

NURSING

Fall 2008

Scholarships and Awards

Our efforts continued through the year to provide financial assistance to our students, resulting in awards of \$39,025 in grants and scholarship money from PA Higher Education Foundation. Disbursements were made to both BSN and MSN candidates. Looking ahead to 08-09, we received notification of an additional \$29,500 to be used for continuing education at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. \$9,000 in Margaret K. Shenk nursing scholarships were awarded to Jennifer Blaettler, Lisa Hubbard, Barbara Poukish and Julie Stauffer. Forty-et-Eight recipients of \$15,000 were Patrice Gruver, Kelly Hakkinen, Dianne Mulreaney, Sarah Neff and Cynthia Schupp. Dr. Edna McKenzie scholarships in the amount of \$8,735 were awarded to Jessica Cheslock, Lisa Hubbard, Dianne Mulreaney, Penny Stoner and Cynthia Yascavage.



Award winners June Llerena, Julie Stauffer and Jessica Good

Congratulations to our 2008 student achievement award winners: The Lt. Col. JoAnn Cashman Endowment awarded to BSN student **Robin Suess**; the Antone Fontes Allied Health Professions Reference Book awarded to BSN student **Jessica Good**; the D. Joan Godfrey Nursing Award Pins for academic achievement awarded to BSN student **June Llerena** and MSN graduates **Valerie Bugosh and Deborah Moyers**. **Valerie Bugosh and Robin Bohanan** were recognized as "Who's Who in Graduate Studies."

First Nurse Educator Grads

We are pleased to announce the first MSN graduates in the Nurse Educator option. In December, 2008, Kristie Berkstresser, MSN, Mary Fetter, MSN and Angela Robinson, MSN received their degrees. We currently have 13 candidates enrolled in the program.

Change Among Us

If you see Dr. Barbara Zimmerman, Dr. Ginny Palmer or Dr. Deborah Castellucci in the nursing hallway, please congratulate them! Dr. Zimmerman was named Department Chair on May 1, 2008. Her election was the result of Dr. Castellucci's, resignation as chair and reassignment as Graduate Program Coordinator.

Congratulations are in order for both Dr. Zimmerman and Dr. Palmer who were recently promoted to full professor. Their hard work and achievements were recognized by the Promotion and Tenure Committee who recommended the promotions.



Drs. Zimmerman, Palmer and Castellucci

Dr. Zimmerman was also inducted into the academy of fellows for the National Association of School Nurses, a highly prestigious honor.

**New Outreach Coordinator**

Jenny Monn, MSN, FNP-BC (MU '07) was named Outreach Coordinator. The outreach coordinator position, funded by a Lancaster Regional Medical Center grant, has a dual function. One aspect is recruitment at both the BSN and MSN levels. The second focus is in the area of Continuing Education (CE). Ms. Monn is conducting a needs assessment and will begin to organize and develop CE programs. The Department of Nursing is seeking to assist RNs in achieving the CE regulations for licensure. This will be in concert with the Department's goal for the Center for Continuing Education in Nursing.

2008 COLLOQUIUM PRESENTERS

- Sarah Beam:** Links for York County Seniors: A Needs Assessment Study
Kay Buchanan: Enhancing the Learning Environment Using Case Method and Audience Response Polling Technology
Valerie Bugosh: Nursing Students Impaired by Sleep Deprivation: Implications for Students, Faculty, and Safe Practice
Jill Earl: How to Lobby for Advance Practice Nurses
Kathleen Hindermeyer: Role of the Hospitalist Nurse Practitioner
Marcia Ludlow: Breastfeeding Self Efficacy in American Women
Deborah Moyers: A Protocol for Gestational Diabetes in a Community Health Center
Nichole Scicchitano: Stroke Awareness in the Adult
Amber Smith: Fighting Childhood Obesity: A Needs Assessment on Children's Nutrition

H i g h l i g h t s

2007 - 08 was a busy year for our faculty members!

