

LSU Health New Orleans School of Nursing

Leaders Defining the Art & Science of Nursing

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Message From the Dean

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

It is a great opportunity to once again write a brief message to tell you about the School of Nursing and our continued growth, development and successful accomplishments. Louisiana State University System has launched a branding initiative that includes changes to the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center – New Orleans. We are now “LSU Health – New Orleans, School of Nursing.” The intent of our new logo and branding initiative is to capitalize on the synergy of our tripartite mission- teaching, clinical care, and research- as an academic medical center. Our identity as “LSU Health” represents us as an organization. We are an academic medical center that is not just a university or a hospital system, we are both. Our mission remains steadfast focusing on improving the health of the communities and populations we serve and educating health care professionals from a multitude of disciplines, especially NURSING.

The strategic vision and initiatives for the next three years has been planned. In this newsletter, you can review our strategic map that will guide our initiatives over the next three years to fulfill the nursing school’s mission. The American Nurses Credentialing Center has completed the accreditation review of our continuing nursing education unit. We are awaiting our accreditation decision, which is expected to be very positive.

The School of Nursing has partnered with the LSU Health Network to initiate plans to develop a nurse managed clinic. The nurse managed clinic will serve as a nursing practice and clinical education site to build on the synergy of practice and education for our nursing students in our undergraduate and graduate programs. The School of Nursing has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with RAK Medical & Health Sciences University in the United Arab Emirates. This MOU provides both universities with an opportunity to collaborate on research and practice issues and share educational experiences.

Our nursing faculty are reviewing several landmark papers released from the Institute of Medicine/Robert Wood Johnson Foundation on “The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health” and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching report by Patricia Benner on “Educating Nurses: A Call for Radical Transformation.” Our Alumni Association has planned a day of golfing activities on April 1, 2011. An invitation to come out and support our nursing school and your alumni association is in this newsletter. See you at the golf tournament.



NEW ORLEANS
School of Nursing

Tiger Nursing Times

School of Nursing Named a “Best School of Nursing for Men in Nursing” by AAMN



At the AAMN 35th National Conference (left to right): Edward J. Halloran, Vice President; Michael Williams, Treasurer; Bob Patterson, Board Member; Byron McCain, Executive Director; Michael Galbraith, Board Member; Danny Lee, Board Member; William Lecher, President-Elect; Bridgett Nettleton, Board Member; Demetrius Porche, President; Ryan Lewis, Board Member; Philip Julian, Secretary; and Don Anderson, Board Member

LSU Health New Orleans School of Nursing was recently recognized as a “Best School of Nursing for Men in Nursing” by the American Assembly for Men in Nursing at the Assembly’s 35th national conference. The conference was held at Duke University this past September. Drs. Demetrius Porche and Danny Lee accepted the award on behalf of the school. This award recognizes nursing schools and colleges which have made significant efforts in recruiting and retaining men in nursing, in providing men a supportive educational environment, and in educating faculty, students and the community about the contributions men have and make to the nursing profession. The School of Nursing completed a rigorous

application which included a peer review selection process. A portfolio detailing the school’s efforts in meeting the needs of men in nursing was submitted as part of the application process.

Great 100 Nurses of Louisiana 2010

The following nursing faculty members from LSU Health New Orleans School of Nursing have achieved the prestigious honor of being selected as one of the Great 100 Nurses of Louisiana for 2010. They were honored on Wednesday, October 20th at the Pontchartrain Center in Kenner during the 24th annual celebration. Congratulations!

- **Scharalda Jeanfreau, DNS, FNP** - Program Director, Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner Program
- **Christine Langer, CRNA, MS, MEd, MSN** - Assistant Department Chair for Clinical Education, Nurse Anesthesia Program
- **Leanne Fowler, MSN, MBA, RN, CCRN** - Clinical Instructor of Nursing
- **Connie McKnight, RN, MN, OCN** - Clinical Instructor of Nursing

Around Campus

Take a look at the final product of our 4th floor renovation, which includes a new student lounge, artifact display cases and our André Rubenstein Collection!



