Since 1929, the Louisiana State University System has been offering formal nursing education. In 1933, a formal nursing education program leading to a baccalaureate degree was instituted. This first degree was a Bachelor of Science in Nursing Education. Our current baccalaureate degree, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, was initially accredited in 1955. The Bachelor of Science in Nursing Education degree was discontinued in 1958. Over the years, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center inaugurated Associate of Science in Nursing, Master of Nursing, and Doctor of Nursing Science degrees. The Associate of Science in Nursing degree was discontinued in 2000.

LSUHSC School of Nursing continues to provide nursing education at three academic levels: baccalaureate, master, and doctoral. Our Alumni Association, in partnership with our faculty, staff and students, is planning a gala celebrating our history of being the only nursing school within an academic medical center that provides formal nursing education at all three academic levels. Please watch our website http://nursing.lsuhsc.edu for updates on this event.

The School of Nursing enrollment and graduation rates remain very “healthy.” We are preparing to admit over 100 nursing students into our Traditional BSN program and over 50 nursing students into our CARE accelerated BSN program. The School of Nursing maintains a total enrollment of over 950 students, with approximately 250 students pursuing studies in the master’s and doctoral programs. Our RN to BSN and RN to MN articulation programs continue to grow.

As the nursing shortage continues to threaten nursing practice, we continue to meet the demand for nurses. Despite relief of the nursing shortage created by the nation’s current economic status, nursing researchers, economist and workforce analyst continue to project that by 2025, an additional 260,000 registered nurses will be needed. In addition, the current suggested health care reform measures will provide increased opportunities and demands for nurses in our country. Nursing is and remains a critical profession within the health care system.

LSUHSC School of Nursing not only continues our tradition of excellence in nursing education but contributes to the science of nursing and prepares the next generation of leaders in nursing. This newsletter presents only a snapshot of activities and accomplishments of our nursing school faculty and students. Enjoy reading about your alma matter!
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Three members of the faculty of the LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans School of Nursing are recipients of three of the Louisiana State Nurses Association’s top Nightingale Awards. Judith Gentry, APRN, MSN, OCN, LSUHSC Assistant Professor of Clinical Nursing, was named Nursing Educator of the Year 2009. Nancy Buccola, MSN, APRN, LSUHSC Assistant Professor of Clinical Nursing, was named Outstanding Nurse Researcher. Jane Sumner, PhD, RN, APRN, LSUHSC Professor of Nursing, was inducted into the Nursing Hall of Fame.

The awards were presented at the 8th Annual Louisiana Awards Gala for Nursing and Healthcare sponsored by the Louisiana Nurses Foundation and Louisiana State Nurses Association in Baton Rouge on January 31, 2009.

Criteria for the Nursing Educator of the Year award include impact on students, excellence in classroom presentation or other instructional methods, excellence in clinical expertise, comments from students and participation in professional organizations. Ms. Gentry’s 45-year practice as an RN and her 24-year academic career were recognized, as was her excellence in both LSUHSC Nursing’s traditional and accelerated nursing programs. She was also acknowledged for teaching an interdisciplinary complementary pain management course for medical, dental, nursing, physical therapy, and occupational therapy students.

The Outstanding Nurse Researcher award recognizes a Registered Nurse who has led significant nursing research which has had an impact on health care or the community. Through a 34-year nursing career, Ms. Buccola has worked to improve mental health and has gained international prominence as a nurse researcher. For the past ten years, she has been supported by funds from the National Institute of Mental Health as principal investigator of multi-center schizophrenia studies.

The Nursing Hall of Fame recognizes a Registered Nurse’s lifelong commitment to the profession of nursing and its impact on the health and/or social history of the State of Louisiana. The recipient must have practiced in Louisiana for at least ten years and achieved national prominence. He or she must have demonstrated leadership and enduring achievement, having value beyond the recipient’s lifetime. Dr. Sumner’s career spans nearly 45 years and she has devoted more than 16 years to improving the health of her adopted Louisiana through nursing education and her national and international prominence as a nursing scholar and theorist.

The LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans School of Nursing is the only Louisiana nursing school integrated into an academic health center. It provides local, regional, national, and international leadership in the education of professional nurses to function as generalists, advanced practitioners, educators, scholars, and researchers who shape the delivery of nursing practice and education.

Dr. Celestine Carter, a professor at the LSUHSC School of Nursing, has a long and varied career in nursing that includes service in the United States military in addition to her years of nursing instruction. In April of 2009, Dr. Carter was promoted to the rank of Full Bird Colonel, which is a milestone for nurses seeking a career in the U.S. Army.

Dr. Carter entered the U.S. Army Reserves as a Second Lieutenant in November, 1984, seven years before she began teaching at LSUHSC in July, 1991. Making use of Dr. Carter’s nursing skills, the army initially assigned her to the 305th Field Hospital in Gulfport, Mississippi. In 1996, Dr. Carter was transferred from Gulfport to the 4010th U.S. Army Hospital in New Orleans, where she continues to serve.

During her tenure in the military, Dr. Carter has had the opportunity to visit several countries outside the U.S. including Paraguay, Argentina, Bolivia, and Canada. Within the United States, she’s been stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Fort Knox, Kentucky; Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Fort Polk, Louisiana; and Fort Hood, Texas.

Dr. Carter co-directed the LSUHSC Stanley S. Scott Cancer Center’s Partner’s in Health Programm from 2000 until 2005. This program focused on recruitment of underserved minority women in the Greater New Orleans Area by providing free mammography, Pap screening, and education.

The faculty, staff, and students of Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center School of Nursing congratulate Dr. Carter on this honor and thanks her for her dedication to our nation’s armed forces.
After serving in various positions in the LSNA over the last eight years Dr. Denise Danna, LSUHSC Associate Dean of Nursing has assumed the role of president. Dr. Danna plans to move forward with the LSNA strategic plan and along with the Board of Directors, has identified goals to improve the operational aspects of the organization. The LSNA goals for 2008-2009 include establishing a succession plan, identification of potential growth opportunities, becoming an active partner in healthcare design, and a restructuring of the governance of LSNA.

Currently, LSNA represents over 44,000 registered nurses in the state and has approximately 1150 members. Dr. Danna hopes to promote the organization’s ongoing development through the support of all nurses in the state and thanks all nurses who are LSNSA members. Membership in the American Nurses Association entitles nurses to membership in LSNA and Dr. Danna encourages all nurses to join this professional organization.

Dr. Jane Sumner, Nursing Theorist Publishes New Book

Dr. Jane Sumner’s book, *The Moral Construct of Caring in Nursing as Communicative Action: A Theory for Nursing Practice*, was released earlier this year. Dr. Sumner was the guest of honor at a book signing, held January 6, 2009, at the LSUHSC School of Nursing.

Dr. Sumner theorizes that caring in nursing is a complex and multifaceted process and occurs in a bidirectional manner between the nurse and the patient. The nurse, consisting of a personal and professional self, interacts with the patient, who consists of a personal and an illness self. The nurse professional self consists of theory, practice, and experiential knowledge. The patient illness self includes physical, psychosocial, social, and spiritual needs. The interaction is based on innate human vulnerability and need of ‘considerateness.’ The moral component is predicated on the vulnerability of both.

Dr. Sumner completed her diploma training in New Zealand. She received her BSN from Eastern College in Pennsylvania, a Master of Nursing degree from LSUHSC School of Nursing, and a PhD in educational leadership from the University of New Orleans. Dr. Sumner’s clinical expertise is in home health and hospice, where she served as a staff nurse and administrator. Early in her career, Dr. Sumner found a love for teaching and is currently the program director for the LSUHSC School of Nursing Advanced Public / Community Health Nursing Graduate Program.

The Student Government Association Annual Crawfish Boil was held on March 28, 2009 at LaFrenier Park. Students, alumni, faculty and families enjoyed great weather and great food.
Todd Tartavoulle, MN, APRN, has been an Instructor of Nursing at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center School of Nursing for the past 2 years. He currently teaches Healthcare Assessment at the sophomore level and also teaches Critical Care Nursing, his specialty and passion, to seniors.

