

eCONnections

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With the arrival of fall, I've been contemplating where our 135-year-old college has been and where we are going. This school has done an outstanding job preparing nurses for the 21st century, but what's next?

I believe the MUSC College of Nursing has the potential to be more than an excellent school of nursing. I believe through our innovative research, high-quality, interprofessional education and transformative faculty practice we can do more. We can be transcendent educators who challenge our students to think beyond the bedside and seek to answer difficult questions that impact clinical practice and the discipline. Our innovative and cutting-edge research has the ability to influence policy and deliver real solutions to today's complex health care problems. Our compassion and ethics have the power to show the world what humanity truly looks like.

As we continue to lead, through our innovative educational programs and research devoted to changing lives in vulnerable populations, we remain committed to being bold in as we move forward as a college. Although we will be making a few internal adjustments to ensure that we allocate the depth of our rich talents, the MUSC College of Nursing will continue to develop and launch initiatives that focus on the university's mission of research, education, and patient care. Our nurse researchers remain committed to investigating critical questions that will improve the health of our communities. Our faculty will continue to employ as well as examine new innovative learning models, while our students will be challenged to engage in high-level critical thinking and application to patient care and practice. We will continue to promote and optimize people's health in order to improve their quality of life through our faculty practice. I challenge everyone to embrace and value what lies ahead so that the actions we make together propel the college's legacy forward.

FROM THE DEAN



Linda Weglicki, PhD, RN
Dean



NEWS BRIEFS

Welcome Aboard // Margaret Anton, PhD, is a new postdoc scholar in the College of Nursing. Anton received her PhD in clinical psychology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Her research interests focus on the integration of technology and evidence-based practice to enhance mental health services for underserved populations, including low-income and ethnic minority children and families. She will be working with **Ken Ruggiero, PhD**, and the TACHL team.

Woo Hoo! // Congratulations to the following employees who will receive Annual Service awards, **Gigi Smith, Ph.D., RN (20 years)**, **Donna Jordan (10 years)**, **Wendy Muzzy, MRA (10 years)**, and **Susan Newman, Ph.D., RN, (10 years)**. The 2018 Annual Service Award receptions, hosted by President Cole, will honor 10-year recipients on Wednesday, October 3, and 20, 30, and 40-year recipients on Thursday, October 4.

Listen Up // Recently, **Teresa Kelechi, PhD, RN, FAAN**, was featured on MUSC's Public Radio regarding self-management of pain and fatigue. The interview was broadcast statewide on S.C. Public Radio during September but in case you missed it you're in luck as you can still listen to the [podcast](#).

Party of Four // Last month, **Ruthie Conner, PhD, RN**, and her husband, Greg, adopted a baby girl. Ava Reese Conner was born September 7 weighing 6 pounds, 6 ounces and was 20 inches in length. Big sister, Olivia, is looking forward to showing lil sis the ropes. Congratulations to the Conners!



Grant Money to Aid Crime Victims

On September 7, S.C. Attorney General Alan Wilson was in Charleston to announce that \$46 million in grants will aid crime victims in South Carolina with \$12 million serving victims in the Lowcountry. According to Wilson, 95 percent of the grant money is from the federal government with no state tax dollars used. The funds will support programs like CON's Elder Abuse Training and Treatment Program and other agencies that assist crime victims in their recovery with needs such as with transitional housing, therapy, and legal services.



From left to right: Al Cannon, Sheriff Charleston County, Pat Votava, MUSC Health Pediatrics, Keisha Graham, Case Management and Care Transitions Dept. MUSC Health, Adam Mayer, Integrated Center of Clinical Excellence MUSC Health, Dr. Melba Hernandez-Tejada, College of Nursing, Alan Wilson, SC Attorney General, Dr. Alyssa Rheingold, National Crime Victims Center, Dr. Kathy Gill-Hopple, Forensic Nursing MUSC Health, Megan Wallace, National Crime Victims Center, Dr. Dean Kilpatrick, Director National Crime Victims Center, and Mara Steedley, College of Nursing

OCTOBER

October 3 / 4:30 p.m.
Dean's Scholarship Reception
 CON Drawing Room

October 8 / Noon - 1 p.m.
Planned Giving Lunch & Learn
 CON Drawing Room

October 9 / 11:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Fiesta Latina
 MUSC Horseshoe

October 10 / Noon
DOTS (Diversity & Openness Talking Series)
 CON 221

October 11 - 12
MUSC Board of Trustees Meeting
 Colcock Hall

October 14 / 2 p.m.
Out of Darkness Walk
[Join Team MUSCCON](#)
 Hampton Park

October 15 / 1 p.m.
Faculty & Staff Assembly
 CON 202

October 25 / 5:30 - 8 p.m.
[Light the Night: Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Walk](#)
 River Dogs Stadium

NOVEMBER

November 2
MUSC Research Day
 Campus Wide

November 12
State Holiday: Veterans Day
 CON Open

November 19 / 1 p.m.
Faculty & Staff Assembly
 CON 221

November 22 - 23
Thanksgiving Holiday
 CON Closed



Walk to Fight Suicide

afsp.org/walk

October 14 at Hampton Park

Registration/check in begins at 1:00 p.m.
 Walk begins at 2:00 p.m. (ends at 3:00 p.m.)

