

NursingNotes

SALISBURY UNIVERSITY WINTER 2013

SALISBURY UNIVERSITY NURSING SOARING TO NEW HEIGHTS!

The 2012-2013 year was another exceptional one for SU Nursing – completing year one of our post-Master’s D.N.P. program, expanding the use of the Henson Medical Simulation Center, continuing our leadership with grant awards, contributing to nursing knowledge through extraordinary faculty scholarships and celebrating incredible student achievements!

Did you know...

- ❑ Our first cohort of post-master’s Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.) students completed year one of the three-year curriculum. Students completing this 38-credit post-master’s program come from a variety of nursing roles, including clinical nurse specialists, nurse practitioners, educational leaders and nurse executives. Already, they are beginning work on their comprehensive doctoral project, identifying a healthcare problem and reviewing research to determine possible interventions and strategies to improve patient outcomes. These projects range from lack of attention to oral health needs of older adults living in long-term care facilities, to a comparison of single-use and multi-use blood pressure cuffs, and the incidence of hospital-acquired infections. As these projects evolve recommendations for staff education and monitoring programs, as well as fiscally responsible decision-making, will result. Delivered in a distance-accessible format, the first year of the program has focused on evidence-based practice and technology to guide administrative and clinical decisions, as well as policy development. Faculty teaching in year one of the D.N.P. program included Drs. McDowell Winter, Nutt, Hinderer, Rockelli and Willey from Nursing and Dr. Cathy Otto from Medical Lab Science.
- ❑ A post-B.S. to D.N.P. option will begin in Fall 2014. This program is for students with a B.S. in nursing who wish to become Family Nurse Practitioners while earning a doctoral degree. These credentials (FNP with D.N.P.) will be necessary as all advanced-practice nursing moves to require a doctorate. The 80-credit curriculum blends existing FNP master’s level courses with D.N.P. courses. Anyone interested in getting a jumpstart on this program may begin classes as soon as Spring 2014.
- ❑ SU Nursing received \$1.079 million from the Maryland Higher Education Commission for D.N.P. curriculum development allowing us to accelerate the offering of the post-B.S. to D.N.P., and supporting D.N.P. course development. With the Institute of Medicine call to double the number of doctorally-prepared nurses by 2020 and limited availability of doctoral programs in the state, SU is the perfect location for this new degree option. Faculty on this grant project include: Drs. Seldomridge, Parsons, Badros, Brown, Nutt, Hinderer, Jarosinski, McDowell Winter, DiBartolo, Willey, Webster and Rockelli, and professors Alessandrini, Jordan and Smith. Second B.S. degree alumna Joran Premo Hurt (was Joran Taylor) is developing and teaching a course in healthcare finance.
- ❑ We received \$335,000 in scholarships from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration for students studying to become nurse practitioners; the Advanced Education Nursing Traineeship grant for the 2013-2014 academic year is up to \$22,000/year per eligible full-time student, and \$11,000/year per eligible part-time student. Trainees may use funds for stipends, textbooks, tuition and fees. Licensed professional nurses with B.S. degrees in nursing who meet the criteria below are eligible to apply. Dr. Molly Parsons has served as the PI on this grant.
- ❑ Activities at the Henson Medical Simulation Center continue to expand. With a focus on creating alternative clinical experiences in the specialties of labor/delivery, high-risk newborn and critically-ill children and adults with psychiatric disorders, the Sim Center activities support expanded enrollments in the second B.S. program. Under the leadership of Dr. Debra Webster, we are now in our fourth year using standardized patients to portray individuals with mental health disorders including anxiety, bipolar disorder, PTSD and schizophrenia. Students are improving therapeutic communication through these experiences. The pediatric team, led by Drs. Campbell, Parsons and professor Smith, has developed a “safety safari” in which an 8-year-old child manikin is exposed to a host of unsafe conditions that students must recognize and correct. The maternal/newborn faculty, led by Drs. Bracken and Nutt and Professors Jordan, Smith and Collins, have created blended experiences using a standardized patient wearing an empathy belly, a confederate playing a doting-grandmother, and a high-fidelity newborn manikin. In these labor and delivery scenarios, students learn to work with mom, “grand mom” and baby.
- ❑ The Eastern Shore Faculty Academy and Mentoring Initiative (ES-FAMI) has trained 27 clinical experts as adjunct clinical faculty. Just completing its second year, this collaboration between SU, Chesapeake and Sojourner-Douglass colleges provides a solution to the nursing faculty shortage by providing a 30-contact hour program of online and face-to-face instruction, simulated clinical teaching sessions and mentoring workshops. Academy attendees learn how to design and manage student clinical experiences – learning theories and principles of evaluating student performance. The ES-FAMI experience emphasizes recruitment of a culturally, ethnically and gender-diverse group of faculty who are available to teach part-time for one of the partner schools. Led by Drs. Hinderer, Jarosinski, Reid and Seldomridge, more than 60 percent of the graduates have taken a part-time teaching position with one of the three partner schools.
- ❑ SU Nursing was awarded a \$20,000 grant for a course redesign of NURS 312 Introduction to Professional Nursing Practice. Led by professor Kim Allen and Dr. Mary DiBartolo, this project compares the performance of students enrolled in online versus face-to-face sections of the course.
- ❑ There’s a new “doctor” in the house. Dr. Jeffrey Willey completed his degree in August 2013 at the University of Phoenix. Willey joined the faculty in 2009 and is currently serving as interim Director of Graduate and Second Degree Programs while Dr. Parsons is on sabbatical.
- ❑ We have several new faces in the department. Michell Jordan, M.S., CNM, is a practicing nurse midwife who has just completed a post-master’s FNP certificate at George Washington University. She expects to finish her D.N.P. in 2015. Jordan teaches undergraduate maternal/newborn nursing, and will work with FNP students in women’s health management. Jennifer Merrill, instructional designer for the D.N.P. program, joined the staff in January 2013; she is providing inspiration and technical support for the use of a variety of new software including AdobeConnect, StoryLine and Panopto, among others. She is also leading the effort for all D.N.P. courses to be compliant with the QualityMatters standards for online learning.

