A Leading View

Welcome to the summer 2012 issue of Nursing LEADS. The issue promises to give you insight into the wonderful experiences of this past year that lead the faculty, staff and students into our professional future. There are tremendous opportunities for baccalaureate and higher degree Registered Nurses to play key roles in transforming and improving the health and well-being of our community, state and world. The crystal ball is a bit unclear in the political arena, but what is clear is that nurses have a major role in healthcare reform and care delivery. There is a greater emphasis on wellness and prevention for our people. The National Institutes of Health, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality and the State of Ohio provide opportunities for funding to discover, innovate interventions and generate new models of care to promote the highest levels of health for Americans and people around the world. The 2011 Institute of Medicine (IOM) recent publication “The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health” challenges the nursing profession, its healthcare colleagues and friends of nursing to lead the transformation with four key challenges:

1. Nurses should practice to the full extent of their education.
2. Nurses should achieve higher levels of education through an improved education system that promotes seamless academic progression.
3. Nurses should be full partners with physicians and other health professionals in redesigning healthcare in the U.S.
4. Effective workforce planning and policy making require better data collection and an improved information infrastructure.

The College of Nursing was ahead of the transformational curve, investing in our students in the undergraduate programs, expanding the entry level BSN program, improving its RN to BSN curriculum and working with our associate degree programs in the region to enhance a more seamless articulation into the RN to BSN program. The Clinical Nurse Leader graduate program has grown substantially and we have one of the largest enrollments in our various Advanced Practice Nursing specialized programs. The uptick in our Post-Master’s DNP enrollment is evident and our recent graduates are making us proud as they truly practice to their full extent of their education. This program is a consortium program we share with Wright State University. As if these program accomplishments are not enough, the faculty have stepped up to lead the development of the BSN to DNP to be offered by UT. This new DNP pathway has been developed and approved through the UT Board of Trustees. The final step for approval will occur in June, when the program will seek affirmation from the Regents’ Advisory Committee on Graduate Study who will make the final recommendation to the Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents. If approved, we will admit the first BSN to DNP students this coming fall 2012.

Late in spring 2012, the Health Science and Main Campus academic partners were notified of the funding of a MEDTAPP (Medicaid Technical Assistance and Policy Program) grant submitted in mid-March. This large grant is focused on enhancing the education and retention of healthcare providers to better serve Ohio’s Medicaid population using a new model of interprofessional care delivery. Community Psychiatry with an integrated behavioral health/primary care focus, Family Practice, Advanced Practice Nursing, Pediatrics/Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Clinical Psychology and Dentistry are the interprofessional providers who, in collaboration with local community agencies, will serve the Medicaid population.

This year has resulted in an abundant enrollment of high quality students seeking the BSN, MSN or DNP degrees; curriculum development and reform with an eye on the future; a significant increase in grants submitted for funding with the highest achievement in funding during my tenure; and faculty research that generates data that improves the human condition.
A Leading View (Cont’d)

I am so proud of our faculty and staff who commit their professional careers and stand ready to meet the four challenges described in the IOM publication. The faculty service to the community is tremendous with more to come supported by grants, clinical partners, community partners, our staff and our wonderful students. Please join me in thanking them for their commitment and loyalty to your UT and our College of Nursing.

As the College of Nursing moves forward, it is our collective goal to build and strengthen partnerships with alumni, healthcare leaders, and our community. Together, we can advance our commitment to innovation, evidenced-based clinical education, nursing scholarship and the delivery of University quality care in our state and beyond. I encourage you to read this publication to catch the ongoing energy and vision for the College of Nursing. Nursing LEADS will be posted on our website at utoledo.edu/nursing for you to share with colleagues.

We continue to go “green.” Please send any updates for email addresses to Amanda Schwartz, assistant director of alumni relations, at amanda.schwartz@utoledo.edu and indicate that you are an alumnus(a). Always know that we want to hear from you and welcome a call at (419) 383-5858, an e-mail at tim.gaspar@utoledo.edu or a letter.

