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College of Nursing Newsletter
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Greetings and welcome to the spring newsletter publication of Nursing Leads!
The College of Nursing would like to share the successes and accomplishments by our faculty, students, and our very own nursing alumni. I hope you will enjoy hearing of the exciting news of our Schoolcraft Partnership, our International Visitor Nursing Program, highlights of the 7th Annual Dottie Hussain Lectureship, nursing students elected to state board, alumni spotlights, student and faculty accomplishments and much more!
We always welcome and enjoy hearing from you, so please browse our website at http://www.utoledo.edu/nursing or like us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/UTCON.
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Nursing Students Visit Horizon Science Academy
Baylor in Science in Nursing students Balar Tarawally, Khalie Frisch, Jacob Hunter, and Aurora Garcia visited the kindergarten, first, and second grade students at Horizon Science Academy on January 30, 2014 for "Hands on Thursday." They were accompanied by Jessica Gast, Communications and Recruitment Specialist, and Kathleen Mitchell, MSN, RN, Assistant Dean for Student Services. Horizon Science Academy Toledo, a community charter school for grades kindergarten through twelfth grade, performs a program called "Hands on Thursday" where people and groups from the community are invited to provide hands on learning opportunities for students as a way to learn about future careers.
The College of Nursing students talked with the students about nursing, nursing roles, and the significance of becoming a nurse.

Activities included hand washing, storytelling "What Do Nurses Do?" listening to heart sounds with stethoscopes, and a relay race with gowns, gloves, face masks, and foot and hair covers. A fun time was experienced by all.

Nursing Alumni 7th Annual Fundraiser & Silent Auction
The College of Nursing Alumni Affiliate invites you to its 7th Annual Fundraiser and Reception on Thursday, April 10, 2014 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Driscoll Alumni Center on UT Main Campus.
Alumni from the Medical College of Ohio, Medical University of Ohio, The University of Toledo and the BGSU consortium are invited to enjoy an evening with their fellow alumni.

A silent auction, 50/50 raffle, door prizes and heavy hors d’oeuvres guarantee a great time for everyone! Cost is $25 per person with a beer and wine cash bar available.
Please RSVP by March 31 to Amanda Kessler at 419.530.7859 or amanda.schwartz@utoledo.edu.

The University of Toledo is extending its reach into Michigan through a unique partnership that will help students in the Detroit area obtain a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from UT.
The new "Schoolcraft to UT" partnership between UT and Schoolcraft College will begin in fall 2014. Students will be able to obtain UT undergraduate degrees in nursing, criminal justice and health information management.

"For several years, The University of Toledo has been committed to blurring the line between Michigan and Ohio to provide access to high-quality UT degree programs to Michigan students," UT President Lloyd Jacobs said. "Coupled with our marketing efforts and creative scholarship models, this partnership with Schoolcraft College is symbolic of that commitment by seamlessly allowing Schoolcraft students to continue their academic careers and achieve the dream of a four-year degree!"

What is significant for the College of Nursing is that nursing was chosen as one of the "leading stars" in establishing this relationship. The College is working with Schoolcraft to develop a seamless process that enables Schoolcraft students that have graduated with an Associate’s degree in nursing, and have an active nursing license, to move directly to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from UT.
This agreement moves the nursing profession one step closer to reaching one of the national goals articulated in the Institute of Medicine report, to increase the number of BSN prepared nurses, Schoolcraft is the perfect choice for partnership. It has an excellent presentation, it’s unique and its reach into Michigan through a unique partnership that will help students in the Detroit area obtain a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from UT. This agreement moves the nursing profession one step closer to reaching one of the national goals articulated in the Institute of Medicine report, to increase the number of BSN prepared nurses.

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7th Annual Dottie Hussain Lectureship

Over 575 students, faculty, and guests from the Colleges of Nursing, Health Sciences, Medicine, Pharmacy, and Education attended the 7th Annual Dottie Hussain Distinguished Lectureship Program on October 22 and 23, 2013. The primary purpose of this program is to enhance knowledge on the interprofessional practices among health care professionals to improve the health and wellness of individuals with pancreatic cancer.

The keynote speaker was Dan A. Laheru, M.D. who currently serves as an associate professor of oncology at the Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. At the lectureship, Dr. Laheru focused on an Interdisciplinary Model for the Management of Individuals with Pancreatic Cancer, as well as current Pancreatic Cancer Treatment Research.

Dr. Laheru specializes in gastrointestinal oncology with a specific focus in pancreatic cancer. His clinical research interests are in developing and testing new therapies for the treatment of pancreatic cancer. He has developed a clinical trial program to optimize a vaccine approach using GM-CSF transected pancreatic cell lines as a vaccine in two distinct patient populations. He has also incorporated correlative studies that should provide important information to better understand optimal vaccine boosting schedules, as well as identify antigens that can be predictive in-vitro markers for anti-tumor immune responses. Dr. Laheru is investigating mechanisms of chemotherapy resistance in pancreatic cancer and will be developing and testing new targets for therapy in patients with metastatic pancreas cancer.

