

eCONnections

SEPTEMBER 2018



What a month! My first August in Charleston allowed me to witness several of MUSC's wonderful ceremonies and traditions that take place at the end of each summer. The College of Nursing said goodbye to an enthusiastic group of RN to BSN graduates at a pinning ceremony and hello to a brand new cohort of 43 registered nurses seeking to build upon their knowledge and skills. Additionally, 92 accelerated BSN students arrived on campus to begin their academic nursing journey and were officially welcomed at the Stethoscope and White Coat Ceremony.

I am delighted that these nursing students (along with our graduate students who came to campus in July) chose MUSC as the place to start their professional development journey. I look forward to seeing each of them bring their compassion, scholarly vigor, and diverse perspectives to the College of Nursing.

Finally, traditions of the university continued with Faculty Convocation, a university-wide gathering of faculty upon the initiation of each fall semester. This annual event allowed me the chance to imagine the academic year ahead, meet new colleagues, and help celebrate the accomplishments of the fellow faculty members.

Welcome to a new academic year! Together we will make this college a great place to learn, work, teach, and serve our health care community. I wish everyone many successes in the upcoming year.

GREETINGS FROM THE DEAN



*Linda Weglicki, PhD, RN
Dean*



NEWS & NOTES

Tiny New Additions // We've had a population explosion around here. First came Elijah Gullede, born to **Amy Gullede**, and her husband, Micah, on July 31 weighing 8 lbs and measuring 19 inches. Two days later, Beckett Timothy arrive at MUSC to first time parents, **Kaleigh Larson** and her husband, Kelly, on August 2 weighing 8.9 pounds and measuring 19.5 inches long. A day later, a baby girl named Gia Rose Funka arrived to the daughter of **Joy Lauerer**, making her a very a proud grandmother. Congratulations to all on their new family additions.



Elijah Gullede



Beckett Timothy Larson



Gia Rose Funka

Welcome Aboard // **Jessica Robinson** has joined the College of Nursing as a part-time administrative assistant in the Dean's Office. Robinson is a student at the College of Charleston and is working towards a degree in business administration with a minor in healthcare and medical services. Prior to her enrollment at C of C, Robinson served in the U.S. Navy for four years and was stationed in Bahrain where she secured the gates of the base. She was later promoted to the anti-terrorism division and issued identification cards to the locals, foreign military, and foreign nationals. This semester you find her in the reception area outside the dean's office M - F from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Woo Hoo! // **Katherine Chike-Harris, DNP, cPNP**, DNP instructor, has been named a recipient of the 2018 John R. Raymond Fellowship Award. This fellowship provides financial support for a full-time female faculty member to initiate a relationship with a mentor who is an expert in her chosen field. Chike-Harris plans to use this award to develop a unique expertise in integrating telehealth into MUSC's graduate nursing curriculum. Carolyn Rutledge, PhD, a leader of integrating telehealth education within the graduate nursing curriculum at Old Dominion University will serve as her mentor. The JRR Fellowship is administered by the Women Scholars Initiative with support from the Office of the Provost.

Critical Thinker // **Joy Buie, PhD**, a postdoctoral research associate, has been named a 2018 Health Disparities Research Institute Scholar by the National Institute of Minority Health and Health Disparities. The selection process for 50 scholars was very competitive with nearly 300 applications received from early stage investigators. Buie also attended the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities' annual Health Disparities Research Institute (HDRI) from July 23–27. Held in Bethesda, MD, the weeklong institute, leading scientists in minority health and health disparities research held interactive sessions that highlighted the current state of research.

Looking for a Hero? // So is the *Charleston Business Journal*. [Nominations](#) are open for the publication's annual Health Care Heroes awards through September 7.

Can I Get A Witness? // On Aug. 15, Dean Linda Weglicki, PhD, RN, along with faculty nurse practitioners, **Katherine Chike-Harris, DNP** and **Joy Vess, DNP**, attended the signing ceremony at the statehouse to witness Gov. Henry McMaster sign a new law that gives nurse practitioners elevated prescribing power in South Carolina and changes to how they are supervised.



Linda Weglicki, Gov. McMaster, Joy Vess, Katherine Chike-Harris and Sharon Bond at signing of the APRN bill.

