Summer 2013

Message From the Dean
Demetrius J. Porche, DNS, PhD, APRN, FAANP, FAAN

Celebrating 80 Years of Nursing Education Excellence

This fall, LSUHSC School of Nursing faculty, staff, and students will celebrate 80 years of nursing education. Our 80th Anniversary Celebration will be at the Ogden Museum of Southern Art on Saturday, November 2, 2013 at 7:00 pm. Tickets and sponsorship to this event can be secured at https://give.lsuhealthfoundation.org/school-of-nursing-80th-celebration. I look forward to visiting with you at our celebration. During this event, our nursing school will be celebrating:

- 80 years of baccalaureate education;
- 50 years of continuous nursing accreditation;
- 45 years as an autonomous school within the health sciences center;
- Over 40 years of Master of Nursing education;
- Over 30 years of providing nationally accredited continuing nursing education; and
- Over 28 years of Doctor of Nursing Science education.

Our Fall 2013 semester will be an exciting and busy time for our nursing school. The first Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) class will graduate this fall. In addition, we have admitted our first class of Bachelor of Science in Nursing to Doctor of Nursing Practice (BSN to DNP) nurse anesthesia students in the Summer 2013 semester. Our graduate nursing faculty are actively planning the curriculums for BSN to DNP in the population and foci areas of neonatal nurse practitioner, primary care family nurse practitioner, nursing administration, adult/gerontology clinical nurse specialist, and public/community health nursing. The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) will be conducting an on-site accreditation visit of the post-masters DNP program this October. We have admitted our largest number of Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner students ever, this fall – a total of 45 students.

The School of Nursing has joined Facebook and Twitter. Please visit our pages and follow us. If you would like us to post event information to either of the pages, please contact Sherri Chalona at sspera@lsuhsc.edu.
Research at ILH: Grant Opportunities for LSUHSC School of Nursing’s Faculty and Students

by Marsha Bennett, DNS, APRN, ACRN

Keithen D. Potts, RN, BSN, is the RN Clinical Research Coordinator for the Department of Clinical Research at the Interim LSU Public Hospital (ILH). In this role, he assures hospital compliance with all clinical research, and has oversight of research and quality improvement projects at ILH. He directs the individual credentialing process for researchers and research staff, and functions as a liaison between the researchers and the hospital nurse managers and supervisors.

Mr. Potts meets regularly with hospital nurse managers and supervisors to apprise them of what projects are approved for their areas, what these projects will entail, work out any accommodations, and delineate the scope of practice for all of the research staff. This centralized role was created in December 2012 by Dr. Juzar Ali, Interim CEO and Medical Director, as a way to better manage and organize all of the research activities occurring within ILH, and to overcome the fragmentation of research services.

Keithen Potts is pro-nursing and supports nursing research at ILH. “We would like nursing to do more research at ILH, to enable nursing to fast forward into the future.” In a recent discussion Mr. Potts also stated that he would like to see more nursing research and more nursing clinical projects at ILH. He mentioned that ILH could draw upon the skills of the nursing faculty for their expertise in research and quality improvement initiatives, and that the faculty could, in turn, benefit from the identification of research projects at ILH. Both research-focused doctoral students and practice-focused doctoral students could partner with ILH to conduct their projects at ILH, working with ILH to identify problem areas and derive either research or evidence-based solutions.

For more information, contact Keithen Potts at 504.903.3697 or kpotts@lsuhsc.edu.

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During the Spring 2013 semester, Senior I nursing students in Population-Focused Nursing Practicum (NURS 4358) started weekly primary and secondary health promotion activities in the Village de Jardin. These health promotion activities took place in two five-week rotations.

