SO HAVE YOU HEARD?
WE'RE PLANNING A PARTY
By Gail Stuart, PhD, RN, FAAN

Not just any party...a smashing, dashing, kick up your heels party unlike anything we have ever hosted before as a College of Nursing.

And what are we celebrating? The stars will be shining on us as we celebrate the College’s 135th Anniversary... and my upcoming retirement.

So who is invited to this trendsetting bash? You and your family and friends and all those who love nursing, our College of Nursing and MUSC. We hope to have such an overflow crowd that we might have to ask our fish friends to share the space in their tanks! The doors will be as open as our hearts and helping hands.

So please click on the link now and register for this event. Then dust off your party hats and dancing shoes. Have any song suggestions? Send me a tweet at @MUSC_CON. — Gail

135 YEARS AND COUNTING

135th Anniversary Gala
honoring
Dean Gail Stuart’s Legacy
2002-2018

FEBRUARY 23, 2018
SOUTH CAROLINA AQUARIUM | 7 - 10 PM
CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

TICKET INFORMATION:
$50 before January 15 ($75 after January 15)
$25 for MUSC students
To register and purchase tickets visit musc.edu/nursing/gala

“The best index to a person’s character is how he treats people who can’t do him any good, and how he treats people who can’t fight back.” — Abigail Van Buren
CON RECEIVES $1.6M TO STRENGTHEN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WORKFORCE

The Medical University of South Carolina College of Nursing has received a $1.6 million, four-year grant to help educate psychiatric/mental health nursing students through the federal government’s new Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training (BHWET) Program. Awarded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), this grant will help integrate behavioral health assessments and treatment into primary care settings, as well as increase placements and provide interprofessional training in collaborative practice for students, faculty, and preceptors (field placement supervisors).

More than half of mental illness cases are never formally diagnosed, therefore, go untreated. All over the nation, mental health providers are currently overwhelmed in primary care settings and emergency rooms. In South Carolina, there are around 3,200 certified nurse practitioners, but less than 60 of them are psychiatric/mental health nurse practitioners in a state of 4 million people.

“Some patients who seek treatment in primary care settings may show symptoms related to mental health or psychiatric illnesses; however, some practitioners may lack the expertise and experience to treat those patients effectively,” said Cathy Durham, DNP, FNP, director of the DNP program. “This grant allows us to focus on developing and expanding the behavioral health workforce by serving the medically underserved areas including rural areas where an emergency room may be their only point of contact.”

This funding will support students who are earning their Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree and enrolled in the college’s Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) specialty track, thus increasing the number of psychiatric/mental health providers servicing the tri-county region, especially in rural and medically underserved populations. The BHWET project will provide stipends to psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner students who complete their field placement and pursue employment in a rural, vulnerable, and/or medically underserved area.

CHARLESTON MEDICAL DISTRICT GREENWAY

There will be a kickoff event on Nov. 20 to help MUSC, the City of Charleston, Roper Hospital, and the Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center celebrate the launch of Phase I of the Charleston Medical District Greenway.

Prior to the event you will begin to see some major changes to Doughty St. As of Monday, Nov. 6, Earhardt Street extending to the intersection of President and Jonathan Lucas Streets (in front of the Public Safety building) will close forever to vehicular traffic, thus launching a new era of use for this space in the heart of the Charleston Medical District. At this time, we ask that you please be mindful of changing pedestrian patterns as the road is painted green, as electric signage indicating new travel routes for vehicles is placed near the space (Nov. 3) and trees and furniture are delivered and placed (beginning Nov. 10).

GREENWAY KICKOFF EVENT
November 20
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Doughty St.
(at the intersection of President and Jonathan Lucas Sts.)

