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Welcome back to school!

Many of you have made sacrifices in salary and in time to enroll in graduate school. You have asked favors and accommodations of your family, friends and co-workers so you can do what it takes to get a graduate degree. And yet, there are just not enough of you. Where are your co-workers and friends? Do they all have graduate degrees? Have the millions of nurses who graduated with Bachelors degrees earned Masters degrees?

There are reasons/constraints that affect a nurse's decision to earn a Masters degree. Is it the money? There are cost of tuition, fees, books, computer programs and paper. There are the lost wages and limits of disposable income for holidays, new clothes and eating out. Perhaps it is not the cost or losses that keep national enrollment in graduate school low but rather the lack of benefits.

What are the benefits of a graduate degree? If the benefit is salary, perhaps the difference between a BSN and MSN are not worth the costs. If the benefit is autonomy, perhaps the reality of that autonomy has not been achieved. If the benefit is deference, perhaps the result is incompatible with a peaceful life.

When nursing leaders get together to discuss how to move the profession into the forefront of the Healthcare arena, the inevitable discussion leads to nurse's low level of education compared to our colleagues. I am thinking here about physical therapists, social workers, pharmacists, psychologists, physicians, surgeons, and professors. In nursing we have not demanded more education to

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FROM THE DIRECTOR



Kem Louie, PhD, RN, CS, FAAN

I would like to welcome the seventeen (17) new students to the program and it was great seeing you at the Graduate Nursing Program Orientation held September 8th. As I mentioned in the Spring 2004 issue, the evaluation team from our accrediting organization, Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) will be on campus from October 13-15, 2004. The purpose of the re-accreditation visit is to verify the contents of the Self-Study (a self-analysis of the program) which addresses compliance of national standards and speak to faculty, students, alumni and university administration. The self-study is available for your review in the office of the Graduate Program in Hunziker Wing Room 240. Please call Elaine, program assistant, for an appointment or stop by the office to review this document. The three members of the Evaluation Team are Nadine Courdret, Ed.D, RN, Sheila Smith PHD ANP BC and John Michael Flaitz MSN FNP.

SAVE THE DATES: The meeting with students and the evaluation team is scheduled for Wednesday, October 13, from 4:00-5:00pm in room Wing 104. We will be serving pizza and refreshments.

The reading of the exit report will be held October 15th at 10am in Hobart Manor. All are invited to attend.

The Graduate Nursing Student Organization will have a meeting October 13th at 5:15 – 6:45 PM. All students are welcome to attend. Judith Kutzleb MSN, NP, recent graduate, will speak on "Transitioning into the Advanced Practice Role".

Wishing you an enjoyable and successful semester!

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support the critical thinking and competent decision-making needed to support the responsibilities that we accept and manage. We require these abilities of our students regardless of whether they are in a two, three or four year nursing program, nearly sacrificing both the student and the faculty in the process. We need to communicate to the public the need for more learning as well as more practice.

Please consider strategies to promote your colleagues to invest in pursuing a graduate degree at WPUNJ.



Dr. Bliss was interviewed recently in a nationwide article "Nursing Educators in Critical Demand" distributed by the Associated Press on August 25, 2004. The article can be found at:
http://www.enquirer.com/editions/2004/09/13/loc_loc3_nurse.html

ALUMNI NEWS

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Please join the WPUNJ Nursing Alumni Association for:

A NIGHT AT THE RACES

Friday, November 19, 2004
6:30 P.M.

Christ Episcopal Church
400 Ramapo Avenue
Pompton Lakes, NJ

For more information please call
Paula Sisco at 973-785-7457

Proceeds to support the Yvonne Parisen Memorial
Scholarship

*Yvonne was a graduate of the WPUNJ master's program
in nursing May 1999*

Continuing Education Presentation

Thursday, October 28, 2004

Parish Nursing,
Everything you wanted to know
but didn't know who to ask...

guest speakers

Beverly Bennett, MSN, RN
Education Coordinator
Visiting Health Services of NJ

Susan Jackson, EdD, RN
Assistant Professor
William Paterson University of NJ

Mary T. O'Donnell, MSN, RN
Assistant Professor
Felician College

Diane Silbernagel, MSN, RN
Liaison, Congregational Health Ministry Program
Catholic Charities – Diocese of Paterson

**David and Lorraine Cheng Library
Auditorium
7:00 – 9:00 PM**

for registration and further information please contact
Elaine Vuoncino 973-720-3511

campus directions and map can be found at
<http://ww2.wpunj.edu/aboutus/directions>

Congratulations 2004 Graduates



August 2004

Shantha Franks, MSN
Michelle Matthews, MSN
Karen Rapone, MSN

Gilda Restrepo, MSN
Ann Shaffic, MSN
Rosemarie Wellman, MSN

BABY NEWS



It's a boy for:
Diane Andresen

Ian Patrick
March 16, 2004
9 lbs. 2 oz. at 38 weeks!

