

Expanding Global Initiatives for Nursing Students

The Nursing Department has been offering global health experiences for students on a regular basis since January 2006 when Dr. Karin Johnson led a group of faculty, students and alumni to Tanzania for the first time. Now, just a few short years later, nursing students can choose between Tanzania, China and Ecuador during their education here at SU.

The January Tanzania trips, which emphasize HIV/AIDS prevention and sustainable agriculture, have been led by Dr. Johnson and will continue to be led by Dr. Tina Brown. These trips have been planned in collaboration with Global Service Corp. Student activities have included teaching in the villages around Arusha, going on a safari in the Ngorongoro Crater Conservation Area and visiting the area surrounding Arusha.

Dr. Dorothea McDowell has developed a relationship with Yangtze University in Jinghou, China, and took students there to be exposed to Traditional Chinese medicine for the first time in May 2009. This two-week trip is offered every year. The next one is planned for May 2011 and will include visits to Eastern and Western medicine health care facilities, as well as, excursions to the Great Wall, Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square.

The newest offering, being led by Dr. Vonnie Brown, is designed to increase the cultural sensitivity of nurses by introducing them to health and health promotion practices in Ecuador. In January 2011, students will spend two weeks in Cuenca, Ecuador. Plans include: studying basic medical Spanish; visiting an Incan garden and a local market that sells medicinal plants; attending presentations by a

curandero; and visiting a local hospital, hospice and an orphanage. Students will also develop and present a health promotion topic to local elementary students.

Any SU nursing alumni who are interested in participating in these experiences should contact the lead faculty member for more information: Dr. Thea McDowell, 410-548-5562, demcdowell@salisbury.edu; Dr. Vonnie Brown, 410-548-4784, vsbrown@salisbury.edu.



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NURSING NOTES

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GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIR

Dr. Lisa Seldomridge

What a year 2009-2010 has been, with a record number of grant awards, expansion of enrollments in several programs, outstanding faculty scholarship and superb performance of our students. Here's a sampling of what's happening:

- **The Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.) was approved** beginning in fall 2012; it is the first doctoral program at SU.
- **Hospital clinical faculty positions were implemented** after receiving a \$635,601 grant from the Maryland Higher Education Commission Nurse Support Program to develop these positions in collaboration with Peninsula Regional Medical Center (PRMC) and Atlantic General Hospital (AGH). Two SU alumnae, Rebecca Skorobatsch '05 and Julie Long '93 were hired in fall 2009 by PRMC and AGH, respectively. Kerry Nestor McCann '02 was hired into the third position for fall 2010. During the academic year, these faculty supervise SU students in clinical experiences at their home hospital; during winter and summer, each works in the education department at their respective hospitals. All are enrolled in the SU master's program.
- **Development of a Simulation Center** is underway as a result of a \$937,000 grant from the Maryland Hospital Association Who Will Care grant program. The 4,000

plus square foot Sim Center will use high-fidelity human patient simulators to teach students how to care for clients in the specialties of labor/delivery, high-risk newborn and critically ill children. Standardized patients (trained, paid actors) will be used to help students learn how to interact more effectively with clients with psych/mental health disorders. The Sim Center activities will support the expansion of the second-bachelor's degree program from 18 to 36 students over three years. In addition, a Best Practices for Nursing Success course will be taught each semester to improve retention and maintain NCLEX success.

- **Scholarships for second-bachelor's degree** students have been funded from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, New Careers in Nursing Program for eight second-bachelor's degree students (\$10,000/student). This program aims to increase the number of graduates of accelerated second bachelor's degree from under-represented and economically disadvantaged groups. One of 52 schools nationwide to receive funding for 2010, SU will increase enrollment in its accelerated second-bachelor's program to 30 students.
- **A new doctor and a new baby.** Dr. Katie (Simmons) Hinderer completed her Ph.D. at the University of Maryland, Baltimore in early June and welcomed

baby William in late June. The department now boasts 94 percent doctorally prepared, tenure-track faculty.