With appreciation for all you do for our College of Nursing!

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

A Picture is Worth A Thousand Words

Above: Kathleen Ahonen, MSN, RN, WHNP, assistant professor (right) with student Caitlin Rohn (December 2011 BSN graduate) at the Community Garden

Right: UT’s Advanced Practice Dream Team at the Nov. 2011 Ohio Association of Advanced Practice Nurses Conference. Back row (left to right) Clarivel Tull, CNP, Andrea Rau, Jean Austin, CNP, Angela Scardina, CNP, (president-elect, OAAPN), Tracey Hinkle, CNP, Deanna Morawski, Sue Lesinski. Front row (center) Darlene Wilhelm, CNP.

Left: A wonderful time with 1982 MSN graduates and faculty! Back row (left to right) Darlene Cook, Dr. Kay Grothaus, Jeanne Eastop, Ann Murray Eckles, Dr. Virginia Whitmire, Dr. Martha Pituch, Dr. Ruth Alteneder. Front row (left to right) Dr. Ann Baker, Barbara Hogan, Dr. Joanne Guyton-Simmons.
As it gears up for The University of Toledo’s next major campaign, the UT Foundation named two new development officers in October to work with the College of Nursing and the Health Science Campus.

Allison Berns has been appointed assistant director of annual giving for UT’s Health Science Campus. She comes to UT from the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo, where she served as campaign director. She graduated from Ohio State University with a bachelor of arts in English and holds a paralegal certificate from Capital University Law School. Allie can be contacted at (419) 530-5414 or at allison.berns@utoledo.edu.

Beth Kohler serves as major gifts officer for the Health Science Campus, assigned to the College of Nursing. Prior to joining UT, she served as coordinator of grants and major gifts at Monroe County Community College. She earned a bachelor of arts from Michigan State University and is a certified fund raising executive. Beth can be reached at (419) 530-5410 or at beth.kohler@utoledo.edu.

A complete listing of UT Fundraising Staff is available at: www.utoledo.edu/offices/advancement/Meet_Our_Staff.html.

By David Lymanstall, MEd, MSN, RN
President of Nursing Alumni Affiliate

The College of Nursing Alumni Affiliate continues to grow and be an active organization by following its mission “…to engage alumni with the community, university, and students. We strive to promote the profession of nursing through socialization, networking, and support of nursing scholarships.” This year has been a very active year as the affiliate has sponsored a number of events. A wonderful wine tasting event was held at Maumee Wines Feb. 16. Attendees enjoyed the warm and inviting atmosphere of Maumee Wines and were able to sample a variety of wines, each served with an assortment of hors d’oeuvres. Also on Feb. 16, the affiliate, along with the colleges of Natural Sciences, Math, and Languages, Literature and Social Sciences, sponsored a family ice skating event at Tam O’Shanter enjoyed by many alumni and their families.

The major fundraiser for the affiliate is its annual silent auction. This year’s 5th annual event was held April 19 at the Hilton Garden Inn at Levis Commons in Perrysburg. Always a popular occasion, alumni, faculty, and students are able to have a great evening of socializing and networking while at the same time, having the chance to bid on great auction items, enjoy the music and some great food. Proceeds from this event make it possible for the affiliate to support nursing scholarships and assist with other student nurse activities such as the Ohio Nursing Students Association Annual Convention.

The Nursing Affiliate had a presence this past year at the Ohio Association of Advanced Practice Nurses conference held last November in Columbus. The wine and cheese reception was well attended and is a great graduate school recruitment event. You may see your affiliate popping up other places on campus as well during the year, such as handing out snacks to students during exam week, or more recently, at the Nursing Job Fair on the Health Science Campus in March.

The board of the Nursing Affiliate meets every other month, alternating between the Collier Building on the Health Science Campus and the Driscoll Center on Main Campus. Your comments and suggestions are always welcome and can be sent to Amanda Schwartz, assistant director of alumni relations at amanda.schwartz@utoledo.edu or David Lymanstall, president of the nursing affiliate at david.lymanstall@utoledo.edu.

