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A LEADING VIEW

Welcome to the second issue of the **Nursing LEADS** publication.

This issue highlights the accomplishments of our faculty, staff and students individually and collectively. On May 7, the College of Nursing hosted its annual convocation at Stranahan Theater. Families and friends helped us celebrate the success of more than 350 students who completed one of our MSN, graduate certificate, RN to BSN, basic BSN or AASN programs. I encourage you to read this publication to experience the people who bring alive the mission of the College of Nursing. **Nursing LEADS** will be posted on our Web site at utoledo.edu/nursing for you to share with colleagues.



We also are going "green." Please send your e-mail address to Amanda Schwartz, assistant director of alumni relations, at amanda.schwartz@utoledo.edu and indicate that you are an alumnus or friend of the college. We also welcome you to call us, send us a letter or e-mail me at tim.gaspar@utoledo.edu.

I bid you best wishes for an enjoyable and fulfilling summer!

Timothy M. Gaspar, PhD, RN
Dean and Professor
The University of Toledo College of Nursing

UT'S OWN NAMED 'NURSING STUDENT OF THE YEAR'

It started with an e-mail announcing the inaugural "National Nursing Student of the Year" award sponsored by *StuNurse.com*. We know that our students are terrific and can compete at the national level, so we submitted two names: **Liesa Brand** of the basic BSN program and **Linda J. Andreoli** of the Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL) program. First, Dr. Gaspar received an e-mail announcing that Andreoli was one of the finalists. Then, the announcement came on April 9 that Andreoli had won the award.

According to **Dr. Gaspar**, "Linda raises the expectation for all of us in the college and demonstrates the best in the college, her student peers and herself." In the nomination letter, **CNL faculty member Karen Hoblet, MSN, RN**, wrote, "Ms. Andreoli exemplifies the heart, hands and soul of nursing. Not only does she combine the art with the science of nursing to produce phenomenal outcomes, she continues to serve her country." Linda is mass communication chief in the U.S. Navy Reserve and her capstone project is titled "Homeless Men's Perception of Quality Nursing Care and Their Lived Experience of Nursing Care."

A full copy of the issue is available at stunurse.com.



SPRING CONVOCATION AWARDS

GRADUATE

Nurse Scholar Award

Recipients – **Linda Andreoli** – Clinical Nurse Leader Student
Nancy Gauger – Nurse Educator Student

Dean's Award

Recipients – **Linda Andreoli** – Clinical Nurse Leader
Brian Roessner – Adult NP/Clinical Nurse Specialist Student

UNDERGRADUATE

The Ruth L. Kelly Award – presented to graduates with outstanding academic achievement.

Recipients – **Amanda Brown** – Basic BSN
Amber Howell – RN-BSN Program

Dean's Award

Recipients – **Christine Horvat** – Basic BSN
Karen Kuehn – RN-BSN Program

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

The Lubarsky Award – presented to a graduate who has done outstanding clinical work and demonstrates outstanding patient care.

Recipient – **Diana Wyse** – AASN Program

FACULTY AWARDS

Jeanne Eastop, MSN, RN – Outstanding Faculty Award (*chosen by BSN seniors*)

Denise Oancea, MSN, RN, MBA – Excellence in Service

Martha Sexton, MSN, CNS – James Hampton Excellence in Teaching

Kathleen Ahonen, MSN, RN, WHNP – Excellence in Practice

Ann Baker, PhD, CNP and Susan Pocotte, PhD – Prism Awards for Graduate Student Teaching Excellence



Big smiles at May Convocation from Karen Hoblet, PhD (c), RN, CNL (left) and Lisa Jordan, Family Nurse Practitioner graduate

FACULTY, STAFF



Kyle Marie, AASN student

UT College of Nursing students, such as Kyle Marie, volunteer their time to make a difference in the lives of children in our community. Marilynne R. Wood, PhD,

MSN, RN, interviewed Kyle about his work with an autistic child. According to Wood, Kyle has an interest in pediatric nursing and helps the child grow in social skills by interacting and playing with him. “It is one of the best experiences I have ever had,” he said. Kyle will graduate in Dec. 2010 from the Associate of Applied Science in Nursing program. He added, “Working with this child and his family has been rewarding on so many levels because I can see his progress and get to do something related to my future career.”



Nora Longthorne (left) with star "Will" and Chris Callaghan

Graduate nursing students Nora Longthorne (FNP graduate, May 2010) and Chris Callaghan (FNP graduate, May 2010) served the community through an organization called Gliding Stars, an adaptive ice skating program for individuals with disabilities. Under the supervision of Susan Rice, PhD, CPNP, NCSN, the

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AND STUDENT ACCOLADES

two described great personal growth during their capstone field experience, **“Integrating Theory and Practice in Service Learning.”** Longthorne stated, “I have had tremendous growth personally and, for the College of Nursing, this creates partnership in the community.” Callaghan added that the experience enhanced the college’s visibility and made a difference for each star, one person and family at a time.