In the first rotation, students Lacey Allphin and Allison Champagne conducted a needs assessment of the residents and tailored nursing interventions based on the results. Blood pressure screenings were conducted in the lobby of the tower building from 10 am to 2 pm. The screenings were followed by a walking group and Bingo in the afternoon. Formal teaching on blood pressure, chair exercises, and diabetes was conducted by Latia Guderan, Danielle Randolph, Nickolas Skias, Joshua Mayeaux, Allison Champagne, and Lacey Allphin. Between 5 to 10 residents had their blood pressure screened daily and participated in the walking groups. Bingo was attended by 10 to 15 residents. The following students participated in this first rotation: Latia Guderan, Danielle Randolph, Nickolas Skias, Joshua Mayeaux, Mallory Dupriest, Julia Athmann, Genevieve Claypool, and Kira Riches.

The second rotation began in late February. Students Allison Mader and Meghan O’Quinn were assigned to the Village de Jardin. They continued the activities started in the first rotation and conducted a formal teaching on required screenings for older adults and health promotion. The following students participated in this second rotation: Lauren Caponegro, Kimyen Nguyen, Beth Kessler, Mallory gurtner, Ainsley Anderson, John Schexnaildre, Eryn Dauzat, and Brandi Harris.

At the conclusion of the rotation, the students conducted an evaluation. Comments from the residents included:

“The students were very helpful.”

“Everything was done well. One could say exceptional.”

“The students were thoughtful, considerate, and helpful.”

“They were encouraging.”

“I loved the students.”

“I love having the students.”
BSN Student Alexander Wong Awarded 2013 Cantrell Citizenship Award

As a male student of Asian descent, Mr. Wong serves as a student representative on the LSUHSC Multicultural Advisory Committee and was recently inducted into the Epsilon Nu Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society. Students must be in the top third of their class to be eligible for induction into Epsilon Nu.

In his role as the SNA’s Breakthrough to Nursing Representative, he is actively involved in coordinating the providing outreach programs to local high schools and universities in the community for students who are interested in nursing school. This includes assisting them in understanding the application process to LSUHSC School of Nursing. In addition, Mr. Wong shares his real life experiences as a student nurse and how one can balance school, community service, and personal time.

Congratulations to Alexander for receiving this honor!

Mr. Wong has been actively involved in community service since his enrollment in the School of Nursing in January 2011. He is a active member and officer of the Student Government Association and the Student Nurses Association and served as Senior I class officer during the spring 2013 semester. He has participated in the Louisiana Association of Student Nurses convention the last two years.
Congratulations to Our Graduates