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FACULTY NEWS

PRESENTATIONS

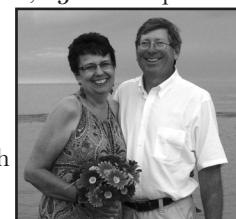
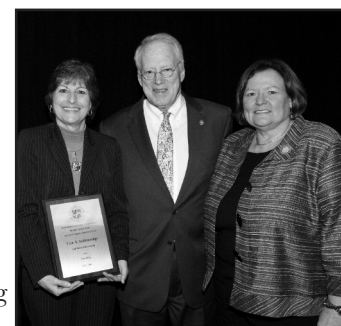
- **Dr. Katie Hinderer** presented on the topics of “What is Advance Care Planning and Why it is Important,” and “The Role of Advance Care Planning in Determining Treatment Plans” at the Looking to the Future: The Role of Advance Care Planning in Providing High Quality Across the Healthcare Continuum conference held in Milford, DE in December 2012. She presented in both poster and podium format on the topic “What Patients Want: Assessing an Educational Intervention to Improve Advance Directive Completion” at the American Association of Critical Care Nurses National Teaching Institute in Boston, MA in May. At this conference, she was awarded the AACN Research Abstract Award for 2013. She also gave a podium presentation in November at the Sigma Theta Tau International 42nd Biennial Convention held in Indianapolis, IN titled “Developing a Culturally Sensitive Seminar Assessing Attitudes toward Advance Care Planning in Chinese Americans.”
- In January, **Drs. Judith Jarosinski, Lisa Seldomridge, Katie Hinderer** and **Tina Reid** presented at the Salisbury University Teaching & Learning Conference on the topic of “Clinician to Educator: Integrating Simulation in a Hybrid Continuing Education Course.”
- **Drs. Judith Jarosinski, Tina Reid, Dorothea McDowell** and **Debra Webster** presented a poster at the National Nursing Ethics Conference in Los Angeles, CA in March. The title of the poster was “The Ethical Mandate for Interprofessional Collaboration: Bringing Collaboration into the Classroom.”
- **Dr. Judith Jarosinski**, along with colleague D. Pollard, presented a poster titled “Postpartum Depression in Diverse, Low-Income Women” in June at the Association of Women’s Health, Obstetrics and Neonatal Nursing convention held in National Harbor, MD. She gave a podium presentation titled “A Global Perspective of Caring for the Mentally Ill: Empowering Individuals Who Live with Schizophrenia” at Sigma Theta Tau’s 24th Annual International Nursing research Congress held in Prague, Czech Republic in July. Along with Heinrich, she also presented at the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurses Psychopharmacology Institute & Annual Conference held in April in San Antonio, TX. The title of the presentation was “Teaching in the Midst of Learning: Nursing Students Mentoring At-Risk Teens.”
- **Dr. Debra Webster** presented a poster titled “Patient-Centered Care: A Standardized Patient Experience in Mental Health” at the Institute for Educators in Nursing and Health Professions conference at University of Maryland in April. She also gave a podium presentation on the topic of “Patient and Family-Centered Care: A Standardized Patient Experience” in the Mental Health Setting at the Quality and Safety Education for Nurses (QSEN) National Forum in Atlanta, GA in June.
- **Drs. Lisa Seldomridge, Tina Reid, Katie Hinderer** and **Judy Jarosinski** presented a poster in October at the 110th Maryland Nurses Association meeting in Annapolis, MD titled “Creating Educators from Expert Clinicians: The Eastern Shore Faculty Academy and Mentoring Initiative.”
- In October, Professor **Nancy Smith** presented a poster on the topic of: “Late Preterm ‘Pretenders’ Family Centered Care Model” at the American Academy of Pediatrics Conference held in Orlando, FL.

