Our 135th Anniversary Gala was clearly the talk of the town…with our glamorous attire, delicious food by Cru Catering, great entertainment with upbeat music, outstanding swimming by our water friends, and some pretty fancy dancing by those on land! And maybe the thing I liked best about the evening was how it brought together our entire College of Nursing family…students, staff, faculty, alumni, donors and friends, who all came together to celebrate and to get to know each other a little better outside of our hallowed walls. Finally, I know that a party is successful when folks say that they wish it could have gone on a little longer. I know that is how I felt for sure.

There are so many fun images that were captured during the night and of course sharing them allows us to relive the fun. We took plenty of fun photos at the event. Enjoy the memories. — Gail
Historic Gala Event Honors Alumni, History, and Dean

More than 530 guests gathered February 23 to celebrate the College of Nursing’s 135th Anniversary at the sell-out gala event. The MUSC Alumni Association hosted the evening at the South Carolina Aquarium, where guests enjoyed music, savory food stations, intriguing sea creatures, and a dive show in the aquarium’s great ocean tank.

The evening began with the presentation of the 2018 Alumni Awards to four individuals whose outstanding professional accomplishments and volunteer services have contributed to the success and reputation of the MUSC College of Nursing. College of Nursing graduates, Maj. Gen. Dorothy Hogg (‘97), Michelle Mollica, PhD (‘14), and Mary Watcher Swain (‘80), along with nursing advocate, David Garr, MD, were honored for their support and dedication to the nursing profession.

The College of Nursing also celebrated the 135th anniversary of the 1883 founding of the Training School for Nurses that evolved over the years into the nursing school it is today and one of the oldest nursing schools in the nation.

Since Dean Gail Stuart will be retiring in June, the evening also served as a tribute to her 33 years of service and leadership to MUSC.

Mrs. Ann Edwards, a loyal supporter of the college gave a toast to Dean Stuart. “It’s not easy to navigate the waters of change but Dean Stuart has done that for the last 16 years,” she said. “She is a visionary and a trailblazer at the helm.”

Dean Stuart’s retirement has led the college to establish the Gail W. Stuart Scholarship. This merit-based scholarship will help open the doors to the college and nursing profession to the most deserving students.

The evening would not have been possible without the evening’s generous sponsors. Many thanks to MUSC Health, MUSC Physicians, Lou Hammond Group, Bishop Gadsden Episcopal Retirement Community, Arnold Nemirow, Mary Watcher Swain and Rosenblum Coe Architects, Inc. for making the night one to remember.

Click here to view photos from the event.
MARCH
March 2 / Noon - 12:50 PM
Apple Tree Presents: Research Design
Ed. Center/Library 405

March 10 - 18
Spring Break

March 10 / 7:30 AM - 4:45 PM
APRN Primary Care Update
BEB 110

March 14 / Noon
DOTS
CON 221

March 15 / 5:00 PM
CON & ECCO Event
1141 Ayers Plantation Way

March 19 / Noon - 1:00 PM
Research For Lunch: Drs. Melba Hernandez-Tejada & Sundaravadivel Balasubramanian
CON 413

March 19 / 1:00 PM
Faculty & Staff Assembly
CON 202

March 23 / Noon - 12:50 PM
Apple Tree Presents: Collect & Analyze Data
Ed. Center/Library 405

March 27 / 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
CARES Clinic Fundraiser
MUSC Horseshoe

March 29 / Noon - 1:00 PM
Feed Your Mind: SCTR Populations Engagement Group Opportunities
CON 513

APRIL
April 6 / Noon - 12:50 PM
Apple Tree Presents: Report, Discuss & Disseminate Findings
Ed. Center/Library 405

April 11 / 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
MUSC Earth Day & Local Food Fest
MUSC Horseshoe/Portico

April 11 / Noon
DOTS
CON 221

April 12 - 13
MUSC Board of Trustees Meeting
Colcock Hall

April 16 / 1:00 PM
Faculty & Staff Assembly
CON 202

April 11 / 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
MUSC Earth Day & Local Food Fest
MUSC Horseshoe/Portico

April 25 / 9:00 a.m.
Administrative Professionals Breakfast
Drawing Room

Join us in celebrating the
College of Nursing
and
ECCO Partnership
in support of the educational and health care needs of our community
THURSDAY, MARCH 15
5:00 PM
at the home of Geoff and Dianne Schuler
1141 Ayers Plantation Way
Mount Pleasant, SC

St. Patrick’s Day theme and raffle prizes.
The favor of a reply is requested by March 7 to
Anahita Modaresi at modaresi@musc.edu or 843-792-8421
Updated ADA Policy
The University has updated its Disability Policy and Procedure information. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 requires MUSC to implement reasonable support for students with documented disabilities. Students who want to disclose a disability should contact the Office of Student Services, to seek guidance on the process and initiate a “Disability Accommodation Request” form. The Disability Accommodation Policy & Procedure information is located on the MUSC College of Nursing website. If you have any questions contact Carolyn Page at pagecf@musc.edu.

