

# LSU Health New Orleans School of Nursing

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## Message From the Dean

**Demetrius J. Porche, DNS, PhD, APRN, FACHE, FAANP, FAAN**

The beginning of this academic year has been accompanied by a sense of excitement and achievement for what lies ahead in this 2015-2016 academic year. In this newsletter, you will have the opportunity to review the numerous faculty, student, and alumni accomplishments that continue to inspire our LSU Tiger spirit and amaze the nursing community. Of special note is the School of Nursing's recognition by the National League for Nursing as a Center of Excellence in Nursing Education. This school wide recognition is a true testament of the excellence embodied in our faculty, staff, students, and alumni. The School of Nursing, in partnership with the School of Dentistry, will be opening a new clinic, "Dental Medical Primary Care Clinic," located at the School of Dentistry. This interprofessional dental-primary care clinic will focus on providing both dental and primary care services using an oral-systemic health model of care. An alumni photographic composite kiosk will be installed this fall semester in the nursing school. In addition to visiting the actual nursing school photo composites located throughout the nursing school, alumni will be able to electronically view nursing school composites by class and individual alumnus.

Our nursing students continue to provide a significant number of community service events. It is always truly impressive the engagement of and contribution that our nursing students make within the community. In addition, our nursing students are learning to be nursing leaders during their academic studies. The nursing school supported several of our undergraduate nursing students to attend the annual Louisiana Association of Student Nurses conference. Several undergraduate nursing students will be attending the National Student Nurses Association meeting. Two of our Primary Care Nurse Practitioner students will be attending the American Association of Colleges of Nursing Health Policy Summit in spring 2016. We are proud to support our nursing students' national exposure and leadership development.

It is strategic planning time again. The School of Nursing will be initiating our 2017-2020 strategic planning process this fall semester. As always, the opinions of our alumni and community of interest are appreciated. We will be calling on our alumni and community of interest to provide advisement on our strategic direction over the next 3 years. The nursing school, in partnership with the School of Nursing Alumni Association, will have a Donor Wall installed in the nursing school student lounge. Please consider showing your continued support of our nursing school by considering a donation - more information regarding our Donor Wall will be forthcoming. We continue to need the support of our faculty, staff, students, and alumni to grow and impact the health care system in Louisiana. For more exciting news, visit our [webpage](#) or follow us on [Twitter](#).

## Mentoring Undergraduate Students for Excellence in Scholarship (MUSES) Program

We are thrilled to announce our first cohort of the Mentoring Undergraduate Students for Excellence in Scholarship (MUSES) Program! The following students were accepted into the MUSES Program based on specified eligibility requirements:

*Sally Abell*  
*Claire Battle*  
*Sophie Junak*  
*Chelsea Mahoney*  
*Rachelle Melancon*  
*Samantha Oubre*

Dr. Dianna Douglas serves as the course coordinator for both courses of the MUSES Program, BSN Honors Seminar I and II (NURS 3470 and NURS 3471), with Dr. Jennifer Martin as the program facilitator.

These innovative and motivated students have already begun working on evidence-based projects with their MUSES Faculty Mentors. The MUSES Program students will work closely with their faculty mentor to develop and implement a research or evidence-based practice project during the course of their MUSES tenure. We would like to acknowledge and thank the volunteer faculty mentors for their dedication to their students and this inaugural program: Dr. John Cork, Dr. Stephanie Primeaux, Dr. Lorrie Powel, Dr. Julie Tipton, Dr. Keeley Dupuy, and Dr. Susan Orlando. The MUSES Project is the development of a scholarly project that focuses on: (a) advancement of nursing knowledge through research endeavors, (b) inter-professional research team projects, or (c) evidence-based practice/knowledge translation or implementation.

The MUSES Program's mission is to promote the undergraduate student's intellectual, professional, and personal development by providing scholarly guidance in an area of nursing specific to their scholarly interest, challenging the student to grow to their fullest potential. The MUSES Program will accomplish this mission by mentoring the students to (a) discover new knowledge and original insights that add to nursing's body of knowledge, (b) apply existing knowledge to the practical solutions to problems, (c) integrate existing knowledge in nursing with that of other disciplines and, (d) develop new and better means for describing, understanding, and presenting existing knowledge in order to increase dissemination.

## LAC Partners with SON to Provide Tuition Reimbursement for Racial and Ethnic Minority RNs Pursuing Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner Certification

In an effort to increase the diversity of Louisiana's APRN workforce to reflect the diversity of the population served, the Louisiana Action Coalition (LAC) has collaborated with Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center School of Nursing to increase APRN education opportunities for registered nurses from racial and ethnic minorities that are underrepresented among APRNs throughout Louisiana. A statewide program is in the process of distributing \$40,000 to cover the fall 2015 and/or spring 2016 tuition expenses of approximately 8 registered nurses in pursuit of their PCFNP. Recipients are being selected based on established criteria and the commitment to work in a medically underserved or health care shortage area of Louisiana. Participating schools include: LSUHSC School of Nursing, Grambling State University School of Nursing, McNeese University College of Nursing, Nicholls State University, Northwestern State University College of Nursing, Southeastern Louisiana University College of Nursing & Health Sciences, Southern University and A&M College School of Nursing, and University of Louisiana at Lafayette – College of Nursing & Allied Health Professions.

