



Millersville University

School of Science and Mathematics

Department of Nursing

Fall 2010

NURSING NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

Open House for BSN & MSN Program

October 19, 4pm-7pm,
Caputo Hall Room 128

Fall Commencement
December 19, 2PM

Spring Commencement
May 7, 2011 10AM



Xi Chi Distinguished Lecture Series

Featuring Dr. Cheryl Dellasega of Penn State College of Medicine

"Spite in White: Relational Aggression and Bullying Among Nurses."

October 21, 6:30 pm-8:30 pm

McComsey Hall

RSVP By October 20th
jwhary@paonline.com

26th Annual Grossman Science Lecture

Dr. Alan Lightman
"The Physicist as Novelist"
November 3, 7-8:45 PM



Save the Day!

Millersville University's

Annual Red Dress Luncheon

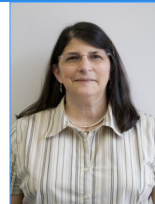
**Friday February 4th
Time and Place TBA**

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Message from the Chair

Department of Nursing Chair,
Dr. Barbara Zimmerman, PhD, CNS, RN, FNASN



This is an exciting time to be part of Millersville Nursing! I am pleased to announce that the NLN Commission has granted MU the full 8 years accreditation for our BSN, MSN and post Masters programs. The site visit in February was challenging for all of us and I am grateful to all the faculty, students, and alumni who made it such a great success. The accreditation reflects the high quality of the MU Nursing Program and I know that MU is preparing our students to face the challenges presented by our nation's healthcare system. MU nurses will be part of the solution to healthcare access and improved quality of patient's lives.

I am pleased to welcome Dr. Margaret Harris, PhD., NP-C to our nursing faculty. Dr. Harris received her PhD. and FNP from Penn State University. She received her MSN from the University of Pennsylvania and her BSN from Misericordia. She will teach the Spring and Summer 2011 semesters for both the BSN and MSN programs. Dr. Harris currently works at Wellspan-York Hospital in the Emergency Department.

In July, Cindy McIntyre joined us as the new department secretary. Cindy comes with twelve years experience as the Biology Secretary at Franklin & Marshall College. Welcome!

We are pleased to offer you this newsletter and would like to hear from you. Please keep us updated on all your accomplishments so we can share them with other alumni. You can follow us on Facebook or email us through the nursing website. I would also like to take this opportunity to ask you to consider supporting MU Nursing via an Alumni Contribution. Contact Martha MacAdam, Director of Development for details on how you can support us- Martha.MacAdam@millersville.edu or telephone 717-872-3820.

Dr. Barbara Zimmerman

2010 Colloquium Presenters

Karl Lang, Family Nurse Practitioner
Current Trends and Practice Habits of Nurse practitioners Utilizing Smartphones

Kathy Nissley, Family Nurse Practitioner
Predictors of 30 Day Readmission for Patients Hospitalized With Heart Failure

Dianne Renninger Mulreaney, Family Nurse Practitioner
Impact of Breast Cancer on Low Income Minority Women

Natalie Billings, Family Nurse Practitioner
Exploring the Health Beliefs and Training Habits of Adolescent Runners involved in Track and Cross Country

Carly M. Meyer, Family Nurse Practitioner
The Identification of Valid and Reliable Depression Screening Tools for Older Adults

Robyne M. Eisenhauer, Nursing Education
Registered Nurse Refresher Course: Re-Entry Into Nursing Practice

Leslie Dean, Nurse Educator
Teaching Ethical Decision Making To Nursing Students via Simulation

Kimberlee Loch, Family Nurse Practitioner
A Mentoring Needs Assessment of New Nurse Practitioner Graduates

Margarite Eshelman Waller, Family Nurse Practitioner
Planning and Implementing a Health Fair for an Underserved Community

Julie Ann Vance, Family Nurse Practitioner
Acute Myocardial Infarction: Educating a Community in Order to Decrease Delay in Seeking Treatment

Patrice Gruver, Family Nurse Practitioner
Preventing Diabetes Mellitus in Young Adults

Chris Hess, Family Nurse Practitioner
Raising Community Awareness: The Gift of Organ Donation

Colleen Ciano, Nurse Educator
Incivility in Nursing Education: A Practical Approach



Lancaster Osteopathic Health Foundation Award

The Department of Nursing is proud to announce that two of our students have been honored with scholarships from the **Lancaster Osteopathic Health Foundation**. Since 1999, the Lancaster Osteopathic Health Foundation has enhanced the health and well-being of the Lancaster County community. Founded on the osteopathic tradition of compassionate, patient-centered wellness, the Foundation builds the holistic health of our community by investing in people and programs that provide health care and health education to Lancaster's children, especially the underserved. The Foundation provides tuition scholarships to Lancaster County nursing students pursuing graduate education.