Todd first graduated in 1993 from The LSUHSC School of Allied Health with a Bachelor of Science degree in Cardiopulmonary Science. He spent the next few years working as a Registered Respiratory Therapist at Charity Hospital. In August of 1995, Todd entered the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at LSUHSC and graduated in May of 1998. As a nurse, Todd worked in the MICU at Charity Hospital until 2005, including the week following Hurricane Katrina as patients were rescued and evacuated. Following the storm, Todd returned to the LSUHSC School of Nursing Adult Health Clinical Nurse Specialist program and obtained his master’s of nursing degree in December, 2007. He is AACN board certified as a Clinical Nurse Specialist and started the LSUHSC School of Nursing Doctorate of Nursing Science program this summer.

Congratulations to Todd from the LSUHSC School of Nursing faculty, staff and students!

Kendra Barrier came home from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge for Christmas break in December 1980, after 3 semesters. Her “break” extended to 12 years as she followed a career path in banking. When a friend experienced a tragic wound that left her paralyzed, Kendra realized she should have pursued her desire to become a nurse. Her personal experience with illness made her even more determined to reach her goal.

Kendra was quickly diagnosed with myasthenia gravis after seeking a second opinion for her symptoms. As a patient, she realized the important role the nurse plays in providing emotional and physical care. With her prerequisites complete, she began the LSUHSC School of Nursing Bachelor of Science program in August, 2007, keeping pace with her younger classmates. Following graduation, Kendra became an emergency room nurse and soon was asked to precept student nurses. LSUHSC instructor Rose Schaubhut, RN, MPH, recognized Kendra as a natural educator. Ms. Schaubhut persistently encouraged Kendra to enroll in a graduate nursing program, ingoring her protests that she was too old and was not interested in taking tests and writing papers. One year after completing the application, Kendra became the first graduate of the LSUSHSC School of Nursing Nurse Educator Graduate Program on on May 16, 2009. The year brought other honors as Kendra was named a Great 100 Nurse of New Orleans and has been inducted into the Epsilon Nu Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing.

Kendra is currently employed at LSUHSC School of Nursing as an instructor for Adult Health II, a critical care course. She likes to engage her students in active learning and enjoys the clinical aspect of teaching. Kendra is now considering when she’ll submit her next application for doctoral studies!

Earlier this year, Gov. Jindal appointed Dr. Porche to serve on the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN). According to statute, the LSBN serves to ensure that persons practicing as registered nurses are adequately trained and licensed.

Dr. Porche was nominated to serve on the board by the Louisiana State Nurses Association. He will serve with nine other certified registered nurses and two physicians selected from nominations submitted by the Louisiana Medical Society.
LSUHSC School of Nursing Faculty Hold Office for New Orleans District Nursing Association

Dr. Jennifer Couvillon ............ President
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Rose Schaubhut .................... Secretary
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Kathy Carter ................. Director at Large
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LSUHSC Students at a NODNAA Spring Event

LSUHSC School of Nursing Welcomes New Alumni Association President

I am honored to be elected president of the LSUHSC Nursing Alumni Association and look forward to working with the other newly elected officers, board members, and alumni. On behalf of the alumni association, I thank out-going president Arlene Rome for her years of dedicated service to the organization. Arlene’s term began just prior to Hurricane Katrina. Thanks to her leadership, the nursing alumni association remains strong and vibrant today. The Board and I invite you to join the nursing alumni association if you are not already a member, attend the monthly association meetings, get more involved with the alumni association, and let us know what you’d like the association to do for you. To join the alumni association, please visit our website, http://nursing.lsuhs.c.edu, and access the Alumni link.