May 2013

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Ashli Marie Ackel
Melissa Ashley Anderson
Kimberly Michelle Aromy
Brooke Ashlee Aucoin
Justin Andrew Babin
Katelyn Elizabeth Beattie
Emily Marie Bourgeois
Christine Marie Broadaway
Chelsea Elizabeth Broom
Charlotte Merrill Brown
Dustin Michael Calamia
Christina Joyce Caporella
Corinne Elizabeth Carr
Caroline Lorraine Cary
Emily Michelle Cavin
Heather Lynn Chaisson
Raymond Joseph Chapman
Allison Michelle Christie
Lisa Marshall Clavier
Desiree Lynn Correa
Nicholas Paul Couch
Lindsay Nevala Craft
Paula Michelle Davis
Erin Elizabeth Dawson
Kimberleigh Noel Denapolis
Andria Nicole Dennis
Christie Lynne DeRussy
Kate Nicola Detch
Nicholas Diasselliss
Julia Ann Donahue
Jason Noel Dubos
Corrie Anne Duplantier
Summer Nicole Eitel
Alissa Marie Fontana
Kayla Carepa Forjet
Rachel Elizabeth Francke
Jaime Schexnayerd Cannon
Elizabeth Anne Giambrone
Suerina Gibson
Ryan Patrick Gill
Celeste Danielle Goudeau
Jennifer Lee Gravolet
Nathan Christopher Green
Vivian Helena Guitart
Mariko Gunge
Rebecca Leigh Hassell
Erin Leigh Hauber
Angela Brenneke Henderson
Anna Lyons Hitt
Charlie Phil Ho
Sarah Elyse Hossley
Amanda Marie Ippolito
Karen Plaisance Jackson
Leonard Douglas Jones
Sara Ann Junot
Amber Elizabeth Jurisich
Christina Marie Kazibutowski
Liudmila Irekovna Khismatullina
Slater McClellan Knowles
Amanda Louise Korle
Katie Lynne Lacey
Brooke Elizabeth Lang
Kelly Marie Leary
Lindsay Meredith Leiva
Kristy Nicole Lepine
Alexandra Louise Mahfouz
Kathryn Vy Mai
Kassidy Dawn Marquisite
Kayla Elizabeth Mason
Kellen Randal McConnell
Marisa Rachel Morton
Shauna Ruriko Muto
Nina Nguyen
Caroline Dee Nunmaker
Emmy Grace Osoinach
Russlie Nicole Ostrick
Sophia Claire Palley
Leslie Anne Pawlak
Thao Thi Pham
Ashley Elizabeth Pisano
Jana Nicole Podret
Brittany Lynn Ragas
Diana Evette Ramirez
Mark Anthony Ranatza
Emily Renee Rangel
Megan Renee Raster
Sarah Marie Raymond
Ashley Alexandria Reeves
Stephanie Marie Riera
Kindall Elizabeth Rigsby
Laken Sanara Riley
Gayle Castillo Santos
Kathryn Lane Scanlon
Emily Katharine Schott
Emily Christine Scullin
Donald Ray Sims, Jr.
Amy Melissa Smith
Jessica Dahl Smith
Johnathan Crosby Smith
Rebecca Marie Steen
Christy Michelle Stewart
Alexis Michelle Stonerock
Emily Beth Thorn
Amanda Lou Tindell
Brooke Marie Tramonte
Jo-Lyque Je’Nae Turner
Laurel Dankos Tyler
Kent Joseph Ural, Jr.
Monica Trinh Vu
Elizabeth Eller Washington
Alexandra Stephanie Waters
Devon Marie Watson
Michael Louis Watzke
Jamilla Hanna Webb
Alexander Matthew Wheatley
Laura Ellen Wimsatt
Jessica Nicole Windham
Master of Nursing

Ellison Bernard Abad
Ashley Luteman Adams
Joseph Andrew Alcina, IV
Dasha Jacqueline Arnold
Aimee Maria Babin
Ashley Duncan Battaglia
Alison Leonard Bergeron
Mark Camille Bergeron
Kimberly Marie Beyer
Jean Claude Blanchard
Bettina Marie Blasini
Kiuana Jones Bright
Leslie Hickey Brown
Ray Lee Campo, Jr.
Jesse Aaron Champagne
Joseph Lynn Colvin
Megan Bell Cook
Sara King Darenbourg
Audra Crovetto Degan
Shannon Romeo Desharnais
Mindy Manning Douglas
Shelli Rodriguez Ergen
Don Anthony Falgout
Kerissa Naquin Fernandez
Nadia Fernandez
James Christopher Fine
Elizabeth Lawson Garbo
Laura Vasquez Gerlich
Elise Marie Givens
Justin Matthew Greenfield
Kim Alison Guidry
Rebecca Sue Hart
Geoffrey William Hrabar
Jennifer Michelle Jacques
Robert James Jemison
Erin Catherine Jimenez
Donald Eugene Johnson
Brant Christopher Langlinais
Natasha Walker Lee
Amanda Lynn Levesque
Neva White Lipscomb
Christine Cazayoux Macera
Meghan Hebert Magruder
Kristin Michelle Masicot
Kasi Savage Mayhall
Rebecca Carter Meunier
Eancia Cimel Mundy
Anitha Balthazard Mwemezi
Ainsley Renee Nolan
Keith Wayne Norman
Jody Patrick Nunnery
Lance James Olivier
Brittany Jade O’Steen
Danielle Hotard Pepper
Jenna Marie Plaisance
Charles Clayton Prather
Emily Claire Richard
Maria Elisa Rocha
Joseph Clarkson Rollins
Eva Waldoff Runnels
Mia Theresa Schexnayder-Davis
Jennifer Nicole Sciacca
Bridget Lambert Sellars
Stephanie Ann Subervielle
Cassandra Veals
Kelly Rachelle Vidrine
Nancy Kim Washington
Micah Roger Welborn
Michael James Willoz

