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DEPARTMENT OF NURSING



Julie Bliss, Ed D, RN

Chairperson

A masters degree in nursing is very valuable. This winter I have been made even more aware as I receive urgent calls from physician offices, clinics and schools looking for William Paterson University nursing graduates to hire for their open positions.

The students on the GRADNURSE mailing list see messages from various people and organizations who have requested student or graduate names. We do not give out your names directly but rather offer the opportunities to those who monitor their list messages to contact the employer directly. Let me share with you a message that came to me from a physician's office. Call, "I have a call from Dr. SpecialistMD for Dr. Bliss". My secretary puts the call directly through. I ask "Who is Dr. SpecialistMD and why is he calling?" The caller says "Dr. SpecialistMD is a cardiologist and would like to speak to Dr. Bliss". I say, "Alright I will hold". After a short time, a young male voice comes on the line and states his business "I am looking to hire another nurse practitioner for my office and the one I have from William Paterson is so good that I would like to see if you have another who will be graduating soon...". I was so relieved to find that some relative did not have a cardiac problem that I just took the information, a deep breath and promised to share his request with the Graduate Program Director.

In the fall semester, I put out a call to the 'list' that there was a part-time teaching position available and specified the content. What a great response we received of interested graduate students and the position was quickly filled. So in this newsletter, I am encouraging students and graduates to maintain their membership on the GRADNURSE list as a conduit to potential career choices in a variety of roles requiring a masters degree in nursing.

FROM THE DIRECTOR



Kem Louie, PhD, RN, APRN-BC, FAAN

Greetings-

As graduate students, you have probably heard of the growing nurse faculty shortage. A recent report from the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN), reported 32,000 qualified applicants were turned away from nursing programs in 2006 due to a shortage of nurse educators. www.aacn.nche.edu/06Survey.htm. The national association has mobilize support to increase funding for nursing education, created scholarships for nurse educators in underrepresented groups, offering a new Faculty Development Institute to retain new nursing faculty, etc.

The numbers of qualified applicants not admitted are staggering considering there is a current and ongoing shortage of nurses caring for patients/communities. This shortage is complex (as is the nurses' shortage) with the aging of faculty, increased faculty role demands, having earned doctorates for tenure along with lower salary compensation as compared with nurses in clinical/hospital settings.

I share this information with you because as mastered prepared nurses, you are qualified in New Jersey to teach in schools of nursing. We are fortunate to have been approved for the Faculty Nurse Loan Program (NLFP), a service repayment loan program for full-time graduate students interested in becoming a nurse faculty upon graduation. Up to 85% of the loan may be cancelled for working each year (five years) as a full-time faculty in a registered nurse nursing program. Applications for new students for the NLFP to begin in September 2007 are being accepted. Please share this information with your colleagues.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Rita Colella, RN, BSN

The Spring semester of '06 posed a challenge to me, not in the way you might think. Sure taking 9 graduate credits, managing a household, and working part-time are a challenge. Who among us doesn't juggle multiple tasks? My challenge was to develop and complete a one credit independent study. Initially I thought about exploring an aspect of Forensic Nursing. I approached Dr. Louie with my idea for the independent study. Instead she suggested I do a study on the state of evidence based nursing education. Nursing education? Education, I'm not the professor type. To be honest it's not something I thought too much about. However, I would like to be a clinical instructor, someday.

While searching various databases and internet sources I stumbled upon the National League of Nursing (NLN) web site. I discovered that the NLN was presenting a conference on Research in Nursing Education and the Scholarship of Nursing. After reviewing the conference information, I thought it sounded like a great opportunity to explore an area of nursing that, until now I had not really thought about. The one draw back was the cost of the conference, lodging, and travel. I brought the conference information, as well as my financial concerns to Dr. Louie. I asked if there was any funding available for conferences. Dr. Louie said that there are limited funds available, I would have to file the necessary paper work with the Office of the Provost, and she would have to write a letter of support. With Dr. Louie's support I was awarded \$500.00 to help reduce the cost of the conference, travel, and lodging.

