



# School of Nursing

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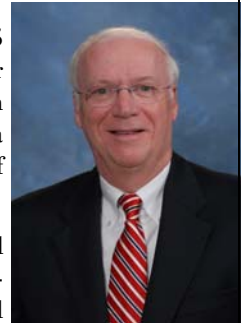
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### Greetings from the Director

The 2011-12 academic year ended with much success. On May 12, 105 students graduated from the School of Nursing (51 received a Bachelor of Science in Professional Nursing, 34 advanced their education through the RN-BSN program, 2 received a Master of Science in Nursing with a focus on becoming nurse educators and 16 received their Bachelor of Science in Clinical Research).



Progress is underway to develop a Doctor of Nursing Practice proposal for submission to the North Carolina General Administration for approval. It is anticipated that the proposal will be submitted in the fall 2012.

### 2012 Nu Omega (Sigma Theta Tau) Research Day

**Norma Cuellar** (pictured right), professor at the University of Alabama Capstone College of Nursing was the keynote speaker at the 20th Annual Research Day, sponsored by the Nu Omega Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society. Cuellar spoke at the Research Day Dinner on "Leadership: Making an Impact in Health Outcomes in Vulnerable Populations" and provided the keynote address the following day on "The Role of the DNP and PhD in Improving Health outcomes in Vulnerable Populations."



Other podium presenters included **Christy Spivey** (NHRMC), **Eleanor Covan** (School of Social Work), **Alice Matthews** (Cape Fear Hospital Unit Manager) and School of Nursing faculty **Jeanne Kempainen**. Fourteen posters were presented by various faculty, practicing nurses and graduate and undergraduate students. Awards for these poster presentations are listed on p. 2.

### Upcoming Dates

- June 18 - 22 and July 9 - 13**  
NC GEAR-UP Program
- Aug. 13:** Academic year begins
- Aug. 13:** Faculty Council, 3:30-5 p.m., McNeill Hall 1051
- Aug. 20:** UNCW Convocation, 10 a.m., Trask Coliseum
- Aug. 20:** Undergraduate Council, 3 - 5 p.m., McNeill Hall 1027
- Aug. 22:** Fall classes begin
- Sept. 1:** UNCW faculty meeting
- Sept. 5:** Labor Day; no classes

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## Notable Recognition:



Congratulations to **Nancy Murdock** (pictured left) for being named Employee of the Month for the Mother/Baby Unit of New Hanover Regional Medical Center.

Congratulations to **Megan Parpart Williams**, May '98, for being named the School of Nursing Outstanding Alumni at the 2012 Nurses' Day Celebration Dinner on May 8. **Williams** is currently employed at UNC Chapel Hill as a clinical assistant professor and at UNC Chapel Hill Campus Health Services as a family nurse practitioner. Having received her BSN from UNCW in '98, **Williams** continued her education at Duke University where she received her MSN Family Nurse Practitioner. She is currently serving on the NC Nurses Associates Board of Directors and will be installed as president of NCNA in Oct. '13.

Recognition was given at the 2012 Nurses' Day Celebration Dinner to the recipients of the NC Nurses' Association District 22 scholarships to **Betsy Ann Dickerson**, May '13, **Katherine McIlmoyle**, Dec. '13, **Marie Williams**, May '05, and **Tricia Leigh Reich**, Dec. '13. For their volunteer assistance at the Nurses' Day Celebration dinner, appreciation goes to May '12 graduates **Kristen Cato**, **Laniece Miller** and **Kara Richey**.

Congratulations to **Anne Zabriskie**, SLC Coordinator, (pictured right) and **Clayton Ferner**, UNCW Professor of Computer Science, for being the recipients of the \$1500 CTE Summer Pedagogy Development Initiative Award. This award will be used for continued development of the SON Electronic Health Record (EHR).



## Notable Recognition: Recipients of the Spring 2012 School of Nursing Awards

**Excellence Award:** Presented to a student with a minimum overall cumulative GPA of 3.25, outstanding clinical performances and nominated from students and faculty with final endorsement by the faculty:

Pre-licensure: **Andrea Smith**, May '12      RN/BS: **Steven Walters**, May '12

Clinical Research: **Veronica Lewis**, May '12

**Achievement Award:** Presented to the student who demonstrates growth and mastery of concepts and practices in nursing, utilizes resources effectively to develop potential and takes initiative for personal learning growth:

Pre-licensure: **Brian Mack**, May '12      **Caley Sears**, May '13      MSN - NE: **Colleen Fels**, May '12

Clinical Research: **Lindsay Billings**, May '12      **Elizabeth Olson**, May '13

Clinical Research Faculty of the Year: **Kris Walters**



## Senior Provides Assistance to WHA

**Brian Mack**, May '12, (pictured at left) along with classmates and friends, helped collect over 1,000 hygiene items benefitting the Wilmington Housing Authority (WHA). The project, which was a part of Mack's senior capstone experience, involved the collection of items which were later distributed among vulnerable populations living in Solomon Towers, Houston Moore and Hillcrest housing communities. Special appreciation also goes to the project's faculty advisor **Carol Highsmith**, faculty staff **Peggy Wichmann**, the Office of Student Services and the Association of Nursing Students (ANS).

