

UAB School of Nursing Dean's Monthly Update

Subject for Thought: *"Opportunity exists for professional and personal growth for all."*

MESSAGE FROM DEAN HARPER

Happy New Year and welcome back from the holidays! I hope your holidays were memorable and relaxing. 2008 promises to be a productive year, building on the vision we've set forth here at UAB School of Nursing.

Entering the second year of our new Strategic Plan, we have already begun to progress on several indicators, namely launching a new BSN Curriculum for traditional and RN students, the Accelerated Masters Nursing Pathway for students with a baccalaureate degree in a field other than nursing, and the new DNP curriculum approved by ACHE in December 2007. We have continued to make remarkable progress in the clinical affairs and partnership arena, increasing the number and type of clinical contracts for faculty and with agencies, and revitalizing research through our new interest groups and Dean's Awards targeting scholarly productivity, newly submitted grants, and new grants and funding in the Center for Nursing Research.

I encourage everyone to extend a warm welcome to our Central and Latin American nursing colleagues visiting us for the International Nursing Leadership Institute January 7th to January 25th. These fellows and faculty will attend the English Language Institute every morning and will attend selected seminars and work with faculty here in the SON on a project relevant to their country. Take a moment to introduce yourself and help our visiting fellows practice their English and learn about nursing and health care across the entire Pan American region. The Sigma Theta Tau event on January 22 will feature presentations from the fellows and faculty joint projects developed during the Institute.

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

Visiting Faculty:

- **Linda Hodges**, EdD, RN, will be here January 14, 15 & 16 to work with faculty on curriculum revision and accreditation.
- **Rita Carty**, PhD, RN, FAAN will be here on January 14 and 15 to teach in the International Leadership Fellows Program.

Important Dates and Events:

- **Student Orientation**, Monday 1/7/08 with Introduction of School of Nursing Faculty from 11:30 until 11:45 am in the SON Auditorium.
- All SON Faculty and Staff are invited to the **Student Affairs Luncheon** for Students on Monday from 11:45 – 1:00 pm in the SON Lobby. Take this opportunity to meet and/or get re-acquainted with students.
- **Sigma Theta Tau International Meeting** featuring Visiting Fellows and SON Faculty from the International Nursing Leadership Institute on January 22, 2008 from 4:30
- **Faculty Retreat** is scheduled for January 28 from 12:00-5:00 p.m. Please protect your calendars for that time. Dorothy Moga will lead the retreat focusing on the Core Values and Strategic Plan Goal II.

Building Update

- Community Health Department will be moving back into the third floor (currently known now as the second floor) February 4-6.
- Third floor (currently known now as the third floor) occupants will be moving to other areas in the School of Nursing February 7, 8 & 11.

Welcome to Our Newest Members of the SON Team!



December's chill will not prevent the warm welcome of the following new faculty and staff members. Please remember that the SON Roster is updated on an ongoing basis and can be located on the "R-Everyone Drive" in the SON Lists Folder.

Faculty

Jennifer DiCecco – Instructor – Family/Child Health
Florence Dyer – Instructor – Community Health
Mindy Nix – Instructor – Adult/Acute Health
Dale Link – Instructor – Adult/Acute Health

Mary Beth Bodin – Transitions from an Instructor to a Clinical Instructor or CCI for Spring Semester 2008

New CCIs or Clinical Instructors for Spring 2008 – So Far...

Sherry Cooks –
Adult/Acute Health Chronic Care & Foundations
Kristen Frazier –
Adult/Acute Health Chronic Care & Foundations
Teresa Hardy –
Family/Child Health & Caregiving
Delicia Hodge –
Adult/Acute Health Chronic Care & Foundations
David James – Adult/Acute Health Chronic Care & Foundations
Gary Milligan–
Community Health, Outcomes & Systems
Susan Short–
Adult/Acute Health Chronic Care & Foundations
David Slabaugh –
Family/Child Health & Caregiving
Michele Slick –
Adult/Acute Health Chronic Care & Foundations
Kelley Stallworth –
Adult/Acute Health Chronic Care & Foundations
Marie Toffel –
Adult/Acute Health Chronic Care & Foundations

Staff

Nicole Crawford –
Interim AA - Development Office
Heather Sobko –
Research Technician on Dr. Jackie Moss' grant
Blaire Jones –
Student Assistant for Dr. Ellen Buckner

Kristen Frazier –
Lab Assistant for Dr. Grant and Dr. Moss
Vanessa Gaioso –
Lab Asst for Dr. Grant and Dr. Moss
Rachel Handley –
Lab Asst for Dr. Grant and Dr. Moss
Jean Thibault –
Lab Asst for Dr. Grant and Dr. Moss
Beverly Kracke –
Research Asst on Dr. Meneses' grant in Florida
Thalia Montes –
Program Coordinator – Dr. Meneses' grant in Florida
Lauren Hassey –
Research Asst on Dr. Meneses' grant in Florida
Jill Bailey-Griffin –
Research Nurse Manager – Dr. Meneses' grant
Ashwini Patki –
Associate Registrar in Student Affairs

Fondest Farewells!

We will miss our friends listed below and hope that they will find much success and happiness in their ventures beyond the School of Nursing whether it be retirement or new horizons.

Retirees:

Wendy Booth –
Community Health/Outcomes & Systems
Beverly Hogan –
Community Health/Outcomes & Systems

Departures:

Linda Gibson –
Family/Child Health & Caregiving
Misty Johnson –
Adult/Acute Health Chronic Care & Foundations
Susan Lacey –
Community Health/Outcomes & Systems
Ann Robinson –
Development and Alumni Relations
Michael Weaver –
Community Health/Outcomes & Systems