While attending the conference I realized how important the subject matter is, and how applicable it is to my education and practice. I was among Dean's of nursing, PhD's, and Professors from all over the country. As part of the work shops we were asked to form groups according to the area we teach in. I chose the group that interested me the most. Needless to say I was feeling out of place. I introduced myself as an Advanced Practice Nursing student. Immediately I was asked how I wound up at an

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education conference. I explained about the independent study I was completing. I planned to be an observer in the group. I was instantly asked my thoughts and opinions about our group work. I felt I was an appreciated member of the group. The educators quickly saw the value in having both a student and a "clinical" person in their group, a thought that had not crossed my mind. One of my group mates gave me a very interesting idea. Why not pursue a dual role of an educator with a clinical specialty. This again was something I really hadn't thought of.

Attending this conference, stepping out of my comfort zone opened up many possibilities for me. First, I want to be an educator (who utilizes evidence based education) to teach clinical students. Second that it is possible to have a dual role. Third the importance of evidence based education for the future of nursing. Fourth, developing a meaningful research project is not impossible. Perhaps the most important thing is that although it's not easy to step out of your comfort zone, you'll never know what exciting experiences are out there if you don't take that step.



PUBLISHED



Debra Dunn, RN, BSN was published in the *Journal of PeriAnesthesia Nursing* 21(5), pp. 317 – 330. (2006) The article is entitled "Surgical site verification: A through Z"

Stacy Sanchez, RN, BSN, CPN was published in the March 26th edition of *Nursing Spectrum*. "HIV Testing and Counsel on Campus. WPU offers its students the option of having a rapid HIV test." To read the article in its entirety, go to: www.nurse.com.

ALUMNI NEWS

Bernadette Schicho, RN, MSN, APN-C is working as an Adjunct Professor and Clinical Instructor at the Sussex Campus of Passaic County Community College and working per diem at Newton Hospital. Bernadette passed the boards in November.

Judith Kutzleb, RN, MSN is enrolled in a Doctoral Nursing Practice (DNP) Program at FDU.

Shannon Huhn, RN, MSN has recently passed the NP boards and has become engaged. Her new business venture **Juiceplus** can be found at: www.juiceplus.com/+sh69068.

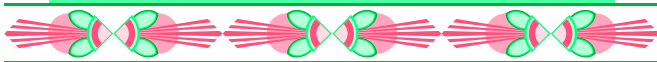
Carol Ann Chupak, RN, MSN is attending FDU's Doctoral in Advanced Practice Nursing program, a member of the first cohort as this is a brand new program. She is also still working full time as an adult primary care NP & currently precepting 2 Nurse Practitioner students, including one from William Paterson University. Recently she was given the NJSNA Forum of Nurses in Advanced Practice Award.

Preceptor Appreciation Reception
April 26, 2007
5:00 – 5:30PM

Martini Conference Center - Hobart Hall

On behalf of the graduate nursing program at William Paterson, we would like you to know how much their efforts are appreciated. A Preceptor Appreciation Reception will honor those preceptors who have worked with our students this past year. It is a reflection of their high professional standards and personal commitment to graduate education that is evident in the productive relationship they established as preceptors. The accomplishments of the past year were indeed outstanding and due, in no small part, to their devotion to and continuous efforts in providing a meaningful experience for the practicum.

Please join us in saying thank you



Sigma Theta Tau International
Honor Society of Nursing

March 2007
Inductees

Congratulations

Lori Agis
Jennifer Bianchi
Sharon Elder



Congratulations Graduates
Master's of Science in Nursing

January 2007

Jodi Asarch, RN, MSN
Reny S. George, RN, MSN
Shannon Huhn, RN, MSN
Ruby T. Titus, RN, MSN

May 2007

Jennifer Bianchi, RN, MSN
Virginia Flynn, RN, MSN
Kathleen Kelly, RN, MSN
Elisabeth Micich Otero, RN, MSN
Lori Ann Palmieri, RN, MSN
Ellen White, RN, MSN

Graduate Nursing Student Organization



Lynn Krikorian Kathy Kelly

A Letter from your Co - Presidents

Dear Fellow Graduate Nursing Students,

Another semester is well under way and we hope this finds you all healthy and happy! Fortunately the weather has been good, keeping the campus open and free of snow.