American Red Cross Blood Drive
Institute of Psychiatry
Friday, December 8
10 a.m. until 3 p.m.
Pizza & t-shirts for all donors

To schedule your gift of life visit
http://www.redcrossblood.org/donating-blood
NOVEMBER

2-3  MUSC Research Day / Drug Discovery Auditorium
2-4  SCNA State Convention / Hilton Head, SC
03  Schwartz Center Rounds / noon - 1 pm / Gazes Auditorium
06  Faculty Writing Workshop / noon - 1 pm / CON 316
     Quality improvement papers: Use and adaptation of Squire
08  Telehealth Lunch & Learn / noon - 1:30 pm / Gazes 125
08  Dean Candidate Presentation / noon - 1 pm / CON 221
10  Veterans Day (Observed) / State Holiday / CON open
13  Dean Candidate Presentation / 2 - 3:30 pm / CON 202
15  Professional Development Series / noon - 1 pm / CON 202
     Resources at the CON and MUSC
20  Charleston Medical District Kickoff Event / 11 am - 1 pm /
     Doughty St., (intersection of President and Jonathan Lucas)
20  Faculty & Staff Assembly / 1 pm / CON 202
23-24  Thanksgiving Holiday / State Holiday / CON closed
28  Dean Candidate Presentation / noon - 1 pm / CON 221

DECEMBER

01  Schwartz Center Rounds / noon - 1 pm / Gazes Auditorium
02  Cares Clinic Fundraiser / 5:30 pm / Lewis BBQ
07  Winter Convocation / 10 am / Charleston Music Hall
08  Blood Drive / 10 am - 3 pm / Institute of Psychiatry
12-13  Board of Trustees Meeting / Colcock Hall
18  Faculty & Staff Assembly / 1 pm / CON 202
21  Holiday Break / CON closed; Reopens Jan. 2, 2018

LOOKING AHEAD

JANUARY 16
Professional Development Series
Promotions: How do I make that happen?
Noon - 1 pm / CON 202

FEBRUARY 7
NP/CNM Lobby Day
SC Statehouse Lobby / Columbia, SC

November 2
5:30 – 9:30 p.m. / Lewis BBQ (464 North Nassau St., 29403)
$15 for BBQ, live music, cash bar and a silent auction

You’re invited to Lewis BBQ for the MUSC C.A.R.E.S. Clinic Fall Fundraiser. Join us for live music, delicious barbecue and a cash bar. One of the night’s most exciting options will be our silent auction, which includes amazing packages from Kiawah Golf Resort, local restaurants and yoga studios. Be prepared to win big and pick pig!

This fundraiser will support the student-run free clinic and the nurse practitioner clinic at East Cooper Community Outreach (ECCO). Both clinics provide free health care to the medically underserved and uninsured population of the Lowcountry. The clinics also serve as clinical sites for the College of Nursing’s BSN, MSN, and DNP programs, as well as provide excellent interprofessional clinical opportunities to CON students. Show your support and join the fun!

PURCHASE TICKETS HERE
LOWCOUNTRY HEART WALK
On Sep. 30, three undergraduate students helped raise more than $810,000 to help fight heart disease and stroke in the Lowcountry. The College of Nursing was represented by Taking Nursing Higher scholarship recipients, Darshonda Guess, Julia Holmes and Lisa Davis (pictured below), along with student leaders, faculty and staff, who walked a 5K to raise money and awareness for the American Heart Association.

OUT OF DARKNESS WALK
On Oct. 15, several faculty, staff and students joined the effort with hundreds of thousands of people around the country to raise awareness and funds that allow the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) to invest in new research, create educational programs, advocate for public policy, and support survivors of suicide loss. Thanks to walkers and donors, AFSP has been able to set a goal to reduce the annual suicide rate 20 percent by 2025.

WINTER CONVOCATION DETAILS
December 7 @ 10 a.m.
Charleston Music Hall (37 John St.)

Family and friends are welcome to attend. Graduates should report to the Charleston Music Hall at 9 a.m. to prepare for the event. Caps will not be worn for this event. Group photos will be taken at 9:30 a.m. so please be prompt.

MUSC COLLEGE OF NURSING
BASH AT THE BARREL
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH
6:00 - 11:00 PM

$10 PER PERSON

Ticket sales end November 10th
Includes appetizers from El Pincho Taco & MUSC College of Nursing Koozie
(Pay cash to SGA class reps or Venmo Mimi_Pacheco)

Hosted by SCA, SNA, and MSNA

Dr. Joy Lauerer (left) with Holly Trypak, PMHNP student
Amanda Kirklin, Joy Lauerer, Jordan Lee, Andrea Alheit, Demi Gagliardi and Kristen Cronin
Funded Grants

PI: Melanie L. Cason, PhD, RN, CNE
SPONSOR: The Foundation of the National Student Nurses’ Association, Inc. (FNSNA)
PROJECT PERIOD: Oct. 1, 2017 – Sep. 28, 2018
AMOUNT: $17,500
TITLE: Taking Student Learning Higher with Simulation Collaboration
SUMMARY: This project seeks to advance the science of simulation in nursing education by developing a unique statewide alliance with student involvement to promote collaboration; developing evidence-based simulation pedagogy and simulation regulation recommendations; and implementing a reliable and valid outcome based measurement system for simulation users.