School of Nursing to Host 2012 SNRS Conference

LSU Health New Orleans School of Nursing will host the 2012 Southern Nursing Research Society (SNRS) conference in New Orleans from February 22nd to February 25th. The SNRS invites members to “second line” with us in the Big Easy at the Hilton Riverside Hotel. The conference will begin the day after Mardi Gras so members are invited to arrive early to experience New Orleans’ colorful international event.

The 2006 SNRS conference was planned to be held in New Orleans, but the plans were changed due to Hurricane Katrina. We have made major strides in our recovery from the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. Nurses are major contributors in post-Katrina research and other scholarly efforts to help us better understand the impact of this and other catastrophic events on various groups and populations. The School of Nursing and the city of New Orleans look forward to being the host city in 2012.



During a recent visit to the School of Nursing, Dr. Vijaya Kumardhas, Dean of the College of Nursing at RAK Medical and Health Sciences University in the United Arab Emirates, toured the Nursing Skills and Technology Center with Dr. Denise Danna and Lyubov Kozmenko.



Catching Up with SNA

by Kira Riches and Whitney Serio

LSUHSC Student Nurses Association (SNA) currently has slightly over 200 members! Due to the large amount of new members in the fall 2010 semester, about 60 new members, it was decided that there was a need for more events. Since this time, the student nurses had a very active calendar. All the events fill up fast, as all members are eager to participate in any volunteering event there is to offer.

SNA members had an exciting fall semester donating their time and assistance with various organizations. In September, SNA held a Bone Marrow Drive, which received many participants. The Association also enjoyed serving the homeless at the New Orleans Mission. In October, members put on their best costumes and facilitated booths at Boo at the Zoo held at Audubon Park. This was a fun event enjoyed by all. Another successful event in October was volunteering with Habitat for Humanity. This is a non-profit group that builds homes for low-income families. These student nurses weren't working with stethoscopes, but with nails and hammers. The outcome was rewarding for all who participated. In November, SNA volunteered at the Magnolia School Banquet. Magnolia School is a resource for those with mental disabilities.

Also in the fall, a group of SNA members gratefully had the opportunity to attend State Convention in Shreveport. Members attended various focus sessions on domestic violence, graduate school



programs, disaster nursing, and much more. Three of our members were elected to LASN positions, including Emilie Eller as LASN Break Through to Nursing/Membership Coordinator, Kristen Gilbert as LASN Secretary, and Lance Morello as LASN Treasurer. LSUHSC SNA received various awards. These included Greatest Increase in New Members, Best Projection of Image of Nursing, Most School Spirit and Elise Collins as LASN 2010 Student Nurse of the Year. This was a fun and rewarding weekend. A special thanks to LSUHSC SON for sponsoring those members who had the opportunity to attend.

On February 13th, SNA volunteered at the Rock 'n' Roll Mardi Gras Marathon to benefit the DetermiNATION program. This program is comprised of the American Cancer Society's nation of athletes determined to end cancer. This powerful and inspiring movement saves lives by athletes raising money for every step taken and every mile conquered. For this event, SNA set up, worked and broke down a water station at mile marker 21.6. SNA volunteers are got together to represent LSU and help the athletes create a world with less cancer and more birthdays!

On February 19th, SNA will be volunteering with Save Our Cemeteries which is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting, preserving, and protecting New Orleans' 31 historic cemeteries. Volunteers who are not *too* frightened by ghosts are needed to assist with cemetery clean-ups and maintenance projects which primarily take place in city-owned cemeteries because upkeep is lacking.

On February 21st, SNA will be hosting a blood drive. Last fall we had about 30 people come out to donate. This semester we hope to beat that number so we can help do our part to stop the blood





Whitney Serio (pictured on left) ran the entire marathon!

shortage.