College of Nursing Job Fair
In an effort to help nursing students maximize job opportunities available in the Charleston area, the College of Nursing held its first job fair in February. The job fair was specifically targeted for current BSN students and had representatives from the VA, Roper Hospital, Trident Health System, McLeod Health Hospital and Spartanburg Regional Healthcare and others on site to meet with students and to discuss potential employment opportunities. Depending on interest, the college hopes to offer this job fair during each spring and fall semesters. For more information, contact Shelly Drake at drakm@musc.edu.

Seeking Student Ambassadors
The College of Nursing is looking for students who are interested in helping with campus tours in order to give prospective students an opportunity to speak directly with and answer questions from current MUSC nursing students. Volunteers also will have the chance to participate in campus events such as student panels.

Thank you to the students who have already signed-up to take on this position. This month, a group of BSN students will assist Kayleigh Larson, CON’s student recruiter, with campus tours for prospective students. A special thank you to the Student Nurses Association for providing shirts for our student ambassadors. If you are interested in becoming a student ambassador, please contact Shelly Drake at drakm@musc.edu.

Attn: BSN Students
All CON students should be logging community volunteer and service hours on the MUSC Gives Back website. Student awards are associated with completing and logging these hours. Please make sure to do this each time you do some good in the community.

Two Scholarship Opportunities
The Coastal Community Foundation of SC is seeking applicants for two scholarships.

The Faith Jefferson Hohloch Scholarship is accepting applications from students who have been accepted or enrolled in a 2-year or 4-year U.S. based institution of higher education. Faith Jefferson Hohloch Scholarship applications must be submitted online by April 6.

The Thaddeus John Bell, MD Family Scholarship Endowment honors the medical services and civic contributions provided by Dr. Bell both to the minority community and to the majority community. The scholarship is available to students who have completed at least one semester in any of the colleges and in any of the degree programs at MUSC. Applicants must be legal residents of SC, minority students of African or African-American descent, and in need of financial aid to some degree, as determined by MUSC’s Office of Financial Aid and by information provided on the scholarship application. Thaddeus John Bell, MD Family Scholarship applications will be accepted until April 6.

If you have any questions contact Coastal Community Foundation at 843-723-3635 or Caroline@CoastalCommunityFoundation.org.

Recently, President David Cole, MD, recognized CON’s student recruiter, Kayleigh Larson, along with five of her MUSC recruitment colleagues for the 2017 Values in Action Award. This award encompasses the five MUSC enterprise values: Compassion, Respect, Innovation, Collaboration, and Integrity. This team of college recruiters have demonstrated these values by establishing campus-wide recruitment efforts to raise awareness of the academic programs available and to bring in the future students of the university. Congratulations!
Three CON Faculty to be Awarded Palmetto Gold

Congratulations to Debbie Bryant, DNP, RN, FAAN, Katherine Chike-Harris, DNP, APRN, CPNP and Angela Stanley, DNP, APRN-BC, NEA-BC who were recently named Palmetto Gold recipients for 2018. The three faculty members will be recognized at the 17th annual Palmetto Gold Gala on April 21 in Columbia, SC. The Palmetto Gold Award is a program sponsored by the South Carolina Nurses Association that recognizes and honors nurses who have demonstrated excellence in the practice of nursing and a commitment to their professions.

Palmetto Gold, a subcommittee of the SC Nurses Foundation, is a statewide recognition program that both showcases the valuable contributions nurses make to patient care in South Carolina and raises funds to endow scholarships for registered nurse students.

Go Red for Women Luncheon

Several students volunteered at Charleston’s Go Red For Women Luncheon on Feb. 22. Christina McDaniel, MSN, RN, clinical instructor, along with students Kimberly Mansfield, Darshonda Guess, Alex Brown, Christin Martin, Carlie Mzik, and Mary Catherine Gill, provided blood pressure screenings for the event. The luncheon supported the American Heart Association’s Go Red for Women campaign to promote women's heart health.

Professor Gayenell Magwood, PhD, RN, FAAN, also attended the event and sat on the Women Saving lives through Careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math panel to discuss the various career paths in the nursing profession.

Fetter Health Care Network Honors PASOs

For the past 50 years, Fetter Health Care Network has provided quality health services to Dorchester, Berkeley, Colleton, and Charleston Counties. On February 24, the FHCN celebrated their 50th year at a luncheon. During the event, the Tri County PASOs team received the Fetter Health Care Partnership Award. This award recognizes PASOs' contributions to Fetter’s goal of eliminating health disparities. In the past year PASOs had more than 580 contacts with Fetter patients and provided on site prenatal and breast-feeding classes, navigation and resource referral services and individualized education for a healthy pregnancy and reproductive health services. Join us in congratulating the PASOs team and their work within the College of Nursing’s Hispanic Health Initiatives.