PUBLICATIONS

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OTHER FACULTY NEWS

- **Drs. Voncelia Brown, Tina (Brown) Reid, Judith Jarosinski** and **Molly Parsons** were all promoted to Associate Professor this spring. **Jarosinski** was also awarded tenure.
- Also, congratulations to **Dr. Laurie Rockelli** who completed the Vanderbilt University psychiatric/mental health nurse practitioner program in August and subsequently passed the PMHNP certification exam.
- **Dr. Katie Hinderer** was a recipient of the MHEC Nursing Educator Doctoral Grants for Practice and Dissertation Research for 2013-2014. She is also the principal investigator on an SU faculty mini-grant for the project titled “A Multi-Cultural Comparison of an End-of-Life Decision-Making Educational Intervention” for 2013-2014, and PI on another grant awarded by the Pi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau to explore the topic of “Assessing an Educational Seminar for End-of-Life Decision-Making in Chinese Americans.”
- In April, **Dr. Lisa Seldomridge** received the University System of Maryland’s highest faculty honor: the Regents Award for Excellence in Teaching. Known for her use of new, creative pedagogy in classroom and clinical instruction, Seldomridge was instrumental in creating the Richard A. Henson Medical Simulation Center and was the prime mover in developing the University’s first doctoral program in nursing practice (D.N.P.) launched in Fall 2012. She also has secured more than \$4 million in grant funding for student scholarships, faculty development, clinical educators and course redesign.
- **Dr. Dorothea (McDowell) Winter** was married on June 28 to Philip Winter of Cape May Courthouse, NJ. The nuptials took place on Kimble’s Beach on the Delaware at sunset. After a honeymoon on a cruise to New England/Canada, they will maintain two homes – one in New Jersey and one in Laurel, DE – until Thea’s stepsons graduate from high school. Congrats to the newlyweds!



CLASS NOTES

Sharon Malone ('68) retired in December 2012 from Peninsula Regional Medical Center after more than 44 years of service. Her most recent position was as Director of Nursing Resources.

Randi (Ricciardella) Polizzi ('98) is employed at the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York, where she has worked in the PACU for the last 12 years. She has one son, Luca, 2, and recently gave birth to her second child, Ava Grace, in September 2012.

Shannon (Manger) Nicholson ('04) earned her Doctorate in Nursing Practice in May 2012 from George Mason University, where she also received her M.S.N. as Family Nurse Practitioner in 2008. She currently works as a nurse practitioner for the National Sports Medicine Institute in Lansdowne, VA.

Allanna Webb ('04) graduated from Bowie State University with an M.S.N., and is certified as a Family Nurse Practitioner. She currently works with a physician in Internal Medicine and Retail Health.

Jaclyn Bandell ('07) completed a 27-month service in Botswana as a United States Peace Corps volunteer. She returned to Baltimore, where she currently works as a public health nurse in Baltimore County. She married Timothy Shelton (SU Class of '07) in September 2012. They are moving to Atlanta as of the fall, as she will be pursuing her Masters of Nursing degree at Emory University as a family nurse practitioner.

Julie (Harris) Montasser ('08) accepted a position as RN Manager with the State of Maryland's Department of Health & Mental Hygiene. She is managing the Dementia/Stroke/TBI unit at Deer's Head Hospital in Salisbury, and is enrolled in the master's program in nursing leadership at Wilmington University. She is married to Monty Montasser (SU class of '07) and resides in Salisbury.

Becky Firor ('10) works at Hopkins Bayview Hospital on the cardiac/pulmonary floor, where she is the wound care representative. **Liz Derr ('10)** also works on the cardiac/pulmonary unit there, while **Alex Caplan ('10)** is employed at Bayview in the emergency department.

Breana McKinnon ('13) has elected to pursue a position in global healthcare, and has joined the Catholic Medical Mission Board to focus on HIV/AIDS, malaria, maternal/child health and tropical disease. She is working as an operating room nurse in Honduras at the San Benito Clinic.



DEPARTMENT-SPONSORED FOCUS ON HEALTH SERIES CELEBRATES 200TH EPISODE

For more than a decade, PAC 14's *Focus on Health* series has provided viewers in Wicomico County and beyond with opportunities to learn about various diseases and medical conditions, as well as pertinent healthcare issues. This October the series, which is produced by the Department of Nursing, celebrates its 200th episode.