Lisa Schulmeister, RN, MN, APRN-BC, OCN, FAAN

Julia Aucoin Receives Nursing Alumnus of the Year Award

During the annual nursing alumni association luncheon held on June 13, 2009, President Arlene Rome announced that Julia W. Aucoin, DNS, RN-BC, CNE is the LSUHSC 2009 Nursing Alumnus of the Year. This award recognizes the LSUHSC Nursing alumnus who has made significant contributions in nursing practice and is recognized as a role model and leader. Dr. Julia Aucoin received her BSN, MN, and DNS from LSUHSC. She is the Chief Knowledge Officer for Practical Solutions in Durham, North Carolina. She also serves as an independent consultant and national leader in continuing education, accreditation, and American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) Magnet™ recognition. She is a presenter for the ANCC Journey to Nursing Excellence workshops, author of 101 Tips to Better Conferences and co-author of Conversations in Nursing Professional Development. Dr. Aucoin is currently serving as a Governor-at-Large for the National League for Nursing.

Dr. Aucoin has been teaching evidence-based practice and nursing research for over 15 years. She is an associate professor at Winston-Salem State University and an adjunct professor at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. She is a Certified Nurse Educator and also is certified in Nursing Professional Development by ANCC. Her publications include numerous peer reviewed articles and book chapters. Dr. Aucoin is frequently invited to speak throughout the United States in hospitals, faculty development programs, and professional nursing conferences.

Congratulations, Dr. Julia Aucoin!
Faculty Scholarship

Dr. Denise Danna, John Jones, and Rose Schaubhut, whose abstract “The Katrina experience: Surviving the Disaster and Rebuilding Healthcare in New Orleans” was accepted for a symposium during the International Council of Nurses 2009 Conference in Durban, South Africa.

Nancy G. Buccola, whose abstract “Finding Schizophrenia Susceptibility Genes” was selected for presentation at the Sigma Theta Tau 20th International Nursing Research Congress in Vancouver, and the 23rd Annual American Psychiatric Nurses Association Conference in Charleston, South Carolina.

Dr. Gloria Giarratano, Jane Savage, and Susan Orlando, whose poster “Perinatal Nursing in Uncertain Times: The Katrina Effect” was accepted for presentation at the National Association of Neonatal Nurses 25th Anniversary Meeting in Austin, Texas.

Marirose Bernard and Pam Mathews, who were invited to present “Evacuation of a Maternal-Newborn Area During Hurricane Katrina” at the National Association of Neonatal Nurses 25th Anniversary Meeting in Austin, Texas.

Marirose Bernard and Pam Mathews, whose abstract “The Challenges of Hurricane Katrina: Nursing Care, Leadership, and Teamwork” was accepted for presentation at the 20th ESPNIC Medical and Nursing Congress in Verona, Italy.

Dr. Gloria Giarratano and Angelita Brown, whose abstract “Mammography Adherence: The Role of Discrimination and Mental Health” was accepted for poster presentation at Xavier University’s Health Disparities Conference.

Celeste Carter, DNS, whose abstract “Hurricane Katrina Related Demise of a Program Which Provided Free Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening to Low Income, Minority Women” was accepted for poster presentation at Xavier University’s Health Disparities Conference.

Dr. Scharalda Jeanfreau, who was invited to present “Using Qualitative Research to Identify Health Perceptions Among African-American Men with Diabetes” at Xavier University’s Health Disparities conference.

Marirose Bernard, who was invited to give the Keynote Address titled “New Pearls for NP’s: Coping and Caring During a Disaster” at the Nurse Practitioner Associates for Continuing Education Conference in Boston, Massachusetts.

Celestine, Carter, DNS, RN, APRN, Khaleelah Hasan, RN, MN, Sharon Kappel, RN, MSN, O. Danny Lee, PhD, RN, CNE, & Angelita Brown, MS, who were invited to present “The Future Nursing Institute: Closing the Gaps in the Under-Represented Minorities” at the Annual National Association of Hispanic Nurses Association Conference in San Antonio, Texas.

Marirose Bernard, Christine Pollock, and Gretchen Deeves, whose abstract “Using the Human Birth Simulator (Noelle) to Teach Obstetric Core Competencies in a BSN Nursing Program” was accepted for poster presentation at the Wisconsin League for Nursing conference “Preparing the Nurse Workforce: Ensuring Quality and Safety!”

Julia Tipton, her poster was accepted for presentation at the 25th Annual Pediatric Nursing Conference in Orlando, Florida.

Laura Bonanno, Judy Genty, and Rose Schaubhut, whose poster presentation was selected for presentation at the Louisiana State Nurses Association 2009 Convention and Link to the Legislature.