As we are winding down our time as co-presidents of the GNSO and our time in the graduate program, there is a great deal of reflection on the past few years and contemplation of the future. The transition to a new level of practice and the uncertainties it will bring carry some anxiety, but much excitement as well. Nursing has much to offer as a profession and a career, but you already know that. Now is the time for us to impart that to others as we make our voices heard in our respective areas of practice.

Lynn, Debbie (our secretary) and I have had the opportunity to take advantage of the many resources here at WPU. We hope you have also had that experience. The personnel at the library, Elaine Vuoncino (the best secretary and extremely helpful resource), Renee Pevour and the rest of the faculty, and the many students who share classes with us have been of great assistance over the years. We have made many friendships and forged some new collegial acquaintances that have made the long road more bearable. Remember to utilize the resources available to you.

Dr. Louie will be putting together another program in the near future. Stay posted as these are usually not well attended but are always informative, timely and interesting, featuring very interesting speakers from many areas of nursing.

Have a wonderful and fruitful semester.

Kathy Kelly and Lynn Krikorian GNSO Co-Presidents

Debbie Kline- GNSO Secretary

Nursing Research Day

April 26, 2007

Sponsored by:



Sigma Theta Tau International
Honor Society of Nursing

**Sigma Theta Tau International:
Iota Alpha Chapter
&
The Department of Nursing**

**2:00 - 4:00 PM
Undergraduate Students
Presentations/Posters**

**4:00 - 5:00 PM
Speaker**

**"Illness Behaviors of Military Women
Managing
Genitourinary Symptoms:
A Secondary Analysis"**

**Major C. Wilson, USAF, NC, PhD,
ARNP
Chief, Nursing Research
US Air Force**

**5:00 - 5:30 PM
Refreshments**

**5:30 - 7:30 PM
Graduate Students Research/Project
Presentations**

**Nursing Research Day will be
held in the
Martini Conference Room
Hobart Hall**

All Nursing Students Are Invited

FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Nadine Aktan, MSN, FNP, Instructor and Doctoral Candidate

Published in Clinical Nursing Research - 2007 "Functional Status after Childbirth: A Review of the Literature".

Danita D'Amico, MEd, RN, Associate Professor and Colleen Barbarito, EDD, RN Assistant Professor

Published the Clinical Handbook for Health and Physical Assessment in Nursing (2007). Prentice Hall. This clinical handbook is designed to accompany the full textbook: Health and Physical Assessment in Nursing (2007).

Claire Donaghy, PhD, RN, CCRN APN C, Associate Professor

Pacific Nursing Research Conference – Waikiki Beach, Hawaii: presented a paper on The Effects of a Self-Efficacy Enhancing Internet Intervention on the Dietary Management of Cholesterol. March 23, 2007.

New Jersey State Nurses Association Convention – Atlantic City, NJ: Presented – GRACIA: Program for Grandparents and Relatives Raising Children. March 29, 2007

Kem Louie, PhD, RN, APN-C, FAAN, Associate Professor

Interviewed by Minority Nurse. The Faculty Fast Track. Spring 2006. p. 54-57.

Thomas Edison College, Trenton, NJ. October 11, 2006. Speaker for the First Diversity Lectureship. A Call to Action. Minority Nurses Empowered.

San Antonio, Texas March 17, 2007. Speaker for the National Coalition of Ethnic Minority Nurses Association. Planning for Educational and Career Success.

Obtained USDHHS, Bureau of Health Professions Nurse Faculty Loan Program 2006 – 2007, \$26,832.00.

Kathy Lancellotti, MSN, RN, CEN, Instructor was elected as an officer for the Northeast/Tristate/NY N Metropolitan Chapter of the International Transcultural Nursing Society in March 2007 and will be starting a 2 year term on the Nominating committee.

Co-written with Carol Indri, (2007) "From The Mouths of Babes" and a short essay in the March/April issue of Nursing Education Perspectives, the NLN Journal.

FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS CONTINUED

Christine Hedges, RN, PhD, CCNS, APRN-BC presented a Poster *Evidence Based Practice on NICHE Units* at the Arizona State University Evidence Based Practice Conference Feb22-23, and is the recipient of the NJSNA CARE award for Excellence in Research to be presented in Atlantic City on March 28, 2007.