Congratulations to **Roni Hoskins, secretary I in the Acute and Long Term Care Department, for being named one of the recipients of the UT Outstanding Staff Employee Award.** Hoskins received her award and monetary prize on April 16. One of her nominators, faculty member **Susan Sochacki, PhD, RN,** stated, “Roni helps me be a better teacher. She has the skills that I don’t have, such as creating tables and minute taking ... Because of Roni, I can focus more on my teaching.”



Cindy Kwapich, administrative assistant for Dean Gaspar, with Roni Hoskins, award recipient

Congratulations to **Karen Hoblet, PhD(c), RN, CNL,** assistant professor, the local Jefferson Award recipient for UT in March. The Jefferson Awards are presented as a “call to action for volunteers.” Hoblet has extensive contributions in the College of Nursing, the University and the community.

Timothy M. Gaspar, PhD, RN,

dean and professor, was elected to his second term on the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) Board of Directors. AACN is the national voice for America’s baccalaureate and higher degree nursing education programs. Dr. Gaspar serves as a member-at-large on the 11-member Board of Directors, each of whom represents a member institution.

Diane Salvador, PhD, RN, NEA-BC; Jeri Milstead, PhD, RN, FAAN, and graduate nursing students **Kimberly Hampton, Suzanne Corado, Margaret Lent, Gretchen Creeger Kuhlman and Kristine Ronneberg** worked with State Rep. Peter Ujvagi

in writing HB 314 legislation allowing registered nurses to pronounce death in certain circumstances. The bill passed in the Ohio House in early March and was sent to the Senate. Thank you to **Kimberly** for approaching Dr. Milstead about a project in Health Policy...the rest is history! The MSN students are now alums of our program.

The **Northwest Ohio Nurses Association** hosted its annual Spring Awards Program on April 29. Congratulations to **Abigail Devault, AASN senior; Liesa Brand, BSN senior; and Karen Jane Kuehn, RN-BSN senior** as recipients of the 2010 Outstanding Leadership Award for their respective programs.

RECRUITMENT: GOING STRONG

This spring, **Paula Ballmer, MSN, RN,** senior recruiter, and **Janice Cassity, MSN, RN,** recruiter, visited college fairs and hosted high school field trips to the College of Nursing. During a visit, students learn about nursing careers and education, with creative and engaging activities, such as listening to heart sounds on “Mr. Bob,” a simulator model, and touring the Interprofessional Simulation Center. They leave campus with lots of smiles and glowing words. Continue to send us wonderful prospective students — alumni and friends of the college are our best recruiters.

SAVE THE DATE!

Save the date for the **Dorothy Hussain Foundation Distinguished Lectureship on Wednesday, Oct. 13, from noon to 1:30 p.m.,** on the Health Science Campus. The topic is “Interprofessional Model for Elder Care.” The lecture and panel discussion sessions are appropriate for students and health-care professionals in all fields. If you have any questions, call the Center for Continuing Nursing Education at 419.383.5833.

FOUNDATION NEWS

HEART TO HEART GROWS

The heart of a nurse is often touched by another nurse.

Alumni and friends of the College of Nursing continue to support Heart to Heart by purchasing a Littman stethoscope as a gift for our incoming students. We welcomed a new cohort of 80 new students on May 17. Incoming student **Gabrielle Morris** (BGSU) shared, "It's more than I can put into words ... this gift is very special."

One of the donors, **Bonnie Nelson, MSN, RN**, (BSN from BGSU in 1977 and MSN from MCO in 1992), said, "I have taught in the undergraduate program here since 1992 and see how students struggle to work and go to school. The cost of an education has increased considerably since I went through my undergraduate program. It has been my observation that some students cannot afford their own stethoscope until they 'really need it.' This is the reason I think the Heart to Heart program is so important. It truly feels like a gift from my heart to theirs."

Inside each gift is a pre-addressed thank-you card for your student to acknowledge your generous gift. You may sponsor multiple students and/or provide additional funding to this or other programs in the college by visiting give2ut.utoledo.edu.

When making a gift online, please make sure to designate it to the College of Nursing fund of your choice, such as:

- **Heart-to-Heart Fund** – This fund provides our incoming nursing students with stethoscopes and other equipment for their clinical work.