## 2015 DAISY In Training Award Recipients



*Abby Benoit*



*Danielle Stewart*

The School of Nursing is proud to be a DAISY In Training Award Partner, recognizing two student nurses with this special honor each semester.

Criteria for the nomination include:

- Demonstrating commitment to compassionate care of patients and families
- Making a connection with patients, families, and peers by building trust and respect
  - Advocating for patients
- Demonstrating the LSUHSC SON values of caring, professionalism, respect, integrity, diversity, & excellence

Patients, families, visitors, staff, coworkers, physicians, preceptors, teachers, or managers can nominate a deserving student nurse by visiting:

<http://nursing.lsuhsoc.edu/DaisyInTraining/>

## Wellness Day at the State Capitol



On Tuesday, May 5th, LSUHSC School of Nursing, School of Medicine, and School of Dentistry provided health screenings and health education to the Louisiana Legislature at the state capitol in Baton Rouge. The School of Nursing along with the School of Medicine provided screening services such as, blood pressure, blood glucose, and skin cancer. Education was provided on preventive services such as adult immunizations, mammograms, breast self exams, prostate exams, mental health, and stress management. The School of Dentistry provided oral health screenings and education.

School of Nursing faculty volunteering their time were Dr. Katherine Carter, Dr. Dianna Douglas, Dr. Stephanie Pierce, Mrs. Sue DeLaune, and Ms. RoseAnna LaPorte. School of Nursing students volunteering their time were Devin Robinson, Jon Fager, Mary Landry, Pricilla Halloran, Erica Dorsey, and Thimeka Carr. Medical students volunteering their time were Greg Lee and Kelly Knox along with Dr. Brittani Breaux.



*Students pose with Speaker of the House Chuck Kleckley*

## Great 100 Nurses Foundation Honors SON Faculty Members

The following nursing faculty members from the School of Nursing have achieved the prestigious honor of being selected as one of the Great 100 Nurses of Louisiana for 2015. The Great 100 Nurses are selected based on their concern for humanity, their contributions to the profession of Nursing, and their mentoring of others. Honorees attended the 29th Great 100 Nurses Celebration on October 14th at the Pontchartrain Center.

### Monchielle Bolds

Alison Davis

Quinn Lacey

Helen Neil

Lorrie Powel

Angela Scanio

**Dr. Gloria Giarratano, Professor of Nursing, was recently appointed by the Executive Board of the American Association of Public Health to serve on the Committee on Women's Rights for a three-year term. The Committee on Women's Rights is concerned with women's rights, including a primary focus on gender inequities in health care and health policy. The committee also places emphasis on other issues, such as economic and pay inequity, the glass ceiling, and expanding the definition of women's health beyond reproductive health.**





## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWS:

The Alumni Association would like to thank everyone who participated in the *First Annual Mudbug March to Stomp Out Pulmonary Hypertension* on Saturday, March 7th. As a result of everyone's efforts, the Alumni Association raised approximately \$15,000. The Senior II class raised the most money and as a result of their hard work, the Alumni Association provided the class with a check for \$700. Mark your calendars as next year's event will take place on Sunday, March 6th, 2016.

On Sunday, June 7th the School of Nursing Alumni Association held its annual meeting/lunch at Café Adelaide. The theme of the day was "New Orleans Summer Social Derby" and everyone wore "derby" hats to celebrate the day. Thanks to all who came out to support the Alumni Association. A fun time was had by all and we look forward to your participation in future events. Please visit our [website](#) and like our [Facebook page](#) for upcoming news and events.



## Alumni Spotlight

*Clair Petit Millet, DNP, APRN, PHCNS-BC  
MSN 2000, DNP 2014*



Dr. Millet is one of 25 nurses from across the country selected as a Public Health Nurse Leader by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. She will participate in a two-year leadership development program designed to strengthen the capacity of senior public health nurses to improve health and lead collaboration in their communities. As part of the program, Dr. Millet will work closely with the Louisiana Action Coalition through their *Future of Nursing: Campaign for Action* to implement recommendations from the Institute of Medicine's *Future of Nursing* report.





# Congratulations to Our Graduates

May 2015

## *Bachelor of Science in Nursing*

Jennifer Ann Abbrecht  
Alyssa Marie Alexander  
Abigail Beth Armstrong  
Gordon Charles Bahan  
Sarah Elizabeth Baillie  
Gina Pierre Baron-Hyppolite  
Anna Polachova Bates  
Ander Michelle Boggs  
Paul Michael Boring  
Brett Hughes Bourque  
Alexandra Kathryn Breland  
Kathleen Elizabeth Brown  
Richard Ronald Bryant  
Brennan Anthony Butler  
Emily Lynn Callegari  
Gabriella Maria Cane  
Thimeka RaShelle Carr  
Angeline Ines Carrillo  
Irving Jude Cartagena  
Lauren Clark Chutz  
Katelyn Marie Clark  
Ana Lourdes Coutin  
Monica Ruby Cross  
Raven Symone Culpepper  
Emily Kate Daigrepoint  
Elizabeth Ngoc Han Dao  
Michael Emile Darmas  
Ciara Renee Deaton  
Amy Elizabeth Delahoussaye  
Devyn Ann DeLaney  
Kayla Marie Veron DeLaughter  
Rachel Grace deVlugt  
Amy Elizabeth Donegan  
Erica Marie Dorsey  
Heather Jean Dow  
Amber Nicole Doyle  
Madeleine Aimee Ducoing  
Juanita Maria Early  
Morgan Victoria Englert  
Adam Tyler Estopinal

