

# DEAN'S LETTER FOR UAB SON

## Message from the Dean

**Subject for Thought: The UAB School of Nursing Core Values**

Spring is here! Several events are happening within the School of Nursing, providing an *opportunity for both professional and personal growth* for all. I hope that you will take a moment to read about the exciting events taking place.

I am very pleased to announce that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Birmingham Medical Center and the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Nursing have been selected as a site for the VA Nursing Academy's Enhancing Academic Partnership Program. The VA Nursing Academy Program will provide the education and training necessary for our BSN students to deliver the high quality care that our Veterans deserve. This Partnership Program focuses on the future by ensuring a highly competent nursing workforce to enable the VA to meet the growing demands for care of the Veterans and their families. Thanks to Dr. Anne Foote and her capable team at the Birmingham VA Medical Center and UAB School of Nursing for their collaborative efforts on achieving this 3 year award.

Join with me in welcoming Beth Franklin as the new Senior Director of Development for the UAB School of Nursing. We look forward to her leadership. Beth's professional background includes 19 years of nonprofit development and executive leadership. She most recently served as the founding executive director of Hand-In-Paw, Inc. Please mark your calendars for the upcoming Development and Alumni Affairs events Beth is helping coordinate with the Development and Alumni Affairs team. Remember *teamwork and team spirit are greatly supported at SON*.

- ◆ M\*A\*S\*H (Make Another Scholarship Happen) is being held April 19<sup>th</sup>. The University and the School of Nursing are committed to making nursing education possible and to recruit talented women and men to our school through scholarship awards. This year's event will be held at the HealthSouth Hangar with the honorary chair being Mrs. Fay Ireland and guest speaker will be Col. Patricia Patrician, PhD, RN. Don't miss this special tribute to nurses who have served or are presently serving our country in the armed forces and help us *Make Another Scholarship Happen!*
- ◆ Nominations are being received for the **2009 Distinguished Alumni Award** and the **Jo Ann Barnett Award** for Compassionate Nursing Care. Please send your nominations for these two awards to Stephanie Hamberger in the Development and Alumni Affairs office by April 20<sup>th</sup>.

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2009**

## Upcoming Events

**M★A★S★H**

*(Make Another Scholarship Happen)*



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- ◆ Sunday, **April 19<sup>th</sup>**, 5:30 p.m. at the HealthSouth Hangar in Birmingham, Alabama
- ◆ For more information call Development at 205.975.8936

2009 Fall Scholarship Application deadline is **May 1<sup>st</sup>**.

## Alumni Night

- ◆ Tuesday, **May 12<sup>th</sup>** at "The Club" in Birmingham, Alabama
- ◆ 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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- ◆ The Annual Alumni Night will be held on May 12<sup>th</sup> at The Club. The event will kick-off **VISION 2010**, the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the UAB School of Nursing. *Support is given and received by all.* With the support of the entire team, year 60 will spring-board us into the future as we celebrate and acknowledge the ongoing contributions and leadership of our students, faculty, alumni and friends.

Please remember to submit your IDEA Course Evaluations as you complete your courses this Spring. We depend on your feedback to continually improve our curriculum. I would like to acknowledge all of the work being done by faculty and staff in preparation for the accreditation site visit by the *Collegiate Commission on Nursing Education (CCNE)* scheduled for September 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

The First Annual Joint DNP Intensive was hosted by the UAB School of Nursing on April 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>. The DNP Intensive provided an opportunity for students and faculty from the UAB School of Nursing, the University of Alabama Capstone College of Nursing and the University of Alabama in Huntsville College of Nursing an opportunity to meet, network, and interact with a nationally recognized speaker Dr. Ed O'Neil. Dr. O'Neil, from the Center for the Health Professions at UCSF provided stimulating presentations and dialogue for faculty and students.

I would like to thank the faculty that took time to attend the informational sessions on NIH Challenge Grants and other funding opportunities related to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Drs. Susan Appel, Karen Meneses, Linda Moneyham and Lynda Wilson and their research teams submitted RC1 applications. As you are looking for research opportunities please do not forget about the Dean's Scholar Award. **Letters of Intent for the Dean's Scholar Award must be submitted to Dr. Karen Meneses by April 16<sup>th</sup>.**

Student Affairs held a successful UAB School of Nursing Open House held earlier this month. The event provided students with an opportunity to learn more about the programs the school offers. Thank you to faculty and staff that helped organize this event.

In closing, we are fast approaching the end of the semester with graduation recognitions and commencement. I hope you will join us in recognizing our graduating students at Recognition Ceremonies on May 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> and Commencement on May 9<sup>th</sup>, as we celebrate our graduates achievements and new opportunities.