- **Advanced certification:** Dr. Debra Webster earned her certification as an education specialist by the National League for Nursing.
- **Submission of a \$712,800 grant to HRSA** Advanced Nurse Education Expansion program aims to increase the number of full-time nurse practitioner students. If awarded, each student would receive \$22,000/year for two years to accelerate degree completion.
- **Increased number of online/hybrid course offerings** was realized with NURS 319 Health Assessment, NURS 329 Research, NURS 431 Community Health Clinical conferences, NURS 442 Leadership/Management, NURS 443 Leadership/Management Clinical conferences, NURS 430 Community Health, NURS 440 Senior Seminar, NURS 573 Technology in Health Care Education and NURS 574 Clinical Nurse Educator Practicum, NURS 515 Epidemiology, and BIOL 552/NURS 552 Advanced Pathophysiology, to name a few.
- **Study abroad trips** to Tanzania were led by Drs. Karin Johnson and Tina Brown in January 2010 with a focus on HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention; a trip to Ecuador in January 2011 with Dr. Vonnie Brown is planned with a focus on

culture and health care practices; and a trip to China with Dr. Dorothea McDowell is planned for May 2011 to study Traditional Chinese medicine.

- **National recognition for SU Student Nurses' Association** was garnered through the Image of Nursing award, which was given to SU for promoting a positive image of nursing and making a significant contribution to the public and/or community through its Girl Scout Day, a popular event held every semester for area scouts. A second award for political activism was garnered for SNA member Zachary Hoover's '09 talk, "The Impact of Health Care Reform on Nursing Practice."
- **Student research presentations** by Dami Ekundayo '10 and Raulina Simango '11 with advisor Dr. Tina Brown at the National Council on Undergraduate Research held in Missoula, MT, in 2010.
- **New faces in the department** include Jeff Willey '96, who will teach adult health and epidemiology; Dr. Brenda Mister '95, who will teach pediatrics, adult health and introduction to professional practice; Dr. Judy Jarosinski from the University of North Carolina, Wilmington, who will teach psych/mental health and community health. Kim Allen, returns to SU as nursing resources coordinator. She will also teach in adult health and introduction to professional practice.

FACULTY NEWS

PRESENTATIONS

- **Dr. William Campbell** was invited in October 2009 for an oral presentation at the 17th National Conference on Civil War Medicine in Baltimore, MD. *Fort Delaware: The Walls, Water, Diseases and People.*
- **Dr. William Campbell** presented a poster at the Sigma Theta Tau's 40th Biennial Convention held in Indianapolis, IN, in November 2009. The poster was titled: *Girl Scout Nursing Exploration Fair: A Collaborative Community Service Learning Experience for Nursing Students.*
- **Drs. Debra Webster & Mary DiBartolo** presented a poster at University of Maryland's Annual Nurse Educator's Conference this past March titled: *Addressing Academic Incivility in Nursing Education.*
- **Drs. Mary DiBartolo & Lisa Seldomridge** also presented a poster: *Focus on Health: Using a Nursing Faculty-Hosted Public Access Television Series as an Educational Strategy.*
- **Dr. Debra Webster** also was invited for a podium presentation for AHEC in Easton, MD, this past May. The topic: *Caring for Clients with Dementia and Delirium.*
- **Dr. Debra Webster** presented at the Drexel University Nursing Education Institute (DUNEI) held in Myrtle Beach, SC, June 21-24. Her poster was titled: *Using a Virtual Poster session to Engage Students in a Scholarly Activity in Psychiatric Nursing.*
- SU was represented at DUNEI by **Dr. William Campbell**, who presented a poster titled: *A Collaborative Community Service Learning Event for Girl Scouts as a Pediatric Nursing Clinical Experience.*
- **Drs. Lisa Seldomridge & Mary DiBartolo** also presented two posters at DUNEI. One poster was titled: *Cinemaeducation: Using Feature Films to Teach End-of-Life Issues*, and the other was *Focus on Health: Using a Nursing Faculty-Hosted Public Access Television Series as an Educational Strategy.*
- **Dr. Tina Brown** presented a poster, *Beliefs About Breast Cancer Among Black and Latina Women*, at the Society for Psychological Study of Social Issues biennial conference in New Orleans, June 24-27.
- **Dr. Thea McDowell & Carlene Campbell, M.S., RN** recently presented at the Summer Institute for Nursing Informatics at University of Maryland in Baltimore. The institute was held July 21-24, and the presentation, *Assessing Nurses' Computer Literacy in Order to Maximize their Use of Health Care Information Systems*, was selected as the Practice Award Winner.