On March 12th, SNA will help maintain a part of our beloved city, City Park! The volunteer work will be geared toward the most urgent needs in the park which could include planting, mulching, painting and weeding. Hopefully, City Park will be left a little more beautiful with the touch of SNA!

On March 19th, SNA will be volunteering at a new event, Big Branch Marsh National Wildlife Refuge. This work-play day will consist of three hours of volunteer garden work followed by free lunch and a canoe adventure on Bayou Lacombe. This should be an exciting adventure to share as LSU nurses!

On March 26th, SNA will be taking children on a journey around the world at the Children's World Fair. The Louisiana Children's Museum is excited to announce the return of the fair after a six year hiatus. This event will feature 10 different countries, Epcot-like, where children are able to experience an international exhibition of crafts, hands on projects, activities, music, literature, native attire and food. SNA will help with tickets, crafts and different activities with the children.

During the first weekend of April, the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society will be hosting the Leukemia Cup Regatta. This is a thrilling series of sailing events that combines the joy of boating with the important task of raising money to fight leukemia, lymphoma and other blood cancers.

Volunteering will be with different activities throughout the weekend and SNA hopes to help the LLS's donations sail to new heights!

On April 9th, SNA will volunteer at a Mardi Gras ball, but not your typical tuxedo and elegant gown type of ball. Bridge House, a nonprofit organization that serves as a long term substance abuse treatment center, will be hosting the Krewe of Pork and BEADS Mardi Gras ball. The attendees will not be wearing the normal ball gowns - the attire is costume or tacky attire, so this should be an exciting and funny event!

On April 16th, SNA will again volunteer with Habitat for Humanity. This is probably SNA's most desired event every semester. SNA will be picking up hammers and assisting in rebuilding a home,



what a rewarding way to make a huge impact in our community!

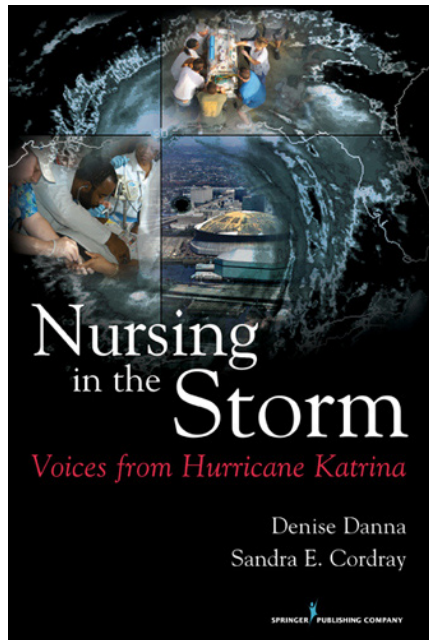
Also, this spring semester SNA has assigned each month a certain organization to which we will make donations. February donations will be given to the New Orleans Mission. In March, Mardi Gras beads will be donated to various organizations around the city. April donations will be given to the Ronald McDonald House.

SNA is a community service organization open to all nursing students. The mission of LSUHSC

SNA is to enhance nursing education through community service activities that promote social and professional development. Membership in LSUHSC SNA confers membership in the district, state and National Student Nurses Association. SNA is a thrilling way to get to know your classmates outside of the classrooms and clinicals and do something rewarding for your community at the same time!

For updates on event schedules and more information on SNA, please visit us at <http://nursing.lsuhs.edu/StudentInformation/Activities/StudentNursesAssociation.html>

Did You Know . . .
that our CARE IX and Senior I students distributed 900 flu shots to LSU Health New Orleans faculty, staff, and students in the Fall 2010 semester!

