This is the last column I will write to you all in eCONnections. As such, it is a special one for me and I gave great thought to what I wanted to say. After much reflecting I have decided to offer you a gift and a wish. My gift is to share with you this poem, *Free Spirit*, that was written and given to me by nurses, John and Krysi Chesterton, in Australia.

I am the recipient, the giver, the process, the mindful call,  
I am the world you live in and your stewardship of it,  
I am university, the soul inside the hall, say  
It defines us and defies us, humanity or hobbit.

This is our greatest gift, our lens to view the past,  
Here and now, shadows of the future cast,  
Tomorrow’s world reforming poverty of thought,  
Minding for our children one vision, rarely taught and fair.

Artist reveal the creativity of mind, tenacity and voice,  
Ethicist say freedom, a choice mankind must bear,  
Philosophy lend conscience and consequence to our reason,  
Music to rock the world and shine a light on living.

Who am I, what will I do, what may become of me,  
Pray broken lives find courage in adversity,  
Express yourself, your life, your journey the world inspires us,  
Sum of minds, your work, your insights, your passion share.

Great care indeed….And so I come to my wish for each of you. In the days ahead I wish you openness to new adventures, steadfastness to your dreams and ideals, respect for the beliefs and actions of others, and power in what you can accomplish both individually and collectively. You are an amazing group of people and it has been my honor to work with you and for you each and every day. Onward and upward! — Gail

*Unexpected kindness is the most powerful, least costly, and most underrated agent of human change.*

— Bob Kerry
The Battle for Expanded Practice in SC is Over

On May 18, advanced practice nurses across the state were elated when S.C. Gov. Henry McMaster signed senate bill S.345 into law. The new law increases the scope of practice for advanced nurse practitioners around the state, and in turn, grants more access to health care, especially for patients living in rural communities.

“The passage of this bill is a true win for the people of South Carolina,” said Dean Gail Stuart, PhD, RN, FAAN. “It will allow nurses to bring the full force of their education and training to better meet the tremendous health care needs in this state. Nurses are the backbone of health care in this country and this bill recognizes their many contributions.”

Effective July 1, nurse practitioners in South Carolina will be able to practice without direct approval from a supervising physician, write and sign off on certain prescriptions, and open a clinic beyond the 45-mile limit from the supervisor.

This is excellent news for the citizens of South Carolina. Last year, the Palmetto State ranked 44th in America’s Health Rankings produced by the United Health Foundation. In a state where 19 of its 46 counties have 10 or fewer family physicians having highly educated and capable advanced practice nurses nearby will improve the state’s health challenges in rural areas.

CON Welcomes New Dean

The College of Nursing would like to extend a warm welcome to our new dean, Linda Weglicki, PhD, RN, MSN. Weglicki begins June 1 and will be working closely with Gail Stuart, PhD, RN, FAAN, for the remainder of the month to get better acquainted with the college and university’s culture and practices. A talented educator, researcher and thought leader, Weglicki is coming to MUSC from Florida Atlantic University where she served as the associate dean for nursing research and scholarship and PhD studies of the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing in Boca Raton, FL.

Weglicki’s arrival to MUSC coincides with the 8th Annual Janelle Othersen Visiting Professorship Lecture, therefore she is an obvious choice to give this year’s address. Her presentation, “Promoting areas of distinction: Navigating challenges and opportunities collaboratively,” will be presented on Wednesday, July 18 at 4:00 p.m. in the MUSC Drug Discovery Auditorium (70 President St.), followed by a reception. All students, faculty, staff, regional alumni, donors and the South Carolina nursing community are invited to attend.

We are all looking forward to seeing how Weglicki’s leadership and vision will guide the future of nurse education at MUSC.

