Greetings from the Director

Spring is an exciting time in education as we recognize the culmination of all of the hard-work by the faculty and students over the school year. We are so proud of our faculty and students for their great accomplishments. This year marks the 30th anniversary of admitting students to the baccalaureate nursing program and 10th anniversary of admitting students to the clinical research program. All programs are thriving and this May the clinical research program graduated their largest class, 54 students in the undergraduate program and nine students in the graduate program. In nursing, 48 students graduated from the prelicensure option and 24 students from the Bachelor of Science RN-BS option. Soon, the proposal for developing the Doctor of Nursing Practice program will be reviewed by the General Assembly in Raleigh. Look for new updates on the progress of this initiative in the next edition of the newsletter.

Congratulations to all and have a wonderful summer. Happy Nurses Week.

Congratulations to the Class of May 2014

Congratulations to the Class of May 2014 on their recent graduation: 54 undergraduate CLR graduates, nine graduate CLR graduates, 24 RN-BS and 48 prelicensure graduates.

Special congratulations to two prelicensure graduates on their recent commissions into the U.S. Navy: Ensigns Emmanuel Ayim and Desiree Steinhilber. Pictured in the left photo below is Ayim and in the right photo Steinhilber (center) with senior clinical faculty Nancy Murdock (left) and Nancy Grant (right).
Notable Recognition:

Congratulations to Paula Reid (pictured left) for being awarded tenure and promotion to Associate Professor.

Beth Gazza has been awarded an Academic Partnerships Faculty Research Grant as the principal investigator (PI) for her proposed research study, “Identifying priorities and satisfiers of online RN-BS students in an accelerated program: A pilot study”. April Matthias and Carol Heinrich are serving as co-PI’s. The grant will be used for a study aimed at discovering the priorities and satisfiers of online RN-BS students at UNCW. The university collaborates with Academic Partnerships to offer the accelerated online programs.

Nancy Ahern (pictured right) has been selected as an Assistant Fellow for UNCW’s Experiencing Transformative Education through Applied Learning (ETEAL) program, the university’s Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP). The purpose of the program is to enrich the environment supporting student learning, provide faculty and staff with information and resources about high-impact practices in applied learning pedagogy and to promote the implementation of these practices of applied learning throughout the university. In addition, Ahern received a $3,000 ETEAL grant for “Children’s Books to Enhance Nursing Image: An Applied Learning Assignment”.

Ahern is also a member of the pilot team who received a GA grant to fund an e-portfolio proposal, “Centering Student Learning in the Cross-Programmatic Assessment of Core Competencies”. This was in response to the request for proposals to assure high-quality degrees: student learning outcomes and specifically the use of e-portfolios to assess core competencies.

Ahern is a recipient of the J. Richard Corbett Grant Award for her research “Awareness and knowledge of child and adolescent risky behaviors: A parent's perspective”.

Congratulations to Jane Fox (pictured left) for her service in reviewing grants for Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA) as they relate to advance practice nursing programs within Advanced Education Nursing Traineeships (AENT’s). The purpose of AENT’s is to increase the number of advanced education nurses trained to practice as primary care providers and/or nursing faculty to address the nurse faculty shortage that inhibits educating nurses to meet demand. Fox has also been invited to return as a Fulbright discipline peer reviewer for Nursing 2014. The responsibilities include reviewing proposals submitted by nurses for future scholarship/grant awards.

Diane Pastor has been selected to participate in the Community Engagement Research Fellowship (CERF) within the College of Health and Human Services beginning May 19 for one year. This will involve partnering with a community provider to identify a need for community based participatory research.

Notable Recognition: Recipients of the Spring 2014 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: Zachary Switzer, '14
- RN/BS: Donella Segoviano, '15

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: Emmanuel Ayim, '14 Casey Patula, '15
- RN/BS: Jennifer Kirkland, '15
Notable Achievements

CLR faculty Barbara Pennington conducted a three-day workshop April 3-5 on “Good Clinical Monitoring Practices” in Nha Trang, Vietnam. Participants included health care workers who will be working on an H5N1 avian flu clinical trial. Pennington works as a consultant for the Program for Appropriate Technology in Health (PATH).

Congratulations to Clarissa Morrissey, '14, and her faculty advisor Carol Heinrich for completion and presentation of her Honors research project: The relationship between experiential background and the nurse's triage decisions. Her poster presentation was among 116 Honors projects displayed the week of April 7 - April 11 in Randall Library

Diane Pastor presented a poster, “It’s in the Bag: Personal Emergency Preparedness Training for Student Nurse Practitioners”, at the regional Sigma Theta Tau conference in Winston-Salem in April.