Champions of Diversity

To honor Black History Month, MUSC’s six colleges and several student organizations hosted the 4th Annual Black History Awards program on Feb. 16. Gayenell Magwood, PhD, was one of six honorees, along with Mark Chishom, DMD, Johnnie Early, PhD, Marvella Ford, PhD, Cristina Reyes Smith, OTD, and James Tolley, MD. All were presented with Excellence in Diversity Awards. By cultivating and exemplifying excellence, these champions of diversity, leadership, and health care provide the best of the present and future. Congratulations!
Submitted Grants

PI: Debbie C. Bryant, DNP, RN, FAAN
Sponsor: HRSA
Title: TRANE - Transformation (for primary-care settings) and Re-design (didactic and clinical experiences) to Advance Nursing Education and Practice for rural communities
Goal: To establish an academic practice partnership to address registered nurse workforce gaps in primary care, population health, population health management, and analytics in rural/underserved communities.

PI: Teresa Stephens, PhD, MSN, RN, CNE
Sponsor: National League for Nursing
Title: BRIDGES (Building Resilience through Inclusion, Professional Development, Guided Academic Progression, Engagement, and Support)
Goal: Phase one will serve as an evaluation study to explore the unique needs of associate degree new graduate nurses (ADNGN) as they seek employment opportunities, prepare for the NCLEX, and navigate the academic progression process. This study also will look at the value of a BSN degree, explore the challenges and perceived barriers experienced by ADNGNs as he/she transitions to practice while simultaneously completing a BSN, and identify resources and support services perceived to be beneficial and contributing to the participants’ successful transitions to practice and profession.

PI: Martina Mueller, PhD
Sponsor: Sub Univ. of Florida/NIH
Title: Enhancing Lactation Success in Mothers of Extremely Premature Infant to Improve Infant Health
Goal: To influence health policy and practices that may directly translate to increased breast milk production for mothers and better health outcomes for premature infants.

Publications & Presentations

• Publications


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Managing Epilepsy Well

The Managing Epilepsy Well (MEW) Network is a team of people who care about people with epilepsy and their caregivers. MEW Network Members come from American universities, community-based organizations and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Network Members work together to promote epilepsy self-management research and improve the quality of life for people with epilepsy.

In 2013, Janelle Wagner, PhD, and Gigi Smith, PhD, RN, CPNP-PC, were asked to co-chair the first Self-Management in Pediatric Epilepsy Workgroup, an interprofessional group of 14 researchers and clinicians from across the U.S. This group’s goal is to identify the domains of epilepsy management in pediatric epilepsy while considering issues, from a developmental perspective, in the transition from family-centered to independent epilepsy self-management (SM). Three initial tasks are in process: 1) Systematically review the current literature on pediatric epilepsy SM interventions; 2) Prepare a publication as an update the review of psychosocial interventions by Wagner & Smith (2006); and 3) In consultation with the adult self-management questionnaire recently developed by MEW, consider and write potential questions that represent the domains of SM in youth with epilepsy and their families. The first two tasks have been completed as demonstrated by the publications listed below:


Nominations Sought for Outstanding Faculty Awards

Submission deadlines for the awards listed below is March 15. Each year outstanding faculty members are recognized with university-wide awards for teaching, research, service and advising during Faculty Convocation. Visit the Faculty Awards Page for details and consider nominating one of our many outstanding faculty members.

MUSC Foundation Awards
- Population Health Award
- Outstanding Clinician Award
- Distinguished Faculty Service Award

Provost Awards
- Peggy Schachte Research Mentor Award
- Developing Scholar Award

2ND ANNUAL QUALITATIVE RESEARCH INTENSIVE

Join us for a week-long series of classes for researchers and others who wish to learn how to develop and implement a qualitative research project.

• DISCUSS when a qualitative approach is appropriate
• DISCOVER how to frame your research purpose and questions
• DETERMINE which qualitative approach to use
• DEVISE data collection options, including focus group strategies and interview question development, and data analysis

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OUR WORLD, OUR HEALTH

Monday
12:00 PM

The Power of Partnership to Transform Health & Development

Chris Elias, MD, MPH | President for Global Development
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Tuesday
4:00 PM

Global Health Speed Networking Student Event

Wednesday
4:00 PM

Soccer as a Grassroots Intervention to Tackle HIV/AIDS
Discussion with experts from MUSC, Grassroot Soccer, and Vijana Amani Pamoja in Kenya.

Thursday
4:00 PM

A Calling To Help: Humanitarian Aid - The Risks, Rewards, and Reality
Discussion with experts from MUSC, Doctors Without Borders/ Médecins Sans Frontières and Vanderbilt University.

Friday
9:00 - 11:45 AM

A Hopeful Future: How We Can End Preventable Deaths of Moms and Kids Worldwide
Keynote: Kelly Saldana, Director of the Office of Health Systems, USAID
Panel session on maternal and child health and advocacy training will follow.
Sponsored by Save the Children Action Network

Sponsored by MUSC Center for Global Health
Location: MUSC Bioengineering Building | BE 110

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RSVP by March 19th to fowleras@musc.edu