Support the MUSC Student Nurses Association's team!

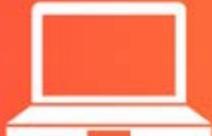
[Donate to the MUSCCON team](#)

[Register to walk on the MUSCCON team](#)



Your donation funds suicide prevention education programs in schools, workplaces and communities nationwide

afsp.org



Your donation helps bring the Interactive Screening Program to local colleges and workplaces

afsp.org



Your donation funds advocacy programs that support smart mental health legislation in state and federal government

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New Scholarships Established for Nursing Students

The MUSC College of Nursing had the distinct honor of awarding six new scholarships this fall in fulfillment of our Take Nursing Higher scholarship campaign. The campaign aims to raise \$1 million in scholarship funding to help our state's best and brightest nursing students achieve their dreams of becoming nurses. Thank you to our faculty, staff, alumni, and donors who have participated in the Take Nursing Higher campaign. The following scholarships are made possible through your generous support!

Olivette Garr Smith Scholarship - This merit based scholarship was awarded for the first time in August to **Madison Wuller**, a BSN student from Overland Park, KS. Olivette Garr Smith graduated from MUSC's College of Nursing in 1947 and went on to work at both St. Francis Hospital and The Citadel. She passed away in February 2018 leaving behind an incredible nursing legacy and several loving friends and family members. One of those friends is Mervyn Juchartz, also from the class of 1947, who was so moved by her friendship with Smith that she began the Olivette Garr Smith Scholarship that awards an incoming or returning College of Nursing student enrolled in any program.



Danielle Ravenell, the recipient of the Dr. Heidar A. Modaresi Nursing Scholarship.

Eleanor Shealy Adeimy Scholarship - Inspired by the events of September 11, 2001, **Toyanna McElhenny** wanted to spend her adult years in service to others. She began her health care career as an EMT and later attended Midlands Technical College, graduating with her nursing license in 2016. Afterwards, she worked in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Palmetto Health Children's Hospital in Columbia, SC, but decided to enroll in MUSC's RN to BSN program in order to further her education and practice at a higher level of nursing care. She is the first recipient of the Eleanor Shealy Adeimy Scholarship, a merit based scholarship available to students in the RN-BSN program. Dorothy Taylor, daughter of Adeimy (a 1943 graduate), started this scholarship in her mother's honor earlier this year as a way to celebrate her many career accomplishments.

Dr. Heidar A. Modaresi Nursing Scholarship - This scholarship was established in the fall of 2017 by both Heidar A. Modaresi, Ph.D., a clinical psychologist, and his daughter, Anahita Modaresi, the director of development in the College of Nursing. Inspired by the quality nursing care Modaresi received throughout his life, this scholarship is one of the college's first aimed at helping underrepresented minority students achieve their dream of pursuing a career in nursing. It's first recipient is **Danielle Ravenell**, a BSN student, from Maplewood, NJ. Ravenell received her undergraduate degree in 2014 from the University of South Carolina in athletic training before enrolling in the BSN program. She is the president of the college's Student Government Association and is one of this year's Dean's Scholarship Reception speakers. Ravenell's interest is in acute care and she plans to pursue her DNP and work as an acute care nurse practitioner.

Dr. Deborah C. Williamson Nursing Scholarship - Deborah Williamson, DHA, MSN, RN, is no stranger to MUSC. After 46 years in nursing and 31 years in the college she retired in June. For many years, she served as the faculty leader for the Hispanic Health Initiative Scholars, an honors clinical group of BSN students who explore

health issues in the local Latino community. Her passion for serving our state's Latino community led her to lead a statewide initiative for improving the health and well-being of young Latino families in South Carolina. During her academic career at MUSC, she served in numerous roles, most recently, she served as the associate dean for practice.

In honor of Williamson's many accomplishments in the field of nursing, David Garr, MD, began a scholarship in his wife's name. The Dr. Deborah C. Williamson Nursing Scholarship is given to a DNP student in their second year who has an interest in primary care in underserved populations. **Lenora Butterbaugh** is the inaugural recipient of this award. Butterbaugh is from Orange City, FL and is enrolled in the DNP program in the FNP track. She has an interest in serving under resourced communities through primary care. She received an associate's degree from Daytona State College, her BSN from Bethune-Cookman University, and is on track to graduate with a DNP degree from MUSC in 2021.

