

# DEAN'S LETTER FOR UAB SON

## Message from the Dean

Subject for Thought: The UAB School of Nursing Core Values

We are blazing our way through the semester! I would like to thank the students, faculty and staff who took time to attend the Town Hall meeting that was held on February 17th. I was particularly pleased to see so many first semester students in attendance as *engaged citizenship is valued and promoted* at the School of Nursing. Several topics were covered at the meeting including student evaluations and simulation lab hours. Just as faculty evaluate students, student evaluations provide an opportunity to evaluate courses and faculty. The evaluations provide *timely, open and transparent communication* within our school. Let me share with you an example of how student feedback makes a difference at the School of Nursing. Many students shared that they would like for the simulation lab to be opened on weekends. In response to student feedback, the simulation lab will now be open on the weekends to provide students with additional opportunities to practice their skills. I encourage students to take time this semester to complete evaluations so that the school can respond to your educational needs and enhance your educational experience. Please know that your input is valued as we work to *build community connections and respond to your needs*.

Each year UAB recognizes employees who have achieved 5 years or more, in 5-year increments, of service. While faculty and staff will be honored on Friday, February 27, I would like to personally thank faculty and staff celebrating 5, 10 and 25 years of service for the substantial contributions they have made to the school and university. The careers being honored evidence that the *opportunity exists for professional and personal growth* for all at the UAB School of Nursing.

I would like to congratulate the students that participated in the joint Undergraduate Research Day sponsored by the UAB School of Nursing and the Ida V. Moffett School of Nursing at Samford University. Remember that *diversity is valued and embraced* at the school particularly diversity of thought. I would like to thank Dr. Ellen Buckner for her continued work with undergraduate students to promote and facilitate research and scholarship.

A call was issued earlier this month for the Dean's Scholar Award. The purpose of the Dean's Scholar Award is to support pilot projects in research, innovative educational programs, and/or clinical partnership programs. Proposals for the Dean's Scholar Award program are expected to lead to the submission of a competitive external research grant application, proposal for a new or innovative extension of an educational/curricular program, or a viable clinical partnership. The Dean's Scholar Award Program is designed to facilitate faculty contributions to the development and advancement of nursing scholarship through research, education, and practice; and/or to foster collaborative partnerships with scientists and clinicians within UAB, University Hospitals, and the larger health care community. *Creativity is present here, valued and allowed to flow* and the Dean's Scholar Award is just one way to facilitate the creativity that exists in the school. **Please submit a letter of intent to Trissi Gray by April 16th.**

In December, Dr. Anne Foote was appointed Interim Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs and Partnerships in light of Dr. Alberta McCaleb's retirement. Dr. Foote's move affirms that the *opportunity exists for everyone to be a leader*. I am pleased that Dr. Foote will provide leadership as she works with faculty, staff, students, and our clinical partners to bring about positive change and growth in the missions of the School of Nursing. The school's External Advisory and Clinical Practice Council will be meeting on March 24 to discuss clinical issues and opportunities. I would like to thank faculty for continuing to explore possible faculty practice sites. Please join me in welcoming Dr. Foote to her new appointment and remember that *support is given and received by all* at the UAB School of Nursing.

I would like to ask everyone to mark their calendars for M\*A\*S\*H (Make Another Scholarship Happen), which will be held on April 19th at the HealthSouth hangar. This year the honorary chair will be Mrs. Fay Ireland and honor nurses in the armed forces. Also, please make plans to attend Alumni Night on May 12th at The Club. The event will be a great way to connect with friends and learn about Vision 2010, the upcoming 60th Anniversary of the UAB School of Nursing. *Teamwork and team spirit are supported* in the UAB School of Nursing. I would like to thank the Development and Alumni Affairs Office for continuing to champion teamwork and team spirit as they work with our students, alumni and friends.

In closing, spring break is just around the corner and signals the half way mark. I hope that everyone has fun plans for the break. Please be safe as you travel and enjoy the break!

A special thanks to all of you for making UAB School of Nursing "The Best"!