...and Our Award Winners

Jennifer Lee Gravolet
Valedictorian
Magna Cum Laude
Dolores H. Scheerle Memorial Entrepreneurial Award, BSN
Student Nurses’ Association Award
Theresa Bittenbring Marque and John Henry Marque Award

Rebecca Marie Steen
Salutatorian
Magna Cum Laude
Theresa Bittenbring Marque and John Henry Marque Award

Aimee Maria Babin
Outstanding Nurse Anesthesia Graduate Award
Alison Leonard Bergeron
Outstanding Nurse Practitioner Award
Nancy Buccola, MSN
Allen E. Copping Excellence in Teaching Award
Christina Joyce Caporella
Theresa Bittenbring Marque and John Henry Marque Award
Jesse Aaron Champagne
F. A. Davis Award for Writing Excellence
Megan Bell Cook
Alumni Association Recognition of Class Spirit Award
Faculty Recognition Award

Sara King Darenbourg
Alumni Association Recognition of Class Spirit Award

Andria Nicole Dennis
Magna Cum Laude
Theresa Bittenbring Marque and John Henry Marque Award

Christie Lynne DeRussy
Academic Recognition Award, CARE Program
Theresa Bittenbring Marque and John Henry Marque Award

Mindy Manning Douglas
Alice Hicks CRNA Memorial Award

Kristin Elizabeth Earhart
Theresa Bittenbring Marque and John Henry Marque Award

James Christopher Fine
Outstanding Nurse Anesthesia Graduate Award

Leanne Fowler, MSN
Nursing Caring Award, Faculty

Nathan Christopher Green
Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society Award
Nursing Caring Award, BSN

Kim Alison Guidry
Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society Award, MN

Rebecca Sue Hart
Dolores H. Scheerle Memorial Entrepreneurial Award, MN
Anna Lyons Hitt
Highest Academic Honors, CARE Program
Theresa Bittenbring Marque and John Henry Marque Award
Jennifer Michelle Jacques
Joyce Travelbee Award
Leonard Douglas Jones
Student Government Association Award
Pam Matthews, MSN
Nursing Caring Award, Faculty
Lance James Olivier
Nurse Anesthesia Program Director’s Award
Emmy Grace Osoinach
Jo Ellen Smith Memorial Award
Patricia Losee Memorial Award
Mark Anthony Ranatza
Alumni Association Recognition of Class Spirit Award
Chancellor’s Award
Faculty Recognition Award
Megan Renee Raster
Student Nurses’ Association Award
Sarah Marie Raymond
Magna Cum Laude
Ashley Alexandria Reeves
Theresa Bittenbring Marque and John Henry Marque Award
Mia Theresa Schexnayder-Davis
Nursing Caring Award, MN
Jennifer Nicole Sciacca
Louisiana Nurses Association of Nurse Anesthetists Outstanding Graduate Award
Jessica Dahl Smith
Theresa Bittenbring Marque and John Henry Marque Award
Alexandra Stephanie Waters
Magna Cum Laude
Theresa Bittenbring Marque and John Henry Marque Award
Jamilla Hanna Webb
Outstanding RN Community Award
Micah Roger Welborn
Nurse Anesthesia Program Clinical Excellence Award

Post-Masters Doctor of Nursing Practice Accreditation by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education
Third Party Comments Solicited

Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, School of Nursing, Post-Masters Doctor of Nursing Practice degree program is scheduled for an initial accreditation onsite visit October 21-23, 2013. Written and signed third-party comments will be accepted by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education until September 21, 2013. Written and signed third-party comments can be sent to:

Catherine Sneed
Accreditation Coordinator
Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education
1 Dupont Circle NW, Suite 530
Washington, DC 20036
The Student Nurses’ Association (SNA) had quite a semester this spring! There were 11 volunteer events and four donation collections over the course of the semester. In addition, many SNA members traveled to Charlotte in April for the national convention. SNA looks forward to more opportunities to reach out to the community in the future. Here is an update on SNA involvement since the last publication.