The program was begun in 2002 by Dr. Lisa Seldomridge, department chair, who soon after turned over hosting duties to fellow faculty member Dr. Mary DiBartolo, who works together with Creig Twilley, director of PAC14, as producer of the series. While the majority of the programs are interview segments with physicians and other healthcare providers discussing particular medical diagnoses or conditions, the format has been expanded in recent years to include surgeries and other innovative approaches.

Several programs have taken viewers inside the operating room at Peninsula Regional Medical Center with an up-close look at various procedures narrated by the surgeon. These popular programs have included surgeries such as laparoscopic cholecystectomy, cataract removal, coronary artery bypass graft, robotic prostatectomy and total hip replacement. Many are posted on PAC14's website (Video on Demand) and on YouTube, where they have been watched more than 200,000 times.

Another series of programs were filmed at local supermarkets, where DiBartolo and a local dietitian roam the aisles together discussing nutrition content of various foods, and how to read product labels to make healthier choices. Other programs have involved a panel of guests; Dr. Voncelia Brown recently joined DiBartolo and another community expert to discuss sexuality and older adults in a roundtable approach. Other nursing faculty has joined DiBartolo over the years as guests. Dr. Thea (McDowell) Winter addressed how to find reliable health information on the Internet, Dr. Laurie Rockelli discussed bipolar disorder, Erica Alessandrini, CRNP, talked about shingles and Dr. Judy Jarosinski did programs on schizophrenia, as well as drug and alcohol addiction.

Graduate students have also used "Focus on Health" as a venue for completing their capstone project. Lori Daugherty was the first to produce a program in Spanish to address the importance of flu and pneumonia vaccination, while Cheyenne Richmond followed suit and produced a program on the importance of cervical cancer screening for the Hispanic population in the region.

Many programs have promptly addressed healthcare issues as they arise in the media; examples include clarification on the need for vaccinations and the importance of organ donation, as well as updates on MRSA outbreaks, tuberculosis and suicide awareness. In keeping with its emphasis on health promotion, all episodes conclude with a listing of websites where viewers can get more information on the topic at hand.

DiBartolo adds, "we appreciate all the support we have received over the years, and the cooperation of the many healthcare providers who are eager to take time from their busy schedules to share their knowledge. We're very proud of what we have accomplished, and hope to continue to be an educational resource for the community."

PAC 14 is broadcast on Comcast channel 14 in Wicomico County. Shows are also available via live streaming online at www.pac14.org, and can be accessed via Video on Demand.

GLOBAL STUDY UPDATE

The Department of Nursing continues to offer a variety of opportunities to experience global healthcare. For the second time, Dr. Voncelia Brown took a group of nine students to Ecuador in January for an elective nursing course, which focused on cultural competence and health promotion. The group, which included juniors, seniors, a second degree student and a pre-nursing student, traveled to two major cities over a 16-day period, during which time they spent a weekend visiting a rural community high in the Andes. This offering is available during odd-numbered years. Anyone interested in joining the experience in January of 2015 may contact Dr. Brown at 410-548-4784 or by email: vsbrown@salisbury.edu.



UPCOMING TRIP TO SOUTH AFRICA

The Department of Nursing is partnering with Child Family Health International (CFHI) to provide students with an opportunity to explore the challenges of

HIV/AIDS, as well as other health problems in beautiful Cape Town, South Africa. CFHI is the leading nongovernmental organization placing health sciences students in global education programs in ways that are socially responsible and financially just. CFHI enjoys special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations and is committed to community engagement and local integrity.

In cooperation with the University of the Western Cape Department of Nursing, students will participate in clinical experiences at various healthcare facilities in underserved settings. The CFHI partnership with the University of the Western Cape expands these opportunities, and will give students access to the library and computer facilities of the university. The departure date is expected to be Wednesday, January 8, 2014 with a return date of Friday, January 24. The cost of the trip is estimated to be \$4,500.

These credit courses and/or trips are open to current students, faculty, alumni and community nurses. Currently 12 students are slated to participate, but there are additional openings available. For more information contact Dr. Tina Brown Reid at 410-543-6408 or by email: tpreid@salisbury.edu, or Dr. Karin Johnson at kejohnson@salisbury.edu.



LUCY TULL DISTINGUISHED FACULTY

Drs. Voncelia Brown and Thea McDowell Winter were recently selected as the Lucy Tull Distinguished Faculty for 2013. This award recognizes nursing faculty for their commitment to excellence in nursing education in the healthcare of the region. Both are longtime faculty members of the Department of Nursing, and were recognized at the Nursing Convocation ceremony in May.