks to Willette Burnham-Williams, PhD, university chief diversity officer, and DaNine Fleming, EdD, director of training and intercultural education, for bringing Tim Wise into MUSC’s evolving discussion on diversity and inclusion.

UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

“Handling Controversial Issues”
Feb. 15 / 8:30 am -12:30 pm
Harper Student Center Auditorium
(4 hours of D&I credit)

“Safe Zone All Training”
Mar. 3 / 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Harper Student Center Auditorium
(4 hours of D&I credit)

Enrollment available in MyQuest

Contact Paula Sutton with class or enrollment questions at suttonp@musc.edu or 843 792-1568.

IMAGINE 2020: OUR STRATEGY FOR THE FUTURE

>> FIRST STRATEGY MODULE LAUNCHED ENTERPRISE-WIDE VIA MYQUEST

Perhaps one of the most important parts of taking a successful journey is making sure you have a good map to get you where you are trying to go. At MUSC, our roadmap to the future is our institutional strategy – Imagine MUSC 2020. For the first time ever, our strategy is incorporated as part of MUSC’s enterprise-wide mandatory annual training. The addition of this brief, interactive MyQuest learning module will ensure that MUSC employees will know about our strategy and be introduced to its five overarching goals: Patients and Families First, Innovative Learning, Healthy Communities, Diversity and Inclusion, and Scientific Discoveries. The training also requires learners to give an example of how they or their area is connecting, aligning, or being inspired by one or more of the Imagine MUSC 2020 goals. The hope is that the thought process behind the creation of these answers will engage our MUSC family and raise awareness of where we are going – together. Most importantly, this exercise is a reminder that we are all critical in this journey, no matter our role.
FEBRUARY
6 / Research Think Tank / 9 am / CON 513
9 / Coffee Hour with Anton Gunn / 8:30 am / CSB 310
9-10 / MUSC Board of Trustees meeting / Colcock Hall
14 / Lobby Day / 10 am / SC Statehouse
15 / DOTS Brown Bag / noon / CON 202
16 / Safe Use of Opioids / Noon / CON 202 (see p.8 for details)
20 / President’s Day / CON Open
20 / Faculty Assembly / 1 pm / CON 221

MARCH
2 / Retired Faculty Brunch / 10 am / Harbor Club (see below)
3 / CON Alumni Awards / 6:30 pm / Charleston Country Club
8 / Feed Your Mind / Noon / CON 513
13-17 / Spring Break

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
FEED YOUR MIND
March 8 / Noon / CON 513
“From Metasynthesis to Intervention: Developing a Stigma Reduction Intervention for Women Living with HIV Infection” presented by Julie Barroso, PhD

YOU’RE INVITED
Join us for the 2017 Retired Faculty Brunch with special guest, President David Cole, M.D., FACS.
Thursday, March 2nd
at ten in the morning
Harbour Club
35 Prioleau Street
Charleston, SC 29401

RSVP by February 15th
to Haley Sulka at 843-792-5252 or sulka@musc.edu
OUTLOOK APP-REHENSION

Email. Sure, all the cool kids are moving on to rapid messaging platforms like Snapchat, Slack, and random head-bobs while staring at a glowing screen in their hand, but some of us old-timers, and large enterprises, still use email for industrial strength communications. Ok, and the occasional head-bobbing. Why, then, are we stuck using crappy less-than-optimal email clients on our mobile devices? Why can’t we use the Outlook app? Good question.

It’s because Information Security is a bunch of stick-in-the-muds.

Ok, not really. But I know you were thinking that.

Let’s talk about how things work. Outlook on a Windows computer talks to our email server using a bunch of special, Microsoft-specific protocols – agreed upon languages to be used between systems. It’s like when you go into a business meeting. There’s a certain agreement that the meeting will be lead by a certain person, that a certain language will be spoken, and only certain topics will be covered. That’s the protocol. Outlook and our email server (also a Microsoft product called Exchange) have a very rich set of capabilities to give you a positive computing experience.

And then there’s Outlook for Mac. A second class computer citizen if there ever was one. It doesn’t use the same protocols. It acts more like a 4-year old with a very limited vocabulary. Some subtleties are lost. Some conversations don’t translate as well, so they just agree not to talk about those things. Like religion and politics. Or Captain Crunch versus Cocoa Puffs.

So what about mobile? What about the Outlook app for the iPhone and Android? Hoo-boy!

In this case, the app doesn’t talk to the email server at all. Instead, Microsoft sets up a server in their cloud. You give this server your account information. Yes, I wrote that right – you give all your identifying information to Microsoft – NetID, password, mailbox name, some server configuration stuff – and they then connect to our email server on your behalf. When they find something new for you, they’ll let your phone know.

So, to make the Outlook app work on your phone, we would have to trust Microsoft with the keys to your account. That account that has access to patient data, or student data, or HR records, or...

You get the idea.