Michelle McEwen-Campbell was recertified in Inpatient Obstetrics (RNC-OB) in April.

Recent Publications. Several members of the nursing faculty and a former graduate student (listed in bolded text) have published research studies. The citations are:


2014 Nurses’ Day Celebration

The 18th annual Nurses Day Celebration was hosted by the SON and N.C. Nurses’ Association, Southeast Region on May 6. The group observed National Nurses Week with a dinner celebration with over 300 in attendance. During the celebration, SON faculty Michelle McEwen-Campbell received a NCNA Scholarship award for her doctoral work at Gardner Webb University. Prelicensure students Arely Domínguez (Dec. ’15) and Michelle Dy (May ’16) received the NCNA student scholarship awards.

Six SON faculty were among the 74 nurses recognized at the Nurses Day Celebration. Pictured left to right in photo at left is: Carolyn Jones, Kelly Laham, April Matthias, Nasrin Falsafi, and Heidi Winslow. Carol Morris was also recognized.

Deborah Boedeker (May ’05) (pictured right) was awarded the Outstanding School of Nursing Alumnus of the Year Award. Deborah is a graduate of the FNP program at UNCW and currently works as a nurse practitioner in the Employee Health Clinic at NHRMC. Prior to this position, she worked in various specialty units: pediatrics, day of surgery unit, women’s services, and oncology. Her roles includes care provider, educator, and leader. According to her colleagues, she is described as a leader for change creating initiatives to meet the needs of her patients. Boedeker implemented a newly developed day of surgery unit, the first outpatient program dedicated to women’s services. She was instrumental in establishing an in-vitro satellite and donor insemination program at NHRMC in collaboration with UNC-CH, and was the first nurse practitioner at the Zimmer Cancer Center working with medical and gynecologic oncology patients. She pursued a special interest in advanced practice oncology, defining and developing a new role in the Zimmer Cancer Center.

Simulation Learning Center (SLC) News

Pre-licensure students spent hundreds of hour performing practice assessments, communication and nursing techniques with the use of low and high fidelity simulations during the second half of the spring semester. Over 280 students spanning 10 undergraduate and graduate courses participated in simulations. They consisted of more than 150 high fidelity simulations and approximately 200 hours with standardized patients (SPs).

The participation of our community volunteers who served as SPs has been unprecedented as far as the time and talents contributed to enhance student learning through practice on “live” clients. In return, faculty and staff honored the volunteers with an appreciation luncheon on April 28. The newly developed SP simulations occurred in the following courses: Nursing Leadership, Foundations, Mental Health, and Community Health. Both students and volunteers have expressed appreciation for the SP experiences, which included the interactions with patients, feedback from the SPs during debriefing and contributing to the nursing profession through volunteer efforts.

In the community setting, health screening equipment from the SLC was used by over 100 students in community education programs, health fairs and class presentations. In addition, tours of the SLC facilities were provided to university groups and community groups, including middle and high school students interested in working in health care and nurses from the Wilmington Health - Veterans Administration clinics.
2014 Research Day: Notable Nursing Awards and Presentations

The Nu Omega award for the best faculty poster presentation was given to Patty White (pictured right) for her poster presentation: “Transformative Nursing Education Utilizing Student-Driven Pediatric Simulation.”

Morgan Jackson (pictured left) received the Nu Omega Award for best student poster presentation award for her research on “Descriptive Analysis of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder Symptoms in Women with HIV Disease Living in Rural Southeastern North Carolina.” Her faculty advisor was Jeanne Kemppainen.

New Hanover Regional Medical Center nurses and nurse educators, nursing faculty and one student made other poster presentations. SON Graduate Clinical Coordinator Susan Marshall made a podium presentation on “Lived Experiences of Nursing Students Engaged in a Service Learning Project in Peru.” In her presentation, she captured the essence of the cultural immersion and clinical practice experienced among three faculty and 14 students who visited the developing county. The group visited Peru over the spring break.