Submitted Grants

PI: Julie Barroso, PhD, ANP, RN, FAAN
SPONSOR: NIH/NINR
TITLE: A Multi-site RCT of a Stigma Reduction Intervention for HIV-infected Women
GOAL: Because of stigma many women with HIV infection experience negative mental health outcomes. Stigma also interferes with transmission and treatment of the virus. Using 240 HIV-infected women in four U.S. cities, this project will test a video intervention that aims to help women cope with the stigma they face and develop a version for Spanish-speaking women.

PI: Cristina M. López, PhD
SPONSOR: NIH/NIMHD
TITLE: Chicas Healing Informing Caring and Supporting (CHICAS): A Randomized Controlled Trial of a Culturally-Tailored, Community-Supported, Telehealth-Delivered HIV Prevention for Latina Adolescents
GOAL: To test the efficacy of this culturally sensitive, community sustainable, telehealth-based integrated intervention to address HIV-related health disparities.

PIs: Tracy Stecker, PhD and Kenneth Conner, PhD (Univ. of Rochester)
SPONSOR: Univ. of Rochester/NIH/NIAAA
TITLE: CBT by Phone to Promote Use of Alcohol Related Care and Reduce Drinking
GOAL: Because fewer than 10 percent of individuals with alcohol use disorder obtain alcohol-related care, this project will address some major gaps in evidence, using a randomized controlled trial to test the efficacy of a promising, cognitive behavioral SBIRT intervention to increase treatment engagement, improve alcohol-related outcomes, and show that treatment engagement explains, in part, the improved outcomes.

PI: Teresa Kelechi, PhD, RN, FAAN
SPONSOR: NIH/NINR
TITLE: Palliative telehealth protocol CAring for Persons At the End of Life with Wounds (CAPAW)
GOAL: To develop a new end of life palliative care (EOLPC) intervention that provides comfort and relieves symptom burden associated with caring for, and living with a pressure injury.

PI: Shannon Phillips, PhD, RN
SPONSOR: NIH/NINR
TITLE: SMYLS: A Self-Management Program for Youth Living with Sickle Cell Disease
GOAL: The project involves feasibility testing of a symptoms self-management mHealth intervention for adolescents and youth with sickle cell disease.

PI: Gayenell S. Magwood, PhD, RN, FAAN and Co-I Suzanne Burns, PhD
SPONSOR: NIH/NINR
TITLE: ADaptive APproaches with Self-management Technology supporting Executive Dysfunction (ADAPTED)
GOAL: To develop and test a self-management mobile application for adults with mild stroke and executive dysfunction residing in the community.

Publications and Presentations

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In October, Sarah Gainey, MSW, LISW-CP (far right), attended the Motivational Interviewing Network of Trainers (MINT) Forum in Malahide, Ireland, where she compared notes with SBIRT and motivational interviewing (MI) trainers from around the world. Gainey co-facilitated a workshop to identify best practices in MI training in healthcare and also presented a poster describing results of training medical students in MI. SBIRT is a comprehensive, integrated, public health approach utilizing MI to deliver early intervention and treatment services for risky drug and alcohol use.
STATES RUNNING OUT OF MONEY FOR CHILDREN’S HEALTH INSURANCE, HOUSE LEADERS PROMISE VOTE NEXT WEEK  by Amy Williams, DNP, APRN

The program responsible for providing low-cost health insurance to 9 million children expired on September 30 and Congress failed to hear or pass legislation that would have provided funding for the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) despite a bipartisan agreement on a long-term extension. Even though disagreements over how to pay for the reauthorization have delayed final approval of a bill, House members promise another vote next week.