Jon Harmon Fager  
Kristen Joy Feller  
Andrea White Ferrage  
Candice Brown Garrison  
Aaron Jeffrey Gloth  
Kayla Layne Hahn  
Priscilla Terrase Halloran  
William Benton Harper  
Darrian DeWayne Harris  
Chelsea Regan Heffker  
Kelsey Sara Irion  
Brittany Lynn Jacobs  
Alexandra Lea Johnson  
Allison Hall Johnson  
Kellie Elizabeth Jones  
Cami Lyn Julien  
Sarah Renee Kelly  
Amanda Joy Knight  
Tyler Robert Koelling  
Kirby Caroline Lake  
Tesslyn Brittney Land  
Mary Anne Landry  
Lauren Elizabeth Leiva  
Wai Hong Lem  
Madalyn Maria Loetzerich  
Brittany Nicole Loupe  
Kaylee Ann Lowery  
Kristy Lynn Macklin  
Meghan Marie Maestri  
Nicolette Maria Magallanes  
Kevin Alan Marcus  
Kyra De'onna Martin  
Madeleine Marie Martinez  
Maria Christine Maskas  
Rachel Ryals Maxwell  
Caitlin Clare McGinness  
Landis Niernberger McMahan  
Courtney Elaine Morgan  
Norma Katherine Mourra

Hannah Ngoc Ngo  
Shelby Michelle Nunez  
Nathalie Dianne Orrego  
Joseph Scott Paradis  
Rachel Etlima Perdomo-Washington  
Kailey Sueretta Persson  
Amber Lynn Picou  
Alexis Christina Pineda  
Leigh Anna Pollet  
Merlin Anthony Ramsey, Sr.  
Amy Irene Randazzo  
Michelle Elizabeth Rau  
Lauren Caroline Rawdon  
Matthew Perry Reese  
Lauren Michelle Rettig  
Robyn Raquel Ricciotti  
Kelli Marie Richard  
Jinger Anne Roy  
William Joseph Schahn  
Allison Paige Scheinuk  
Joni Lynn Schexnaydre  
Bonnie Ethelyn Schiffman  
Caroline Julia Schmidt  
Christina Elizabeth Schneider  
Sarah Elizabeth Sheasby  
Julianne Marie Soileau  
Nicole Marie St. Roman  
Caroline Anne Stewart  
Kristina Elizabeth Trahan  
Lindsey Amanda Truax  
Elizabeth Steele Tye  
Gabriella Helen Vince  
Julie Van Vo  
Kim Thuy Vu  
Gabrielle Marie Weyer  
Allison Howson Willem  
Shae Antoinette Williams  
Anne Elizabeth Wright  
Eve Helen Youngberg

## *Master of Nursing*

Brittany Navo Badinger  
Judith Marie Baker  
Jessica Mayer Baudier  
Christine Rodriguez Bialas  
Shanna Alayne Black  
Catherine Knoll Blouin  
Kayley Kalil Bodine  
Lisa Marie Brewer  
Amanda Tindell Britton

Callie Michele Estes  
Taylor Mark Faul  
Stephani Marie Frost  
Shivas Prabhaker Gilotra  
Adrienne Adams Goodwin  
Kelly Marie Green  
Mitchell Clayt Handrich  
Margaret Elizabeth Hoppenstedt  
Christy Crippin Huerstel

Virginia Maria Mistretta  
Jesse Spann Naquin  
Brooke Quillens Naranjo  
Amy Maria Navas  
Karen Fortenberry Nunnery  
Richard Lee Payne  
Rachel Leigh Poolson  
Therese Talbot Reckert  
Elise Christine Reeves

Robin Rhinehart Brodnax  
Brandon Chase Brown  
Meghan Lynn Burns  
Jessica Whitney Butts  
Kimberly Lynne Camp  
Nathaly Kaye Carrion  
Richard Celestine, Jr.  
Chase Mathew Chiasson  
Kendall Jakob Connick  
Epris Pittman Cooper  
Ashley Jakob Cusimano  
Ramee Michelle Dickerson  
Joseph Lucas DiLeo, III  
Trishana Marie Ducros  
Florencia Moreno Espinal

Terran Hale Johnson  
Alyce Puderer Johnson  
Katherine Greer Krail  
Lori Lynn Lampard  
Beau James Leonard  
Lori Pharr Lewis  
Barrett Jay Littell  
Eleanor Barker Lomzenski  
Corey Garrod Luke  
Janis Lea Malaki  
Mia Ann Manguno  
Bryce Bahry Mansfield  
Matthew Gerard Martin  
Alyssa Mary Matherne  
Stephanie Kelly Miller

Derek Alan Sandler  
Cori Evans Schuler  
Erin Leigh Schriener  
Elise Marie Simonian  
Kara Suhrke Simpson  
Donny Thomas Small, Jr.  
Dustin Dale Spell  
Nichole Crowell Staab  
Blake Thomas Stagni  
Jennifer Lauren Stapleton  
Kelly Smity Thibodeaux  
Cheryl Andras Thomas  
Olivia Haddad Walker  
Jonathan Easton White  
Michael David Zemke, Jr.