SEPTEMBER

September 3
Labor Day Holiday
 CON Closed

September 12 / Noon
DOTS (Diversity & Openess Talking Series)
Topic: Building synergy at MUSC to create workplace opportunities for people with special needs
 CON 202

September 17 / 1:00 pm
Faculty & Staff Assembly
 CON 221

September 29 / 9:00 am
Lowcountry Heart Walk
[Riverfront Park](#) (N. Chas.)

OCTOBER

October 3 / 4:30 pm
Dean's Scholarship Reception
 CON Drawing Room

October 8 / Noon - 1:00 pm
Planned Giving Lunch & Learn
 CON Drawing Room

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

October 14 / 2:00 pm
Out of Darkness Walk
[Join Team MUSCCON](#)
 Hampton Park

October 15 / 1:00 pm
Faculty & Staff Assembly
 CON 221

Perry V Halushka
[2018 MUSC Research Day](#)
Friday, November 2
Abstract Deadline:
September 21 @ 11:59 PM



JOIN US FALL 2018

Culturally Sensitive Care Lecture Series

Series Launch Monday, August 27th, Culturally Responsive Care

This series runs August through December and is open to all MUSC employees and students. Certificate and IP elective credit available. Lunch provided for the first 50 people each week.

Wednesdays at 12 pm | Basic Science Building Room 349

August 29:	Goals, Policy, and Management	October 17:	Organizational Policies, Practices, and Resources
September 5:	Workforce Diversity	October 24:	Measurement and Quality Improvement
September 12:	Education and Training	October 31:	Monitoring Health Equity
September 19:	LEP I: Language Access	November 7:	Assessment of Community Health
September 26:	LEP II: Preferred Language	November 14:	Community Design and Implementation
October 3:	LEP III: Interpreter Competence	November 28:	Conflict and Grievance Resolution
October 10:	LEP IV: Multimedia and Signage	December 5:	Communicating Progress

Additional details: In-person and online lectures followed by break-out group discussions each week around topics related to the fifteen *National Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services Standards* provided by the US Dept of Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health. This series is a collaboration between MUSC Health and University departments and organizations.

**Must register in advance to receive credit through MyQuest (Employees)
 or Enrollment Management (Students)**



Nurse Graduates Celebrated at RN-BSN Pinning

The College of Nursing held the Pinning Ceremony for 42 graduates of the RN to BSN degree program on August 16 at St. Luke's Chapel. After a warm welcome from **Dean Linda Weglicki, PhD, RN, Associate Professor Teresa Stephens, PhD, RN**, delivered an inspiring keynote address to the audience.

Several graduates were invited to join Sigma Theta Tau, the International Honor Society for Nursing, including **Allyson Reser Ackerman, Blair Elizabeth Bartleson, Catherine Jean Bellamy, Kristen Kelly Grooms, Deronda Sarah Marie Wilson Honig, Jeannine Linomontes, Robyn K. McBeath, Jason Ricky Smith, Doug Tolerton, Rochelle Worley and Shannon Lee Zeilinger**.

The Pinning Ceremony marks the passage from the student role to the practice role, a tradition that dates back to the 1860s when Florence Nightingale awarded symbolic medals to nurses who helped her care for soldiers during the Crimean War.

CON Welcomes Class of 2019 with Stethoscope Ceremony

On an August 23, under a blue summer sky, 92 students were officially welcomed to the College of Nursing as part of its traditional white coat and stethoscope ceremony. **Dean Linda Weglicki, PhD, RN**, pinned new accelerated BSN students with a "Keeping Healthcare Human" lapel pin on their new white lab coat, while **Felesia Bowen, PhD, DNP, APRN**, director of undergraduate programs, and **Jerry Mansfield, PhD, RN**, executive chief nursing officer at the MUSC Medical Center, presented each student with a stethoscope. This cohort will finish their studies in 16 months and graduate in December 2019.

More than 50 years ago, incoming nursing students were recognized through nursing's traditional capping ceremony where they received a nurses cap. Today, in place of a cap, the college recognizes the undergraduate students with a more modern welcoming gift, a stethoscope and a pin that symbolizes behaviors between nurses and their patients that is respectful and compassionate.