International Nursing Visitor Program

Nursing students from HungKuang University in Taiwan gained global understanding during the first International Nursing Visitor Program at The University of Toledo, which kicked off Sunday, June 30, 2013.

Eighteen students from HungKuang University participated in the program. During their stay, the students had many opportunities to learn about UT, as well as U.S. health care and culture.

“The purpose of this program is to provide these nursing students with a more global view and the opportunity to work with colleagues of different cultural backgrounds,” said Dr. Huey-Shys Chen, associate professor and chair of the Department of Nursing and director of the Doctor of Nursing Practice program, who headed the planning committee for the program.

The students studied alongside UT nursing students during lectures and shadowed clinical experiences in The University of Toledo Medical Center facilities. Both sets of students had the opportunity to learn about one another’s culture through casual discussion.

HungKuang students celebrated Independence Day during their visit and learned its meaning to Americans. They also experienced “Thanksgiving in July,” where they sampled American dishes, and took a trip to Niagara Falls.

College of Nursing Receives NFLP Loan Fund

The National Faculty Loan Program (NFLP) provides funding to schools of nursing to support the establishment and operation of a distinct, interest-bearing NFLP loan fund. Participating schools of nursing make loans from the fund to assist registered nurses in completing their graduate education to become qualified nurse faculty. The program offers partial loan forgiveness for borrowers that graduate and serve as full-time nursing faculty for the prescribed period of time.

Participating schools make NFLP loans from the loan fund to eligible graduate (master’s and doctoral) nursing students to complete their nursing education programs. Students may receive NFLP loans up to $35,500 per academic year for a maximum of five years to support the cost of tuition, fees, books, laboratory expenses and other reasonable education expenses. Following graduation from the nursing program, the nursing school will cancel up to 85 percent of the loan principal and interest in exchange for the loan recipient’s service as a full-time nursing faculty at a school of nursing, with a certain percentage cancelled each year for up to four years.

The University of Toledo College of Nursing received $123,979. Dr. Kelly Phillips, Director of MSN Programs and Department Chair, is the principle investigator of the grant.

Alumni Spotlight: Marge McFadden

Marge McFadden has been a nurse for 36 years, working 3 years at St. Elizabeth’s Hospital in Dayton, Ohio, 11 years at Mercy Hospital in Toledo, Ohio, and has been currently employed at The University of Toledo Medical Center for the past 21 years.

McFadden was in the first graduating class of the DNP program at The University of Toledo. She was the first person in the program to successfully defend her scholarly project. McFadden entered the DNP program because she felt it was a perfect fit as a practice degree that would help to use research and evidence to influence her administrative practice instead of creating new research. In the first cohort, she was the only person in the Administrative track, which at times was challenging because everyone else had a more clinical focus. Her focus was in leadership and management, which brought a different perspective to many education and training of the class discussions. She comments, “I learned a great deal from the clinical students, while providing a broader view of systems, outcomes, and regulatory compliance from a leadership perspective.”

McFadden has a wide variety of nursing experience, including medical surgical nursing, cardiac critical care, staff and patient education as a staff development instructor, cardiac rehabilitation nursing, cardiac critical care management, hemodialysis, periphere services, and holds an administrative leadership position in quality management and regulatory compliance.

McFadden is currently responsible for clinical quality and outcomes monitoring, performance improvement initiatives, and patient safety monitoring and prevention. Her position plays a key role in the coordination and preparedness for Joint Commission Accreditation surveys and monitors ongoing compliance with all regulatory standards to meet Joint Commission and CMS requirements for accreditation. McFadden also provides leadership for the staff development department, ensuring ongoing clinical education and training for nursing staff orientation and nursing continuing education. Finally, she oversees the leadership for Infection Control and Prevention Services at the University of Toledo Medical Center.

Pre-Major Under-Represented Student Reception

Students from nursing, health sciences, engineering, natural sciences, business, and pharmacy and pharmaceutical sciences were invited for a Pre-Major Under-Represented Student Reception on Tuesday, September 24, 2013 from 5:30 to 7:30pm.

Students were able to mingle with other diverse students and network with faculty, deans and staff, while enjoying pizza, drinks, and raffle prizes. The reception was a great way to offer networking and the chance for students to get to know one another and enjoy some fun!