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FOND FAREWELL

We send warm wishes to Dr. Karin Johnson and Professor Mary Kane who retired July 1, 2010. Johnson joined the nursing faculty at Salisbury State College in 1978 and became one of the first doctorally prepared nursing faculty members. She was instrumental in the development and leadership of the graduate program, launched in 1982. In addition to over 30 years as a nursing faculty teaching nearly every course in the curriculum, she was known for her expertise in epidemiology. Johnson also served SU as the director of grants and sponsored research and assistant to the president. Kane joined the SU faculty in 1977 as one of the founders of the baccalaureate nursing program. She taught undergraduates in psych/mental health, community health and the renowned Life and Death Issues (PHIL 325/NURS 325) course. She also taught graduate students in Issues in Advanced Nursing Practice (NURS 514) and Management of Adults (NURS 558). As a nurse practitioner, Kane worked with under-represented groups in correctional health and at the Village of Hope. Both of our dear colleagues have left a remarkable legacy that will remain with us for years to come. They will be sorely missed!

CLASS NOTES

1997

Robyn (Yanke) Gilden completed her Ph.D. at University of Maryland, Baltimore in January 2010 and is working as an assistant professor of nursing at UMB teaching undergraduate community health clinical and practica.

1999

Tisa (Brumbley) Elliott is working at Peninsula Endoscopy Center in Delmar, MD, in the pre/post operative area. She is married to Rick and has two daughters, MacKenzie and Kayton.

2004

Angela (Kukta) Jefferson works as a nurse practitioner at Peninsula Urology Associates located in Salisbury. She received her certification in urology in 2008. She is married (as of October 10, 2009) and lives in Laurel, DE. She and her husband Kurt are expecting their first child in September.

2007

Kayna Freda married Matthew Trader in Ocean City in June 2009 and is working as a medical surgical RN at Georgetown University Hospital and pursuing her master's in nursing education at Salisbury University. She and her husband are currently living in Salisbury.

2007

Brooke Bowen accepted a new position as MDS coordinator at Berlin Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Prior to this, she had worked at Peninsula Regional Medical Center on 5 South Orthopedic/GU Unit since graduation. She resides in Snow Hill, MD.

2007

Matthew Brown received the Circle of Excellence Award from Sibley Hospital where he is employed as a RN on 6West Unit and is active in the Nurse Practice Council there. He received his award recognizing outstanding job performance at a ceremony on May 14.

2009

April Freeman welcomed a baby girl, Calista June, on June 11. Calista joins three other siblings and proud father Jim (also an SU alum). They reside in Easton, MD.

Tyketra Pinder accepted a RN position at the federal prison in Petersburg, VA.

IN THE LOCAL NEWS

Two SU nursing graduates were featured in a recent press release from Peninsula Regional Medical Center this past spring. **Teresa Niblett (1999)**, director of Cardiovascular Services, and **Erin (Brinkley) Mareck (2004)**, CTICU clinical coordinator, were part of the team accepting the Center's Cardiothoracic Intensive Care Unit Beacon Award for Critical Care Excellence.

Two Nursing Grads Help in Haiti



Trish Grey (L) and Eileen Stump (R).

In April of this year, Patricia Grey and Eileen Stump, both 2009 graduates, took a 16-day trip to work in an emergency room in Port Au Prince, Haiti. They traveled with the volunteer organization, International Medical Corps, as part of the relief efforts launched in response to the devastating earthquake there in January.

When they arrived, the city was in ruins and thousands of families were living in tent-camps throughout the area. They primarily worked in the ER of the University Hospital in the center of Port Au Prince about six blocks from the Presidential Palace. Because the hospital itself was unsafe, they worked out of tents set up in the hospital parking lot instead.

Not only did they see patients with serious traumatic injuries, but also tropical diseases (such as malaria and typhoid fever) attributed to minimal access to clean water. While they said the experience was both physically and emotionally exhausting, they learned so much and felt honored to be part of the experience. Upon their return, they continue to work on a medical/surgical unit at the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore that specializes in infectious disease, including the care of HIV/AIDS patients.

Trish and Eileen are celebrating their one-year milestone at UMMC and will soon be both sitting for the AIDS Certified Registered Nurse certification exam.

First Graduates of the Master of Science Clinical Educator Track

Seven students received the Master of Science after completing the newest graduate track—as clinical educators. Carlene Campbell, Holly Hayman, Deana Kenney and Aaron Sebach were awarded their degrees at the May 2010 Salisbury University commencement exercises. Nadya Julien and Stacey Moyers received their degrees in August 2010.

The Clinical Educator Track, launched with support from a Maryland Higher Education Nurse Support Program (NSP-2) grant, prepares graduate nurses for positions in education in colleges/universities or health care settings.