New CON Dean Presents at Othersen Lecture

For eight years, the Janelle Othersen Visiting Professorship Lecture has provided an educational experience for MUSC nursing students and faculty. This annual presentation aims to encourage thought-provoking conversations and ideas, while also allowing dedicated nursing students to be exposed to a diverse and vibrant array of nurse leaders, backgrounds, and ideas.

In light of the recent change in leadership within the college, **Dean Linda Weglicki, PhD, RN**, was tapped to make this year's presentation on July 18. She discussed her new role, collaborative opportunities and promoting areas of distinction in order to ensure that CON is prepared to navigate the nursing workforce waters.

Upper left: Dr. Biemann Othersen and Mrs. Janelle Othersen with Dean Weglicki (center) / Bottom right: Dean Weglicki with Jerry Mansfield, PhD, RN, executive chief nursing officer at MUSC Health



Funded Grants

PI: Gigi Smith, PhD, RN, CPNP-PC, FAES

Sponsor: HRSA

Project Period: July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019 / **Amount:** \$132,552

Title: Advanced Nursing Education Workforce (ANEW) Program - Supplement

Goal: To support additional primary care advanced practice registered nurse training curriculum, with a special focus around mental health, substance use disorder, access and treatment, proper pain management including proper opioid use; health outcomes values and use of telehealth as appropriate.

PI: Janelle Wagner, PhD

Sponsor: Cincinnati Children's Hospital/NIH

Project Period: August 1, 2018 – May 31, 2023

Title: Fostering Medication Adherence in Children with Epilepsy using mHealth Technology

Goal: This mHealth sequential, multiple assignment, randomized trial (SMART) is focused on providing mobile health tools and strategies (education, automated digital reminders, individualized adherence feedback, problem-solving skills) to youth with epilepsy to improve adherence and quality of life and decrease seizures and health care utilization.

PI: Amy Williams, DNP

Sponsor: Zero to Three

Project Period: July 1, 2018 – September 29, 2021

Title: HealthySteps

Goal: To ensure healthy childhood development for children and families in the zero to three age range. Through a partnership with MUSC University Pediatrics Northwoods, children and families will have access to a dual-branded Healthy Steps specialist and a community health worker with PASOS of South Carolina.

Grant Submissions

Co-PI: Julie Barroso, PhD, RN, FAAN

Sponsors: Sub: University of North Carolina Greensboro/NIH

Title: Increasing HIV Care Engagement and ART Adherence for Black Women Living with HIV

Goal: To assist with the development and implementation of the intervention of the study. Barroso will serve as the expert on the topic of HIV prevention interventions, and assist with intervention development, implementation and evaluation.

Recent Work

Woodall, L., Garr, D., Hopla, D., Kern, D., & Smith, G. (2018). Can state-supported interprofessional coalitions cure preceptor shortages? *Journal of the American Academy of Physician Assistants*, 31(6), 1-4.

López, C. M., Margherio, C., Abraham-Hilaire, L. M., & Feghali-Bostwick, C. (2018). Gender disparities in faculty rank: Factors that affect advancement of women scientists at academic medical centers. *Social Sciences*, 7(4), 62; [doi:10.3390/socsci7040062](https://doi.org/10.3390/socsci7040062)

Buie, J. N. (post-doc), Stanley, A., Nietert, P., Logan, A., Adams, R. & Magwood, G. (2018). Racial disparities in arterial stiffness between healthy whites and African Americans in the United States: A meta-analysis. *Journal of the National Medical Association*. [doi: 10.1016/j.jnma.2018.06.001](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jnma.2018.06.001)

Williams, L.S., Johnson, E., Armaignac, D.L., Nemeth, L., & Magwood, G.S. (2018) A mixed methods study of tele-ICU nursing interventions to prevent failure to rescue of patients in critical care. *Telemedicine and e-Health*. [doi: 10.1089/tmj.2018.0086](https://doi.org/10.1089/tmj.2018.0086).

