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“Keeping Up With Technology”

In the March/April 2004 issue of *CIN: Computers, Informatics and Nursing* (p. 70), the “Net Nomad”, William Perry, MA, RN, recommended some free access websites where health related graphic resources were available. One is <http://www.healcentral.org/index.jsp>. This site developed by HEAL (Health Education Assets Library) was designed to provide free access to multimedia resources for health education. The strength of the site is the clever tutorials, some with sound. Although this site does not have a .gov domain, it is free because it was developed using federal funds. Keep that in mind when you are looking for materials to reproduce. Most, if not all, materials developed with government monies are free to us. We paid for them with our tax dollars. Check out the article for other free graphic sites when you are searching for pictures and graphics to facilitate learning. Remember to use pictures and graphics in your nursing practice, teaching, and powerpoint presentations. After all, a picture is worth a thousand words.

FROM THE DIRECTOR



Kem Louie, PhD, RN, CS, FAAN

“Graduate Program Prepares for Re-accreditation”

Spring has finally arrived after a long winter. This time of renewal is important for us in the Graduate Nursing Program. We are in the midst of examining and reviewing our curriculum in light of the current changes in health care. We are collecting information from WPUNJ alumni, current students as well as the Nursing Department Advisory Committee made up of employers and representatives from clinical agencies.

At the same time, we are undergoing a self-examination and preparing for re-accreditation of the Master’s Program by the Commission of Collegiate on Nursing Education (CCNE). The Self-study document will be sent to Washington DC this summer and a team visit will take place on campus October 13-15, 2004. Students will be invited to speak to the evaluation team on their educational experience at WPUNJ. As part of the process, anyone (students, alumni, faculty and community persons) can provide written input regarding the Graduate Program’s compliance with accreditation standards into the deliberations of the evaluation team by September 11, 2004. You can send your written comments to:

Ms. Kristen Brewer, Accreditation Assistant
Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education
One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530
Washington, DC 20036-1120

Congratulations to the graduates and students inducted in Sigma Theta Tau International.

Have a relaxing summer !

DATES TO REMEMBER

Applications for Graduation are due on the following dates:

May Graduation – February 1st August Graduation – June 1st
January Graduation – October 1st

Clinical Placement Information Sheets due back to Graduate Program Director:

Fall Semester – April 15th Summer Session – February 15th
Spring Semester – October 15th

Meet the Students



Gus Gonzales

Gus entered the Master's Program in the Fall 2004 semester. He is a full time student in the advanced clinical practice track. He expects to graduate Summer 2005.

He came to the United States 13 years ago from Argentina not speaking a word of English. Gus attended VoTech in Denville, became a licensed practical nurse from Morris County College and received his BSN from the University of Delaware.

He began his career as a nursing assistant at St. Clare's Hospital and continues as a staff nurse today.

His goal is to become a nurse practitioner and work in the community of Dover with underserved populations. He hopes to be a role model to others who, like himself, came to the United States and through hard work and determination obtained his education.



IMPORTANT NEWS

The Department of Nursing
Graduate Program
Student Handbook of
Policies and Procedures 2004
is now available online at:

www.wpunj.edu/cos/nursing/grad

Student Spotlight

ALUMNI NEWS

Carol Anne Chupak, RN, MSN class of 2003, is working as a Nurse Practitioner at Forest Healthcare Associates, a large private practice in Paramus N.J.

Six graduating students (2003) passed the American Academy of Nurse Practitioner National Adult Nurse Practitioner Examination. WPUNJ pass rate 100%.

Congratulations to Yelena Polishchuk for passing the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Exam.

Sigma Theta Tau

Congratulations to Sigma Theta Tau's newest inductees:

Diane Andressen & Donna Morgello

Congratulations 2004 Graduates



January 2004

Donna Ho Shing

May 2004

Marilyn Creamer
Kathleen Dunn
Jean F. Ehrenworth
Maria Garrera

Judith Kutzleb
Marinela Nolasco
Dana Jo Reiner

BABY NEWS

It's a Girl for:

Grace Careich, RN, MSN
October 15th 8 lb. 12. oz.
Emily

Stacey Dakake, RN, MSN
April 24th 6 lb. 10 oz.
Samantha Nicole



FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Connie G. Bareford, PhD, RN, CS Elected to the Board of Trustees of HomeCare Options at the regular Board of Trustees meeting December 15, 2003.

Andrea Brassard, DNSC, APN, BC, RN (2004), co-authored "Older Adults' Report of Formal Care Hours and Administrative Records". *The Gerontologist*, 44:186-92.

Kathleen Connolly, M Ed, RN, APN, BC Spoke at the 29th NJ Home Care Agency's Palliative Care Program held in Redbank, NJ, sponsored by the NJ Hospice and Home Care Agency. Her topic was Advanced Care Planning.

Christine Hedges, PhD, RN, CCRN, CCNS Co-authored "Sleep is related to physical function and emotional well-being after cardiac surgery". *Nursing Research*, 53 (3). (2004 in press). May/June issue. Also presented "Rituals, Routines, and Sacred Cows" at Options in Critical Care in Fairfield NJ on April 2, 2004.