Click here to read more about Weglicki’s career and accomplishments.
JUNE
June 4 - 8
Qualitative Research Intensive
CON

June 6 / Noon - 1:15 pm
Turning Awareness into Action (see p.7)
Bioengineering Bldg. Room 110

June 11 / Noon - 1:00 pm
Lunch & Learn: Planned Giving
CON Drawing Room

June 12 / Noon - 1:00 pm
Research for Lunch with Drs. Gayenell Magwood and Suzanne Burns
CON 513

June 13 / Noon
DOTS
CON 202

June 15 / 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Resource Fair
MUSC Horseshoe

June 18 / 1:00 pm
Faculty & Staff Assembly
CON 202

June 18 / 3:00 - 5:00 pm
Retirement Celebration
CON Historical Library

JULY
July 4
Independence Day Holiday
CON closed

July 11
DOTS
CON 202

June 16 / 1:00 pm
Faculty & Staff Assembly
CON 202

July 18 / 4:00 pm
Janelle Othersen Lecture
Drug Discovery Auditorium

2018 MUSC General Mandatories Due Jun. 30
All learning modules for MUSC employees are to be completed by June 30. To enroll, go to MyQuest and refer to your list of current learning modules that are accessible from the home page.

If you have any technical questions, contact the learning team at myquesthelp@musc.edu.

NEXT WORKSITE SCREENINGS
June 13 & 14
Available to employees with the State Health Plan (including MUSC Health Plan) at no charge for the initial basic test in 2018. For more information and registration go to worksite screening information.

The Elder Abuse Training and Treatment Program cordially invites you to the 1st Annual

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Resource Fair

June 15, 2018
10:00am - 2:00pm
MUSC Horseshoe
171 Ashley Avenue, Charleston, SC
Convocation 2018

On May 18, the College of Nursing recognized 138 students who completed their studies in the spring at a convocation ceremony that was held at the Charleston Music Hall. This year, 89 BSN, two MSN, 29 DNP, and 18 PhD students walked across the stage to be pinned (BSN) or hooded (DNP or PhD). Congratulations to the students and faculty listed below who were recently recognized for their achievements.

**FACULTY AWARDS**

- **Golden Lamp Award**
  - Shannon D’Alton, MSN, APRN

- **Outstanding Clinical Faculty Award**
  - Amy Gulledge, MSN/Ed, RN

- **Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award**
  - Carrie Cormack, DNP, APRN

**STUDENT AWARDS & HONORS**

- **Josephine Fogle Award**
  - Alexander Brown

- **Men in Nursing Award**
  - Park Ashley

- **Outstanding BSN Student Award**
  - Leigh Rothgeb

- **DNP Distinguished Graduate Award**
  - Melissa Motes

- **Stewart Doctoral Dissertation Award**
  - Lisa-Mae Williams

- **Sigma Theta Tau Inductees**
  - Emma Aldridge
  - Andrea Alheit
  - Park Ashley
  - Emily Brame
  - Cordelia Bright
  - Alexander Brown
  - Alexis Carter
  - Jaclyn Hancock
  - Shannin Hatch
  - Lauren Havens
  - Lyndsey Hughes
  - Karen Jaramillo
  - Brooke Korte
  - Elisabeth McCarter
  - Erica McCaslin
  - Caroline Melton
  - Camereon Mercer
  - Stephanie Morris
  - Carlie Mzik
  - Jerri Newton
  - Katharine Newton
  - Emily Oakley
  - Allison Outlaw
  - Kelly Richardson
  - Leigh Rothgeb
  - William Ryan
  - Anna Saleebay
  - Meghan Sullivan
  - Ryan Taylor
  - Page Wise
  - Olivia Worsham
  - Caroline Wright

- **Raymond S. Greenberg Presidential Scholars**
  - Ka‘Dedra Creech
  - Ashley Kilcrease
  - Alexandra Rama

- **Hispanic Health Initiatives Scholars**
  - Ryan Taylor
  - Park Ashley
  - Page Wise
  - Julia Holmes
  - Carlie Mzik
  - Nicolette Jacinto
  - Leigh Rothgeb
  - Caroline Wright

- **Mental Health Scholars**
  - Annalise Baker-Whitcomb
    - Julia Holmes
    - Quinton Howell
    - Cameron Mercer
    - Savannah Perrin
    - Kenneth Simpson
    - Clay Wilklow
    - Page Wise

- **MUSC Gives Back College of Nursing Outstanding Volunteer of the Year**
  - Carlie Mzik

- **MUSC Leadership Society Inductee**
  - Margot Lally
Out & About

Brantlee Broome, Teresa Stephens and Suparna Qanungo attended an NIH regional seminar on program funding and grants.