Faculty Highlights

Dr. Deborah Castellucci –

- Named Graduate Program Coordinator
- Became Board Certified as a Geriatric NP
- Named reviewer for Scientific International Journal of Medicine
- Wrote grants resulting in \$39,025 PHEF funds

Dr. Ruth Davis –

- Continues clinical practice at various community agencies for the underserved

Dr. Ginny Palmer –

- Promoted to full professor
- Spokesperson for WomenHeart coalition giving local and regional presentations
- Planned the 2nd annual Red Dress luncheon for women faculty and staff at MU

Dr. Barbara Zimmerman –

- Elected Department Chair
- Promoted to full professor
- Additional credential: FNASN

Professor Kelly Kuhns –

- Presented a poster entitled “Interaction in Online Learning: An Integrative Review” at the Eastern Nursing Research Society Annual Conference in Philadelphia, March 2008
- Presented the plenary address entitled “Creating Online Faculty Presence” at the MU Instructional Technology Showcase in May
- Coordinated and presented at the Nursing Assessment Refresher continuing education course at MU this summer.
- Passed doctoral comprehensive exams at Villanova University this summer. As a doctoral candidate, continuing work on dissertation
- Elected as District President for PSNA District 15; reappointed as a reviewer for the PSNA continuing education reviewer unit.

Xi Chi News

Distinguished Lecture

Please plan to attend the Xi Chi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International’s Distinguished Lectureship on **Thursday, October 30, 2008** in Bolger Conference Center’s Lehr Room in Gordinier Hall. Linda C. Pugh, PhD, RNC, FAAN will speak on “Evidence – Nurses Improve the Quality of Patient Care.” All current students and alumni are invited to attend the reception beginning at 6:00 p.m., with the lecture to follow at 7:00 p.m. Dr. Pugh will also be signing copies of her book *John Hopkins Nursing Evidence-Based Practice Model and Guidelines*.

The 2008 Xi Chi awards will be presented. Following are the 2007 recipients:

Carol Y. Phillips Undergraduate Award for outstanding scholastic achievement, excellence in nursing practice and leadership ability – **Jill Shoemaker**; C. Virginia Palmer Graduate Award for outstanding scholastic achievement, excellence in nursing practice and leadership ability – **Karen Kimball**; Excellence in Nursing Practice Award – **Kathy Morrison**; Excellence in Nursing Research Award – **Jenny Monn**; Community Leadership Award – **Dr. Julie Bucher**; Mentor Award – **Karen Ramsey**.

Congratulations to all!

Student / Alumni

Spotlight:

ALUMNI:

Kristie Berkstresser, MSN Nurse Educator, 2008 passed the Certified Nurse Educator examination from the National League for Nursing. Kristie, one of our first Nurse Educator graduates, is employed by Harrisburg Area Community College. Kristie wrote, “Thank you for your educational guidance that prepared me to be successful on the examination.”

Jacqueline M. Hostetter, BSN, 1997, earned a Master’s Degree in Nursing from Villanova University College of Nursing.

Marcia Ludlow and Valerie Bugosh, MSN 2008, had their posters selected for presentation at the Pennsylvania Coalition of Nurse Practitioners 6th annual conference in State College, PA on Nov 6 and 7.

100% Pass Rate - The Department of Nursing continued its tradition of excellent outcome results in the 100% passage rate on the ANCC FNP certification examination of our ‘08 MSN graduates. CONGRATULATIONS to all who partook and passed the exam!

STUDENTS:

Robyne Eisenhauer, MSN Candidate recently accepted a teaching position at Alvernia College School of Nursing.

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HOME COMING WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

Saturday, November 1, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Science and Mathematics Alumni Luncheon (Steinman Courtyard, Argires Science Complex). Science and Mathematics alumni are cordially invited to this luncheon. No charge with advanced reservations; please call the Alumni Office (800-681-1855) or register online at www.villealumni.com.

Science and Mathematics Student Research Poster Display. Caputo Hall Lobby. Current undergraduate/graduate research poster papers will be displayed.