CHIP provides low-cost health insurance to millions of children who do not meet the income qualifications for Medicaid but whose caregivers may not be able to afford private insurance plans. Without this coverage, many children will not be able to get routine check-ups, immunizations, prescriptions, primary care clinic visits, dental care, vision care, inpatient or outpatient care, laboratory, imaging or emergency services. While some states have CHIP funds remaining, several states and DC project that they will exhaust their funds by the end of 2017, with more states running out of money by March 2018, according to a report from the Medicaid and CHIP Payment Access Commission (MACPAC). Additionally, Texas has indicated that they will run out of funding in three months because the federal government waived co-pays and enrollment fees as a part of its disaster relief following hurricane Harvey. Virginia has already begun dismantling their program.

The ranking member on the House Energy and Commerce Committee, Frank Pallone (D-NJ) contends that party differences over how to pay for CHIP will result in a partisan bill. The Republican bill “would extend CHIP funding for five years while phasing out the Affordable Care Act’s (ACA) funding boost to the program and would also extend funding for community health centers for two years and provide one billion to help with Puerto Rico’s anticipated Medicaid crisis”. Democrats contest that the Republican bill would “cut the ACA’s public health prevention fund and raise Medicare rates for wealthy seniors and would also cut the grace period for ACA enrollees who fail to make their premium payments”. Pallone is urging Republicans to delay a vote on the bill that was approved by the House Energy and Commerce Committee “by a party-line vote”. Late last week, House Majority leader Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) announced that they would vote on the program this week because Minnesota is close to running out of funding. This as reports surfaced that arguments began on the House floor over the vote on a GOP only bill to renew funding. House Democrats contend that this is not a bipartisan bill despite CHIP and community health centers having a history of being a bipartisan priority.

Members of the nursing community are urged to contact their U.S. Senators and House members and ask Congress to act immediately to pass a long-term extension of CHIP funding before states run out of CHIP funding and families receive disenrollment notices. Renewal of CHIP funding increases the number of children that are covered by health insurance, a factor that is known to boost school success and is predictive of future economic success in adulthood. Additionally, election day is Tue., Nov. 7. Nurses are urged to head to the polls and make their voices heard.

Students with Antonio Garcia (center), migrant health program manager with the Fetter Health Care Network.

Students experienced how to work the strawberry fields on Johns Island during a farm worker simulation.
MAKING A DIFFERENCE: ONE OF OUR OWN

Lindsay Odell, BSN, RN, CLC (BSN’12), was recently appointed as the supervisor of the Nurse Family Partnership Program in the Lowcountry. In addition to earning a nursing degree she also holds a degree in Spanish and international studies from Elon University. After graduating from Elon in 2007, she became an AmeriCorps volunteer in Denver, CO and worked as a childbirth educator and a doula. It was through these experiences that she found her interest in working with vulnerable populations in maternal/child nursing.

The Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) is an evidence-based, nurse driven, community health program that serves low-income women pregnant with their first child. Each vulnerable new mom is partnered with a registered nurse early in her pregnancy and receives ongoing nurse home visits until her child reaches 2 years of age. This program is a life-transforming partnership for the mother and her child. The NFP has served 646 families in the Lowcountry since its inception in August 2009. Today, the Lowcountry NFP has a caseload of 100 families and is experiencing demands for increased service.

The unique program shows the powerful impact of nursing interventions on health outcomes. Three randomized control trials have been completed using the NFP model, and South Carolina is currently 18 months into a fourth trial. The research that came from these trials demonstrates that the NFP model is linked to higher academic achievement among children, fewer pediatric hospitalizations, greater birth spacing, higher rates of breastfeeding, and less dependence on government assistance.

To acknowledge the accomplishments, dedication and hard work of these mothers and fathers for their nearly three year commitment, the Lowcountry NFP nurses have organized a graduation celebration that will be held in December. For some of the 30 women and their children who graduate each year, this celebration may be the only graduation they ever attend. For others, it is proof that they have the ability to achieve their personal goals and be successful parents. Since state funds are not available for a graduation ceremony, money must be generated each year through donations. These donations will be used exclusively for the cost of the graduation event including certificates, food, decorations and gifts for the mothers and children.

The end of the year is typically a time to make donations to worthy organizations. Deborah Williamson, DHA, MSN, RN, associate professor, is the chair of the NFP Community Advisory Board and she hopes that nurses will consider making a donation.