## *Doctor of Nursing Science*

Jolie Estopinal Harris

### *August 2015*

## *Bachelor of Science in Nursing*

Kelly O'Mara Aronoff  
Kenneth Joseph Brown  
Kassidy Blaine Bynum  
Enid America Carrillo  
Sarah Elizabeth Chetta  
Linda Selma Davis  
Mary Katherine Duffy  
Monica Raychel Duprey  
Mandy Watts Feldt  
Corschika Henry Hart  
Alison Mae Hendrix

Lilia Aileen Henriquez  
Joni Champagne Hurstel  
Christina Volpi Hulin  
Michelle Delaune Laurenson  
LaQunita Keoka Legania  
Jacy Quinn Marchiafava  
Melanie Michele McCrary  
Cherie Elizabeth Minet  
Heidi Mock  
Anh Kim Nguyen  
Jared Paul Norris

Laura Rachel Peacock  
Jennifer Regan  
Carlina Rice Rice  
Robin Linda Rodriguez  
Jacob Joseph Sommers  
Maria Saborio Spadaro  
Julie Ann St. Amant  
Daphne Eura Valteau  
Lacie Rodriguez Wagner  
Erin Breaux Williams  
Lisa Young

## *Master of Nursing*

Michael Shane Bauers

Keithen Dewayne Potts

## *Master of Science in Nursing*

Heather Rose Grush Abadie

## *Doctor of Nursing Science*

Deidra Bernard Dudley

**On Monday, September 28, 2015, the LSUHSC School of Nursing Alumni Association made a donation of \$5,000 to the School of Nursing.**

**The Alumni Association was able to generate funds through the 1st Annual Mudbug March to Stomp Out Pulmonary Hypertension, membership dues, and donations. The Alumni Association will continue to generate funds to support the mission of the School of Nursing.**





# ...and Our Award Winners

Jinger Anne Roy  
Valedictorian

Theresa Bittenbring Marque & John Henry Marque Award  
Patricia Losee Memorial Award

Joseph Scott Paradis  
Salutatorian

Shanna Alayne Black  
Dolores H. Scheerle Memorial Entrepreneurial Award, MN

Kayley Kalil Bodine  
Alumni Association Recognition of Class Spirit Award,  
Graduate

Richard Ronald Bryant  
Student Government Association Award

Anna Lourdes Coutin  
Theresa Bittenbring Marque & John Henry Marque Award

Rachel Grace deVlugt  
Nursing Caring Award, BSN

Jon Harmon Fager  
Dolores H. Scheerle Memorial Entrepreneurial Award, BSN  
Patricia Losee Memorial Award  
Theresa Bittenbring Marque & John Henry Marque Award

Jessica Lynn Granier  
Theresa Bittenbring Marque & John Henry Marque Award

Priscilla Terrase Halloran  
Chancellor's Award  
Student Nurses' Association Award

Mitchell Clayt Handrich  
Reverend Dr. James A. Ertl Clinical Excellence Award

Darrian DeWayne Harris  
Alumni Association Recognition of Class Spirit Award,  
Undergraduate  
Elsevier Faculty Recognition Award, BSN  
Patricia Losee Memorial Award

Jolie Estopinal Harris  
F. A. Davis Writing Excellence Award  
Outstanding Doctor of Nursing Science Award

Kelsey Sara Irion  
Academic Recognition, CARE Program

Casey René Lambert  
Theresa Bittenbring Marque & John Henry Marque Award

Eleanor Barker Lomzenski  
Elsevier Faculty Recognition Award, MN  
Outstanding Nurse Practitioner Award

Janis Lea Malaki  
Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society Award, Graduate

Bryce Bahry Mansfield  
Louisiana Association of Nurse Anesthetists  
Outstanding Graduate Award

Madeleine Marie Martinez  
Theresa Bittenbring Marque & John Henry Marque Award

Kaitlin Clare McGinness  
Theresa Bittenbring Marque & John Henry Marque Award

Jacquelyn Marie Pecquet  
Theresa Bittenbring Marque & John Henry Marque Award

Amy Irene Randazzo  
Cum Laude  
Jo Ellen Smith Memorial Award

Michelle Elizabeth Rau  
Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society Award, BSN

Matthew Perry Reese  
Danny G. Willis, DNS, Mental Health Nursing Award  
Theresa Bittenbring Marque & John Henry Marque Award

Jennifer Regen  
Dolores H. Scheerle Memorial Entrepreneurial Award, BSN

Lauren Michelle Rettig  
Highest Academic Honors, CARE Program  
Theresa Bittenbring Marque & John Henry Marque Award

Carlina Rice  
Early Childhood & Family Learning Foundation  
Outstanding RN Community Award

Christina Elizabeth Schneider  
New Orleans District Nurses Association Leadership Award

Jennifer Lauren Stapleton  
Nursing Caring Award, MN

Michael David Zemke, Jr.  
Nurse Anesthesia Program Director's Award

# School of Nursing Designated Center of Excellence by National League for Nursing

The National League for Nursing (NLN) has designated Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center School of Nursing as an NLN Center of Excellence for 2015-2019 in recognition of our sustained efforts to “Create Environments that Promote the Pedagogical Expertise of Faculty.” Louisiana State University is this year’s sole winner in this category and the School of Nursing is the only nursing school in Louisiana with this recognition. The formal presentation took place at a ceremony on Friday, October 2nd at the NLN Annual Education Summit’s Awards Banquet in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Congratulations to all faculty, staff, and students who have provided the leadership to secure this recognition.