Julia Tipton, Maria Haslauer, Lauren Davis and Randy Rosamond, whose poster “The Toy Project” was accepted for presentation at the 25th Annual Pediatric Nursing Conference in Orlando, Florida.

Dr. Laura Bonanno, Marjorie Geisz-Everson, Christine Langer, and Jennifer Badeaux whose abstract, Using Evidenced Practice to Reduce Operating Room Errors, has been accepted for poster presentation at the Ochsner Medical Center and LSUHSC School of Nursing Translating Nursing Research: Changing Practice … Changing Lives.

Congratulations to:

Dr. Danny Lee, Jennifer Manning, and Todd Tartavoule who successfully completed the Clinical Nurse Specialist Certification Exam in Adult Health Nursing.

Dr. Sally Ruel, who was awarded a PhD from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Stephanie Pierce and Judith Gentry, are now Certified Nurse Educators following successful completion of the National League for Nursing Certification Examination.

Todd Tartavoule, who was awarded the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center 2009 Allen A. Copping Excellence in Teaching Award

Jennifer Hudgens, who received the New Orleans District Nurses Association 2009 Leadership Award.

Gina McCormick, recipient of the Promise of Nursing for Louisiana Scholarship. This national program is administered by the Foundation of the National Student Nurses Association. Ms. McCormick also received a scholarship from the New Orleans District Nurses Association.
Spring 2009 Graduates

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Megan Altenhofen
Addie Arabie
Lydia Bailey
Brooke Basiri*
Kortney Belou*
Julie Bertrand
Janci Bienvenu
Jernae Bijou
Therese Blakemore
Michelle Borrowes, RN
Randall Brownlee*
Renee Callais*
Danielle Casey
Michelle Cenac
Kathleen Childress
Michael Claudet
Leslie Currier
Angela Damico, RN
Candace Daniel
Rebecca Davis, RN
Caroline Donahue
Stacy Dufour*
Morgan Eastman
Loy Ernst*
Ann Fabre
Brenda Fagler*
Laura Ferrand
Adam Fleming*
Grayson Ford
Jodi Fremin*
Jared Goens
Dorothy Greiner
Dominique Harris*
Ashlie Hof
Jennifer Hudgens
Jennifer Hughes
Mary Hutchinson
Chastity James*
Stacie Jeanfreau
Julie Jenkins
Erin Jiminez, RN
Alfred Johnson, RN
Jared Juban
Rachael Karls
Erin Kernaghan
Timothy Kimuyu*
Catherine Knoll*
Quinn Lacey, RN
Elizabeth Lang*
Magen Lauricella
Margie LeBlanc
Aimee Lestelle
Jennifer Lewis
Sarah Mason*
Diana Masvidal*
Shelly May
Jessica Mayer
Michelle Mayeur*
Sabrina McKenney*
Maria Miller
Daphne Milton
Kristen Mire
Morgan Montelaro
Sarah Mundy
Brittany Navo
James Nicholson
Amanda Nickels
Rebecca Nobles
Courtney Noles*
Rachel Nnmaker
Hanna Parden
Yogini Patel*
Jennifer Philburn*
Claire Ponson
Rachel Poolson
Raymond Pregeant*
Amanda Rouche
Katherine Ryan
Shane Schruff*
Melissa Semar*
Tanya Shnaider
Sloane Silvio
Britta Smith*
Daniel Smith
Emily Smith
Lori Southernlad*
Mary Stone*
Latasha Taylor
Jennifer Thompson Falla*
Christina Thoms
Mary Anne Toledano
Susan Traylor, RN
Ashley Triche
Quyen Trinh
Laura Tubbs
McKenzie Warner
Stephanie Williams
Gerren Wilson*
Michael Zemke
Megan Marcombe
Stacie Migues
Marie Sandi
Teena Sowell
Beth Sullivan
Michael Thornton

Master of Nursing (Anesthesia)