Brandon Gates, a DNP student who will graduate in August, was named Nurse of the Year of his unit at Roper Hospital.

In April, some students gathered at Edmund’s Oast to take a little study break before the start of exams.

Beth Jensen, Ruth Conner, Katherine Chike-Harris and Elizabeth Harmon at the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties conference in May.

Tese Stephens (left) accepts her research grant award from the Gamma Omicron chapter of Sigma Theta Tau to support the study of resilience in new graduate nurses.

Ron Acierno, Julie Barroso, Teresa Kelechi and Shannon Phillips at the 2018 NINR P20/P30 Center Directors meeting in Washington, DC on May 1.

Hitting Your Mailbox Soon!
The latest issue of Lifelines will be arriving in your mailbox soon. Inside the Spring/Summer issue: A look back on Dean Stuart’s 16 year legacy in the College of Nursing.
Publications & Presentations


Stuart, G. (2018, April). Disruptive Innovation: A Positive Force for Change in Schools of Nursing. Presented at the University of Texas Health Sciences Center in Houston, TX.

Conner, R., Lauerer, J., Williams, A. (2018, April). The Standardized Patient, the Student and the OSCE: Strengthening the APRN Simulated Clinical Experience. Presented at the 2018 NONPF 44th Annual Conference in Indianapolis, IN.


Chike-Harris, K., Harmon, E., van Ravenstein, K. (2018, April). The Integration of Telehealth Education into DNP Curricula. Presented at the 2018 NONPF 44th Annual Conference in Indianapolis, IN.

Qanungo, S. (2017, November). Patient Navigation to Improve Palliative Cancer Care Services in Rural India. Presented at the APHA's 2017 Annual Meeting & Expo in Atlanta, GA.

Grant Submission

PIs: Melba A. Hernandez-Tejada, DHA, PhD and Sundaravadivel Balasubramanian, PhD (Dept. of Radiation Oncology)

Sponsor: NIH/NCCIH

Title: Management of Chronic Pain and PTSD in Veterans with Yoga+Prolonged Exposure

Goal: To integrate two behavioral interventions for the treatment of chronic pain with comorbid PTSD and subsequently conduct a pilot RCT for feasibility indicators.

Faculty Honors and Awards

Gayenell Magwood, PhD, RN, FAAN, was appointed to serve as a member of the NIH Clinical Management of Patients in Community-based Settings study section. This group will review applications of patients or their caregivers who are engaged in self-management in the home or are cared for in primary/community care settings. Her term begins July 1 and runs through 2022.

Michelle Nichols, PhD, RN, has been named a 2018-19 MUSC Ethics Fellow. The Fellowship in Clinical and Translational Research Ethics program is designed to provide health care professionals who are interested in clinical research ethics with sufficient background in that discipline.

Tese Stephens, PhD, MSN, RN, and Patti Hart, DNP, RN, received the Sigma Theta Tau Gamma Omicron at-Large Chapter Research Grant Award for their study of resilience in new graduate nurses. The annual awards meeting was held May 17 in Mount Pleasant, SC.

Katherine Chike-Harris, DNP, APRN, was chosen as a 2018-19 recipient of the John R. Raymond Fellowship. Awarded annually by the MUSC Women Scholars Initiative, this fellowship provides financial support for female faculty members to initiate a relationship with a mentor affiliated with an outside institution. Chike-Harris will be working with Carolyn Rutledge, PhD, from Old Dominion University to integrate telehealth education into the nursing curriculum.
You’re Invited!

In honor of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, the College of Nursing and Center on Aging are proud to co-host

Turning Awareness into Action:
A Public Panel on Aging Issues

Wednesday, June 6th from 12:00-1:15pm
Drug Discovery Building, Room 110
171 Ashley Ave, Charleston, SC 29425