Poster *Evaluating Memory in Patients with Heart Failure*, CANS State of the Science in Nursing Research, Washington DC, October 11-14, 2006

Podium presentation *A Culture of Inquiry: An Innovative Process for Incorporating Evidence Based Practice* at the ANCC 10th National Magnet Conference in Denver, Oct 4-7 2006.

Hedges, C. & Redeker, N.S. (in review). A comparison of sleep and mood in on-pump and off-pump coronary artery bypass patients. *American Journal of Critical Care*.

Hedges, C. (in press). Research Corner. Show me the guidelines. *AACN Advanced Critical Care*.

Hedges, C. (2006). Research, evidence-based practice, and quality improvement. The 3-legged stool. *AACN Advanced Critical Care*, 17, 457-459.

Hedges, C. (2006). Research Corner. If you build it, will they come? Generating interest in nursing research. *AACN Advanced Critical Care*, 17, 226-229.

Hedges, C. & (2006). Research Corner. Not too big, not too small, but just right: The dilemma of sample size estimation. *AACN Advanced Critical Care*, 17, 341-4.

Redeker N.S., Hedges C. (2006). *Sleep and the cardiac surgery patient*. In: Sleep: A Comprehensive handbook. Lee-Chiong T. (Ed.). John Wiley & Sons, New Jersey, 909-912.

Claire Donaghy, PhD, RN, CCRN APN C

Dr. Donaghy is seeking graduate nursing students to perform health assessments on the adult clients in GRACIA, a program to provide health assessments, counseling and support to grandparents raising grandchildren. Final arrangements for use of Eva's Village for these assessments on Mondays, 4 PM – 7 PM and Thursdays 12:30 PM – 4:30 PM, and at Paterson Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies on Wednesdays from 4 PM – 7PM. Assessments will be by appointment. Hours would be by appointment. Students are encouraged to volunteer to assist with this worthwhile endeavor. Hours would count towards clinical hours for the course in which you are enrolled. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Claire Donaghy at 973-213-5051.



Summer and Fall 2007 Registration Begins on April 9, 2007

Go to www.wpunj.edu for information
Register for classes early, late registration fees will be applied
after the 2nd window of registration. Registration timetables can be
found at: <http://ww2.wpunj.edu/adminsrv/registra/regtimetablefall.htm>

Email Dr. Louie at louiek@wpunj.edu for registration advisement



APPLICATION DEADLINE DATES

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:

Fall semester June 30
Summer semester April 15
Spring semester Nov 30

IMPORTANT WEBSITES

Graduate Nursing Home Page
<http://www.wpunj.edu/cos/nursing/grad/index.htm>

Graduate Nursing Newsletter “Gradnurse Gazette”
<http://www.wpunj.edu/cos/nursing/newsletter/>

Graduate Nursing Student Handbook 2006 – 2007
<http://www.wpunj.edu/cos/nursing/grad/handbook.html>

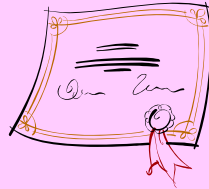
Office of Graduate Admissions and Enrollment Services
<http://www.wpunj.edu/admissn/gradf/graduate/>

On Line Applications
http://www.wpunj.edu/admissn/gradf/graduate/grad_apply_now.htm

Forms for Current Students
http://www.wpunj.edu/admissn/gradf/graduate/grad_forms.htm

School Nurse Certification Program

Congratulations



**The following students have successfully completed
The School Nurse Certification Program**

**Michelle Crotty
Sheryl Meyers
Susan Springer
MaryBeth Wetzelberger**

**Marianne DeAlessi
Debra Plage
Donna Tabatneck
Susan Yadoff**

A Note From



**Janice Loschiavo, MA, CSN, RN
Program Assistant
School Nurse Certification Program**

Hello, and let me add my personal best wishes to all of you for successfully completing the School Nurse Certification Program.

As your new Program Assistant for the School Nurse Division, I am especially happy that you chose to enter such a challenging specialty.