Needless to say, this is not a position MUSC can legally take. It’s a technical decision made by Microsoft to run their app this way. If you’ve paid attention to the big account breaches at companies like LinkedIn (a Microsoft company), Yahoo, and many other big name businesses, you know that’s a big risk.

So, if you’re grousing about using the Apple Mail client for your MUSC email, you’re not alone. Options, however, are limited because some vendors aren’t putting in the effort to make apps that work for enterprises. Regulated enterprises. Their marketing departments have really blurred the line between consumer apps and enterprise tools. It’s going to take them awhile to come up to speed to support industries like healthcare, higher ed, banking, utilities, and other regulated businesses.

Meanwhile, we wait.

DNP STUDENT SELECTED FOR AIR FORCE SCHOLARSHIP

Richard Larson, DNP-PNP student, has been selected for appointment into the Air Force Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP). The HPSP is a competitive scholarship that covers all tuition and required fees, as well as providing a monthly allowance for living expenses. After he completes the DNP program, Larson will serve as a captain in addition to being a pediatric nurse practitioner in the U.S. Air Force. Larson received his BSN in 2008 from MUSC and a biology degree from the College of Charleston in 2005. He has worked in perioperative services and as an informatics nurse. Larson volunteers throughout the Charleston community and has led events to engage the community in health promotion.

NCLEX PASS RATES

MUSC............92%
SC .................87%
US ...............85%

(Cumulative Results for period: 1/1/16 through 12/31/2016)
GRANT SUBMISSIONS

PI: Gigi M. Smith, PhD, APRN, CPNP-PC
SPONSOR: HRSA
TITLE: Advanced Nursing Education Workforce (ANEW) Program
GOALS: To request $1.4 million in funds to support innovative academic-practice partnerships to prepare primary care APRN students in the MSN and DNP programs. Funds will aid in increasing the longitudinal clinical immersive training experiences with rural and/or underserved populations for selected primary care APRN students; develop a clinical preceptor education and support program; and facilitate post-graduate employment in rural and health professional shortage areas (HPSA) and/or medically underserved areas (MUA) in three nurse practitioner roles: AGNP, FNP, and PNP. The ANEW project will provide trainee-ships to 14-16 students who commit to at least two years of primary care work in a rural and HPSA and/or MUA after graduation.

PI: Tatiana M. Davidson, PhD
SPONSOR: Duke Endowment
TITLE: Expanding the Reach of a Novel Mental Health Service for Traumatic Injury Patients
GOAL: To seek support to expand our services to three additional trauma centers in South Carolina

PI: Melba A. Hernandez-Tejada, PhD
SPONSOR: Duke Endowment
TITLE: Elder Abuse Intervention for Primary Care: Screening, Referral and Telehealth Based Treatment for both Rural and Urban Communities of South Carolina
GOAL: To complement our existing elder abuse screening initiative with an elder abuse telehealth counseling program that will be accessible to even the most rural residing residents of South Carolina.

PI: Carrie L. Cormack, DNP, APRN, CPNP-BC
SPONSOR: Cambia Health Foundation
TITLE: An Innovative Educational Project: Integrating Didactic and Clinical Components of Primary Palliative Care into an online MSN/DNP program
GOAL: This project focuses not only on the integration of didactic primary palliative care material into MSN/DNP programs, but also emphasizes the innovative component of a structured, quality palliative care clinical experience that leverages telehealth technology, for all graduate nursing students, including distance students.

CON INTEGRAL TO SCTR SUCCESS THROUGH COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

For the past 10 years, College of Nursing faculty have held senior leadership positions in the South Carolina Clinical & Translational Research (SCTR) Institute since its establishment in 2006. Part of the SCTR Community Engagement program is the hallmark initiative the Community Engaged Scholars program (CES-P). The CES-P possesses a unique funding mechanism that facilitates community-academic partnerships not only through financial support but with a 13-week learning curriculum. Through CES-P, partners conduct research with mutual ownership of the processes and products, and ultimately, improve the health of our communities. To date, there have been seven CES-P cohorts totaling 78 team members, half who are community partners. The program continues to be tremendously successful in garnering external grant awards – for every $1 spent on the program, $46 in grant funds is generated.

In the current cohort, Michelle Nichols, PhD, assistant professor, is partnering with Philip Slayter, director of Eat Smart Move More Colleton County, and Brenda Hughes, DHEC’s Lowcountry regional community health coordinator, to address childhood and community obesity. Through training young adult leaders with healthy cooking habits, they will pass on and disseminate what they learn to a participating church. Other participating partners this year include the Federation of Families of South Carolina, Furman University, LiveWell Greenville, Riverside Pediatrics, and the University of South Carolina.

Since its inception, the Community Engagement program’s principal investigator has been a CON faculty member. In 2009, Jeannette Andrews, PhD, a former associate dean for research, along with colleagues, developed and initiated the program with support from SCTR. Carolyn Jenkins, DrPH, APRN, FAAN, research professor, assumed the leadership role when Andrews left MUSC in 2013.