## Congratulations to the May Class of 2011!

**MSN Graduates - Nurse Educator:**      Colleen Moran Fels      Margaret Mary Verzella

### Bachelor of Science Graduates

#### RN/BS

Pamela Gene Balogh  
Alicia Brooke Batts  
Janice Elaine Bennett  
Michael David Bury  
Martha Crystal Byrd\*  
Candice Faye Core  
Audrey Lorraine Cox  
Denise Smith Davis  
Heather Anne Dufresne  
Katherine Duguay  
Tara Marie Echeverry\*

Esther Noelle Freitas  
Sara Allison Gassaway  
Laurie Brown Goodman\*  
Chantelle Nicole Guthrie  
Marietta Hickman\*  
Sonja Hilburn  
Matthew Corey Horne  
Stephanie Fulcher McInnis  
Maria Prince McPherson  
Shannon Nicole New  
Carrie Jones Peterson  
Erik Daniel Pinyati

Kristina Jean Raynes  
Clara Wortham Robinson  
Stuart Wesley Robinson\*  
Holly Hodge Thompson  
Sara Anne Davis Valasek  
Steven Brett Walters  
Samantha Lauren Wayne  
Jennifer Marie Williams  
Amy D. Williamson  
Janna Corinne Wojtech  
Lakasha AkishaWright

\*Completing Summer 2012

#### Prelicensure

Amanda Leigh Aditays  
Jillian Hardin Allen  
Jessica Leigh Arce  
Victoria Noelle Barton  
Mary Catherine Beam  
Janice Ann Bridges  
Rebecca Louise Broadley  
Elizabeth Angel Brooks  
Anna Caitlin Cannady  
Kristin Johnston Cato  
Christina Margaret Conlin  
Robert William Crutchley  
Hannah Marie Dees  
Nicholas Anthony Dimeo  
Amanda Lynn Echeverri  
Jacob Scott Finger  
Caroline Marie Forton

Joshua David Gardner  
Ashli McKenzie Gibson  
Chelsey Leanne Glover  
Barbara Ann Hall  
Meagan Danielle Hanna  
Brittney Michelle Harris  
Kristan Leigh Hinrichs  
William Michael Hite  
Amanda Owen Howell  
Christin Elizabeth Joyner  
Mari Hedman Kittredge  
Jenna Danielle Lang  
Edie Ashton Langdon  
Brian Patrick Mack  
Sandra Ann Mahar  
Laura Anne Marble  
Sarah Diane Martin

Laura Laniece Miller  
Nathan McLain Morgan  
Kristen Nicole Myers  
Allyssa Blaire Newton  
Caroline Page O'Brien  
Kara Kristine Richey  
Mary Katherine Ritchie  
Jordan Paige Schenck  
Lené Marie Schoenick  
Leslie Nicole Shirey  
Allyson Leigh Shiveler  
Andrea Yeager Smith  
Kelly Lynn Taylor  
Erika Ann Walsh  
Amanda Jane Wells  
Leah Marie Wiltshire  
Sky Lyn Wren

#### Clinical Research

Lindsey Beth Billings  
Isabel Maria Bordo  
Erin Nicole Casey  
Brandy Schiabile Clodfelter  
Vertrice Ardell Daniels

Amy Lynn Dwy  
Amy Beth Elder  
Stephanie Lynn Hale  
Chiquta La'shunda Harris  
Margaret Eleanor Jordan  
Janine Elizabeth Leger

Veronica Catherine Lewis  
Allison Michelle Lleras  
Thu-Nguyen Ngoc Nguyen  
Kerri Frances Marie Roberts  
Christina Willis



## Notable Achievements

The Community Health faculty **Soo Kim Godwin**, **Kay Livsey**, **Debra Ezzell** and **Carol Highsmith** are to be congratulated for publication: Kim-Godwin, Y. S., Livsey, K. R., Ezzell, D., & Highsmith, C. (April 2012). *Home visit simulation using a standardized patient. Clinical Simulation in Nursing*, e1-e7, doi: 10.1016/j.jecns.2011.09.003

Congratulations to **Nasrin Falsafi**, **Kae Livsey**, **Debra Ezzell** and **Carol Highsmith** for their panel participation at the College of Health and Human Services conference on Strength-Based Professional Practice, entitled "Focusing on the Person Beyond the Paperwork". The conference, held on May 5, focused on moving beyond traditional paradigms utilizing concepts of resiliency, person-directed practice and community engagement.