- **College of Nursing Scholarship Fund** – This fund provides general scholarship support to our nursing students.
- **Punky and Mike Gaspar Pay It Forward Fund** – Established by Drs. Timothy and Phyllis Gaspar, this fund provides a no-interest loan to nursing students in financial need to be paid back within five years from the date of the loan.

Questions about making a gift? Please call 419.530.5414.

All gifts to the College of Nursing make an impact in the life of a nursing student. We thank you for your support!



Chip Buchman presents a stethoscope donated in memory of his wife, Dr. Debra Buchman, to Jessica Bessette.

NURSING ALUMNI AFFILIATE NEWS

The third annual College of Nursing Alumni Reception and Fundraiser was held at the Hilton Garden Inn on April 22. Attendees were treated to an evening of piano music, food and networking to raise money for student scholarships, student and faculty support, and community outreach. **Judy Didion, PhD, RN**, 2009 College of Nursing Outstanding Alumna, shared her college memories, and Dean Gaspar congratulated Linda Andreoli on *StuNurse.com's* Nursing Student of the Year Award. **Deborah Mattin, MSN, RN, MBA**, director of the Center for Continuing Nursing Education and of instructional services in the Learning Resource Center, and **graduate student Carrie Rawson** won the raffle prizes. Thank you to all of the generous donors.

For more about the Nursing Alumni Affiliate, visit toledoalumni.org.



Nursing Affiliate board members (left to right) David Lymanstall, MEd., MSN, RN; Janice Cassity, MSN, RN, affiliate president; and Ann Baker, PhD, CNP, with Judy Didion, PhD, RN, 2009 Alumnus of the Year, and Timothy M. Gaspar, PhD, RN, dean.

NEW PHD FACULTY

Congratulations to Diane Salvador, PhD, RN, for obtaining her PhD in health education with a minor in higher education from UT in May, and to **Susan Sochacki, PhD, RN**, for obtaining her PhD in higher education administration from Bowling Green State University in May.

Salvador's dissertation was titled "Registered Nurses Perceptions and Practices Related to Health Policy." Results indicate that a majority (73.5%) of nurses were involved in two or fewer health policy activities over a two-year period, with more than a fourth (26.5%) reporting no participation. Three factors were statistically significant in predicting greater levels of involvement: the ability to identify four or more benefits to participating in health policy activities; reporting moderate to high levels of efficacy expectations; and reporting moderate to high levels of interest in influencing health policy.

Sochacki's dissertation was titled "The Use of Storytelling in Nursing Education." She interviewed faculty members from five universities and nursing schools in Ohio and Indiana. Her results showed that stories are pedagogically sound tools to be used in teaching nursing content; student learning can be enhanced using stories; and the intended outcomes for stories are affected by the storyteller's skill, the experiences from which the faculty member can draw, the size of the class and the physical layout of the classroom.

IN MEMORIAM

Debra D. Buchman, PhD, CNS, professor of nursing and director of the Center for Nursing Research and Evaluation, died of cancer Jan. 22 at age 58. She was an instructor in the MCO School of Nursing from 1981 to 1990, quality research analyst in the MCO Hospital from 1993 to 1998, and manager of clinical data in Quality Management from 1998 to 2000. In 2000, Buchman returned to the College of Nursing as an associate professor and assistant director of the Center for Nursing Research and Evaluation. She was promoted to professor in 2006 and named director of the center in 2007. Last year, Buchman and Dr. Ann Baker led reaccreditation of the baccalaureate and master's in nursing programs (reaccreditation was granted through 2019). She received dean's awards for teaching and for research. Buchman's graciousness, innate kindness and brilliance touched many students and faculty. Her work lives on through those who were fortunate to know and work with her.



Deb Buchman on vacation, March 2009.

PHASE II OF THE UT INTERPROFESSIONAL IMMERSIVE SIMULATION CENTER OPENS

On April 22, the UT community and public were invited to a dynamic, state-of-the-art simulation fair to preview the Interprofessional Immersive Simulation Center. The center is being developed to provide health-care professionals with a safe place to learn and practice and to prepare our students for patient care by learning to work in health-care teams.

More than 500 people attended the fair and were "wowed" by what they saw and experienced.



Ribbon cutting for official opening of Phase 2 with Jeffrey P. Gold, MD, provost and executive vice president for health affairs (left); Pamela J. Boyers, PhD, executive director of the Center for Clinical Simulation; and Lloyd A. Jacobs, MD, UT president.

SCHOLARSHIP AND RESEARCH UPDATES

At the **Midwest Nursing Research Society (MNRS)** annual research conference in Kansas City, Mo., in April, DNP student **Trish Carter, MSN, RN** and **Whitney L. Smith (BSN graduate, May 2010)** gave the following poster presentations titled:

“Is there a correlation between a DVT risk assessment score and the development of vascular access thrombosis events in ESRD (end stage renal disease) patients?”