Please know I am available to listen and advise as issues arise in your respective schools.

I proudly welcome you to the exciting world of School Nursing and look forward to hearing from you.

A Message From

**Joanna Hayden, RN, PhD, CHES
Director
School Nurse Certification Program**

As Director of the School Nurse Certification Program, I am pleased to introduce Janice Loschiavo as the newest member of the Program staff. Janice comes to us with more than 25 years of experience as a school nurse. She holds a bachelors degree in Health Education and School Nursing from Jersey City University and a masters in Health Education from Montclair State University.

Janice is a wealth of information and a real advocate for school nurses. Please use her wise council as you progress through the Program. She can be reached by phone at 973-720-3493 or by email at loschiavoj@wpunj.edu.



CONGRATULATIONS

Ellen White, RN, MSN was named Hemophilia Nurse of the year by the National Hemophilia foundation.

Christopher Wilkins took the Spring 2007 off and obtained his Wound Ostomy Continence Nursing Certification. Christopher will return to the Master's program in the Fall to continue towards his degree.

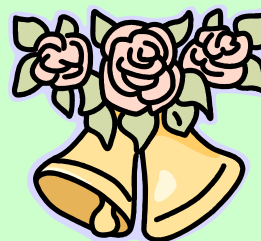
Baby News



Tara Kearney, who completed the School Nurse Certification last year had a baby boy on October 10, 2006. Baby Jack weighed in at 7 lbs. & 19 inches long.

Claudine Rosiecki, a student in our masters program, gave birth to twins on Christmas Day. Caroline Ava was born at 9:01 am. She weighed 5 lbs. & 18 inches long. Elisabeth Paige was born at 9:02 am. She weighed 5 lbs. 6 oz. & 18 ¾ inches long.

Wedding Bells



Andrea Mazzuca, a student in our School Nurse Certification Program was married on February 17, 2007 to Larry Frotten. Andrea and Larry have 3 children between them, Kerri, Shawn and Natalie.

AfterCollege and AACN are providing new Scholarships exclusively for AACN member schools!

The AACN/AfterCollege Scholarships support students who are seeking a baccalaureate, master's or doctoral degree in nursing. Eight \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded throughout the year.

Please go to the link below to apply:

<http://www.aftercollege.com/groups/aacn.asp?id=1084829236>

*The next deadline is April 30th.

Dr. Julie Bliss, Chairperson Department of Nursing On New Jersey Network



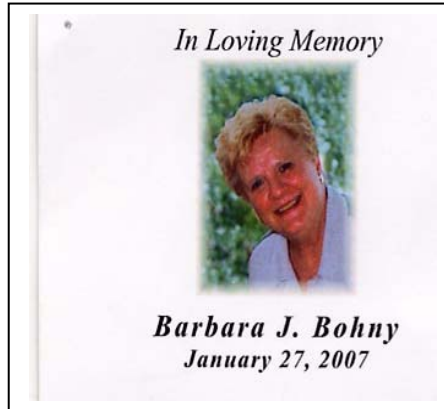
Dr. Julie Bliss, Department of Nursing Chair, along with a panel of 3 other distinguished nurses on September 14, 2006 taped at New Jersey Network's Trenton studio a program called "Remaking American Nursing". Hosted by Sara Lee Kessler, the critical nationwide short fall of nurses, contributing factors, how it affects patient care and outcome, and what is being done about it in NJ were discussed. To read the article in its entirety, go to: www.njsna.org/IFN.



Graduate Nursing Student Serving in Iraq

Jamie Sanchez, RN, BSN a student in the Graduate Nursing Department has been serving in Iraq.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Jamie and all our men and women for a safe return home.



Barbara J. Bohny, DNS, Associate Professor of nursing, died on Saturday, January 27. Appointed to the faculty in September 1995, she was the Coordinator of the graduate program in nursing for several years.

Student Email

It is important that all students in the Graduate Nursing Program and School Nurse Certification Program check their WPUNJ student e-mail on a regular basis each semester and throughout the summer months.

Forms that need to be filled out by students for clinical (NUR 604, 701 and 705) will now be sent to you as attachments to your student e-mail.