**Kathy Ennen** (pictured left) is to be commended for her recent podium presentations:

- 1) at the 26th Annual Conference of the Southern Nursing Research Society on Feb. 25 on "Fatigue: A Mediating Variable to Regular Physical Activity."
- 2) for the UNCW Osher Lifelong Learning Institute - Women on Women, Mar. 21: "Tour of HealthyPeople 2020: What does It All Mean for Us?"
- 3) for the Retired Nurses of Wilmington Association on March 9: "Older Women and Osteoporosis: how to Prevent, Detect, and Treat."

**Brenda Pavill** (pictured right) presented a poster in Houston last April at the annual Community and Campus Health Partners (CCHP) Conference on *Enhancing the Well-being of Children and Military Families through Academic-Community Partnerships*. Also, at the annual Society of Pediatric Nurses Convention, **Pavill** presented her poster, *Out of the Box and Beyond the Inpatient Wall: Teaching Pediatrics*.

Congratulations to Pavill for publishing her e-book, *Nursing Shoes*. The book, published in April '12 and available through Amazon.com, is a compilation personal recollections of becoming a nurse, experiences as a novice nurse, noteworthy patient encounters and her transition into the roles of an expert nurse and educator. Copies can be downloaded via Kindle® through the Amazon.com website.



Congratulations to the Class of May '12

Honors students for presenting their research posters at the seventh annual Undergraduate Research Showcase on April 12. This event, sponsored by the UNCW Center for Support of Undergraduate Research and Fellowships and the Honors College, allowed more than 100 undergraduate students from a variety of academic disciplines across the university to showcase their research. Pictured left to right are the School of Nursing undergraduate students who presented their posters at this event: **Soo Kim Godwin** (Honors faculty advisor), **Jordan Schenk**, **Amanda Well**, **Erika Walsh**, **Ashli Gibson**, **Christina Conlin** and **Robert Crutchley**.

During her Community Health clinical rotation, **Jessica Messina** (Dec. '12) learned that the number of homeless children attending the local elementary school where she was assigned was increasing. With the assistance of the Association of Nursing Students (ANS), **Messina** collected clothing and personal hygiene supplies and distributed them to nine elementary, middle and high schools in New Hanover County. Pictured in the photo at left (from left to right) are **Katie Byrd**, **Messina** and **Katherine Walsh**.



## Clinical Research Enrollment Increases

The Bachelor of Science (BS) in Clinical Research program reports a record number of applications for the fall '12 cohort and is increasing the incoming class enrollment from 25 to 42 students. The program prepares students to enter the biopharmaceutical clinical research industry where graduates are hired in research-related roles in contract research organizations (CROs); investigative sites; pharmaceutical, biotechnology and device companies; and niche service providers. Some misconceptions surround the BS in clinical research: the program does not prepare students as nurses, pharmaceutical sales reps, or laboratory scientists. Rather, BS in clinical research graduates engage in the research and development of new prescription health care products. More information about the undergraduate program and the Masters degree in clinical research, including application requirements, can be found at the clinical research website: [www.uncw.edu/son/clinical.html](http://www.uncw.edu/son/clinical.html)

## News from the Office of Student Services

**Mark Werbeach**, Coordinator of the Office of Student Services, reports that his office is expecting between 100 and 150 pre-nursing transfer students and between 180-250 incoming freshmen interested in a nursing major.

Also, during the summer months the Office of Student Services will be converting hard copy files into an electronic system and developing an online appointment scheduling system for students.

## Face. Age: A Multi-disciplinary Project at UNCW

Faculties from the School of Nursing and various departments within UNCW (Film Studies, Gerontology, Theater and Computer Science) collaborated on a multi-disciplinary project using unique media to look at individual's perceptions of faces and the aging process. Images of faces and conversational dialogue of project participants were shared on three-panel screens that were arranged to create the visual effect of being in a separate room during viewing. The exhibit was on display several weeks in April at the Warwick Center to commensurate the installation of Chancellor **Gary L. Miller**. Viewers had the opportunity to respond to the images by submitting comments. Future work related to the project is anticipated to share the rich data that evolved from the project. Special commendation goes to **Brenda Pavill** for her work on this project.



## Work Continues with the New Undergraduate Curriculum

**Anne Marie Goff**, chair of the undergraduate curriculum committee, reports that work on the new undergraduate nursing curriculum has progressed beyond expectations and that detailed planning for the curriculum implementation is on target. Faculty have delineated all major concepts, such as pain, culture and stress, throughout the curriculum, and most content maps or outlines of the specific courses have been completed. The curriculum committee has met several times in addition to two at-large faculty curriculum retreats. Also, faculty subgroups representing specific areas of content have met to plan and develop specific content, consider textbook offerings and teaching strategies within the various content areas.