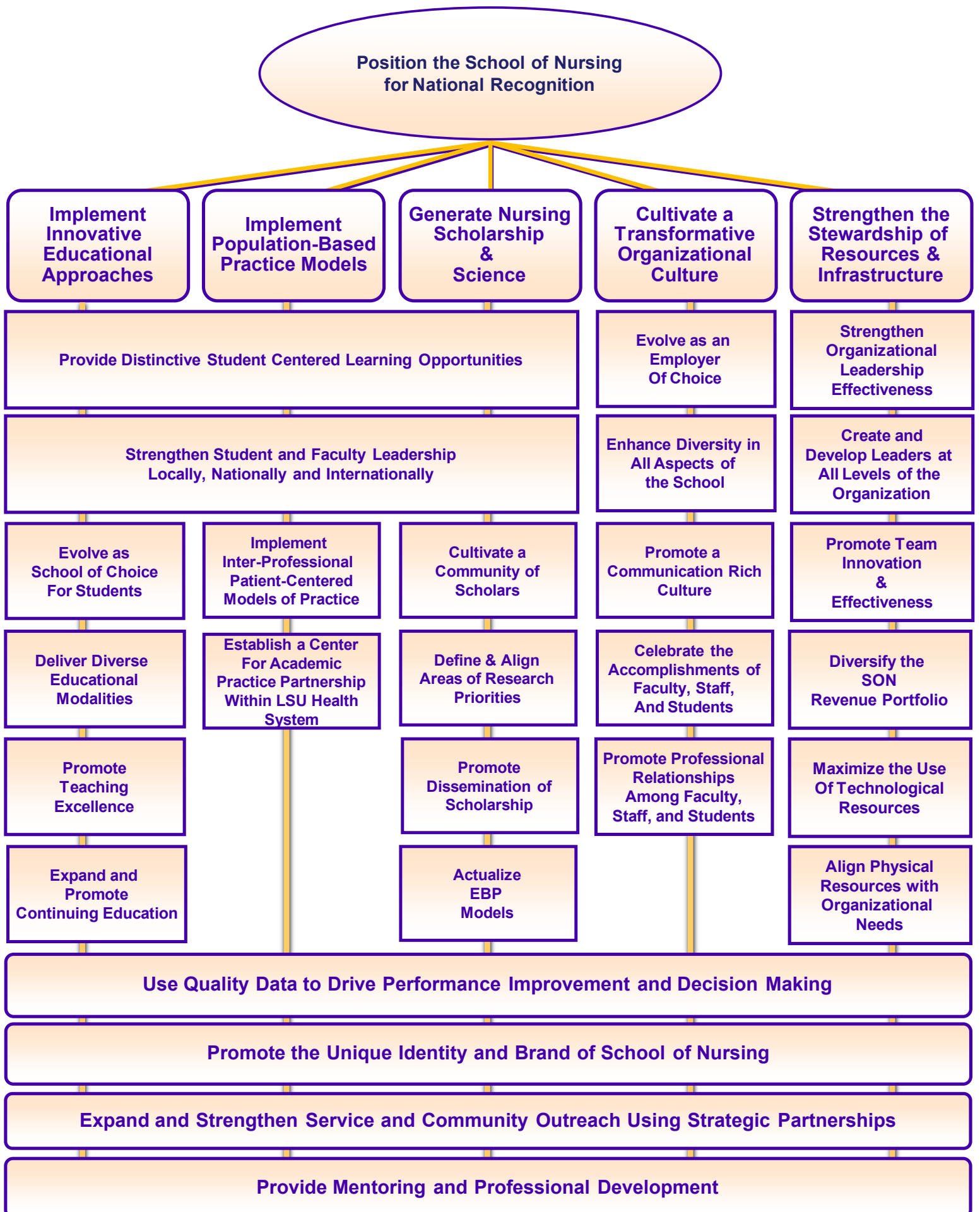


Congratulations to Dr. Denise Danna whose book she co-authored with Sandra Cordray, *Nursing in the Storm: Voices from Hurricane Katrina*, has recently been recognized with two prestigious awards! The book was awarded an AJN Book of the Year 2010 award when the American Journal of Nursing's panel of judges declared the book one of the most valuable texts of 2010 in the category of Public Interest and Creative Works. Dr. Danna's book has also been named the winner of the 2010 PROSE Award in Nursing & Allied Health Sciences. The PROSE Awards, or The American Publishers Awards for Professional Scholarly Excellence, are given annually by the Professional Scholarly Publishing (PSP) division of the American Association of Publishers (AAP).