## FEBRUARY 2009

### Upcoming Events

#### M★A★S★H

(Make Another Scholarship Happen)

- ◆ Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m. at the HealthSouth Hangar in Birmingham, Alabama
- ◆ Fay Ireland, a former nurse in the US Cadet Nurse Corps, will be our Honorary Chair
- ◆ We will honor nurses who have served or are presently serving our country in the armed forces
- ◆ **For more information call Development at 205.975.8936**

#### Alumni Night

- ◆ Tuesday, May 12th at "The Club" in Birmingham, Alabama
- ◆ Call for nominations for the 2009 Distinguished Alumni Award and the Jo Ann Barnett Award for Compassionate Nursing Care will be coming soon
- ◆ Special recognition will be given to BSN, MSN, DSN and PhD Classes of:
- ◆ 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004, and 2009

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## Kudos & Accolades

Susan Appel, PhD, ACNP-BC, FNP-BC, CCRN, was selected by students and peers as the 2009 recipient of the President's Award for Excellence in Teaching for the School of Nursing. Dr. Appel will be formally recognized at the Faculty Awards Convocation on March 23 at 10:00 a.m. in the Sirote Theatre of the Alys Stephens Center.

Susan Appel, PhD, ACNP-BC, FNP-BC, CCRN, and Mary Annette Wright, PhD, CRNP, MSN, were a part of a research team that was recently awarded a prestigious and highly competitive research grant from the American Academy of Family Physicians Foundation, Peers for Progress. The team was one of 5 US, 1 Aussie, 1 UK, and 1 Hong Kong centers chosen for full funding internationally, while 6 other centers received lesser pilot grant status. The research will examine models for community support of diabetes patients to achieve improved outcomes.

Patricia Patrician, PhD, RN, was recently selected as a Senior Nursing Scholar for the VA Quality Scholars Program, part of the Quality and Safety Education for Nurses (QSEN) national initiative funded by The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The VA Quality Scholars Program is a two-year fellowship aimed at nurses either early in their doctoral training (PhD or DNP) or in a post-doctoral program. Its purpose is to develop the next generation of leaders in the research, teaching and administration of health care quality improvement in order to enhance the scientific basis of health care improvement.

## Scholarly Accomplishments

### Presentations

Myers B, Brown K, Ivankova N, Azuero A, Roberson, H. (February 2009). *Organizational Support, Perceived Social Support, and Intent to Turnover among Psychiatric Nurses: A Mixed-Methods Study* was accepted for poster presentation at SNRS- Southern Nursing Research Society conference. Baltimore, MD.

Cho, June. (February 2009). *"Effects of Child Gender and Mother-Child Interactions on Child Cognitive and Motor Development"*. Was accepted for podium presentation at the Southern Nursing Research Society Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD.

Jukkala, Angela. (May 2009). *Southern Rural Perinatal Microsystem Preparedness for Neonatal Resuscitation* was accepted for podium presentation at National Rural Health Association's Annual Rural Health Conference. Miami Beach, FL.

McGuinness, T.& Robinson, C. (May 2009). *Social Competence of Children Adopted from the Former Soviet Union: Childhood Through Adolescence* was accepted for podium presentation at the International Adoption Conference: School Performance, Education Attainment and Social Adjustment, University of Oslo, Norway

Turner-Henson, A., Rice, M., Smith, G., Murphy, D. & Paeglow, C. (2009). *PhD Program to Build Child-health Nursing Faculty Capacity* accepted for poster presentation at the 2009 Doctoral Education Conference, AACN, San Diego, CA.

Roberson, AJ. (October 2009). *Adolescent informed consent policy: Evidenced-based proposal* for change accepted for podium presentation at The American Association of Nurse Attorneys, Teleconference.

Roberson, AJ. (2009). *Adolescent Consent: Legal and Ethical Considerations*. Invited presentation at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, Adolescent Update Conference. University of Alabama at Birmingham, Department of Adolescent Medicine. Birmingham, Alabama: February 13, 2009.

Irwin, C. & Turner-Henson, A. (2009). *Obesity and asthma medications in preschool children*. Southern Nursing Research Society Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD (poster presentation).

Montgomery, M. & Turner-Henson, A. (2009). *Physical therapy and chiropractic utilization in survivors of childhood cancer: Impact on health-related quality of life (HRQOL)* was accepted for poster presentation at the Southern Nursing Research Society Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD.



## Calendar

### March 2

- Support & Recognition Committee Meeting
- Academic Team Meeting
- BSN Group Meeting
- MSN Coordinator Meeting

### March 8-14

- Spring Break

### March 16

- Curriculum Committee Meeting
- Executive Committee Meeting
- PhD Faculty Meeting

### March 23

- BSN Group Meeting
- DNP Faculty Meeting

### March 25

- Stats Rounds with Dr. Azuero

### March 28

- SON Prospective Student Open House

### March 30

- Faculty Organization Meeting
- Undergraduate Faculty Meeting
- Adult Department Meeting

### April 2

- Greg Rohde in the CNR

### April 2-3

- DNP Intensive

### April 19

- M\*A\*S\*H at the HealthSouth Hangar

### May 12

- Alumni Night at The Club

**Do you have an item that you would like to have included in next Dean's Newsletter?**

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205.996.9529**

## Karen's Corner

"Happy Hellos" to our new School of Nursing Faculty and Staff!