Authors: T. Carter, MSN, ACNS-BC, CNN; D. Smolen, PhD, CNE, RN-BC, CNS, Professor, Interim Chair, Acute and Long Term Care; & S. Ratnam, MD, PhD, Associate Professor, Division of Nephrology, Department of Medicine

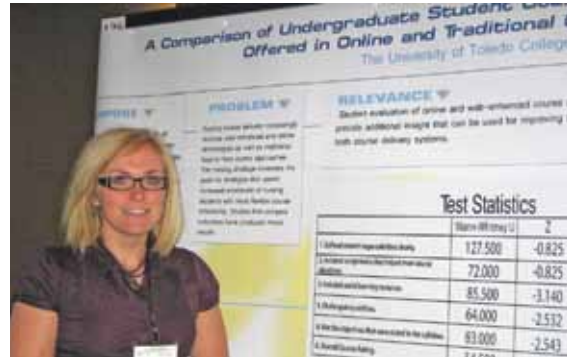
“Comparison of traditional versus online delivery for graduate-level theoretical and ethical foundations of nursing”

Authors: W. L. Smith, BSN student; J. Ransom, PhD, RN, Associate Professor; & D. Buchman, PhD, CNS, Professor



Trish Carter, MSN, RN, (left) with her poster at MNRS and her capstone project adviser, Dianne Smolen, PhD, RN

Phyllis M. Gaspar, PhD, RN, nursing faculty, presented on *“Changes in grip strength over six years among older women.”* The co-author is Melanie Johnson, MSN, RN, from Winona State University.



Whitney Smith, BSN senior, with her poster at MNRS

The College of Nursing held a successful fourth annual research conference on April 26. Sponsors were the UT College of Nursing Center for Continuing Nursing Education and Zeta Theta Chapter-at-Large, Sigma Theta Tau International. A highlight was the scholarship awards presented to **Trish Carter** and **Whitney Smith** for their posters presented at MNRS. This inaugural scholarship was funded by Tom Baker, Ed.Spec., and Ann Baker, PhD, CNP, as part of the Dorothy Hussain Distinguished Lectureship.

FACULTY RESEARCH GROWS IN DEPTH AND BREADTH

Marilynne Wood, PhD, RN, is part of a UT interdisciplinary team from nursing, criminal justice, legal studies and geography and planning that is researching elevated lead levels. According to Wood, “We will be drawing blood lead levels on junior high students and correlating results with classroom behaviors, safe school violations and juvenile criminality.” Wood and **Brenda Elliott (CNL graduate, May 2010)**, **Shauna Weyer (CNL graduate, May 2010)** and faculty member **Kathy Ahonen, MSN, RN, WHNP**, are also educating children and parents about lead poisoning.

Carolyn Lee, PhD, CNE, RN, is working on a unique research project titled “The University of Toledo College of Nursing Project: Faculty Voices.” This project involves oral interviews with retired/emeriti faculty.

Martha Sexton, MSN, CNS, has written a manuscript on student nurse to student nurse shift report and is working on interprofessional education research.

Kathleen Ahonen, MSN, RN, WHNP, completed a study with **Carolyn Lee, PhD, CNE, RN**, and **Maria Bonaguro (CNL graduate, May 2010)** on nurse practitioner students’ knowledge and attitudes about emergency

contraception. Results will be presented at a July conference in Colorado.

Angela Scardina, MSN, RN, is pursuing a project to determine the continuing education needs of advanced practice nurses in Ohio.

Susan L. Pocotte, PhD, and **Kelly Phillips, PhD, RN**, are studying “Medication Adverse Events Across the Continuum of Patient Care.” The purpose is to identify common medication adverse events in select patient care settings; to propose and evaluate the effects of revised or new interdisciplinary clinical protocols/practices; and to translate the research into teaching strategies.

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A SPECIAL VISIT

American Nurses Association President Rebecca Patton, MSN, RN, CNOR, visited the College of Nursing on May 3. **Denise Oancea, MSN, RN, MBA**, who serves as co-faculty adviser for the Student Nurses Association, was instrumental in scheduling her visit. Patton spoke with more than 100 students and 40 community and faculty members about “Health Care Reform: Past, Present and Future.”



From left to right: Paula Ballmer, MSN, RN, senior recruiter; Rebecca Patton, MSN, RN, CNOR, ANA president; Denise Oancea, MSN, RN, MBA, instructor; and Norma Tomlinson, MSN, RN, NE-BC, associate vice president and associate executive director of UT Medical Center.