

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."



Dr. Martha Hill, Dean, John Hopkins University School of Nursing, and Dr. Doreen Harper, Dean, UAB School of Nursing

The Southern Nursing Research Society meeting held February 21-23 in Birmingham was a huge success! Several of our faculty and alumni received awards and honors. Notably, Dr. Linda Moneyham received the 2008 SNRS Minority Health Research Award; Drs. Karen Meneses and Pat McNees received the D.G. Wood Award for best Scientific Paper entitled: "Psycho-educational Support Interventions on Quality of Life in Rural Breast Cancer Survivors"; and Dr. Nancy McCain, 2004 UAB SON Distinguished Alumni, received the 2008 SNRS Distinguished Researcher Award.

I would like to give a special thanks to: Drs. Anne Turner Henson and the dedicated members of the Local Planning Committee, as well as the doctoral students, faculty and staff who contributed to this event. I appreciate the efforts given by everyone involved to make this event successful.

Our first UAB School of Nursing Town Hall Meeting on February 26 boasted good attendance with 40 students and 19 faculty and professional staff. Students were encouraged to express their suggestions and concerns in this open forum.

As a part of our strategic plan to facilitate effective communication, we want to encourage students to actively participate in the progress of our School. I urge faculty to promote student attendance and arrange schedules to permit student participation as a means of improving communication across the entire school. Our next Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for June 24th from noon to 1:00 (location to be announced).

I want to remind everyone to check out the UAB School of Nursing monthly calendar with upcoming SON events under "Quick Links" on our website:

<http://main.uab.edu/Sites/nursing/about/8933/> for a complete listing of School of Nursing events by month.

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

- Faculty Forum Brown Bag Luncheon
March 24th 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm
- Faculty Organization Meeting, April 7 from
1:00-4:00 pm
- Called Faculty Organization Meeting,
April 14 from 9:00am - 12:00 noon
- Faculty Awards Convocation, April 24th
- Senior Recognition, May 2nd
- Graduation, May 3rd
- Nurses Week faculty luncheon, May 12th
12:00 noon - 1:15 pm
- UAB School of Nursing Alumni Night, May
12th

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

Dates to Remember

Visiting Faculty

- **Mar 25-28** Dr. Linda Hodges' visit for accreditation consultation
- **Mar 27-28** Dr. Chuckie Hanson's visit for accreditation consultation

Events

- **March 17-21** Assigned Summer Registration
- **March 24-28** Open Summer Registration I
- **Mar 28** Relay for Life
- **March 31** Fall Early Registration Begins
- **April 7** Open Summer Registration II Begins
- **May 6-12** Nurses' Week Celebration
- **May 7** Student Affairs Welcome Luncheon (1st day of class & Nurses Week Celebration) for students, faculty & staff
- **June 24 & Sept 30** Town Hall Meetings from noon-1:00 (location to be announced)

Please welcome our newest SON Team Members!

- Brenda Iddins, MSN, CRNP
Family/Child Health & Caregiving Department
- Misty Johnson, MSN, CRNP
Family/Child Health & Caregiving Department

Kudos to Awardees:



- Penelope Bosarge has been selected as a 2008 FAANP Fellow by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.
- Susan Appel was selected as the SON faculty member to receive the President's Excellence in Mentorship Award.
- Pam Binns-Turner and Susan McLennon successfully defended their dissertations. Pam Binns-Turner also received First Place Award for her podium presentation at the Graduate Student Award Day on Feb. 29.
- Carrie Ann Long received 1st Place for her poster in the Social and Behavioral Sciences Session at the Graduate Student Research Days and Tracey Shamburger was awarded 2nd Place.

Karen's Corner

We successfully moved the Community Health Outcomes & Systems Department into their new offices on the 3rd floor. We are now planning for the "move-in" that is tentatively scheduled May 19, 2008, for the Family/Child Health & Caregiving Department.

Stay Tuned.... We are gearing up for the 2008 Benevolent Fund Campaign! Valeria Glenn and Jen Carter will be facilitating the SON Campaign.