Kendell Andrus
Jennifer Braxton
Charlotte Faessler
Howard Fussell
Michelle Gibbs
Efrem Greely
Sherry Guedry
Theresa Guedry
Lawrence Hebert III
Tracy Kelly
Christopher Kimble
August Klohn
Kimberly Kreppein
Sharon LaFrance
Ryan LeSaicherre
Sunny Martin
Maxy Mathew
Stephanie Mills
Erin Morgan
Linda Nguyen
Eric Pezant
Michael Powell
Jacob Richard
April Roddey
Shelley Roper
Deborah Schmelling
Shannon Smiley
Donald Tolbert
Meaghan Tuixe
Jay Voisin
David Williams
Sedric William

*CARE Student (Career Alternative RN Education)
Spring 2009 Awards

Shelly May
Valedictorian

Emily Smith
Salutatorian

Kortney Belou
Highest Academic Honors CARE Program

Mary Stone
Academic Recognition CARE Program

Caroline Donahue
Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society Award

Jennifer Hudgens
New Orleans District Nurses Association Award
Student Nurses Association Award
Jo Ellen Smith Memorial Award

Leslie Currier
Student Government Association Award
Dolores Scheerle Entrepreneurial Award BSN
Chancellor’s Award

Christina Thoms
Nurse Christian Fellowship Award

Catherine Knoll
Alumni Association Recognition of Class Spirit Award

Deborah Schmelling
Louisiana Nurse Anesthetists Association Award

Michelle Mayeur
CARE Program PRIDE Award

Addie Arabie
Faculty Recognition Award, BSN, Sponsored by Elsevier

Kendra Barrier
Faculty Recognition Award, BSN, Sponsored by Elsevier

Dana Roe
Award for Writing Excellence, Sponsored by FA Davis
Outstanding Doctoral Award

August Klohn
Dolores Scheerle Entrepreneurial Award MN

Amanda Roueche
Mary Y. Tunis-Stern Community Activism Award

Grayson Ford
James Nicholson III
Mary Lou Steedley Memorial
Community Health Nursing Award

Randall Brownlee
Patricia Losee Memorial Award

Marie Childs Sandi
Outstanding Nurse Practitioner Award

Michelle Gibbs
Outstanding Nurse Anesthesia Graduate Award

Sedric Williams
Chris Kimble
Nurse Anesthesia Program Clinical Excellence Award

Charlotte Faessler
Nurse Anesthesia Program Director’s Award

Jay Voisin
Alice Hicks CRNA Memorial Award

Hannah Parden
Nurse Caring Award BSN

Kimberly Kreppein
Nursing Caring Award MN
This spring, over 100 students interested in pursuing a career in nursing visited the School of Nursing Campus. The campus visitors, who are students from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, the University of New Orleans, and the Destrehan Satellite School, were accompanied by nursing students who provided a tour of the facility and insight into the life of a student nurse.

The pre-nursing students participated in simulation and were provided with an anatomy review in the cadaver lab. Formal question and answer sessions allowed the potential nursing school applicants to become familiar the admission process and expectations of applicants to LSUHSC Nursing. The tours were well received and will be repeated each semester.

If you or anyone you know is interested in LSUHSC School of Nursing, please contact 504-568-5198 or email nsprograminformation@lsuhsc.edu.

The LSUHSC School of Nursing Epsilon Nu Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing inducted new members on Saturday, April 25. Ms. Clair Millet, APRN, MN, PHCNS, BC, Chief Nurse, Louisiana Office of Public Health was the keynote speaker and addressed the topic “The Need for Nursing Leadership in Uncertain Times.” Jacqueline Favret, RN, MPH, presided at the continental breakfast and ceremony. This year’s inductees include:

- Kendra Barrier
- Tracey Kersten
- Jessica Mayer
- President
- Randall Brownlee
- Christopher Kimble
- Michelle Mayer
- President Elect
- Jean Cefalu
- Catherine Knoll
- Stacie Migues
- Vice President
- Kimberly Cheramie
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- Leanne Fowler
- Sharon LaFrance
- Rebecca Nobles
- Graduate/ Community Counselor
- Robyn Givens
- Shona Lawrence
- Shelly Rober
- Kendra Barrier
- Sherry Guedry
- Colleen Lemoine
- Sammie Smith
- Todd Tartavoulle
- Lawrence Hebert, III
- Aime Lestelle
- Mary Stone
- Kendra Barrier
- Kelly Hogan
- Brendt Madden
- Todd Tartavoulle
- Candice Hude
- Melissa Marcombe
- Shamika White
- Jennifer Hudgens
- Shelly May
- Lori Woullard-Breland
- Bridgette Johnson
- Michael Zemke