"Nursing in the Storm: Voices from Hurricane Katrina" is a compilation of first-person accounts of heroic nurses who struggled to safeguard and care for their patients during Hurricane Katrina. The accounts are vivid, colorful, descriptive, intense, and often horrific and give cross-sectional views of life in the trenches during this disaster. The issue of preparedness for future catastrophes is addressed by emphasizing the importance of communication channels remaining open and resources being available and wisely distributed. This book is a rich primary source for both historians and disaster preparedness planners. It's not only a tribute to the courage of the nurses, but should also serve as a guide for policy planners hoping to avoid less than optimal responses to future crises.

-Springer Publishing Company

LSU Health New Orleans School of Nursing Strategic Map 2011 - 2013



Congratulations to Our Graduates

August 2010

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Lacey Michelle Balancier
Brittney Renee Curlin
Diana Diaz Herbert
Nicole L. Johnson

Kathie Annette Lendenborg
Rona Bartolome McKee
Kelly Marie Nuckley
Amy Elizabeth Punecky

Beverly Anne Rainey
Mya Je'Nay Smith
Bretta Loupe Tassera
Michele Rae Toy

December 2010

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (*Dean's List, ^Cum Laude)

Joia Kimberly Alfonso
Andrea Renee Alleman
Hallie Richelle Allweiss
Emily Cooper Anders*
Sarah Elizabeth Andrepont*
Emily Louise Andrus*
Jenifer Fortier Andry*^
Katie Elizabeth Armstrong*
Bethany Esther Ash
Terri Williams Balsler
Esther Fontenot Barrois
Jacqueline Marija Baudier*
Carli Rebecca Bordelon*
Ashley Elizabeth Breland*
Jaime Leigh Bruno*
Shannon Pearl Canning*
Blythe Michel Casadaban
Lauren Elizabeth Cefalu*^
Luke Anthony Cenac
Katherine Lucille Champagne
Anne Louise Ciulla*
Elise-Marie Mayeux Collins*
Sarah Louise Connick*
Carlisle Frances Crawford*
Cherie Alyse Daigle
Traci Bland Daigle
Jordan Mark Daughenbaugh*
Ina Suzette Dragicevic
Caroline Ellis Dubbin*

Jennifer Elizabeth Ducote*
Emily Lucille Duffy*^
Shannon Brouphy Dufrene
Therrina Esther Eden
Maggie Lue Fanguy*
Alison Claire Faust*
Courtney Marie Fenn
Melissa Marie Fennell*
Patrick Meredith Frye
Natalie Garzotto*
Abbie Marie Gauthreaux*
Corey Michael George*^
Timothy Joseph Gioe*
Jessica Katie Goldberg*
Ashley Nicole Gritter
Gretchen Elizabeth Guderian
Whitney Marie Harbin*
Holly Kristina Harris*
Susan Eva Harrison*
Ashley Margaret Hebert*
Michelle Theresa Hellmers*
Brittany Elizabeth Hoff*^
Angele Therese Hooks
Alexandra Sofia Hurtado*
Megan Elizabeth Ibos
Chantay Jaloni Johnson*
Lindsey Strecker Johnson*
Elizabeth Marie King
Anna Katherine LeBlanc*

Sarah Elizabeth Lirette*
Heather Marie Maness
Johnna Marie Manso*
Michele Elizabeth Martin*
Emily Frances Martinez
Victoria Grace McAdam
Donald Edward McConnell, Jr.*
Erin Jennifer McElroy*^
Spencer Stephen Metcalf
Lauren Elaine Miller*
Laura Michelle Misiak*^
Abby Marie Moody*
Samantha Lyn Morales
Gretchen Marie Moskau
Jennifer Elizabeth Perry
Jeffrey Laurence Poché
Lauren Patricia Pou
Emily Kay Prudhomme
Allison Leigh Riemer*
Amanda Nicole Ronquille
Gloria Michele Roussell
Amy Bell Schmitt*
Kenneth Gordon Sehon
Ashley Danielle St. Romain
Heather Lyn Stann*
Elizabeth Jean Thibodaux*
Erica Lynn Thompson*
Mia Michelle Trupiano*
Tiffany Marie Vidrine*^

