Welcome back to classes! It is a pleasure to have an opportunity to contribute to your nursing student newsletter. This will provide an opportunity to keep everyone informed of nursing school activities. This semester we have several new and exciting things happening. The construction on the first and second floors of the nursing school will be completed sometime this semester. We are looking forward to having the construction finally completed.

We have admitted our first class of Doctor of Nursing Practice students this fall semester. The Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs will be conducting an on-site accreditation visit for our nurse anesthesia program October 22-24, 2012. In addition, we are preparing for national accreditation by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education for our Doctor of Nursing Practice degree in October 2013.

The School of Nursing now has two nurse-managed clinics that are now open and seeing patients in partnership with the LSU HealthCare Network. These clinics are managed with primary care services delivered by nurse administrators and nurse practitioners from the nursing school. In the near future, we will be providing educational opportunities for our nursing students to have clinical experiences within our nursing clinic. Our nursing school will have significant representation at the Louisiana Association of Student Nurses.

Our nursing alumni association is planning the 2nd Annual Golf Tournament on Sunday, October 28, 2012. Mark your calendars; I hope to see you out at the tournament!

Demetrius J. Porche, DNS, PhD, APRN, FAANP, FAAN
SR II's and RNBSN students order your nursing school pin by September 28th to avoid additional costs.
December 2012 graduates: The bookstore can assist you with ordering diploma covers and invitations.

The School of Nursing has the largest enrollment in the Health Sciences Center for fall 2012 of 1049 students which includes 749 undergraduate and 300 graduate students.

The Post-master's Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program admitted its first class in August 2012. A total of 19 students are enrolled.

It's exam time, remember to get some rest and eat well. The faculty and administrative team are here to help you.

Football season is underway. All students are invited to enter the football ticket drawings. Dates/times/game and information will be sent prior to each LSU home game. Look for an email from Mark Ranatza with information as well as ticket winners. Each student is allowed to enter the drawing for (1) student ticket which seats you in the student section. Geaux Tigers!
Participation in a Research Opportunity

We would like to offer you an opportunity to participate in a research project here at LSUHSC. We (Celeste Carter, APRN, DNS, Shannon Mangum, MPS, LOTR and Jo Thompson, MA, CTRS) are conducting research that explores individual’s professions’ cultural sensitivity of roles and perceptions regarding teamwork, collaboration, and professional identity. We are also piloting a new screener that gathers data addressing individual’s knowledge of lymphedema and concepts of cancer survivorship. No former knowledge of this information is necessary.

We would appreciate your participation in completing the Readiness for Interprofessional Learning Scale (RIPLS) and the Lymphedema Health Management Perception Scale (LHMPS). The RIPLS will be used to examine changes in individual professions’ perceptions related to teamwork, collaboration, professional identity, roles and responsibilities. The LHMPS will be piloted to explore individual professions’ cultural sensitivity regarding knowledge and perceptions of roles and responsibilities related to lymphedema awareness, education, and intervention as well as issues of survivorship. Dr. Celeste Carter, Ms. Thompson (School of Allied Health), and Ms. Mangum (School of Allied Health), are investigators in a study that will take place during an Interprofessional Practice Elective (IPE) course this semester (Fall, 2012). The study, entitled “Exploring Professions’ Cultural Sensitivity through IPE: Bridging Collaborative Gaps”, has received LSUHSC IRB and IBC approval, and will be funded by a grant from the LSUHSC Academy.

For your participation in the pre and post-test we would like to offer a $5 incentive upon collection of the post-test information.

Procedures:
1. Please contact Sarah by email stating your desire to participate. Her email is sfoush@lsuhsc.edu by September 19.
2. Sarah will email you as soon as the manila envelope that contains the informed consent and the 2 scales (RIPLS, LHMPS) are ready to be picked up. They will be in a box in the Student Affairs office of your particular school.
3. After completing the 3 items please bring them to the Student Affairs office in your particular school. Please be sure your envelope is sealed after placing all of your items inside. PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN BY SEPTEMBER 24.
4. At a later date you will again be contacted via email by Sarah for the completion of the post-tests. The procedure will be the same as for the pre-test.

Catherine N. Lopez, DHEd, RN, CIC
SGA Updates

Nightingale Ball Tickets on Sale Now!

Tickets are $40/each. Please make checks out to LSUHSC SON SGA.

Please contact your class’ SGA Representative, Catie Brown, or Mark Ranatza for ticket sales or questions.

Fall 2012 SGA Officers

President: Meagan Hingle
Vice President: Mark Ranatza
Secretary: Chelsea Gandolfi
Treasurer: Leonard Jones
Social Vice President: Catie Brown & Mark Ranatza
Historian: Beth Yellot & Kira Riches
Intramural Chair: Sarah Windsor
Parliamentarian: Jennifer Gravolet

Upcoming SGA Events

SGA Meeting: Monday, October 1
Nightingale Ball: Friday, October 12

SALE!