Kem Louie, PhD, RN, CS, FAAN Presented a poster session, "Providing language access services to clients with limited English Proficiency (LEP)" at the New Jersey State Nurses Association Convention, April 1-2, 2004, Atlantic City, NJ. Also presented "Chinese parenting styles, health beliefs and values" as part of the County College of Morris Cultural Diversity Series, May 13, 2004.

Neddie V. Serra, EdD, RN, C Presented a poster session "Prostate cancer screening for the Hispanic Male" at the New Jersey State Nurses Association Convention, April 1-2, 2004, Atlantic City, NJ. Dr. Serra was a panel member on "Educating nurses Latina style" at the NJSNA Convention, April 1-2, 2004, Atlantic City, NJ.

Kathleen Scura, EdD, RN, APN, BC (2004) Co authored with Ellen Garfing, BS, MSN, WPUNJ student and Wendy Budin, PhD, RN : Telephone Social Support and Education for Adaptation to Prostate Cancer: A Pilot Study. *Oncology Nursing Forum* – Vol 31, (2), 335 – 338.

Kathleen Scura, EdD, RN, APN, BC and Neddie Serra, EdD, RN, C Present their research "Nurse-directed prostate education program for Spanish-speaking men" at the 9th Biennial Symposium on Minorities, the Medically Underserved & Cancer, March 24 – 28, 2004, Washington D.C.

STAY CONNECTED



The graduate nursing program offers a special email list that will give you important information as a student or an alumni. Important information can be found on the listserv throughout the year. To forward your student email address to your home email, the process is simple.

1. Go to <http://ww2.wpunj.edu/forwardemail>
2. Click on Setup Email Forwarding Request form
3. Fill in your name, SSN, and the address you want the mail forwarded to
4. Click Submit

Staying connected is as simple as a click. For further information on the "gradnurse" list or enrollment on the "alumnurse" please contact Elaine Vuoncino at 973-720-3511 or Renee Pevour at 973-720-3516.



**Dr. Sandra DeYoung, Dean
College of Science and Health**

Congratulations to Dr. Sandra DeYoung, Professor, on her appointment as the Dean in the College of Science & Health, effective May 3, 2004.

Graduate Nursing Student Organization



Kathleen Debbie Lynn

“Message from the President” Debbie Seeger

Hello, and greetings! I hope that this semester is going well for everyone, although most (if not all) of us are probably looking forward to the end. Congratulations to our recent group of graduates, and good luck on the certification exams!

Speaking of certifications, I would like to extend a warm “thank you” to Dr. Andrea Brassard, one of the many wonderful faculty here at WPU, who attended the Meet and Greet on April 12. She spoke in detail about the two main Nurse Practitioner certifications. Dr. Brassard actually took (and passed, of course) both of them! She distributed some literature about them, but one can easily find this information on the ANCC and AANP websites.

Dr. Brassard also explained the importance of joining the ANA and the State Nurses Association (NJSNA). I would also urge anyone who has not already done this to do so as soon as possible. There is strength in numbers, and the Associations need our membership dues to help lobby for our rights and privileges.

Also at our “Meet and Greet” on April 12, Judy Kutzleb, one of our classmates who will be graduating in May offered invaluable advice on pulling together research and thesis

GNSO Con’t

ideas. She also stressed the importance of really enjoying the topic you choose for your thesis, since you will all be spending a lot of time and energy on this.

The biannual GSNO meeting was held that night. One of the topics was nomination of new officers for the upcoming school year. These nominations have been posted by Elaine, secretary to the Graduate Program, on the Gradnurse listserv. If anyone else chooses to run, please notify Dr. Kem Louie within the next two weeks. If no one self nominates, the officers will be voted in September at the next meeting.

Please feel free to contact me by email

Seegerd@student.wpunj.edu,

with any questions, concerns, or requests you may have, and I will be happy to help.

Remember, the GNSO is your organization. Have a safe and happy summer,

Debbie Seeger, President GNSO



Dr. Andrea Brassard’s trip to Kenya

Dr. Andrea Brassard, Assistant Professor, traveled to Kenya over Spring Break with Kenya U.S.A. Christian Relief and Development (KUSARD). Dr. Brassard and her husband Rev. James Brassard were invited to Kenya by KUSARD founder and executive director, Simon Maweu-Kimatu. Dr. Brassard, an adult nurse practitioner and Catherine Kimatu, WPU junior nursing student, were assisted by a team of RNs from a rural mission hospital to conduct health clinics at two rural, impoverished sites. The local member of Parliament arranged for medications (primarily remedies for malaria, intestinal parasites, and back aches) and for two medical assistants to be transported to the mountainous sites. More than 1000 women, men, and children waited in the hot sun for care and were treated at the Kituini Health Center. The following day, Dr. Brassard filled in for the physician who was absent from his fortnightly visit to the Kikoko Mission Hospital clinic. The lab technicians at this hospital estimated that on any given day six adults will be tested for HIV and four will be infected. The prevalence of HIV/AIDs in Africa is such that “you’re either infected or affected.” For further information, please visit the web site for KUSARD is kenyasareliefservices.org.