Master of Nursing

Pamela Bryant Cestia - Neonatal Nurse Practitioner
Ivory Cloranda Davis - Community Health Nursing
Angelle Wagner Estopinal - Neonatal Nurse Practitioner

Cynthia Reed Pinkney - Adult Health Nursing
Shane Stephen Robichaux - Nursing Administration
Shantell Michelle Rounds - Community Health Nursing

Master of Science in Nursing

Courtney Bacon Barrilleaux - Nurse Educator

...and Our Award Winners

Emily Lucille Duffy
Valedictorian

Corey Michael George
Salutatorian
Dean's Award
Nursing Caring Award, BSN

Jacqueline Marija Baudier
Mary Lou Steedley Memorial Community
Health Nursing Award

Elise-Marie Mayeux Collins
Student Nurses Association Award
Jo Ellen Smith Memorial Award

Angelle Wagner Estopinal
Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society Award, MN

Allison Claire Faust
New Orleans District Nurses Association Award
Student Nurses Association Award

Brittany Elizabeth Hoff
Dolores Scheerle Entrepreneurial Award, BSN

Angele Therese Hooks
Faculty Recognition Award, BSN
Sponsored by Elsevier

Lauren Elaine Miller
Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society Award, BSN

Allison Leigh Riemer
Student Government Association Award
Mary Lou Steedley Memorial Community Health
Nursing Award

Tiffany Marie Vidrine
Alumni Association Recognition of
Class Spirit Award

Marjorie Kraus
Nursing Caring Award, Faculty

Kay Lopez
Nursing Caring Award, Faculty



Dr. Porche presents MN graduate Shane Robichaux with his diploma.



Dr. Porche with award winners Emily Duffy (Valedictorian) and Corey George (Salutatorian, Dean's Award, and Nursing Caring Award, BSN).

Senior Nurse Anesthesia Students are Making a Difference in Guatemala



Laura Bonanno (right) performing an anesthetic induction.

The annual surgical mission trip to beautiful Antigua, Guatemala is an opportunity that all LSU Health New Orleans School of Nursing senior nurse anesthesia students would like to have. However, only two senior students are selected to participate each year. Pablo Albores and Sarah Kimble were elated to be selected to participate in the January 2011 Knoxville Medical Mission. This is the eighth year that LSU Health New Orleans School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program has participated in this mission and the program is grateful to the Knoxville Medical Mission for including us in



Sarah Kimble inserting a laryngeal mask airway.

this incredible experience.

Hermano Pedro Hospital is a small Catholic hospital located in Antigua, Guatemala. The majority of the surgical procedures are performed by mission teams from around the world. During this trip, our team performed 61 surgeries including gynecology, urology and general surgical procedures using either regional or general anesthesia. The anesthesia team included; Dr. Phil Hall, Anesthesiologist, Laura Bonanno, CRNA, DNP, Program Director, Richi Gambrel, CRNA, Sarah Kimble, SRNA and Pablo Albores, SRNA. Our team worked long hours for five days but the work was extremely rewarding. In addition to overcoming both language and technical obstacles, we realized that the touch of a hand has universal meaning.

Pablo, Sarah and I will treasure this amazing experience forever. There is an overwhelming sense of pride that comes with providing care for people in great need.

Laura S. Bonanno, CRNA, DNP
Program Director
LSU Health New Orleans School of Nursing,
Nurse Anesthesia



Pablo Albores (right) performing an intubation.