“As professional nurses, it is important that we support nurses working in evidence based nursing programs that are making a difference in our community,” Williamson said.

For more information about Nurse Family Partnership, please visit the national and state websites at nursefamilypartnership.org or myscnfp.org or contact Lindsay Odell at delllu@dhec.sc.gov.
CONGRATULATIONS: Professor Gayenell Magwood has been elected as a Fellow of the American Heart Association (FAHA). This designation recognizes scientific and professional accomplishments and volunteer leadership and service. Recipients must be able to demonstrate meritorious contributions to cardiovascular nursing through practice, research, and/or education that are recognized on a national level.

OH BOY! Congratulations to Shannon Phillips, assistant professor, and her husband who welcomed, Mason Michael Swette, to the world. The baby boy was born Oct. 23 weighing 8 lbs., 12 oz and measuring 21 inches long.

ELECTED: Joy Lauerer, assistant professor, has been elected to a three-year term as co-chair of American Psychiatric Nurses Association’s Child & Adolescent Council.

HOOT, HOOT! With new faculty and staff joining us in recent months, we wanted to remind everyone about our college wide bulletin board – Hootboard. This interactive board is used to post informal items for both faculty and staff to view. If you received an invitation, join and view the board to see some examples of what has been posted in the past. If you did not receive an invitation to join, contact Alex Walters at walteale@musc.edu.

PREVENTING ELDER ABUSE: On September 29, Debbie Chatman Bryant, associate dean of practice, welcomed Mayor John Tecklenburg and attendees to the City of Charleston's Office on Aging kickoff event, Elder Abuse in Later Life, that was held at the College of Nursing. Community partners and CON’s elder abuse teams joined to discuss addressing the issue of elder mistreatment in our community. In addition, Ron Acierno, associate dean for research, Melba Hernandez-Tejada, research associate professor, and Mara Steedley, research training coordinator, represented the college at SCTR’s Scientific Retreat on Aging Related Research on October 20. Their talks addressed effects of elder abuse, natural disasters and the protective nature of social support.

SUPPORTING A LIFELINE: For more than 40 years, Trident United Way has served as a lifeline to people in the most vulnerable circumstances: poverty, unemployment, disability or unexpected financial problems, health or family situations. It is an organization dedicated to making authentic, long-lasting change in the low country by addressing the issues that matter the most in people’s lives – education, financial stability and health. Without the Trident United Way, many of these folks would have no way to rebuild their lives or plan a stable future.

More than 150,000 tri-county residents lives were touched last year through a variety of initiatives, including: Healthy Tri-County (HTC), a multi-sector, regional initiative to improve health outcomes in Berkeley, Charleston, and Dorchester counties launched in partnership with MUSC Health and Roper St. Francis in 2017; and Family Connects, a home visiting nurse and resource referral program, is being explored as an option for the tri-county area.

If you are able please join the MUSC family in supporting Trident United Way. If we all just give a little, we will make a difference in more lives and in more ways than any of us could possibly imagine. Giving is easy. Just type in epledge.tuw.org/musc to learn about the many options to make your gift, including credit card, check, or easiest of all, payroll deduction. The payroll deduction deadline is December 15, 2017.

FACULTY / STAFF APPRECIATION DAY AT INNOVATION STATION: Apple products such as Macs and iPads will be discounted an additional eight percent on top of already reduced educational pricing on Fri., Nov. 17. During this one-day event, exclusively for faculty and staff, MUSC will be providing its version of Black Friday sales. Other products also will be heavily discounted as well. Pre-order will be available until November 1 to ensure employees are able to purchase desired items, and extended hours on Friday, November 17, will accommodate busy schedules. Stay tuned for more information on product discounts on this day.
Moral Injury & Post Traumatic Stress Disorder: Invisible Wounds of Combat

It’s impossible to predict how veterans will respond to combat or other traumatic experiences that occur during military service, particularly those events that may have required difficult, heart wrenching decisions. Such decisions could have violated moral values and caused guilt, shame, sorrow or anger and ultimately could have led to feelings of distrust, isolation and spiritual damage. Our panel of experts will discuss guilt, moral injury and PTSD and will offer strategies for veterans, providers, caretakers and families.

(One (1) hour of Diversity and Inclusion Education provided)

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