This is Diane's 3rd boy since starting graduate
school. Congratulations!!!!

Meet the New Students



We currently have three full-time students who were approved for the Nurse Faculty Loan Program (NFLP) for the 2004-2005 academic year. The NFLP is a loan repayment program offered to full-time graduate students with the opportunity to pursue a future career in the education of nursing students. Upon graduation, and each succeeding year for five years, up to 85% of the loan will be cancelled when employed as a nurse faculty member in an associate or baccalaureate program. The loans were awarded to WPUNJ by the Division of Nursing, Health Resource and Service Administration. The following are students who are receiving the NFLP-



Heather Griffiths graduated in 1989 with a BS in Nursing from Rutgers University-Newark campus. She is currently employed by Mountainside Hospital in Montclair. Heather worked on a medical-surgical unit for 2 years then on a telemetry unit for the next four. Presently she works in cardiac ICU. She has always been interested in teaching and welcomed the opportunity to join the WPUNJ graduate program as a full time student. One of Heather's goals is to encourage and inspire new nurses in the field, whether at the college level or in a hospital setting.



Gerri Necklen graduated from St. Francis School of Nursing in 1990. She received her BA from Thomas Edison College in 2003 and has maintained her CCRN

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certification since 1993. Gerri has worked as an RN for 14 years and is in her second year working as a school nurse. She also works per diem at Bon Secours & Canterbury School of Nursing in the skill lab. She is married with 3 children ages 12, 8 and 6. Gerri hopes to be teaching somewhere by this time next year.

Lori Ann Palmieri – graduated in 1989 with a BSN from Seton Hall University. She currently is employed with Waterview Center as the staff development coordinator. In addition, she has spear headed many programs that have improved the clinical expertise of all the nursing & non-nursing personnel in the facility. She also received an achievement award for her work with the staff & residents. Lori Ann's goal is to teach future nursing students.

WPUNJ ALUMNI JOIN THE NURSING FACULTY

The Department of Nursing at
William Paterson University
welcomes
Graduate Program Nursing Alumni as
Adjunct Instructors

Linda Bowersox, MSN
Grace Carcich, MSN
Persephone Vargas, MSN

Stacey Dakake, MSN
Judith Kutzleb, MSN

Iota Alpha Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International The Honor Society of Nursing

The eligibility period for Membership in the Iota Alpha Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau begins in October. Requirements for eligibility for graduate students are a GPA of at least 3.5, and completion of 1/3 of the program (12-14 credits).

Eligible candidates are contacted by the chair of the eligibility committee by letter. Requirements for the application process are provided as well as instructions for completion.

The Candidates submissions are reviewed by the eligibility committee by year's end. Early in 2005, successful candidates are invited to become members. The induction ceremony is held in the Spring.

Graduate Nursing Student Organization



Kathleen Debbie Lynn

A Message from Your President – Debbie Seeger

Hello, and welcome to a new semester! We have a lot of interesting things happening this fall. Our program will be evaluated for re-accreditation by the CCNE. There will be a meeting on October 13, which will be followed by our bi-annual GNSO meeting. I would like to encourage everyone to attend, since this is one of the few opportunities we have to meet as a group outside of our classes. Refreshments will be served.

Each semester the GNSO arranges to have someone speak to the graduate students about an issue relevant to our training or practice. If anyone has a topic they are particularly interested in, please let one of your GNSO officers, Dr. Louie, or Elaine Vuoncino know, so we can find a speaker. There will be a continuing education opportunity sponsored by the Graduate Nursing Program (not the GNSO) October 28 in the Cheng Library, on parish nursing.

The GNSO is for all graduate nursing students, and there is no fee for membership. You are all members automatically. We have the opportunity to be involved in many committees in the Graduate Nursing Program, and I encourage students to participate on these committees. Please contact Dr. Louie for more information.