## Dental & Medical Primary Care Clinic Now Open

The School of Nursing, in conjunction with the School of Dentistry and LSU Healthcare Network, is excited to announce the opening of our new Interprofessional Care clinic. The Dental and Medical Primary Care Clinic is located on the School of Dentistry’s campus at 1111 Florida Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70119.

Board certified family nurse practitioners and dentists will provide collaborative care to the general population

(ages adolescent and older) in the New Orleans area. This clinic offers patients the ability to receive patient-centered medical and dental care in one appointment. The aim is to implement interprofessional clinical education to all levels of nursing and dental students, while increasing access to primary care and dental services to the general population. The model of care is to collaboratively assess each patient, formulate a joint treatment plan, and provide education on oral-systemic health topics.

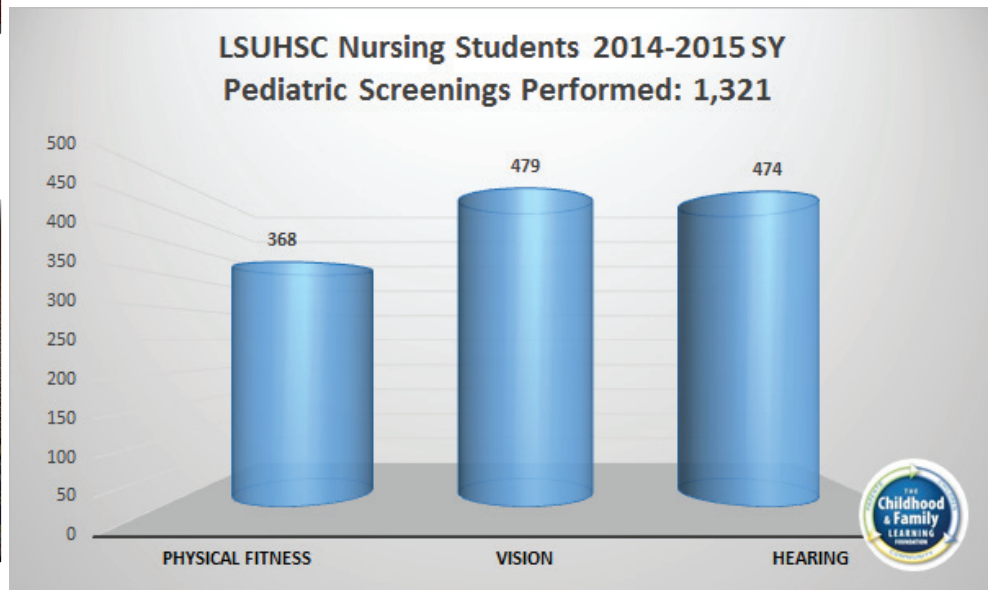
The Dental and Medical Primary Care Clinic is currently opened Tuesdays – Thursdays from 8am – 4pm. Please call 504-412-1488 to schedule an appointment.



**School of Nursing Awarded  
Whole Child Champion Award  
for Participation in Whole  
School, Whole Community,  
Whole Child Initiative**



On August 20th, the School of Nursing was presented with a Childhood and Family Learning Foundation *Whole Child Champion Award* in recognition of our contributions in support of the Whole Child, Whole School, Whole Community initiative recently adopted by the 2015 state legislature. In association with the Childhood and Family Learning Foundation, School of Nursing students provide health screenings to students at the following schools: Esperanza Charter School, Lafayette Academy Charter School, Morris Jeff Community School, McDonogh 42 Elementary Charter School, and KIPP Central City Academy. The chart below illustrates the types and numbers of screenings provided by our nursing students in the 2014-2015 school year. Senate Resolution 34 urges and requests agencies to develop a plan to implement the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child Initiative and to submit that plan to the Legislature by January 15, 2016. Louisiana will then be the first state in the nation to implement such a statewide program.



*Congratulations to Our 2015-2016 Student Executives*

*SGA Executive Board Members*

President: Haley Williams

Vice President: Yesenia Sanchez

Secretary: McKay Jordan

Treasurer: Megan Harrison

Social VPs: Sarah Vitaliano & Megan Herrle

Historians: Abby Benoit & Tana Bourgeois

Parliamentarian: Gabrielle Miller

Intramural Chair: Margaret Stark

*SNA Executive Board Members*

President: Brittani Dyess

Vice President: Mitrell Osirio

Treasurer: Elena Johns

Secretary: Devan Peterson

Historians: Megan Herrle & Sarah Vitaliano

Newsletter Editor/Guest Speaker Coordinator:  
Christina Grishman

Breakthrough to Nursing:

Ryne Smith

Devin Robinson

Community Service Coordinators:

Katelyn Freyou

McKay Jordan

Samantha Oubre



## International Association for Human Caring Conference Visits New Orleans

by Jane Sumner, PhD, RN, PHCNS, BC, ANEF

The International Association for Human Caring held its annual conference in New Orleans at the Intercontinental Hotel from May 20th through the 23rd. It was a most successful conference, with New Orleans wreaking its usual magic, and everyone seemed to leave the conference with a happy smile on their face, having had lots of fun and having found the presentations interesting and stimulating. The theme was the 'Enduring Spirit of Caring' and the nurses of the storm were honored at the opening ceremony. Mardi Gras Indians heralded a small representation of these

nurses into the room, and they would end the formal ceremony by leading everyone out to the reception. The Mardi Gras Indians stayed to entertain for some time. They seemed to be having fun being photographed with the attendees. Most had been born at Charity Hospital and a number had family experiences with nurses so they were sympathetic towards us. Dr. Jane Sumner served as the local organizer and was interviewed on Channel 6 about the conference and the opening ceremony.