ANS Information

The purpose of the Association of Student Nurses is to contribute to nursing education and influence the educational process, as well as provide programs that relate to fundamental and current nursing professional interests and concerns. In addition, the organization seeks to develop its members into their professional roles and responsibilities for caring for people of all walks of life. For more information regarding membership, please contact one of the officers for the 2014-15 academic year: Andraya Zelle, president; Brett Curtis, vice president; Carlie Campbell, secretary; and Shannon O’Toole, treasurer. Pictured below are several current members of the association in attendance at the 2014 Research Day.
Class of 2014

BS Graduates

RN/BS

Debra Lynn Brown
Sara Lynn Ibbitsen Maximiano Carvalho
Stephanie Michelle Cheers
Georgia Farley Daniels
Lynda Horne Derzanski
Lesslie Overton Duncan
Jeffrey C. Eder
Maggie Elaine Guy
Donna Smith Hudson
Susan Kay Jenkins
Daniel Scott Jones
Jennifer Mary Kirkland

= Completing Summer 2014

Prelicensure

Meredith Bazley Armstrong *
Emmanuel Ayim *
Lauren Anderson Black *Φ
Kathryn Nell Browder *
Caroline Elizabeth Byers *
Stacey Lynn Cole +*
Megan Camille Crayton +
Veronica Jean Domeyer *
Emily Blake Esslinger *
Morgan Renee Fisher *
Caitlyn Sue Gallagher *
Katelyn Noel Gamache *
Adrienne Elaine Hahn *
Marley Suzanne Halbert *Φ
Alice Ruth Halliday *
Sarah Margaret Howe *
Sarah Elizabeth Jenkins *
Meredith Paige Johnson *
Amanda Elizabeth Kelly *
Eunchong Lee *
Hannah Katherine Lewis *Φ
Betty Lynn Mauney *
Lauren Alexandra May *
Samantha Dunn Meeks *
Taylor Jeanne Meiburg
Kaitlyn Claire Monahan +*
Shannon Marie Morris *
Clarissa Nicole Morrisey ~*
Gina Marie Papi
Sara Perez *
Kristin Nicole Pownall *Ψ
Giselle Lauren Pymento +*
Sarah Elizabeth Jenkins *
Meredith Paige Johnson *
Amanda Elizabeth Kelly *
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~ Departmental Honors
+ North Carolina Nurse Scholar
* Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society
> Sigma Alpha Lambda National Honor Society
Ú Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society
Φ Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society
Ψ Psi Chi Honor Society
Φ Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society

"Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society
" Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society
Class of 2014
Clinical Research Graduates

Master of Science

Amanda Lee Brown
Amy Caudle Chisum
Gina Lorraine Galgano
Emily Joanne Groesbeck
Chiquita La’Shunda Harris

Kayla Dawnn Lee
Jillian Jaye Saucier
Jamie Lee Taylor
Carolyn Marie Collins Thompson

Baccalaureate

Tayler Elizabeth Allegret
Zachary Marshall Allen
Marian Charity Bailey
Cassandra Blair
Deanna Marie Bouchard
Erin Hannah Branch
Rosalind Desiree Brooks
Kimberly Barnhardt Carroll
Sara Beth Chambers
Caitlin Rachelle Chizmar
Kirsten Bryce Clark
Cecille Kalette Covington
Rena Claire Crawford
Meredith Leigh Davis
Martha Hicks Dockery
Patrick Collins Dove
Shayla Bianca Drummond
Rachael Kelsey Gallelli
Samantha Lee Giggey
Jessica Caitlin Gioielli
Brianna Elaine Greenwald
Margaret Elizabeth Haigh
Signe Hardigan
Anthony Carl Hensley
Carol Ann Jones
Haley Elizabeth Kennedy
Katie Ann King

Lisa Renee Koziol
Suzanna Mae Mathias
Annie Laurie McGee
Elizabeth Asia Andrea McKenzie
Tan Huu Xuan Nguyen
Jacqueline Neshall Vanderhall Nightingale
Rhonda Ward-Covington Norman
Courtney Griesi Norris
Heather Brittnay O’Donnell
Kristin Smith Ospina
Ashly Marie Polacchi
Meghan Elizabeth Purdy
Michael Beasley Purvis
DeVona Danette Reese
Heather Jonathan Rich
Mica Frisbie Ricks
Liesbet Isabel Hanne Saelens
Emily Anne Sauls
Jessica Nicole Soles
Charlotte Jacqueline Sternon
Hang Thi My Tran
Kathleen Elaine Walker
Samantha Ann Wheeler
Caroline Hanford White
Hannah Lynn White
Sarrah Caroline Williams
Yanru Zhang

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> Sigma Alpha Lambda Honor Society
~Tau Sigma National Honor Society

+ Zeta Chi Alpha Xi Delta
^ Honor Society.org
Ω Order of Omega Honors Fraternity
**2014 Clinical Research Awards Ceremony**

The Clinical research graduates held their first Awards Ceremony on May 9, apart from the Awards Ceremony of the nursing program. The guest speaker was Jen Pullum, senior director of the Site Intelligence and Activation Division at PPD. Pullum, whose career with PPD spans 15 years, has held several other positions in project and clinical management. She has led the PPD internship efforts with the clinical research program since 2007 and works closely with faculty to ensure that changes within the industry are communicated thus maintaining its academic leadership in clinical research. Pullum’s daughter, a regionally-based CRA II at PPD, was a graduate of the program in 2011.