### New Faculty:

Lois Scott, MA, BSN, Instructor, Workforce Diversity Grant

### New Support Personnel:

Beth Franklin, MA - Senior Development Director

Irene Tami, MSc, DMD - Program Coordinator II, International Affairs

Kathryn Bailey - Student Assistant

Katie Rice - Student Assistant

Emily Price - Student Assistant

Janice Buffett - Temporary

### Where Are They Now?

We have several individuals moving about during the end of February and the beginning of March. In order to assist you in locating these individuals, please take a look at the following information as it will provide you with their newest destination.

Name	New Room Number	Phone Number
Amy Cauble	216	934-0885
Linda Cunningham	328C	934-6102
Annie Edwards	213	934-6778
Anne Foote	328D	934-6569
Stephanie Hamberger	218	934-5483
Debra Jemison	328B	996-9827
Ivy Watson	219A	996-7453

## UAB Service Awards - 2009

Each year UAB recognizes employees who have achieved 5 years or more, in 5-year increments, of service. During the Faculty Organization meeting February 23, 2009, the following individuals were recognized and congratulated on their years of service to UAB and the School of Nursing. Each of the recipients for service from 5 to 15 years were awarded certificates of achievement and all recipients from 5 to 25 years received the gold UAB lapel pins. The School of Nursing recipients with 25 years of service will be guests at a luncheon and receive special gifts Friday, February 27, 2009. All of the recipients have been invited and encouraged to attend a reception in their honor Friday afternoon, February 27, 2009. Please congratulate all of these employees on a job well done and join me in thanking them for their enduring service and support of our great school and honorable profession.

### 25 Year Recipients

- ◆ Gail Hill, PhD, APRN-BC, Professor, Program Coordinator MSN Program, Adult/Acute Health, Chronic Care & Foundations
- ◆ Judy Mason, Executive Assistant, Dean's Office
- ◆ Janice Vincent, DSN, APRN-BC, Assistant Professor, Family/Child Health & Caregiving

### 15 Year Recipients

- ◆ Linda Cunningham, Administrative Associate, Clinical Affairs and Partnerships
- ◆ Dorothea Poole, MSN, RN, Instructor, Adult/Acute Health, Chronic Care & Foundations

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## 10 Year Recipients

- ◆ **Kathy Hall**, Office Associate II, Adult/Acute Health, Chronic Care & Foundations
- ◆ **Melanie Hallman**, MSN, APRN-BC, Instructor, Community Health, Outcomes & Systems
- ◆ **Teresa Martin**, BS, Program Coordinator I, Community Health, Outcomes & Systems
- ◆ **Dan Murphy**, BS, Instructional Design Manager, Clinical Simulation and Technology
- ◆ **William Spruiell**, BS, Strength and Conditioning Specialist, Community Health, Outcomes & Systems

## 5 Year Recipients

- ◆ **Gail Acre**, MSN, APRN-BC, Instructor, Family/Child Health & Caregiving
- ◆ **Susan Appel**, PhD, APRN-BC, Associate Professor, Adult/Acute Health, Chronic Care & Foundations
- ◆ **Patsy Dudley**, MSN, APRN-BC, Instructor, Adult/Acute Health, Chronic Care & Foundations
- ◆ **Rebecca Greenwood**, PhD, RN, Assistant Professor, Adult/Acute Health, Chronic Care & Foundations
- ◆ **Cindy Grimes-Robison**, MSN, RN, Instructor, Adult/Acute Health, Chronic Care & Foundations
- ◆ **Stephanie Hamberger**, BS, Director of Alumni Affairs and Donor Relations
- ◆ **Lana Nealand**, DNP, APRN-BC, Assistant Professor, Family/Child Health & Caregiving
- ◆ **Stephanie Woods**, MSN, APRN-BC, Instructor, Family/Child Health & Caregiving

## Development and Alumni News

### Scholarships– Deadline May 1st

2009 Fall Scholarship Applications are available outside the Development Office. The deadline for submitting an application is May 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions please contact Stephanie Hamberger at [ssallen@uab.edu](mailto:ssallen@uab.edu)

### Alumni News

Dr. Diane Von Ah, 2003 UAB SON Doctorial graduate has been honored with the Oncology Nursing Society's 2009 Victoria Mock Investigator Award. This award recognized Von Ah for being a leader in the scientific foundation and practice of oncology nursing.

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