

# UAB School of Nursing Dean's Monthly Update

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## Message from the Dean

**Subject for thought:** Communication is timely, open, and transparent.

As this academic year comes to closure, UAB nursing students will be graduating on May 3. What an exciting time as we send our newest graduates into the nursing workforce. This semester, more than 76 BSN students, 71 MSN students and 2 PhD students will become UAB Nursing Alumni. Please join me in congratulating our newest colleagues!

Just as our graduates leave-we have some new beginnings. The Accelerated Master's Entry to the Nursing Pathway (AMNP) and the Doctor of Nursing Practice Program begin this May, 2008. Please take time to welcome our newest students. In addition, the Freshman Year Experience (FYE) will be offered in Fall 08 to entering freshmen as part of a university-wide initiative to help students make the transition from high school to college and onto the School of Nursing.

This year's MASH (Make Another Scholarship Happen) Board of Visitors' fundraiser was held on April 27<sup>th</sup>, at the Birmingham International Airport HealthSouth Hanger. The theme this year was "M\*A\*S\*H Takes Flight". Proceeds from this event support School of Nursing scholarships and we remain so very grateful to our Board of Visitors and our community for their ongoing support for UAB nursing student scholarships.

Dr. Angela Barron McBride, Distinguished Professor-University Dean Emerita at Indiana University School of Nursing, will visit us May 12 and 13 to celebrate Nurses Week and the Sixth Annual Alumni Night Dinner on May 12, 2008. Her visit will focus on "21st Century Leadership Development for Nursing." Since leaving the Deanship at Indiana University, Dr. McBride has focused her scholarship on the development of nursing leaders in academe and health systems, and has been working closely with several foundations funding key nursing leadership initiatives in research and practice. She will hold an "**Open Dialogue**" with faculty at the SON Nurses Week Luncheon on May 12, 2008, from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm in room G020 and will present "**21st Century Leadership Development for Nursing**" for SON Alumni at a reception and dinner to be held at **The Club** on May 12 from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Dr. McBride will hold small group meetings with students and faculty on May 13. Please sign up for her available slots through Judy Mason.

Faculty, please mark your SON calendars for the following important events:

- Senior Recognition, May 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Graduation, May 3<sup>rd</sup>
- SON Welcome Luncheon/Nurses' Week Celebration May 7<sup>th</sup>
- Nurses Week faculty luncheon, May 12<sup>th</sup> 12:00 noon -1:15 pm
- UAB School of Nursing Alumni Night, May 12<sup>th</sup>
- Dr. Angela McBride will be visiting us May 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Jean Kelly Lectureship, June 5<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup>
- Town Hall Meeting, June 24<sup>th</sup> from noon-1:00 pm in the School of Nursing Auditorium



*Happy Nurses Week and Happy Birthday, Florence Nightingale!*

## Dates to Remember

### Visiting Faculty

- **Apr 28-30** Dr. Linda Hodges' visit for accreditation consultation

### Events

- **May 6-12** Nurses' Week Celebration
- **May 12 & 13** Dr. Angela McBride
- **May 7** Student Affairs Welcome Luncheon (1<sup>st</sup> day of class & Nurses Week Celebration) for students, faculty & staff
- **June 13** Deadline for our BSN Fall 08 class
- **June 24** Town Hall Meeting from noon–1:00 will be held in the School of Nursing Auditorium
- **Sept 30** Town Hall Meeting from noon–1:00 (location to be announced)

SON events under "Quick Links" on our website:  
<http://main.uab.edu/Sites/nursing/about/8933/>

## Kudos

Kudos to Bettina Riley who won 2<sup>nd</sup> Place for her podium presentation at the Graduate Student Research Days. This was inadvertently omitted in last month's Monthly Update. Please congratulate Bettina on her achievement.

## SON Team Member Information:

- Mantana Damrongsak – transfers to the Data Quality Management Specialist position with the NORA research grant and Good Health Program contract.
- AbuZafar Basset's PERM application has been certified – Congratulations!

## *Karen's Corner*

### **Benevolent Fund Campaign**

The 2008 Benevolent Fund Campaign has begun! Our goal is 100% participation from the School of Nursing. The Benevolent Fund supports both our own UAB employees and local non-profit organizations. This year's campaign slogan is HERO (Healthcare and Education Reaching Out). Be a HERO and support our community and university. For information, please contact Valeria Glenn or Jen Carter.

### **SON New Faculty Orientation**

April 7, 2008, the School of Nursing held the Spring -SON New Faculty Orientation and it was a great success! A special thanks goes out to all of our presenters and participants. Welcome new faculty!