During the summer and continuing into the fall semester, content maps and syllabi for the initial courses that will be offered during the spring '13 semester will be developed. Planning for each course in the new curriculum involves multiple components which include student learning outcomes, classroom content, clinical experiences, simulation activities, teaching/learning methods and evaluation measures. Curriculum development can be compared to a puzzle in which all components fit together in order to create the best possible learning environment and course of study for optimal student achievement.

## 100% Passing Rate to Date . . .

Congratulations to the Dec. '11 MSN nurse practitioner graduates who have taken the nurse practitioner certification examination. With the exception of three graduates who have yet to take the exam, there has been a 100 percent passing rate.

## Simulation Learning Center News

Simulation activities in the Simulation Learning Center (SLC) during March and April were abundant in both the laboratory setting and classroom. Adult Health I students participated in a second focused bedside assessment lab based on three patient scenarios. End-of-semester simulations were conducted for all students enrolled in Adult Health I, Adult Health II and Maternal-Infant nursing courses. In addition, each student in the Health Assessment course performed a complete physical exam on a peer. The SimMan® 3G mannequin visited the classroom on two occasions for students to apply classroom learning to clinical simulations. Pictured below are first-semester nursing students performing simulation activities in the SLC.

Tours were conducted for Topsail High School students and various community groups, which included Leadership Wilmington, the Rotary Club and the Port City Coffee Group. Also, directors of the Schools of Social Work and Health and Applied Human Sciences were provided tours of the SLC to consider options of inter-disciplinary simulation activities.

During the upcoming summer months several interactive tours for middle and high school enrichment camps have been scheduled. In addition, two cohorts of the GEAR UP program will participate in simulation activities during the month of June and July.



## News from the American Assembly of Men in Nursing

On April 14, students from the organization the UNCW Chapter of the American Assembly for Men in Nursing (AAMN) participated in the First Annual Step Up For Soldiers Combat Mud Run held at the N.C. National Guard Armory in Wilmington. Step up for Soldiers is a non-profit organization dedicated to members of the U.S. armed forces. Nursing students **Michael Speight**, **Bill Simpson**, **Corey Rogge**, **Lauren Petasne** and **Emily Spinks** (pictured at right) joined volunteers to staff the event. The students subsequently ran as a team the 5K course that contained multiple obstacles: climbing walls, tunnels, mud pits and a water slide down a bunker. The Mud Run lived up to its name after students completed the course.



## Farewell to Two Pediatric Instructors

A farewell reception was held on May 8 to honor **Brenda Pavill** (left) and **Roberta Allred** (right), who are both departing the SON as pediatric specialists.

**Pavill**, after four years of service as associate professor, will return to Pennsylvania to be closer to family and to lead the graduate school of Misericordia University Nursing School. **Allred**, who began teaching in the SON during the fall '02 semester, will retire after 35 years in nursing. Both will be greatly missed for their extraordinary contributions to the pediatric program and health assessment laboratories.



## Notable Awards: Poster Presentations at the 20th Annual Nu Omega Research Day

The award for the undergraduate student poster presentation was given to **Robert Crutchley** (pictured below, left) for his research *Health Literacy and Information Support of Patient-Family Members in Critical Care Settings*. His faculty advisor was **Carol Heinrich**.

**Colleen Fels** (pictured at right) received the graduate student poster presentation award for her research poster presentation, *Computer-Based Learning Building Knowledge and Self-Efficacy for the Registered Nurse*.

**Yeoun Soo Kim-Godwin** and **Carol Highsmith** (pictured below, right) received an award for their research poster presentation on *Quality Improvement Initiatives to Enhance Health Outcomes—"Teal Hands" Reaching Wilmington Communities*.



## A Lingering Thought from the Editor . . .

This is one of my favorite times of the year. Not just because of the tolerable warmth and abundant sunshine, but for the fact that the pressures of the academic year have lessened.

This affords us time for reflection on the past 9 or 10 months as to what we, as a school and as individuals, have accomplished. And indeed it is considerable. When preparing the newsletter, I peruse prior editions looking for stories that require follow-up or which may inspire others to be written. In doing so, I am always amazed at how much we, as an institution and as individuals, contribute to the business and “busy-ness” of educating nurses, nurse practitioners, research associates and future educators.

It is the “busy-ness” of education that often diminishes the appreciation of individual contributions made towards the greater whole. Perhaps this is why the Awards Ceremony at the conclusion of each semester is so gratifying. It allows us to pause from often frantic academic schedules, reflect and give personal recognition that is so richly deserved. For this reason and for the fact that our students, staff and teachers are nothing less than remarkable, I am proud to present this end-of-year edition and provide another means of expressing appreciation and give credit to the hundreds of individuals who deserve it. Thank you.



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## Final Lingering Thought . . .

Have a fun and relaxing summer!