National Institute of Nursing Research Funds Dr. Giarratano's "GUMBO Study"

Dr. Gloria Giarratano was awarded R03 funding by the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) at NIH for a study: *Models of Prenatal Care and Perinatal Health Indicators in a Disaster Recovery Area*. In the community the study is better known as "the GUMBO Study" the acronym for **G**rowing **U**p **M**oms and **B**abies. The study began in the summer of 2010 and looks at the long term impact of disaster recovery on the health and well-being of childbearing women



At a grant team meeting (left to right): Jane Savage, Veronica Barcelona de Mendoza, Gloria Giarratano, Emily Harville, and Susan Rick

living in the Greater New Orleans area. Prenatal women (24-41 weeks pregnant) are being surveyed regarding depression, stress, social support, neighborhood recovery, access to care, and type of prenatal care services utilized. The overall goal of the study is to describe stressors, the protective mechanisms used, and the potential sources of resilience for prenatal women who are currently living in a long-term, post-disaster environment. Co-PIs and study team members include:

Ms. Veronica Barcelona de Mendoza, LSU Health New Orleans School of Nursing

Dr. Susan Rick, LSU Health New Orleans School of Nursing

Dr. Robert Maupin, LSU Health New Orleans School of Medicine, Department of Maternal-Fetal Medicine

Dr. Emily Harville, Tulane University, School of Public Health

Dr. Jane Savage, Loyola University of the South, School of Nursing

"Tiger Nursing Times" is Going Electronic!

Starting with the current issue, our newsletter will be distributed electronically through email and posted on our website at <http://nursing.lsuhs.edu>
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***Would you like to make a story contribution or
do you have news to report?***

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CCNE On-Site Evaluators on Campus

There are two new Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) on-site evaluators at LSU Health New Orleans School of Nursing. However, they are not here to evaluate our programs. Nancy Buccola, MSN, APRN and Jennifer Couvillon, PhD recently completed AACN's CCNE Evaluator Training Program.

The process of becoming a CCNE on-site evaluator is selective. A candidate must first be nominated to serve as an evaluator. The potential evaluators are then selected by CCNE according to their academic, administrative, and practice expertise. Potential evaluators then attend an inclusive Evaluator Training Program which includes informational sessions on commission standards and key elements, exercises to identify evidence of compliance with standards, and a mock review. Once the training program has been successfully completed, the evaluator is assigned to an on-site evaluation team.



Did You Know ...

that in October 2010, Ellen Beyer and four of her Population-Focused Nursing students conducted BP screenings and health promotion activities at the Farmer's Market on Orleans Avenue. The team screened and educated 90 clients during a five hour period!



Above: Emily Williams conducts a blood pressure screening.



Right (left to right): Population-Focused Nursing students Margo Sanders, Heather Ludwig, Emily Williams, and Molly Landrieu



The Alumni of LSU Health New Orleans School of Nursing
Are Holding Their First

NURSING ALUMNI GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, April 1st, 2011

Lakewood Country Club

4801 General Degaulle Drive, New Orleans

Play: Best Ball Team (Foursome)

Entry Fee of \$150.00 per golfer, includes:

green fee, cart fee, lunch, refreshments, prizes and lots of fun!

SCHEDULE

11:00 A.M. Check In, Gift Bag and Putting Contest

5:30 P.M. Host Refreshments

For inquiries contact: kkrepp@lsuhsc.edu

This organization includes nursing alumni who have graduated from any program at the LSU Health New Orleans School of Nursing since its inception. A membership category is available for "Friends of the Alumni" who are non-alumni. Activities of alumni promote the status of the School of Nursing through recruitment, revenue generation, networking, and information dissemination within the university and community. Social, professional and personal development opportunities exist through membership in the Nursing Alumni Association of LSU Health New Orleans School of Nursing.

Faculty Scholarship

Veronica Barcelona passed the Advanced Public Health Nurse (APHN) certification exam.

Nancy Buccola passed the NLN Nurse Educator Certification Exam (CNE).