CES-P alumni include Elaine Amella, PhD, FAAN, Carolyn Jenkins, DrPH, APRN, FAAN, Susan Newman, PhD, RN, CRRN and Janet York, PhD, APRN, BC, FAAN. Several faculty members also have been mentors and speakers including but not limited to: Ron Acierno, PhD, Julie Barroso, PhD, Carolyn Jenkins, DrPH, Teresa Kelechi, PhD, Tina Lopez, PhD, Martina Mueller, PhD, Lynne Nemeth, PhD, Susan Newman, PhD, Michelle Nichols, PhD and Ken Ruggiero, PhD.

Many thanks to everyone who has supported and taken part of this community engagement training and funding opportunity. To learn more, please visit the SCTR Community Engagement website. The application for Cohort 8 will be opening in spring 2017. We look forward to future successes together.

PHD STUDENTS GET PUBLISHED


PASOS

PASOs Promotores, in collaboration with MUSC and the College of Nursing, are promoting positive health outcomes in Latino communities of the Tri-County area by providing peer-education and assistance in the navigation of health services.

Recently, PASOs participated in a public health perspective panel for first year medical students. Students listened to Ivon Williams, a PASOs Promotora (Community Health Worker) about her experience accessing health care since she moved to the U.S. from Chile. Williams, who has been a PASOs Promotora for one year, is a leader in her community who helps Latino families gain valuable information about how to access health care. She answered questions from students and inspired them with her wisdom.

“Future doctors, learn your profession well and practice from your heart,” Williams said. “A kind word, a smile, a ‘hello’ or ‘good morning,’ will go a long way to build trust with your patients.”

SAVE THE DATE

The Nursing Research Councils of Roper St. Francis and MUSC are planning a second annual joint nursing research conference in conjunction with the Gamma Omicron at-Large Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International. The conference will focus on bridging the gap between clinical practices and nursing research.

“Lowcountry Nursing Research Council: Bridging the Gap between Research and the Bedside,”

Friday, April 28
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
MUSC’s Bioengineering Building

The target audience for this event encompasses various clinical roles throughout the health care community and will include representatives from the greater Charleston area and beyond. For more information, contact Barbara Cobb, Planning Committee for Nursing Research Conference, at cobbbl@musc.edu.

NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY®
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

February will mark 15 years since the initial National Wear Red Day® - a day to bring national attention to the fact that heart disease is the #1 killer of women (killing nearly 1 in 3 women each year) and to raise awareness of women’s heart health.

Join the movement.
Make a gift to fight heart disease and stroke.
AWARDS & HONORS: TACHL’s winter newsletter is available for download.

NEW ARRIVAL: Congratulations to Brittany Baber on the birth of her son, Jon Koewn Baker. The little guy was born on January 18 weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces and measured nearly 21 inches long.

UNIVERSITY WIDE

NEW NAME: OCIO is now MUSC Information Solutions to more accurately reflect a new integrated purpose and team. According to Mike Caputo, MUSC Information Solutions Chief Information Officer, the name change was implemented to better reflect the team’s new services and approach. Check out their mannequin challenge.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: The MUSC Foundation Awards are seeking nominations for the following three awards:
1) MUSC Foundation Distinguished Faculty Service Award recognizes and honors MUSC faculty members who, over a substantial portion of their careers, have provided exceptional and sustained service to MUSC and the citizens of South Carolina.
2) MUSC Foundation Outstanding Clinician Award honors a full-time faculty member who provides superb clinical care.
3) MUSC Foundation Population Health Award (new award) is given to a faculty member who improves the health of a population by means other than direct patient care.

If you would like to submit a nomination for any of the three awards send an email with pdf attachments to: Lisa Saladin, PT, PhD, FAPTA, Interim Provost, c/o Ms. Marcia Higaki at higakimc@musc.edu.

--- PLEASE JOIN US! ---

College of Nursing Alumni Awards

Friday, March 3
6:30 - 8:30 PM
Country Club of Charleston

Please join us for cocktails, heavy hors d’oeuvres, award presentations and an update from the dean

Tickets: $35

Purchase tickets and register at https://connect2.musc.edu/nursing/weekend

Hosted by the MUSC Alumni Association
Safe Use of Opioids

FEB. 16
NOON – 1 PM
COLLEGE OF NURSING BLDG. RM. 202

JUDITH A. PAICE, PHD, RN, FAAN
- Director, Cancer Pain Program, Hematology Oncology Division
- Research Professor of Medicine, Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine

Dr. Paice is a full member of the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center. She also has served as president of the American Pain Society and secretary of the International Association for the Study of Pain. Much of Dr. Paice’s clinical work has been in the relief of pain associated with cancer and HIV disease. She has traveled extensively throughout the world to educate health care professionals regarding cancer pain relief and palliative care. She was one of the original consultants in the End of Life Nursing Education Consortium (ELNEC) and has continued serving as a faculty member in this program.

Hosted by the MUSC Palliative Care team and the MUSC College of Nursing