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

## SON Core Values

- ◆ Support is given and received by all
- ◆ Opportunity exists for professional and personal growth for all
- ◆ Opportunity exists for everyone to be a leader
- ◆ Creativity is present here, valued and allowed to flow
- ◆ Community connections and responding to needs are valued
- ◆ Diversity is valued and embraced
- ◆ Engaged citizenship is valued and promoted
- ◆ Teamwork and team spirit are supported
- ◆ Communication is timely, open, and transparent



## Kudos & Accolades

### Presentations:

**Kristen Osborn, MSN, CRNP** awarded CPNP-Acute Care Certification Advocate award from PNCB on March 20<sup>th</sup>

**Richard Brown, MSN, CRNP, JD and Pam Fordham, DSN, CRNP** invited to be inducted as Fellows of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) on June 20<sup>th</sup>

**Angela Jukkala, PhD, RN** was appointed to the Editorial Review Board of *Applied Nursing Research*.

**Anne Turner- Henson, DSN, RN** was named as MCG School of Nursing, 2009 Distinguished Alumnus (Augusta, GA)

**Annette Wright, PhD, CRNP** elected as Faculty Senator for 2009-2011

## Scholarly Accomplishments

### Publications:

**Vance, D., McNees, P., & Meneses, K.** (2009). Technology, cognitive remediation and nursing: Directions for successful cognitive aging. *Journal of Gerontological Nursing*, 35(2): 50-56.

**Meneses, K., Yarbro, C.H.** (2008). An evaluation of the train the trainer international breast health and breast cancer education: Lessons learned. *Journal of Cancer Education*, 23(4): 267-271.

**Meneses, K.** (2009). Chapter 6: Breast cancer. In *Advancing Oncology Nursing Science*. J.M. Phillips & C.R. King (Eds). (pp 95-116). Pittsburgh, PA: Oncology Nursing Society Press.

**Vance, D.E., Ross, J., Moneyham, L., Farr, K., & Fordham, P.** (in press). A model of cognitive decline and suicidal ideation in adults aging with HIV. *Journal of Neuroscience Nursing*.

**Turner-Henson, A. & Holaday, B.** (2009). Promoting health among maternal caregivers. St Jude Middle East Nursing Education Cure 4 Kids Webinar (international presentation). Webinar available at: Cure 4 Kids site (see <https://www.cure4kids.org/ums/home/>).

### Presentations:

**Deupree, J., Jukkala, A.M., & Graham, S.** (2009). Knowledge of Health Literacy in an Academic Health Center. Poster presented at the Southern Research Nursing Society annual conference, Baltimore, MD, February 2009.

### Presentations: (with doctoral students)

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

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

### Grants:

**David Vance** awarded a CCTS/UWIRC Translational Research Intramural Grant



## Calendar

### April 2

- Greg Rohde in the CNR

### April 2-3

- DNP Intensive

### April 6

- AMNP Faculty Meeting
- Academic Team Meeting
- BSN Group Meeting
- MSN Coordinator Meeting

### April 13

- Curriculum Committee Meeting
- Executive Committee Meeting
- ALG Meeting

### April 19

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

### April 20

- Evaluation Committee Meeting
- Support & Recognition Committee Meeting
- BSN Group Meeting
- DNP Faculty Meeting
- PhD Steering Meeting

### April 22

- CNR Talk: Silvia Gisiger Camata

### April 27

- APT Committee Meeting
- Faculty Organization Meeting
- Faculty Practice Committee
- RTSS Committee Meeting
- Community Department Meeting

### May 9

- Recognition/Reception
- Graduation/Commencement

### 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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## Karen's Corner



### Introducing our New Support Personnel!

**Candie Bratton** – Office Associate II  
**Beverly Kracke** - Program Coordinator  
**Whitney Law** – Work Study

### Departing for a New Career Path

Ms. Trissi Gray, Program Manager II in the Center for Nursing Research will be missed as she takes on a new role in Texas. We wish her much success and happiness in her future endeavors.

### New Faculty Orientation

On April 6<sup>th</sup> the Support and Recognition Committee hosted our Spring New Faculty Orientation for the new faculty members who arrived during the Spring Semester.

## Activities Ahead

### *The 2009 Benevolent Fund Campaign*

We are gearing up for the 2009 Benevolent Fund Campaign! Upon leading a very successful campaign in 2008, Ms. Valeria Glenn has agreed to return to this role in order to support the efforts of the School of Nursing and the University.

## Development and Alumni News

### **Scholarships– Deadline May 1st**

2009 Fall Scholarship Applications are available outside the Development and Alumni Affairs office (Room 219).

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**

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- ◆ Sixty percent of the faculty tickets/donations will go towards the SON Faculty Scholarship
- ◆ Fay Ireland, a former nurse in the United States Cadet Nurse Corps, will be our Honorary Chair.
- ◆ Patricia Patrician, RN, PhD, Colonel (Retired), US Army will be the guest speaker
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