Monday, September 24, from 12pm-1pm, we will be having our first sale day!

SGA will be taking orders for polos ($25) and scrub jackets ($30) and selling leftover fundraiser items from past classes!

SNA will be selling badge reels, fleeces, and clipboards!
SNA Updates

SNA Reminder….

Blanket donation due by Tuesday, September 25 at 4 pm. Leave them outside Ms. Bernard’s office on the 4th floor. Remember to sign the paper saying what you brought.

NIMS certification – to qualify for SNA credit, due by Tuesday, September 25th at 4 pm. Leave them in the folder labeled “NIMS” outside Ms. Bernard’s office on the 4th floor. Remember you must complete three of the tests to get the credit. We will return the certificates after convention next week.

Upcoming SNA Events

Light the Night Walk to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
When: Saturday, October 6, 4:00pm – 10:00pm
Where: Lafreniere Park, Metairie

Fight for Air Walk to benefit the American Lung Association
When: Saturday, October 20, 7:00am – 12:00pm
Where: Audubon Park, New Orleans

Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure
When: Saturday, October 20, 7:00am – 11:00am

Great 100 Nurses Celebration
When: Wednesday, October 24, all day (can sign up for shifts as available from 12:00pm – 10:00pm)
Where: Pontchartrain Center, Kenner

Boo at the Zoo
When: Saturday, October 27, 4:00pm – 9:30pm
Where: Audubon Zoo, New Orleans

Museum Mash
When: Sunday, October 28, 4:30pm – 9:30pm
Where: Louisiana Children’s Museum, New Orleans

Magnolia School Moonlight on the River Gala
When: Friday, November 2, 6:00pm – 11:00pm
Where: Magnolia School Grounds, 100 Central Ave., Jefferson

Bridge House Thanksgiving Lunch
When: Thursday, November 22, 10:00am – 12:00pm
Where: Bridge House, New Orleans
LSUHSC School of Nursing’s SGA
Proudly Presents

An Affair to Remember
The Nightingale Ball

Generations Hall
310 Andrew Higgins Drive
Friday, October 12, 2012
9:00pm - 1:00am
Tickets: $40

Please join us for
Buffet Dinner,
Open Bar, and
Entertainment by the
Bucktown All-Stars

Approved By Cathy Lopez
The ticket box for the Towson game will close at 2:00pm on September 26th and tickets will be available to the winners during business hours on September 27th and 28th in the Dean's receptionist area. Remember, any unclaimed tickets after 2:00pm on September 28th will be distributed on a first come first serve basis. Please refer to the school policy on ticket distribution for any other question. Lastly, if your name is selected for a ticket and you cannot pick up your ticket during the regular hours please contact Mark Ranatza at mranat@lsuhsc.edu.
Sigma Theta Tau is selling tickets for an autographed and framed Blue Dog screen print. "Number One Fan". These were sold for $500 each for a limited time last year. They were limited editions so they cannot be purchased anymore. We have one donated by our board members. Very valuable. The drawing will be held November 12th at 4:30pm in the Deans Reception room. Only 500 tickets will be sold. The print will be displayed daily on the 4th floor. Great Christmas gift for the LSU fan.

LSUHSC School of Nursing Alumni
2nd Annual Golf Tournament

Timberlane Country Club
Gretna, Louisiana
Sunday, October 28
Tee Off 12 noon

Please e-mail Ms. Gentry if you wish to play in the golf tournament and have a faculty member sponsor your fees

http://nursing.lsuhsc.edu/Alumni/GolfTournament2012.html
Senior II Class

- Our 1st fundraiser for the semester will be fold over elastic hair ties! We plan to start selling them the first week of October!
- Senior II nursing pins for graduation are $60 and must be purchased in the bookstore by September 28.

Senior I Class

No information at this time.
Junior II Class

Fundraising:
Junior II’s will be selling Saints-themed T-shirts soon!

Junior I Class

Nightingale Ball Tickets:
SGA Rep Molly Fussell (mfusse@lsuhsc.edu) will be selling Nightingale Ball tickets after Adult on Monday and after the Mental test on Tuesday in the new student lounge on the 4th floor. The last day to purchase tickets is October 8!
Sophomore II Class

Fundraising:

Soph II has a shirt order and underway! Here is the picture of what the shirt will look like and it's only $20! Monday from 1 to 2pm in the new student lounge on the 4th floor, Melissa Woolridge and Kaylyn Mansfield will be taking orders for sizes and money (cash or check). So please come up and support soph II class and look good with an awesome tshirt!

Sophomore I Class

No information at this time.
CARE XI

Dues are due at the end of October. Please give $30.00 (cash preferred) to Jo-lyque Turner.

CARE XII

No information at this time.