LSUHSC School of Nursing was a major supporter and the Dean, Dr. Porche, welcomed all the attendees. Dr. Porche read out a Mayor's Proclamation and gave it to the president, Dr. Nancey France. Ellen Beyer, Marge Kraus, and Marirose Bernard kindly volunteered to help at the conference. Ms. Bernard gave a presentation about her experiences during and after Hurricane Katrina. Dr. Sumner served as one of the theorists at the Theorists Luncheon. Marilyn (Dee) Ray, Savina Schoenhofer, Marlaine Smith and Dr. Sumner shared their knowledge and how they developed their theories and the applicability to practice. Dr. Marian Turkel served as the emcee. Dr. Sumner later gave a presentation on her present thinking on part of her theory.

There were 3 keynote speakers: Rozzano (Nino) Locscin, Peggy Chinn, and Richard Smith who gave thought provocative presentations. More countries were represented in New Orleans than the conference has had before, including Turkey, Portugal and Nigeria, as well as Japan and China. Next year, the conference will be held in Boston and the association will join forces with the Rogerian Society for a shared conference in early June.





# SON Recognized as Nursing School of the Year for Entry into Practice

The School of Nursing was recognized as the Nursing School of the Year for Entry into Practice on Saturday, March 28th when the Louisiana Nurses Foundation hosted its fourteenth Annual Nightingale Awards Program. The Nightingale Awards ceremony is a special time when the nursing profession honors its own.

The program is the “academy awards” of nursing and health care which recognizes quality service, commitment, and excellence for registered nurses in the state of Louisiana. The nominations in each category are reviewed by out of state judges who are nursing leaders throughout the country. Several of our faculty members were recognized as nominees for various Nightingale Awards:

Marsha Bennett - Outstanding Nurse Researcher of the Year

Gretchen Deeves - Nursing Educator of the Year

Sue DeLaune - Nursing Educator of the Year

Leslie Nolden - Advanced Practice Nurse of the Year



*Dean Porche with nominees Gretchen Deeves, Marsha Bennett, Leslie Nolden, & Sue DeLaune*

## Employee Health Clinic Increases Hours of Operation

The School of Nursing and the LSU Healthcare Network's Employee Health Clinic has extended its hours of operation. Most insurances are accepted, and services are available on a sliding fee scale. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are encouraged. The new hours of operation are:

Mondays from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Tuesdays from 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Wednesdays from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Thursdays from 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Call 504-412-1488 for an appointment.

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or update your contact information,  
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sspera@lsuhsc.edu

## SNA TRAVELS TO PHOENIX:

The LSUHSC School of Nursing Student Nurses' Association proudly represented our school at the 63rd Annual National Student Nurses' Association Convention in Phoenix, Arizona. Students participated in numerous plenary sessions, focus sessions, resolutions hearings and the State Caucus and House of Delegates. Our students also had an active voice as Delegates at the House of Delegates by joining in the debate



on resolutions, voting for resolutions, and voting for candidates for the new NSNA Executive Board of Directors. Shelby Nunez, Brennan Butler, and Ryne Smith all spoke in the House of Delegates and made all of us proud.

Students attending included: Sarah Baillie, Abby Benoit, Tana Bourgeois, Ricky Bryant, Brennan Butler, Katelyn Clark, Heather Dow, Amber Doyle, Brie Dyess, Priscilla Halloran, Lauren Hammond, Kellie Jones, Gabby Miller, Hannah Ngo, Shelby Nunez, Michelle Rau, Will Schahan, Bonnie Schiffman, Sarah Sheasby, Alexandra Johnson, Ryne Smith, Caroline Stewart, Megan Herrle, and Sarah Vitaliano. It was truly a joy to see these students in action and doing such an exceptional job representing us. The future of healthcare is very bright with our students leading the way. Congatulations to all! -Marirose Bernard, MN, APRN, NE-BC, SNA Faculty Advisor

**Ms. Jean Cefalu, MSN, APRN, CWOCN, CNE** was recently honored with the **Dr. Allen A. Copping Award for Excellence in Teaching for 2015**. This award recognizes outstanding faculty members at the LSU Health Sciences Centers in New Orleans and Shreveport who have demonstrated a life-long pursuit of discovery and who inspire their students.



**Dr. Ellen Beyer** graduated from the University of Massachusetts Amherst with a Doctorate of Nursing Practice as a Public Health Nurse Leader. Her project was titled *Using a Beers Criteria-based Educational Intervention to Increase Practitioners' Knowledge and Confidence of Potentially Inappropriate Medication with Older Adults*. In addition, Dr. Beyer received the University of Massachusetts Amherst College of Nursing Dean's Clinical Scholar Award for 2014-2015.





# 2015 DAISY Faculty Awards

The DAISY Foundation was founded in November 1999, in memory of J. Partick Barnes who died at age 33 from complications of Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP). The foundation's mission is to say thank you to the nursing profession in three ways; honoring the super-human work nurses do at the bedside every day through The DAISY Award, funding nursing research through The J. Patrick Barnes Grants for Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice Projects, and honoring nursing faculty through The DAISY Faculty Award.