Chapter Officers for Epsilon Nu include:

- President ................. Jacqueline Favret
- President Elect ............ Tina Covington
- Vice President ............ Dr. Dianna Douglas
- Secretary .................. Dr. Jane Sunner
- Treasurer ................. Dr. Denise Danna
- Baccalaureate Counselor . Khaleelah Hasan
- Graduate/ Community Counselor . Dr. Shelly Jeamfreau
Allison Faust Elected to National Office

Allison Faust, a member of the Junior II Class of LSUHSC School of Nursing, was elected to national office at the 2009 National Student Nurses Association convention held in April, 2009, in Nashville. Allison will serve as the editor for Imprint, the official membership magazine for the NSNA. She also is a member of the Breakthrough to Nursing and Disaster Preparedness Board Committees.

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Sitting (left to right): Jill Beasley, Vice-president, The Christ College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Cincinnati, OH; Kenya D. Haney, President, University of Missouri, St. Louis, MO. Standing (left to right): Liz Patail, Director (West), Linfield College-Good Samaritan School of Nursing, Portland, OR; Dana L. Jennings, Ex-officio, Council of State Presidents Chair, Lynchburg General Hospital, Lynchburg, VA; Evette D. Eubanks, Director (North), Research College of Nursing, Kansas City, MO; Carylin M. Holsey, Breakthrough to Nursing® Director, Lee College, Baytown, TX; Diana Carbone, Director (South), Georgia Baptist College of Nursing of Mercer University, Atlanta, GA; Alison Faust, Imprint Editor, Louisiana State University Health Science Center, School of Nursing, New Orleans, LA; Denise Landers, Secretary/Treasurer, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA; Daniel Krall (not pictured), Director (East), Lancaster General College of Nursing, Lancaster, PA.

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The LSUHSC School of Nursing Alumni Association held its’ Annual Alumni Luncheon on Saturday, June 13, 2009 at the Windsor Court Hotel in New Orleans. Dr. Kandy Smith, the featured speaker, presented the topic “Emotional Intelligence and Simulation.”

The faculty of the School of Nursing at LSUHSC, New Orleans, along with the Epsilon Nu and Rho Zeta Chapters of Sigma Theta Tau, sponsored the Dr. Connie S. Logan Research Day. The event was held on April 3, 2009 at Southeastern University School of Nursing in Baton Rouge.

Presenters from Ochsner Medical Center, Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center, St. Elizabeth Hospital, Women’s Hospital, Southeastern University School of Nursing and Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center School of Nursing explored a wide variety of topics. Patricia E. Thompson, RN, EdD, FAAN delivered the keynote address, “Linking Research to Practice: Connecting Globally Through Knowledge.” Dr. Thompson is the Chief Executive Officer of the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International. In addition to serving in several high ranking academic positions since 1992, Dr. Thompson has been one of the lead investigators of more than 20 grant funded studies.

The day began as Jackie Lall Michael, APRN, PhD, WHNP-BC addressed the “Global Initiative: Sigma Theta Tau Region 6 Project.” Dr. Michael is an Assistant Clinical Professor of Nursing at the University of Texas at Arlington School of Nursing and is in private practice as a Women’s Health Care Nurse Practitioner.

Special thanks to Jackie Favret, RN MPH - president Epsilon Nu Chapter, Susan Pryor, RN, DNS - president Rho Zeta Chapter and the conference planning committee for an excellent presentation of nursing research.
The **Joyce Travelbee Historical Research Project** has had a productive first year, including focused historical document analysis and several presentations.