On March 23rd, 17 SNA members spent the day with Habitat for Humanity. Volunteers mixed cement and built a sidewalk. During the month of March, SNA collected donations for the Ronald McDonald House, which houses and feeds families who have to travel to receive specialized medical care for their children. SNA collected paper products and snacks for the Ronald McDonald House.

April was a big month for SNA. There were 24 SNA members who attended the 61st Annual National Student Nurses’ Association Convention from April 3rd to April 7th in Charlotte, North Carolina. Members who attended had the opportunity to attend numerous focus sessions. Members who served as delegates at the convention voted on various resolutions that were presented by students from across the country.

On April 13th, SNA members volunteered at the Second Harvest Food Bank warehouse, sorting and packing food to contribute to Second Harvest’s mission to fight hunger in south Louisiana. On April 15th, SNA held the second blood drive of the semester. There were 60 units of blood donated, which can save up to 180 lives! Forty-three of the units were donated in the name of Micah, a 15-year-old boy diagnosed with Hodgkin’s lymphoma. He has received over 600 transfusions and is constantly in need of more transfusions. Every unit donated in his name made a difference for his future blood needs.

On April 20th, SNA again worked with Habitat for Humanity for a day spent building affordable homes. On April 27th, 6 SNA members volunteered at the Green Project. Members helped with lumber yard deconstruction, paint recycling, and unloading materials donated to the warehouse. The Green Project is an organization that recycles building supplies that would otherwise go into landfills.

During the month of April, SNA collected donations for Raintree, an organization that provides housing and care for girls aged 12-17 who are abused or neglected. SNA collected art and school supplies, towels, combs, brushes, socks, and after school snacks. Altogether, 115 items were donated!

After the semester was over, SNA continued to be active in the community. On May 10th, SNA volunteered at a pajama party at St. Michael’s Special School. St. Michael’s is a school for disabled children and adults. Volunteers painted nails, did face paint, helped to make Mother’s Day cards, and played musical chairs with the students who attended. On May 11th, SNA volunteered at the Children’s World Fair at the Children’s Museum. There were 17 volunteers who worked this event. On May 18th, SNA volunteered at Great Strides, a walk to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Twenty-one SNA members volunteered at this event, and a few of them did the walk as well. Volunteers helped to serve food after the walk and helped at the kids’ corner.

SNA enjoyed having such an active semester and looks forward to continued connecting with the community! Please visit our webpage for a list of upcoming activities:

http://nursing.lsuhsc.edu/StudentInformation/Activities/StudentNursesAssociation.html
Each summer, the School of Nursing provides an unparalleled immersion opportunity for under-represented minority high school students considering nursing as a profession through its Future Nurses Institute (FNI) Summer Camp. The FNI is the outgrowth of a previous HRSA grant to promote nursing to under-represented minorities within the metro New Orleans area. While the grant funding no longer exists, the School of Nursing has continued to provide the opportunity. The School of Nursing partners with the School of Medicine Community and Minority Health Education’s Summer Science Program, under the direction of Dr. Edward Helm, to offer the three day immersion camp.

The camp has been held annually since 2008 and has been unfunded since 2009. Faculty members volunteer their time and the School of Nursing donates the use of the facility and equipment to assist with the camp. This summer, thirteen junior and senior students from schools such as Xavier University Preparatory High School, St. Augustine High School, St. Mary’s Academy High School, and Warren Easton High School participated.

The three day camp consisted of lectures and hands-on experience within the School of Nursing’s hospital lab and simulation lab. Students experienced birthing simulations and listened to breath and heart sounds on high-fidelity simulators that are programmed to respond to certain patient scenarios. Panel discussions with School of Nursing faculty members, who are experts in their respective fields of nursing, were also presented.

