

# UAB School of Nursing Dean's Monthly Update

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## Message from the Dean

Subject for thought: **Engaged citizenship is valued and promoted.**



From our talented Vicki Johnson: High quality is our hedgehog.

While January's been a highly productive month here internally for us here the School of Nursing, February promises to be full of excitement as we host the Southern Nursing Research Society Meeting here in Birmingham from February 21 to 23, 2008.

Dr. Anne Turner-Henson, SON, together with faculty on the SNRS Local Planning Committee from UAB, Auburn, UA, UAH, Jacksonville State and Samford, the UAB Center for Nursing Research, students and faculty, have been planning this event for more than a year. I hope you will consider taking advantage of this well attended meeting to network with nurse scientists from across the Southern region to learn about impacting "Health Disparities: Evidence into Action". Dr. Marti Rice is President-elect of SNRS and will become President following the SNRS business meeting on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is an exciting time to celebrate the revitalization of research in our School. We hope to see you there and don't forget to invite prospective faculty to consider their career options at UAB SON.

The inauguration and transition to the new BSN curriculum has been a relatively smooth process for our traditional and RN mobility students. Our previously enrolled students have also been offering their sage advice and support to our newest students to ease the transition.

I look forward to our **upcoming NEW Town Hall** for Students scheduled for February 26 at 12 noon to be held in the SON auditorium. A light lunch will be served. I also encourage you to view our New SON calendar on the Website to learn about our upcoming school events. <http://main.uab.edu/Sites/nursing/about/8933/>

I also want to thank all our faculty, staff, student, alumni and host families for their gracious hospitality extended to the Fellows in the International Nursing Leadership Institute. Our visiting Fellows were so complimentary of the welcome you gave them. This goodwill and partnership reaches throughout Central and Latin America and is directly linked to our WHOCC goals and SON vision and mission. I recognize the commitment made by several faculty to some very worthwhile scholarly projects that have the potential to impact the health of children and families in the PAHO region.

Our January SON retreat centered on our core values and Strategic Goal II - building a supportive work and learning environment. The retreat was a huge success with some key strategies aimed at the learning environment for students and the work environment for faculty. We will process the retreat results during the next month and share this work so it can be incorporated into Goal II of our Strategic Plan. Ms. Moga will continue to work with faculty and staff on The CDT and Faculty Organization Planning group.

Last but not least –Get ready for the "Big Move". The Department of Community Health and Outcomes will begin moving into their new office suites on the "new second floor" during the week of February 4-11 and the Department of Parent Child, Caregiving, and Family will move out of the "old second floor, soon to be third floor". Things are happening to create a supportive work and learning environment for all. Thanks for all your patience with these changes, but soon you'll be settled in your new offices and the results are impressive. Please give our professional staff a special thank you for all the work they're doing to help us all with these transitions.

*A special thanks to all of you making UAB  
"The Best"!*

## Dates to Remember

### Visiting Faculty

- Dr. Chuckie Hanson Feb 7-8
- Dr. Linda Hodges Feb 28 & 29

### Events

- **Feb 4-7** Community Health Outcomes and Systems Department moves into their new space on third floor
- **Feb 8-11** Family Child Health and Caregiving Department moves into their temporary offices in preparation for their eventual homecoming
- SNRS 2008 Annual Conference **Feb 21-23** at the Sheraton Hotel Birmingham
- SNRS Civil Rights Institute Event, **Feb 22 from 5:30 – 8:00 pm**
- Town Hall Meetings: **Feb 26 from 12:00-1:00 pm** in the SON auditorium; Jun 24 from 12:00 – 1:00 (location to be announced); Sept 30 from 12:00 – 1:00 (location to be announced)
- Can Do Team quarterly meeting **Mar 3 11:00 am-12:00 pm**
- Can-Do Quarterly Birthday Celebration **Mar 3 from 12:00-1:30 pm in the Faculty/Staff Kitchen**

*Please take time to welcome our newest Clinical Instructors for Spring Semester 2008.*

Pamela Bryant, MSN, RN  
Family/Child Health and Caregiving

Rhenda Snyder, MSN, RN  
Family/Child Health and Caregiving

Joseph White, MSN, RN  
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