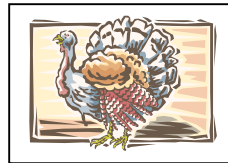
The GNSO can potentially be a strong support system and source of information for all graduate students. It is my hope that we can all find a way to pool our knowledge and experience to help each other. I understand that it is difficult, since most of us have other responsibilities. Some students only have online classes, and therefore have even less contact with their peers. If anyone has some ideas about how we can make it easier to come together, please let me know. Remember that you are not alone, and there are students in every phase of this program. If anyone would like to contact me personally, my e-mail is seegerd@student.wpunj.edu Feel free to ask me any question, and I will do my best to find the answer!



Important Handbooks for Graduate Students

The Department of Nursing Graduate Program Student Handbook of Policies and Procedures 2004 and the Preceptor's Handbook 2004 - 2005 is now available online at:

www.wpunj.edu/cos/nursing/grad



Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner 2004

\$25 Gift Certificates Needed

The Graduate Nursing Department would like to once again contribute to the WPUNJ Thanksgiving Dinner

In the past we have donated baskets but this year because of the construction to the Student Center the dinner will be held at the Brownstone. Because of limited space the dinner committee will be giving out \$25 gift certificates

If anyone is interested in donating a few dollars to purchase a gift certificate, please drop off your donation to Elaine in Hunziker Wing 240 by October 29th

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

IMPORTANT WEBSITES

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

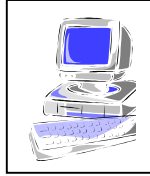
Graduate Nursing Newsletter "Gradnurse Gazette"
<http://www.wpunj.edu/cos/nursing/newsletter/>

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

Graduate Studies Office
<http://www.wpunj.edu/admissn/gradf/graduate/>

On Line Application
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



IRT Classes

Check out the numerous computer classes (software & internet applications) available for students being offered by the Student Technology Consultants in the Div. of Instruction and Research Technology at no charge. Workshops include MS Access, MS Excel, Powerpoint, Work, WP online, Web design etc. For further information go to:

www.wpunj.edu/stc/tws/

From the Library

Victoria Wagner, Head of Access Services

Did you know that you can schedule research assistance in the Library? We're happy to meet with you whether for individual assistance on a specific project or for an overview of the Library's services and resources and how to access them. Please contact us to schedule an appointment:

http://www.wpunj.edu/library/forms/research_request.cfm



"WALK FOR LIFE: LIVING HEALTHY"

The Dept of Nursing in collaboration with the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services' Office of Minority and Multicultural Health (OMMH) celebrated Minority and Multicultural Health Month—September 2004. The theme this year is "Take A Walk For Life: Living Healthy".

On September 25, 2004, from 10-12 noon over 175 participants walked one mile on the William Paterson University campus promoting fitness and healthy eating. After the walk, refreshments, health resources and information were available in the Atrium Lobby. "The experiences assisted in modeling positive healthy behaviors for the campus community" noted Dr Kem Louie, associate professor of nursing. Many of the participating nursing students brought family members, friends and classmates.

Information provided included topics on tobacco use, physical activity, substance abuse, injury and violence, nutrition, cancer, reproduction health, mental health, environmental quality, diabetes, heart disease, respiratory disease and sexually transmitted diseases.

Master's Students and Alumni Participate in WPUNJ's First Future Nurse Camp



Twelve high school students reported to William Paterson University this summer for a week long Future Nurse camp experience. They completed CPR for the health professional, participated in learning practical skills and saw patients in St. Joseph's Medical Center while buddied with an RN.

Part of the goal was to expose them to a variety of career choices in nursing. One afternoon session was dedicated to this endeavor. Some of our graduate and undergraduate alumni helped to make this session a success.

Current graduate student, Kristin Preziosi brought in her visiting nurse bag and explained the role of the nurse and explained the equipment in the bag. Mary Anne Marra, a graduate alumni, explained the activities of a lactation educator. She carried a baby doll and a flip chart to summarize baby care. Recent undergraduate alumni, Sharon Klein and Sarah Dalby spoke of their experiences as a neonatal ICU nurse and a labor and delivery nurse, respectively.

Two WPUNJ faculty, who are also graduate alumni, had pivotal roles in the camp. Linda Bowersox spearheaded the St. Joseph's connection which allowed students to see patients. Perse Vargas, as shown in the picture, assisted students in learning vital signs.