Criteria for the award selection reflect the School of Nursing Core Values, Mission, and Vision. Honorees are nominated by students, peers, administrators, and staff. The 2015 recipients were:

**Kendra Barrier**

**Marirose Bernard**

**Nancy Buccola**

**Jean Cefalu**

**Khaleelah Hasan**

**Angela Scanio**



*Dr. Porche & Kendra Barrier*



*Marirose Bernard*



*Dr. Porche & Nancy Buccola*



*Jean Cefalu & Dr. Porche*



*Dr. Porche & Khaleelah Hasan*



*Dr. Porche & Angela Scanio*

To nominate a faculty member, please visit:  
<http://nursing.lsuhscc.edu/Special/DaisyAward.html>



*In the fall of 1941*, the Philippines was a gardenia-scented paradise for the American Army and Navy nurses stationed there. War was a distant rumor; life was a routine of easy shifts and dinners under the stars. That all changed December 8, as Japanese bombs began raining down on American bases in Luzon, and this paradise became a fiery hell. Caught in the raging battle, the nurses set up field hospitals in the jungles of Bataan and the tunnels of Corregidor, where they tended to the most devastating injuries of war and suffered the terrors of shells and shrapnel.

After their heroics, the nurses were herded into internment camps where they would endure three years of fear, brutality, and starvation. Once liberated, they returned to an America that at first celebrated them, but later refused to honor their leaders with the medals they clearly deserved.

On September 1st, Elizabeth M. Norman, PhD, author of *We Band of Angels: The Untold Story of the American Women Trapped on Bataan*, presented these brave women's stories at The National World War II Museum in New Orleans as part of the General Raymond E. Mason Jr. Distinguished Lecture Series on World War II. With the help of tireless leadership from faculty member Marjorie Kraus, this event was presented in partnership with the LSUHSC School of Nursing. Approximately 1,200 attendees were present, the largest attendance to date at a Mason Lecture Series event. If you were unable to attend this event, you can watch the presentation by following this link:

<http://livestream.com/nww2m/events/4228583>



Presenter Elizabeth Norman with Chancellor Hollier, Dean Porche, Marjorie Kraus, and WWII Museum President & CEO Gordon H. "Nick" Mueller, PhD



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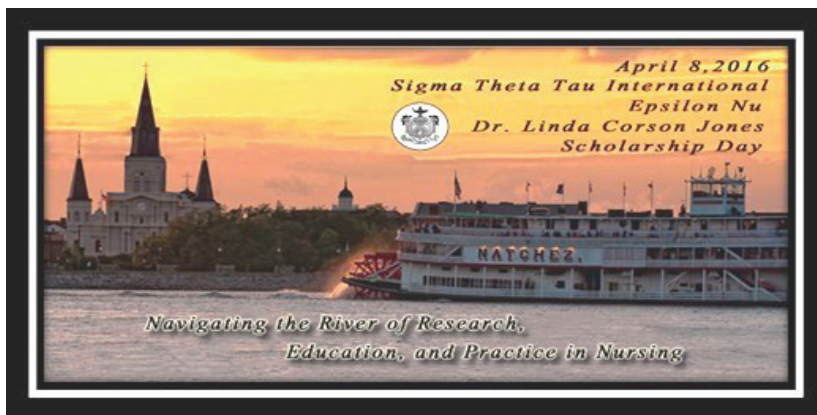
Dean Porche's welcome address



# 2016 CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

## September 21-October 30, 2015

The Epsilon Nu Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International will hold its Annual Dr. Linda Corson Jones Scholarship Day on April 8, 2016. It will be held at University Medical Center New Orleans. Epsilon Nu cordially invites you to submit an abstract in clinical topics of interest in practice, education, research, or service to be considered for presentation at the conference. Abstracts selected may be presented in podium, poster, or workshop sessions. Only completed research will be considered for podium presentations. Incomplete research will only be considered for poster presentations.



### Submission Deadline for Podium, Workshop, and Poster Abstract Submissions

Materials must be received by 11:59 PM on October 30, 2015. No extensions will be granted. Acknowledgement that materials arrived on time will be sent via email.

### Submission Format

All abstracts, not to exceed 300 words, are to be submitted via the *online abstract submission site*.

### Abstract Selection and Notification

The Program Abstract Selection Committee will meet in early December 2015 to select abstracts and to finalize the conference program. For each accepted symposium, podium, and poster abstract, the Committee will assign the time and date of presentation on the conference schedule. The Committee reserves the right to accept abstracts as a podium or poster presentation.

If your abstract is accepted for presentation, you will be notified by email on or around January 8, 2016 of your presentation date and time. This notice is sent to the contact person for each symposium and to the presenting author of each individual podium or poster session.

### DEFINITIONS: Podium, Workshop and/or Poster Session

- A podium session is a session consisting of presentations of completed research, completed projects/best practices, methodology papers and/or theory development/conceptual analysis papers.
- A workshop session is a session consisting of question and answer sessions on related topics of clinical expertise and experience such as evidence based practice used on current units.
- A poster session is a visual display of completed or in-progress work. In-progress work is only eligible for poster presentation. Individual abstracts and symposium abstracts are eligible for poster sessions. Symposiums will be allocated one poster space for each abstract, plus the overview.