Denise Danna's book, "Nursing in the Storm: Voices from Hurricane Katrina," received two awards; a 2010 Book of the Year Award from the American Journal of Nursing in the category of Public Interest and Creative Works, and the PROSE Award in the category of Nursing & Allied Health Sciences from the Professional Scholarly Publishing (PSP) division of the American Association of Publishers (AAP).

Marjorie Geisz-Everson successfully defended her dissertation, "The Impact of Hurricane Katrina on the Nurse Anesthesia Community in New Orleans," at VCU Medical College of Virginia and has earned her PhD.

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A Tribute To

Dr. Helen Marie Ashley Dunn Dean Emeritus

November 22, 1925 - January 10, 2011

Helen Marie Ashley Dunn passed away on January 10, 2011, after a long illness. She was born November 22, 1925, in Muskogee, Oklahoma, to Alvin and Marie Ashley, their second child and first daughter. She spent most of her youth in Booneville, Arkansas, rich in family and friends.

Dr. Dunn's mother, Marie, instilled in her children a strong love of family and a diligent work ethic. Joining the cadet nursing corps, Dr. Dunn graduated as a registered nurse from the Sparks Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in 1947. That same year, she married James (Jim) Beach Dunn in Fayetteville, AR. When Mr. Dunn hired on with Humble Oil (now ExxonMobil) as a geologist, they moved to Houston, Texas. Their two daughters, Jeannie and Teri, were born while the couple resided in Houston. After the birth of her oldest child, Dr. Dunn worked nights as a nurse at Texas Children's Hospital. She continued her formal education by completing her Bachelor's degree at the University of Houston and then served as a school nurse in the Houston School District.

In 1961, the family moved to New Orleans, where Exxon transferred Mr. Dunn's oil and gas exploration division. Dr. Dunn continued her education at Tulane University completing a Masters Degree in Public Health in 1963, and then a Doctorate in Public Health in 1974. She served as dean of LSU Health New Orleans School of Nursing for 20 years, and worked tirelessly building and expanding the program. Well-

known in her profession, she was highly regarded for her diligent work to improve nursing education programs. "She constantly talked about the value of education, both as means of self-improvement and for the benefit of others. She constantly drummed that into us," said daughter, Jeannie Dunn Dowell, an elementary school principal who earned a doctorate in education. Dr. Dunn retired from the School of Nursing at the age of 70 so she could spend more time with her family.



"She constantly talked about the value of education, both as a means of self-improvement and for the benefit of others."

After 35 years in New Orleans, Dr. and Mr. Dunn moved to Grand Junction in the fall of 1999 to be close to their children and grandchildren. They enjoyed their new home and the kindness of their new neighbors and friends. Dr. Dunn delighted her children and grandchildren by telling stories about her youthful adventures with her two brothers (Al and Billy) and two younger sisters (Midge and JoAnn) in rural Arkansas. She took great pride in her large backyard garden and enjoyed sharing vegetables and fruit from her trees with family and friends. After Mr. Dunn died in the spring of 2001, she traveled, seeing faraway places that she dreamed of visiting as a young adult. She delighted in taking family members along with her.

Her generosity and kindness touched both family and friends, and she was exceptional at finding positive opportunities for herself and others.

Dr. Dunn is survived by her sister, JoAnn Donathan of Temple Terrace, Florida; her brother, Billy Ashley of LaMarque, Texas; her daughters, Jeannie Dunn Dowell and Teri Dunn; her son-in-law, Dick Dowell; grandchildren, Ashlie Samson, Mandie Considine, Sylas and Seth Ashton, and Carmele Lauber, as well as six beautiful great grandchildren, Avery, Liam, Hayden Grethel and Emma, Eli, and Miles Considine. A memorial service was held on Saturday January 15, 2011 at the Redlands United Methodist Church. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice & Palliative Care of Western Colorado or LSU Health New Orleans School of Nursing.



As dean of the School of Nursing, the courageous Dr. Dunn raced down Tulane Avenue on a gurney in one of the LSU-Tulane-Charity hospital bed races. Her team won first place!