Nancy Brown-Schott, RN, BC, MSN, CNS, assistant professor in the College of Nursing, has been elected to the Nominating Committee for the Association of Community Health Nurse Educators (ACHNE) beginning June, 2012-2014. This is a very special accomplishment awarded by her peers in the ACHNE national organization.
Celebrating First MSN Graduates

By Ann Baker, PhD, CNP, CNS
Associate Professor Emerita

A dinner celebration was held at Brandywine Country Club following the College of Nursing Convocation May 4 to honor the faculty and graduates of the first Master's in Nursing graduates, on the occasion of their 30th anniversary. The dinner and program were hosted by Dean Tim Gaspar. There were 30 graduates and their families, faculty and community friends in attendance.

The first MSN program in northwest Ohio was a two-year, 72 graduate credit program. Applicants were accepted into the program in 1980 with five students in the Adult Primary Care major, and five students in the Psychiatric-Mental Health major. Six of these graduates, Dr. Kay Grothaus and Dr. Ann Baker, Ann Murray Eckles, Barbara Hogan, Jeanne Eastop and Darlene Cook, were able to attend and share memories about each other and the program. Graduates who were not able to attend but shared their good wishes were Dr. Mark Foreman of Chicago, Dr. Ken Grachek of Toledo, and Barbara Keeley of Las Vegas. All of the graduates have gone on to contribute to the profession of nursing in substantive ways as academicians, nurse leaders, educators and clinicians.

The MSN program founding faculty were also honored. Dr. Virginia Whitmire, who also was the Grand Marshall of the CON Convocation that day, came in from West Palm Beach, Fla., and spoke eloquently about the process of developing a new program and curriculum. She stated, as did many of those attending, “Those years and my colleagues and students were some of the best of my life.” She also gave words of tribute and praise to the dean during that period, who was the major influence in this program development, Dr. Grace (Chickadonz) Harlow Klein, and her co-primary faculty colleague, Dr. Sharon Utz, who is now at the University of Virginia. Dr. Joanne Guyton-Simmons, Dr. Martha Pituch and Dr. Patricia Donohue-Hageman, also part of the original graduate faculty, were in attendance.

Our history at the Medical College of Ohio, The University of Toledo, and the College of Nursing is awe-inspiring indeed!

See related photo on page 2.

Scholarship Established in Memory of Carroll Clark (’79 and ’84)

Mr. Malcom Clark has established the Carroll Clark Memorial Scholarship in memory of his late wife and in honor of her career as a nurse.

Mrs. Clark earned her associate degree in 1975 from the Community-Technical College and her bachelor’s degree in 1984 from University College while raising three children (Karen, Amanda and Joshua). She spent most of her career as a floor nurse at Toledo Hospital but, according to Mr. Clark, really found her niche working as head nurse in the Emergency Room during second shift.

“I established this scholarship as a statement on how wonderful and important nurses are as people and caregivers,” said Mr. Clark. “This is my way of showing appreciation for the work that they do.”

Carroll Clark was the victim of an automobile accident in 1993, along with her daughter, Karen, and grandson. The scholarship will benefit a student enrolled in The University of Toledo College of Nursing.

For more information on how to establish a scholarship in the College of Nursing, contact Beth Kohler, major gifts officer, at (419) 530-5410.

Retirement Announcements

On June 19, the College of Nursing held a retirement reception to honor the service of Dianne Smolen, PhD, CNE, RN-BC, CNS, DNP program director (26 years of service); Paula Ballmer, MSN, RN, assistant dean for student services (23 years of service); and Nancy Brown-Schott, MSN, CNS, RN, BC, assistant professor (20 years of service).
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Your support is vital in ensuring the success of our educational programs. Your generosity will prepare and enable nursing students, graduates, faculty and staff to make a difference in their education, practice, research, and service to the state and beyond.

For more information about giving, please contact Beth Kohler, major gifts officer, at 419.530.5410 or at: beth.kohler@utoledo.edu.