### GUIDELINES and INFORMATION:

- Abstracts must be no more than 300 words in length.
- In addition to abstract, contact information, curriculum vitae (CV), and a completed Disclosure Form will be required.
- Workshop and podium, sessions will be 20-30 minutes in length. Posters will be viewed at an assigned time throughout the program.
- Presenters are responsible for their own registration, travel, and related expenses.
- Podium session (if accepted):
  - Notification of abstract acceptance: January 8, 2016 by 1700.
  - Confirmation of acceptance by primary author: Required by February 8, 2016 by 1700.
  - Electronic file of presentation content is required by March 1, 2016 for accreditation purposes.
- Poster session (if accepted):
  - Notification of abstract acceptance: January 8, 2016 by 1700.
  - Electronic file of poster content is required by March 15, 2016 for accreditation purposes.
- Awards will be presented for best student and non-student poster.

**Your abstract must be submitted online via the STTI Epsilon Nu website:**

**<http://nursing.lsuhsu.edu/SigmaThetaTau/SigmaThetaTau.html>**

## Sigma Theta Tau International Epsilon Nu Chapter Announces New Board Members

President - Julia Tipton

Vice-President - Angela Scanio

Secretary - Helen Neil

Treasurer - Denise Danna

Historian - Patti Barovechio

BSN Counselor - Jean Cefalu

RN-BSN Counselor - Rose Schaubhut

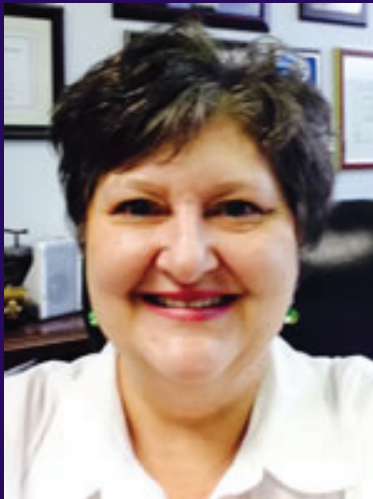
Graduate/Community Counselor - Susan Orlando

Governance Chair - Jennifer Manning

Leadership/Succession Chair - Alexander Wong

Visit *Epsilon Nu Chapter's website* for news and events.

Dr. Stephanie Pierce has been named to the Expert Reference Group, the advisory board for the Australian Center for Evidence Based Primary Health Care, Community Care Node. The Node's focus is on translational research through the form of evidence summary development. Expert Reference Group members assist to guide the taxonomy listing of new and potential evidence based summaries.



## Upcoming CNE Programs

Commonly Missed Interactions Associated with Common Medication Combinations (3.0 contact hours)	Friday, October 23, 2015	Slidell, LA
CCRN Adult Review Course (7.0 - 21.0 contact hours)	3 Tuesdays beginning Nov. 4, 2015	New Orleans, LA
One Bad Accident Waiting to Happen: Providing High Quality Pediatric Trauma Care (3.0 contact hours)	Friday, November 6, 2015	Slidell, LA
Bringing the Principles of Happiness to the Workplace (3.0 contact hours)	Friday, November 13, 2015	Hammond, LA
Anticoagulants and Antiplatelets: The Essentials for Nursing Care (3.0 contact hours)	Friday, December 4, 2015	Slidell, LA
Geriatric Mental Health (3.0 contact hours)	Thursday, December 17, 2015	Covington, LA
Legal Nurse Consultant Program (100 contact hours)	Online	Online

For more information about these and future programs, visit our website:

<http://nursing.lsuhsu.edu/ContinuingEducation/ContinuingEducation.html>

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# Faculty Scholarship

## Accomplishments

**Nancy Buccola** has successfully completed the requirements for recertification as a Certified Nurse Educator.

**Katherine Carter** has agreed to serve as the DNP Public Health/Community Health Nursing Program Director.

**James Foley** was elected the President of Xi Psi-at-Large Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau. This chapter includes Loyola University, Our Lady of Holy Cross College, and Dillard University.

**Judith Gentry** has been selected as an Oncology Nursing Society Award Reviewer for the 2016 ONS Annual Awards.

**Demetrius Porche** has successfully been recertified as a Public/Community Health Clinical Nurse Specialist and a Family Nurse Practitioner.

## Publications

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**Porche, D.** (2015). Editorial: Evolution of men's health issues: Impact of gender identity and reassignment on the clinical area. *American Journal of Men's Health*, 9(4), 261.

**Porche, D.** (2015). Editorial: Interaction of policy, politics, and health. *American Journal of Men's Health*, 9(5), 349.

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Paige, J., **Garbee, D.**, & Rusnak, V. (2015). Finding the missing piece: Solving the puzzle of incorporating interprofessional education through integration into existing curricula. Presented at the 15th International Meeting on Simulation in Healthcare in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Paige, J., **Garbee, D.**, & Brown, K. (2015). Come one, come all: Breaking down silos in perioperative setting. Presented at the 15th International Meeting on Simulation in Healthcare in New Orleans, Louisiana.

**Tartavouille, T.** Experiences of multi-dimensional fatigue in pulmonary hypertension: Fatigue is severe regardless of dyspnea severity. Poster presented at the American Thoracic Society's 2015 International Conference in Denver, Colorado.

**Tartavouille, T.** The prevalence of sexual dysfunction in women with pulmonary hypertension. Poster presented at the American Thoracic Society's 2015 International Conference in Denver, Colorado.