Gail W. Stuart Scholarship - This scholarship was established in 2017 in honor of the college's former dean, Gail W. Stuart, Ph.D., RN, FAAN, and her many contributions to the field of nursing and to the college. Stuart, the College of Nursing's longest serving dean, led the nursing school from 2002 until 2018 until her retirement in June. She made significant contributions to psychiatric mental health nursing during her 47 year nursing career. While at MUSC she taught in undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral programs in nursing and served on numerous academic, corporate and government boards. She also has represented nursing on a variety of National Institute of Mental Health and National Institute of Nursing Research policy and research panels.

Imani Fickling is the Gail W. Stuart Scholarship's first recipient. She is from Oakland, CA and is pursuing her Ph.D. in nursing science. Fickling is no stranger to Charleston or MUSC as she received her undergraduate degree in 2009 from the College of Charleston and her BSN in 2012 from the College of Nursing. She went on to earn a master's degree from the University of California in 2017. From there she enrolled in the college's Ph.D. program and is scheduled to graduate in 2020.

Amelia Kaasa Rowland Scholarship - **Tamara Washington** entered the BSN program in fall 2017 while working as a patient care technician at Roper Hospital. Washington's focus is to bridge the communication gap between doctors and minority patients, and she has worked diligently to alleviate anxiety for minority patients who may not understand medical terminology. She has a heart for helping others especially diverse populations with medical needs. For this very reason, Washington was awarded the first Amelia Kaasa Rowland Scholarship. This scholarship is in honor of Amelia Kaasa Rowland, a 2005 graduate, and is given to a student who is a single parent in good standing with the college. Rowland's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Laurin Kaasa, began this scholarship as a way to acknowledge their daughter's hard work and success as a nurse midwife and to help nursing students achieve their dreams of becoming a nurse. During her time in the college, Rowland received scholarship money to help ease the financial burden of tuition. This year the family decided it was time to pay it forward and return the generosity that was shown to Rowland.

A huge thank you to these donors and their newly formed scholarships and too all our scholarship donors for their continuous support! The MUSC College of Nursing awarded more than \$300,000 in scholarships this fall due in part to the generosity of our supporters. If you would like to learn more about the Take Nursing Higher campaign or would like to contribute to a nursing scholarship, visit our [website](#) or call our Office of Development at 843-792-8421.

Funded Grants



PI: Melba Hernandez-Tejada, DHA, PhD
Sponsor: South Carolina Department of Public Safety/Victims of Crime Act
Project Period: 10/1/18 – 9/30/19
Amount: \$324,528
Title: Elder Abuse Assessment Training and Mental Health Services Program

Goal: To combine training of health care providers and mental health services with direct treatment services in order to better serve elder abuse victims. Training health care providers will enhance referral networks, establish community connections from different angles and offer innovative treatment via homebased telehealth to improve intervention services for elder victims.



PI: Wendy Muzzy, MRA, MLIS
Sponsor: South Carolina Dept. of Public Safety/Violence Against Women Act
Project Period: 10/1/18 – 9/30/19
Amount: \$86,529
Title: Military Sexual Trauma and PTSD Services
Goal: To offer evidence-based counseling

services tailored to female victims of military sexual trauma in an innovative context. While female veterans report experiencing sexual assault while in the military at rates of 400 percent compared to their civilian counterparts, more than 95 percent of these women do not obtain services from the VA hospitals for emotional problems resulting from these sexual assaults.

Elder Abuse Training Launched

The Elder Abuse Training and Treatment Program Team that includes Melba Hernandez-Tejada, PhD, DHA, program director, Mara Steedley, training coordinator, Jordan Watkins, LMSW, therapist, and Gabrielle Frook, treatment coordinator, have launched a training program titled, Identifying and Referring Elder Mistreatment. The training is available online (45 min.) or in-person (one hour) and offers CME/CEU credits.

Interested MUSC employees can access the training through [MyQuest](#). Interested external parties can view the training via the [CME Website](#). For in person training contact the training coordinator at steadlem@musc.edu or 843-792-0796 to coordinate a date and time that works best for your team.

Grant Submissions

PI: Julie Barroso, PhD, RN, FAAN
Sponsor: NIH/NINR
Title: Improving Outcomes Through a Stigma Reduction Intervention for African American Women Living with HIV
Goal: To use a multi-site, 2x4 repeated measures randomized wait-list control group designed to compare those receiving the Maybe Someday video intervention to a wait-list control group to determine the intervention's ability to reduce stigma, improve coping self-efficacy and self-esteem; improve effective HIV prevention behaviors; improve antiretroviral adherence; and improve disease outcomes, with 300 women living with HIV infection in the Bronx, NY; Washington, DC; Durham, NC; and Charleston, SC.