Bauza, C., Martin, R., Yeatts, S., Borg, K., Magwood, G., Selassie, A., & Ford, M. (2018). Determining the joint effect of obesity and diabetes on all-cause mortality and cardiovascular related mortality following an ischemic stroke. *Stroke Research and Treatment*. [doi: 10.1155/2018/4812712](https://doi.org/10.1155/2018/4812712).

Sargent, L. (PhD '17 grad), Nalls, M., Starkwetaher, Hobgood, S., Thompson, H., Amella, E. J., & Singleton, A. (2018). Shared biological pathways for frailty and cognitive impairment: A systematic review. *Ageing Research Reviews*, (47), 149-158. [doi: /10.1016/j.arr.2018.08.001](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.arr.2018.08.001)

From Scholarship to Friendship

By Sarah Schwartz,
Development Associate

Education, respect, diligence, and kindness have remained core values in Renée Black's family throughout the generations.

"My grandmother would always say, 'Sit straight, respect yourself, seek success, and be kind to others,'" laughed Black, "and that has had a huge impact on how I live."

Those values continue to live on today through the Marie LePrince Farmer Scholarship, which Black established in her paternal grandmother's memory to help first-generation college graduates and single parents who might otherwise be unable to attend nursing school.

Black became involved with the College of Nursing in 2013 at the suggestion of a friend who served on the college's advisory board. The college's national rankings and five degree programs impressed Black, who is a nurse herself, though she would later make a career in the biotechnology industry.

"Involvement with the college seemed to be an incredible opportunity to help others," she shared. In addition to her financial support, Black gave her time and talents through her service on the college's advisory board from 2013 to 2017.

Black has met with almost every scholarship recipient since the fund's creation five years ago and has come to serve as a resource and mentor to many.

One of those students was **Erica Tollerson, BSN**, who received the



Renee Black (left) and Erica Tollerson share a laugh at the College of Nursing.

Marie LePrince Farmer scholarship at the MUSC College of Nursing in fall 2016.

Tollerson took advantage of Black's offer to keep in touch, and the two met regularly during Tollerson's time at the college. "I loved that Renée was willing to meet with me and talk. It meant I had someone to get advice from and to share my experiences with who understood because they had walked this same path."

The two have continued their friendship beyond Tollerson's graduation, talking regularly on the phone and sharing meals when possible.

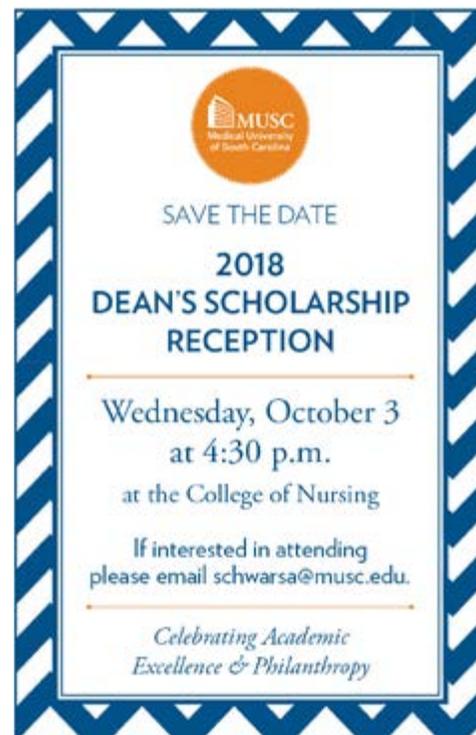
Tollerson's hard work and dedication paid off in 2017 as she graduated and shortly thereafter assumed a position with MUSC Health. Tollerson attributes her success to her parents and Black, as well as others who supported her throughout the program.

When asked what they each wanted to share with those considering scholarships or donations to the College of Nursing, Tollerson stated, "Scholarships give students a sense of balance and instill the truth that we have the resources to achieve our dream." Black shared,



"If you are graced with the ability to contribute monetary gifts, you should. Scholarships change lives." Looking at Tollerson, Black added one last remark, "and she will no doubt change many lives."

When asked what the scholarship meant to her, Tollerson smiled and looked back at Black, saying, "At the moment, it meant I could go to school and not worry about the financial burden that comes with enrolling in any program. Now, it means that I have gained a friendship, one that will last a lifetime!"





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