Please consider donating to any of the below funds and/or to a wide variety of others funds currently available:

Debra Buchman Research Fund: Established in 2010 to honor the memory of Dr. Debra Buchman (PhD '97), professor and director of the Center for Nursing Research and Evaluation in the College of Nursing. Income from this fund supports baccalaureate and graduate nursing students in the conduct of capstone, honors, research and other scholarly projects. The fund may also provide support for early-career faculty to pursue research opportunities.

Heart 2 Heart Fund: This fund provides our incoming nursing students with stethoscopes and other equipment for their clinical work.

Nursing Progress Fund: The fund was established to enhance the quality of the college by increased funding for faculty development, capital equipment and academic programming.

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The University of Toledo Student Nurses Association has had a very eventful 2011-2012 school year. In October, we had the honor of hosting the Ohio Nursing Students’ Association’s Annual Nursing Convention at our very own Health Science Campus. SNA helped the ONSA Board of Directors in planning and setting up for this two day event which would not have been possible without Dean Gaspar and the faculty’s support. Nursing students from all over the State of Ohio came to UT for a weekend that was packed with guest speakers, the ONSA House of Delegates, and a large exhibitor’s hall. The weekend was a huge success and UT was pleased to have been the chosen university to hold the annual convention. The upcoming 2012 Annual Convention will be held at Ohio State University the last weekend of October and more information on the convention will be forthcoming.

SNA also had a very busy holiday season as we prepared for our annual Adopt-A-Family Christmas Party. Our organization chose two deserving families in the community with children that had been sick and in and out of the local hospitals. We then set up a “giving tree” filled with ornaments that had gift ideas for each family member. Nursing students and faculty members then picked the ornaments off the tree and bought the presents. We had wonderful support this year and many presents were donated. The best part about Adopt-A-Family was the Christmas Party, to which we invited both families to attend. We had a great turnout of students and a wonderful meal. We got to watch the families open up a few presents and then we packed their mini vans full with more presents, a ham to bake for Christmas dinner and even a Christmas tree to take home. This allowed for these two deserving families to have a wonderful Christmas day.

As the school year came to an end, we planned our SNA trip to Pittsburgh, Pa. in April for the National Student Nurses Annual Convention. We are pleased to have such a wonderful group of students to represent our university at the national level and look forward to bringing back and sharing all the knowledge and information we receive in Pittsburgh.

Recruitment and Student Services Update

Recruitment is still going strong for the College of Nursing. Many prospective students and their parents visited the College of Nursing in the fall and spring for individual and small group appointments. Visits include meeting one-on-one with Kara Mominee, communications and recruitment specialist, and a tour of the Collier Building including classrooms, Learning Resource Center, and Interprofessional Immersive Simulation Center.

Other important recruitment events include information sessions, which are held quarterly in the College of Nursing and are a great way for prospective students to learn additional information about BSN, MSN and DNP programs. The remaining 2012 information sessions will be held on July 31 and Nov. 13 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the Collier Building on UT’s Health Science Campus. There will also be an open forum at BGSU Firelands on Oct. 16 from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Cedar Point Center, room 1004.

The Office of Student Services continues to support direct from high school initiatives by presenting or staffing a table at college visit programs sponsored by the Office of Undergraduate Admission. The College of Nursing also hosted over 300 high school students and parents at the UT Experience Days in February and March, which is held for admitted pre-nursing students as well as inquiries and applicants of the program.
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NEWS FROM THE OFFICE OF NURSING RESEARCH AND EVALUATION

By Donna Algase, PhD, RN, FAAN, FGSA, F-NGNA
Associate Dean for Research and Evaluation

Twelve College of Nursing faculty, including retired dean Jeri Milstead, presented papers or posters at the 36th annual scientific meeting of the MNRS in Dearborn, Mich. between April 12 and 15. In addition, three graduate nursing students were also selected to participate in the poster competition. This is the largest number of presentations from the college at this annual event in recent memory. The MNRS is the largest regional nursing society among the four regional societies in the U.S. The presenters and their works are listed below:

PAPER PRESENTERS:
Donna Algase, PhD, RN, FAAN, FGSA, F-NGNA, “Does the NDB Model Explain Wandering?”
Phyllis Gaspar, PhD, RN, Mary Jo Kreitzer, PhD, RN, Jane Coleman, PhD, RN, & Peggy Stimpert, MS, RN, “Implementation of Qigong among Residents of Assisted Living Facilities: Outcomes and Feasibility”
Kristina Reuille, PhD, RN, “Cancer Treatment-Related Fatigue Representation (CTRFRep): Testing Construct Validity through Mediation Analysis”
Darla Vogelpohl, PhD, MSN, CNS, “New Graduate Nurses’ Behavioral Reactions to Bullying in the Workplace”
Marilynne Wood, PhD, MSN, RN, Kathleen Ahonen, MSN, RN, WHNP, Bradene Moore, JD, & Morris Jenkins, PhD, JD, “Low Lead Levels in Children and Adolescents: Behavioral Associations and Health Screening Implications”
An-Yun Yeh (student-PhD candidate, University of Michigan), LuAnn Etcher, PhD, (Wayne State University) & Donna Algase, PhD, RN, FAAN, FGSA, F-NGNA, “The relationship between medications for treating dementia and sleep disturbance in patients with Alzheimer’s disease”

POSTER PRESENTERS:
Diane Salvador, PhD, RN, Jeri Milstead, PhD, RN, FAAN, James Price, PhD, Joseph Dake, PhD, & Amy Thompson, PhD, “Registered Nurses Perceptions and Practices Related to Health Policy”
Diane Salvador, PhD, RN, Linda Pierce, PhD, RN, CNS, CRRN, FAHA, FAAN, & Victoria Steiner, PhD, “Identifying Information Needed by Caregivers of Persons with Dementia”
Cheryl Schriner, PhD, RN, BC, “Improving Student Learning Outcomes through an Analysis of Multiple-Choice Test Items”
Linda Pierce, PhD, RN, CNS, CRRN, FAHA, FAAN, Mary Peters, BSN, & Victoria Steiner, PhD, “Evaluation of a Stroke Intervention Website by Caregiving Families”

STUDENT POSTER PRESENTERS:
Nikki Boyer, BA (CNL student, advisor Marty Sexton, PhD(c), MSN, RN, CNS), “Measuring the Effectiveness of TeamSTEPPS Communication Skills Using Simulation Technology”
Suzanne Miller-Spalding, BS, RN (MSN student, advisor Marilynne Wood, PhD, RN), “Nutritional Support for Pregnant Adolescents at Risk for Elevated Lead”
Christine Utley, DNP, MSN, CNP (prior DNP student, advisor Phyllis Gaspar, PhD, RN), “Implementing a Pain Medicine Contract Protocol: An Evidence-based Project in a Clinical Practice Setting”

SERVICE AWARD

Linda Pierce, PhD, RN, CNS, CRRN, FAHA, FAAN, professor in the UT College of Nursing, has been recognized with the Association of Rehabilitation Nurses’ 2011 Distinguished Service Award.

According to the organization, the award recognizes an individual who has made outstanding contributions to rehabilitation nursing and to the association, and is the most prestigious honor given by the group. The Association of Rehabilitation Nurses promotes the professional rehabilitation nursing practice through education, advocacy, collaboration and research to enhance the quality of life for those affected by chronic illness or physical disability.

Congratulations, Dr. Pierce, on receiving this prestigious award!
The College of Nursing held a successful sixth annual research conference on April 23, 2012. 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 Kelsey Hitch, May 2012 BSN graduate, and Mary Alice Peters, May 2012 Family Nurse Practitioner graduate, for recognition of their outstanding clinical and evidence-based research. This scholarship is funded by Tom Baker, Ed. Spec., and Ann Baker, PhD, CNP as part of the Dorothy Hussain Distinguished Lectureship.