“It is our goal that the students comprehend the commitment, dedication and serious academic work it takes to be a successful nursing student; along with understanding that the faculty are available to mentor them as students,” notes Khaleelah Hasan, MN, RN, LSUHSC Clinical Nursing Instructor, who directs the FNI Summer Camp. Under the leadership and support of Dr. Demetrius Porche, Dean of the School of Nursing, the camp continues to strive to provide this opportunity for area high school students.

Khaleelah Hasan, MN, RN can be reached at khasan@lsuhsc.edu or 504.568-5199.

Welcome New Faculty Members

Theresa Kent, RN, BSN
Instructor

Jennifer Martin, CRNA
Instructor
LSUHSC School of Nursing
80 Years of Nursing Education Excellence

Celebrate with us at the
Ogden Museum of Southern Art

Saturday, the second day of November
at seven o’clock in the evening

ticket information
The DAISY Foundation was established in November of 2009 to honor the nurses who are the unsung heroes of society. This award has recognized over 7,000 nurses supported by organizations within the national nursing community such as AONE and ANCC.

The following members of the LSUHSC School of Nursing faculty were so honored on May 8th, 2013. These faculty members were selected by their peers and students to receive recognition of their accomplishments.

For more information or to nominate a faculty member for a future award, visit:

http://nursing.lsuhsc.edu/Special/DaisyAward.html

Did You Know . . .

The School of Nursing has joined the world of social media.

Click below to follow!
Accomplishments

Jennifer Badeaux has earned her Doctor of Nursing Practice degree.

Katherine Carter has earned her Doctor of Nursing Practice degree.

Deborah Garbee has been appointed to the LSNA Board of Directors as Chair of the Clinical Practice Committee.

Judith Gentry has been invited to be an ONS Reviewer for Chapter Newsletter Awards.

Scharalda Jeanfreau has been appointed Associate Professor - Clinical by the LSU Board of Supervisors.

Yvonne Sterling taped an interview on lung disease in the African-American population for WYLD FM's Sunday Journal. A future air date will be announced.

Jane Sumner has been inducted into the NLN Academy of Nursing Education.

Jane Sumner has been appointed Emeritus Professor by the LSU Board of Supervisors.

Publications


Presentations


Danna, D. (May 2013). C3DC in the disaster cycle. Podium presentation to Region 1 ESF 8 Hospital Coalition.


Gentry, J., & Schaubhut, R. (June, 2013). Preceptor workshops interdisciplinary project for graduate and undergraduate preceptor education. Podium presentation at Drexel University Nursing Education Institute in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Giarratano, G. (April, 2013). Mental health status of childbearing women living through disaster recovery. Presented at LSUHSC
School of Nursing in New Orleans, Louisiana.


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**SAVE THE DATE**

5th Annual EBP / Research Conference

*Building Interprofessional Research Capacity*

Monday, October 28, 2013

Brent House Conference Center

New Orleans, Louisiana

**Featured Speaker:**

Dr. Alice (DeeDee) Boyington, PhD, RN, Director of Nursing Research, Moffitt Cancer Center, Tampa, Florida, and member of the Health Outcomes and Behavior Program in the Division of Population Science. She is responsible for building the nursing research capacity with a focus on developing the research skills of direct care nurses across all settings and on ensuring that nursing research is applicable to practice. Ongoing activities include mentoring nursing research fellows in all phases of the research process. Dr. Boyington was funded from the National Institute of Nursing Research to design and test a computerized expert system to deliver evidence-based interventions to women with bladder control problems.

**Call for abstracts for podium and poster presentations** focusing on nursing and interprofessional quality, translational, and research projects.

- Online abstract submission deadline August 30th, notification by September 6th
- Submit abstracts to: [http://nursing.lsuhsce.edu/Research/AbstractSubmission/EBP.cfm](http://nursing.lsuhsce.edu/Research/AbstractSubmission/EBP.cfm)

Contact Karen Rice, DNS, APRN, ACNS-BC, ANP, krice@ochsner.org, 504.842.6193

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