In April, 2008, **Dr. Deborah Garbee** and **Dr. Dianna Douglas** delivered a podium presentation titled “Joyce Travelbee: The Story of a New Orleans Nurse Theorist” to an audience at the Dr. Linda Corson Jones Memorial Research Day, held at Ochsner Foundation Hospital in New Orleans, LA. Five months later, on September 26, 2008, **Dr. Garbee** and **Dr. Douglas** were podium co-presenters at the 12th International Philosophy of Nursing (IPONS) Conference and 15th New England Nursing Knowledge Conference in Boston, MA. The presentation given at these two events was titled “Joyce Travelbee: Theorist Interrupted”. In December, 2008, Drs. Garbee and Dr. Douglas displayed a poster of the same title at the LSUHSC School of Nursing Research Day.

Exposure to the Joyce Travelbee Historical Research Project at each presentation has resulted in the discovery of more documents for further analysis, and additional colleagues and former students willing to participate in interviews. Participants viewing the posters were able to identify individuals in photographs who might possibly provide additional interviews. At the IPONS Conference, Dr. Garbee and Dr. Douglas had the opportunity to speak with nursing faculty from Japan and learn about Travelbee’s influence in that country. While in Boston the researchers spoke with Sister Callista Roy and heard perspectives from Dr. Afef Meleis related to the project.

According to the researchers, goals for the project’s future include further document analysis, one-on-one semi-structured interviews, and data analysis coding for themes, specifically those of Joyce Travelbee’s poetry. Her writing style will be analyzed in an effort to place it a historical context and relate it to other writers of her time. An abstract was accepted for a poster presentation at the American Psychological Association conference October 7-10, 2009 in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Anyone who would like to share information related to Joyce Tavelbee or the Joyce Travelbee Historical Research Project may contact Dr. Deborah Garbee at 504-568-4183 or by email at DGarbe@lsuhsc.edu

This Spring, the LSUHSC School of Nursing faculty and students participated in events supporting the LSU Health Sciences Center’s mission to provide public service through direct patient care and community outreach. The School of Nursing provided blood pressure and vision screening at the Brazilian Health Fair, the 7th Ward Health Fair and at a Community Health Day hosted by Congressman Joseph Cao at Grace Episcopal Church.
Judy Gentry Honored for 50 Years of Nursing Practice

Judy Gentry, APRN, MSN, OCN, Assistant Professor of Clinical Nursing was recognized for 50 years of nursing practice at a luncheon held on May 15, 2009. Ms. Gentry began her nursing career in 1959 as a medical-surgical nurse in Madison, Wisconsin. She subsequently worked as a dialysis nurse and has been an oncology nurse since 1978. She began teaching in the BSN program at LSUHSC in 1985 and has no plans for retirement! In 2007, Ms. Gentry was inducted as a fellow in the LSU Academy for Advancement of Educational Scholarship and is the 2009 recipient of the Nurse Educator of Year Award, given by the Louisiana State Nurses Association. Her 50 years of nursing practice also was honored on May 13, 2009 during an Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) New Orleans chapter meeting. Ms. Gentry has been a member of ONS for 30 years.

LSUHSC School of Nursing Dean Receives Distinguished Honors

In November, Dr. Demetrius Porche, Dean of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center School of Nursing, will be inducted as a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing. Dr. Porche will be one of only 1500 nursing leaders in the nation to receive this prestigious honor. The Fellows of the American Academy of Nursing (FAAN) include a diverse collection of leaders in nursing education, management, practice and research. Invitation to join the Fellowship is more than recognition of one’s accomplishments within the nursing profession. AAN Fellows also have a responsibility to contribute their time and energies to the Academy and to engage with other health care leaders in transforming America’s health care system.

In June, 2009, Dr. Porche was also inducted as a Fellow of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (FAANP), which recognizes nurse practitioners who have made outstanding contributions to health care practice, research, education or policy. FAANP members are considered visionaries committed to the global advancement of high quality healthcare and are also expected to create and implement leadership programs in the community for the advancement of nurse practitioners.

Congratulations To The Following Dean’s List Students

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LSUHSC School of Nursing students welcomed over one hundred-fifty new undergraduate nursing students to campus during Family Day on Friday, August 7, 2009.