National Faculty Loan Program (NFLP)
Alumni Spotlight: A Salute to Major Adams

Major Andrea Adams, RN, NP, Brigade Medical Officer in Charge currently works with Dr. Jumaa and Dr. Zaidi in the Neurology Department at The University of Toledo Medical Center as a vascular, interventional, and stroke nurse and is also an active member of the Army National Guard where she leads a team of Combat Medics to provide comprehensive care to over 900 soldiers deployed throughout southwest Asia.

Adams thought nursing would be a great way to help people, so she attended The University of Toledo and received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 2002. Adams really loves being a nurse and wanted the opportunity to work autonomously and collaborate with physicians, with a bigger voice in patient care, so she continued her education as a Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP). She received her Master of Science in Nursing in 2012 from The University of Toledo and felt the FNP program gave her the skills to broaden her civilian and military career.

Adams joined active duty Army in December 1993 as a Signal Intelligence Analyst. Adams was active duty for four years, and then returned home in 1997 and joined the Ohio Army National Guard as a combat medic. Adams received a direct commission, and became a nurse in the Ohio Army National Guard as a second lieutenant, and then became a nurse practitioner in the Ohio Army National Guard in 2012. Adams was then promoted to major in Jan 2013.

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BSN Students Present Poster Presentation

“Heightening Awareness of Teenage Human Trafficking: The Modern Day Slavery”

College of Nursing students Jacob Hunter and Katie Burlen represented SNA at the National Student Nurses Association Midyear Conference in Louisville, Kentucky in early November of 2013. Their poster presentation was “Heightening Awareness of Teenage Human Trafficking: The Modern Day Slavery.” Jacob and Katie both play an active role in the chapter, with Jacob serving as president and Katie as vice president for their cohort.

During the conference, Jacob and Katie were able to connect with other schools throughout the country that faced similar problems of Teenage Human Trafficking in their own communities. They explained to inquirers about the seriousness of the issue in the Toledo area specifically, and the measures that are being taken to increase awareness at a local level.

Jacob and Katie, along with the rest of the Student Nursing Association also worked with the local organization, Second Steps. The chapter adopted over twenty families through this organization and collected gifts to present to the members who are victims and potential victims of sex trafficking.

Future plans to help “Heightening Awareness of Teenage Human Trafficking: The Modern Day Slavery” will also occur at the NSNA Annual convention in April 2014.

Katie Burlen Receives Article Publication

Katie Burlen, a Bachelor of Science in nursing student at The University of Toledo had her article published in the National Student Nurse Association November/December Imprint Issue. Her article is titled “The Value of Health Education in a Third World Country; A Nursing Student’s Perspective” and includes an overview of her experiences during a mission trip to Nicaragua last spring.

Katie discusses how the mission trip made her recognize the importance of health education and her role as a nurse in this matter. “For me, the trip actually strengthened my passion for becoming a nurse because patient education is so much of what we do and it can be invaluable to a person’s understanding of health awareness and preventative care. Especially in a third world country, where citizens have limited access to health care, simple knowledge can be shared and used to prevent and recognize illnesses or disease.”

Students Elected to Ohio Nursing Student Association State Board

The Student Nurse Association chapter at UT is held in conjunction with Bowling Green State University and the three elected state officers are: Jacob Hunter, as president, Katie Burlen, as vice president, and Christopher Headley, as break through to nursing director. The ONSA represents 1,500 members throughout Ohio and is a pre-professional organization that helps foster leadership in the nursing profession.

Jacob Hunter, president, chose to run for the position because he felt he could bring new ideas and organization to the group. Jacob said “I have hopes of getting more students to take active roles in leadership throughout the state. I hope to encourage students to get involved, not only the academic part of nursing school, but to also take charge in their profession.”

Katie Burlen, vice president, spoke of running for the vice president position and expressed “It is important for students to be involved and especially through their field of study. There is a lot we can do as nurses outside the classroom and hospital and to bring education and opportunities to our fellow nursing students.”

One of the roles as Breakthrough to Nursing director will be aimed towards reaching out to underrepresented populations, such as males, to educate them on the importance of nursing, the benefits of nursing, and why men are needed as nurses.

Christopher Headley, break through to nursing director, plans to “Get out there and tear down the walls of stereotyping. I want to be involved in the community and promote the field of nursing and when people interact with me and see and hear my passion for what I am doing, I hope that it works to break the typical view of who a nurse is.”

CLN Students Present at AACN Conference

Dr. Kelly Phillips and CLN students Kayla Kennedy, Noelle Spitler, and Stephanie Stout will be attending the AACN 2014 Master’s Education Conference on February 24, 2014 in Scottsdale, Arizona. They will have a podium presentation entitled: “Exploring the Impact of the Clinical Nurse Leader Role and Cost Effective Quality Outcomes for the Care of Addicted Mothers and Their Babies Affected by Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome.”
Emergent Evacuation Research Study

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