**Prelicensure and Graduate Student Presentations - Spring 2014**

**Prelicensure Presentations from the Community and Pediatric Nursing Classes**

On April 29, prelicensure students enrolled in Pediatric Nursing and Community nursing courses presented their reflective projects. This assignment is a collaborative effort between the two courses.

In the Community Nursing course, students were divided into groups to provide poster presentations related to assessment data, literature reviews and interventions pertaining to two community topics - intimate partner violence and obesity.

Students in the Pediatric Nursing course were asked to select patients from one of their clinical experiences who had impacted them in some way. Each student was required to write a paper presenting the patient’s pathophysiology and relevant nursing diagnoses and then use the OPT Model to plan care for the patient. Another facet of the assignment was for each student to create a product that incorporated the arts and humanities and was reflective of what they saw in patients and/or family members. Students explained how the selected patients had impacted them as nurses and how the caring experiences would frame models they will use in the future.


**FNP Student Presentations on Pediatric Analyses**

On April 29 the FNP students enrolled in the Graduate Pediatrics course also made poster presentations on topics chosen for either case or PICO analyses. Students presented and discussed a variety of topics. Below are photos of several of the presenters taken from the event.
Awards Ceremonies - May 9, ’14

Clinical Research: Bachelor of Science and Masters of Science

Prelicensure

RN/BSN
Invitation to Join the N. C. League for Nursing

SON Professor R.A. Kuiper, a member of the board for the N. C. League for Nursing (NCLN) invites interested parties to join the organization, volunteer for committee activities and/or become a board member. NCLN is an organization designed to promote excellence in nursing education within N.C. through participation in statewide activities, continuing education and meetings. While the organization is a constituent member of the NLN, membership in the NCLN does not indicate membership in the NCLA. Also, the NCLA holds separate meetings apart from the NLN are held and a separate membership fee is required. An educational meeting for the 70 to 80 statewide members will be held in Wilmington in the spring of 2015. For additional information, please contact Kuiper or view the organization’s website: http://ncleaguefornursing.org/lorem-ipsum/

American Assembly for Men in Nursing News

The UNCW Chapter of the AAMN elected new officers for the next academic year: Robert Sottile, president; Luke Steinlein, vice president; Allison Kramlick, secretary; and Annie Smith, treasurer. Wes McLean, a certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA) spoke at the April meeting on educational requirements and job placement tips.

Lingering Thoughts from the Editor . . .

It is late in the semester, less than a month before graduation. Senior nursing students begin to fill Room 1028 McNeill Hall for their Adult Health II (Complex Care) class. Some students are wearing their nursing school scrubs, others are in jeans and knit tops. One student’s tee shirt is printed with the words: “Be patient with patients who are not patient.”

Associate Professor Sarah Lawson begins her lecture with a focused conviction that matches the mood of her students. The topic is “Altered Skin Integrity: The Nursing Management of Burns.” A Power Point presentation is projected on the screen. The graphics on the slides are detailed. The descriptions of the tissue injury and complications are direct and purposeful. This presentation is visually balanced by an assortment of job postings crammed on the rear bulletin board.

The attentive audience is quiet. Some students type on laptops while others take written notes. One student questions the hazards of smoke inhalation. Another student asks about nursing priorities for chemical burns. Then the discussion moves on to various assessment components and nursing implications during the acute phase of burns. This is followed by a smooth transition into patient care during the rehabilitative phase. A case study involving a 25-year-old burn victim is depicted on the screen. What are the potential problems with this patient? What inquiry is important with this case? What are the priorities of care? What are the nursing goals?

What opportunities await these students in Room 1028 McNeill Hall weeks before graduation? What are the goals among this group of bright, inquisitive minds? What demands will be placed on these future health care providers? What expectations do they have as they enter a fast-paced and demanding profession? What will the consequences be? As the tee shirt reads, “Be patient . . .”

Sandra O’Donnell, Editor

Please submit calendar events, organizational news, notable achievements, community events, research and scholarship activities to our editorial and production staff: Sandy O’Donnell (odonnells@uncw.edu) or Debra Simpson (simpsond@uncw.edu).

Final Lingering Thought . . .

Have a fun and relaxing summer!

(Mt. Timpanogos, Utah)