PI: Julie Barroso, PhD, RN, FAAN
Sponsor: Sub. Univ. of South Carolina/NIH/NIGMS
Title: South Carolina Clinical and Translational Research Center (SC-CTRC) BERD Core
Goal: The goal of the Biostatistics, Epidemiology, and Research Design (BERD) Core is to enhance the clinical and translational research infrastructure within the SC CTRC by providing translational researchers with expertise in research methodology in the domains of biostatistics, epidemiology, qualitative research and research design.

PI: Cristina M. López, PhD
Sponsor: NIH/NIMH
Title: Brief PTSD Treatment as Intervention to Increase ART Adherence of People Living with HIV (PLWH)
Goal: To enhance acceptability of the post-traumatic stress disorder treatment and test the feasibility of a randomized controlled protocol to test the brief intervention as a pathway for increasing antiretroviral therapy adherence.

Recent Work

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SCTR-CESP Now Accepting Applications

To incentivize and foster community and academic partnerships through community-based participatory research training and funding, the South Carolina Clinical & Translational Research (SCTR) Institute offers the Community Engaged Scholars Program that provides up to \$10,000 to help teams collect pilot data for future funding applications. This opportunity is open to co-PIs of an academic or community grant in South Carolina. [Applications](#) are due soon. Interested applicants should call 843-792-4907 for more information or visit the [website](#).

Campus Safety // MUSC Public Safety has released an important new app. The LiveSafe app enables direct and discreet two-way communication with your community safety officials using text, picture, video, and audio. It also lets you virtually walk your friends and family home with SafeWalk. The app is free for all MUSC students and employees and is available in the [App Store on iTunes](#) or on [Google Play](#).



Values in Action // Compassion, Respect, Innovation, Collaboration, Integrity—do you know someone who demonstrates these characteristics? Please nominate them for the [Values in Action Award](#). This award honors five employees each year who help fulfill MUSC's vision statement, leading health innovation for the lives we touch. The winners will be vetted, selected, and recognized in person by President Cole and his wife, Kathy. If you have anyone in mind that you would like to nominate, please do so by the end of October of this year. Assistant Professor Suparna Qanungo, PhD, was the recipient of the 2016 Values in Action award for collaboration. Who will be next?

Get Your Shot // According to the CDC, last winter was the worst flu season in decades. About 80,000 Americans died from it. This year's flu season is approaching so hop on over to Employee Health Services (57 Bee St.) to get your flu shot. It's free for all MUSC employees. EHS office hours are Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Bring your MUSC ID badge with you. For more information, contact EHS at 843-792-2991 or ehs1@musc.edu.

Looking for Artistic Talent // The Office of Humanities is now accepting submissions for Humanitas, a literary journal of MUSC that features paintings, drawings, photography, prose, poetry, music, etc. from all members of the MUSC community (students, staff, and faculty) who wish to submit their work. The deadline to submit work to be considered is December 1, 2018. All MUSC students, staff, and faculty are invited to [submit](#) to work during our open submission period. If you have any questions about submissions send an email to humanitas@musc.edu.

Leave a Legacy with a Gift that Gives Back

Planned Giving 101: Charitable Gift Annuity



A charitable gift annuity (CGA) provides fixed payments for life in exchange for a gift of cash or securities to the MUSC Foundation. If you are at least 65 years of age, you can easily set up a CGA and the payments you receive are backed by the general resources of the MUSC Foundation.

Do you want to maintain or increase your cash flow? Do you want the security of fixed, dependable payments for life? Would you like to save income taxes or capital gains taxes? How about make a generous gift to MUSC in the amount of \$10,000 or more? If you answered yes to the questions above, a charitable gift annuity might be for you.

Interested in more information? Contact the [Office of Planned Giving](#) online or call 843-792-9562.



You're Invited!
All you can eat
BBQ buffet.
Sunday, October 28th
12:00 – 3:00pm

Survive to Thrive: Living Well With Stroke

2nd Annual Stroke Awareness Event

Sunday, October 28th, 12:00PM – 3:00PM
Southern Roots Smokehouse – 2544 Savannah Highway
tickets \$15 at the door*

You are invited to enjoy BBQ and music as we raise awareness about stroke in the Lowcountry. Proceeds will benefit stroke survivors and their families through the MUSC Cares Clinic, a student-run free rehabilitation clinic, and the Roper Rehabilitation Hospital Equipment Fund, a no-cost equipment-lending program.

* Tickets include pork and/or chicken BBQ, all the fixings, and non-alcoholic beverages. Alcoholic beverages and other food items can be purchased directly from the venue.

For more information call:
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