Stacy Wenzel and Mary Ellen Francescani, third year Family Nurse Practitioner students, are the first Millersville University recipients of the Lancaster Osteopathic awards. Mary Ellen has the distinction of receiving the **2010 Linda Gort, MS, CRNP Scholarship**. This scholarship acknowledges Ms. Gort as a pioneering NP and Women's Health Advocate. The recipient exemplifies Gort's commitment to women and quality nursing care. Congratulations to Stacy and Mary Ellen!

The Department of Nursing is the recipient of a generous gift from **Lancaster Regional Medical Center** to support students within the program to advance their studies through research, access to improved equipment, scholarships and expanded resource materials. This gift greatly enhances the programs of **Millersville University** and enables the University to fulfill its mission of providing education opportunities second to none. Thank you, **LPMC**!

Scholarship Highlight: *The Liselotte R. Wehrheim Scholarship in Nursing* was established in 2001 by Liselotte R. Wehrheim, a non-traditional student and a graduate of the Class of 1974. Now in her mid 90's, Ms. Wehrheim resides in North Carolina and continues to support non-traditional nursing students in pursuit of their BSN. Eligible applicants must have unusual or special circumstances affecting the completion of their education such as simultaneously supporting or caring for parents, children or spouse.

The 2010 recipient of the Liselotte R. Wehrheim Scholarship is **John Modene**. Congratulation, John! Best of luck in your future endeavors.

FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

Dr. Ginny Palmer: Dr. Palmer continues to be very active with WomenHeart, The National Coalition for Women with Heart Disease. This summer she attended a WomenHeart conference in Washington, DC, and spent time on Capitol Hill lobbying for **HR 1032/S422 the HEART for Women Act**. This Act will help ensure that heart disease and stroke are more widely recognized and more effectively treated in women. Dr. Palmer will once again be involved in planning Millersville University's Red Dress Luncheon which will be held on Friday, February 4, 2011. She also serves on MU's Wellness Committee.

Dr. Ruth Davis: Dr. Davis continues her volunteer work at local Lancaster shelters. She sees patients at both the Shelter for Abused Women in Lancaster and the Water Street Health Clinic. She plans to attend the PRI-MED Conference in Baltimore, Maryland this October.

Dr. Barbara Zimmerman : Dr. Zimmerma was the recipient of the 2009-Educator Award from the Mental Health America of Lancaster County. She co-authored "State Regulations for School Nurse Practice" in Dec 2009, *Journal of School Nursing*. She authored "Mentoring the Millennials" and "Reflection on Practice in School Health " 2010, *NASN School Nurse*. She co presented the paper "The Development and Review of Competencies for School Nurse Preparation" at the 2010 National Association of School Nurses in Chicago.

Dr. Deborah Castellucci: Dr. Castellucci continues in the role of graduate program coordinator for the Department of Nursing. In addition, she is an active member of the University Institutional Review Board and continues to maintain her urological practice in Reading PA.

Professor Kelly Kuhns: Professor Kuhns was invited to deliver a podium presentation Lancaster General Hospital's Professional Development Day (Health Care Reform and It's Impact on Nursing) and was also selected for a podium presentation at Our Environment, Our Health: Nurses Call for Action (Using Wikis to Teach Environmental Health). In addition, she continues to serve as the PSNA District 15 President and Legislative Liaison. Professor Kuhns continues her research in the area of faculty awareness and use of Web 2.0 technology and its impact on faculty presence in online teaching.

Alumni News

Several of our Class of 2010 Nurse Practitioner students have passed the AACN National Certification Exam. Dianne Renninger Mulreaney, Margarite Eshelman Waller, and Chris Hess reported they have achieved certification as Family Nurse Practitioners. Congratulations!

Joseph Rodriguez (BSN) was quoted in an article regarding admission and success in CRNA programs published by Minority Nurse. Joe is continuing his studies as a CRNA student at Thomas Jefferson University.

◆ 2010-2011 Awards and Scholarships

- ◆ Lt. Col. JoAnn Cashman Endowment- Harry Baney-BSN
- ◆ Luella Hamilton Award- Kara Fisher-MSN-FNP
- ◆ D. Joan Godfrey Nursing Award Pins for Academic Achievement- Leslie Dean-MSN-NE, Margarite Waller- MSN-FNP, Kristen Whitebread-Robles-BSN
- ◆ Antone Fontes Allied Health Professions Reference Book- Tara Stoffel -BSN
- ◆ Forty et Eight Award- Katie Kandrysawtz-MSN-FNP, Stacy Wenzel-MSN-FNP, Danica Beebe-Ewing-BSN
- ◆ Margaret Shank Award- Penny Stoner-BSN, Chamaine Alfonseca-BSN, Emily Weller-MSN-FNP
- ◆ Liselotte R. Wehrheim Award- John Modene-BSN