

# UAB SCHOOL OF NURSING DEAN'S UPDATE JANUARY 2009

## Message From the Dean

### Subject for Thought:

### UAB School of Nursing Core Values

Happy New Year and welcome new students, faculty and staff. I hope that both your new year and semester are off to wonderful starts. I want to commend our students, faculty and staff for your outstanding work throughout the past year. I am looking forward to 2009 and advancing the school's mission.

We had the opportunity to launch our spring semester with a visit from Dr. Jean Yan, Chief Scientist for Nursing and Midwifery, from the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland. Dr. Yan spent time with faculty and the UAB School of Nursing Pan-American World Health Organization (PAHO)-World Health Organization (WHO) Collaborating Centre for International Nursing and Midwifery Advisory Board to discuss how students, faculty and staff could contribute to WHO initiatives and priorities. Additionally, Dr. Yan presented "Now More than Ever, Primary Health Care: Nurses Leading the Way" an open presentation co-sponsored by the Sparkman Center for Global Health that drew a community crowd of more than 80 attendees. The visit provided an opportunity for Dr. Yan to see the extraordinary work being done by students, faculty, and our newly appointed UAB School of Nursing PAHO-WHO Collaborating Centre for International Nursing and Midwifery Scholars. Overall, the visit evidenced and affirmed that *diversity is valued and embraced* at the UAB School of Nursing.

I would like to thank faculty and staff for the recommendations that have been submitted in response to the called budget meeting earlier this month. I hope you know that I value your input and strive to provide *communication that is open, timely and transparent*. Please know that I welcome additional recommendations as *community connections and responding to need are valued* at the UAB School of Nursing.

I would like to commend Student Affairs on a successful UAB School of Nursing Open House held earlier this month. The event provided potential students with an opportunity to learn more about the programs the school offers. The school will be hosting another Open House on March 28th.

This month's Lamp of Learning Ceremony was a success. The ceremony symbolizes initial entry into the nursing profession and *engages our students as citizens*. The event exemplified *how support is given and received by all* in the school. I would like to thank everyone that planned and attended the memorable evening.



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Dr. Patricia Patrician, the Donna Brown Baton Endowed Professor, was the second presenter in the UAB School of Nursing Endowed Chair Lecture Series sponsored by the Center for Nursing Research. Dr. Patrician's presentation entitled "Measuring the Effects of Staffing on Patient Outcomes: The Military Nursing Outcomes Database (MiNOD) Project" was another example of how *creativity is present and allowed to flow* in the UAB School of Nursing.

The Southern Nursing Research Society will be having its annual meeting on February 11-14 in Baltimore, Maryland. The title of this year's conference is "Interdisciplinary Research: A Road More or Less Traveled." This time last year, the we were preparing for the conference under the leader of Dr. Anne Turner-Henson who served as the local planning chair. Over the last year, Dr. Marti Rice has provided leadership for the society serving as President-Elect and will continue to lead the organization over the next year as President. Several of our students and faculty will be presenting at the upcoming meeting evidencing that the *opportunity exists for professional and personal growth for all*.

In closing, please mark your calendars for the spring **Town Hall meeting on February 17th at noon in GO20**. The meeting serves as a means for *timely, open and transparent communication*. Your input and insights are valued and appreciated. Have a wonderful semester!

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

## CALENDAR

February 2	Academic Team Meeting
February 2	MSN Faculty Meeting
February 2	MSN Coordinator Meeting
February 2	Adult Department Meeting
February 9	Curriculum Committee Meeting
February 9	Executive Committee Meeting
February 16	Faculty Practice Committee Meeting
February 16	BSN Group Meeting
February 16	DNP Faculty Meeting
February 16	PhD Steering Committee Meeting
February 17	Town Hall Meeting
February 23	Faculty Organization Meeting
February 23	APT Committee Meeting
February 23	Evaluation Committee Meeting
February 23	RTSS Committee Meeting
February 23	Family Department Meeting
March 8-14	Spring Break
March 28	SON Open House
April 19	M*A*S*H

## SON CORE VALUES

### Desired Characteristics of Our Work and Learning Environment

1. Support is given and received by all.
2. Opportunity exists for professional and personal growth for all.
3. Opportunity exists for everyone to be a leader.
4. Creativity is present here, valued and allowed to flow.
5. Community connections and responding to needs are valued.
6. Diversity is valued and embraced.
7. Engaged citizenship is valued and promoted.
8. Teamwork and team spirit are supported.
9. Communication is timely, open, and transparent.

## KAREN'S CORNER

We are proud to announce the transition of our CCIs into their faculty Instructor roles. In addition, please join me in welcoming the following to their new School of Nursing positions!

### New Faculty

**Michele Talley, MSN, APRN-BC**  
Instructor – Adult/Acute Health

**Myra Smith, PhD, RN**  
Assistant Professor – Adult/Acute Health

**Gary Milligan, MSN, RN**  
Instructor – Community Health

**Julie Cash, MSN, RN**  
Instructor – Community Health

**Delaine Smith, MSN, APRN-BC**  
Instructor – Community Health

**Ashley Wood, PhD, RN**  
Assistant Professor – Family/Child Health

**Mary Frances Pate, DSN, RN**  
Associate Professor – Family/Child Health

**Ester Moring, MN**  
Adjunct Instructor – Family/Child Health

**Mary Ann Vitello, MSN**  
Adjunct Instructor – Family/Child Health

**Mary Morris, MSN**  
Instructor, Family/Child Health

### New Support Personnel

**Chalanda Cabbil, BA**  
Research Technician – Dr. Eaves' grant

**Tonia Chandler, MSN, RN**  
Laboratory Assistant – Academic Affairs

**Devon Davidson, BS**  
Program Manager I – Dean's Office

**Deborah Nelson, DSN, RN, PNP-BC**  
Program Coordinator – Dr. Eaves' grant

**Kris Moore**  
Temporary Support for the Dean's Office

**Synita Pryor, MA – Research Technician**  
Dr. Eaves' grant

**Loretta Rucker**  
Adult Support Staff

**Andrea Tubbs, AD, RN**  
Clinic Nurse – Community Health

### Fondest Farewell

We would like to thank Ms. Ashwini Patki for the support she has provided for several departments in the School of Nursing over the past year. We wish the Patki's well as they embark upon the wonderful journey of parenthood.



## UAB SCHOOL OF NURSING KUDOS & ACCOLADES



**Susan Appel, PhD, ACNP-BC, FNP-BC, CCRN** and **Lygia Holcomb, DSN, CRNP**, have been appointed as Scholars to the UAB School of Nursing Pan-American-World Health Organization Collaborating Centre for International Nursing and Midwifery.

**Ellen Buckner, DSN, RN** and **Carol Dashiff, PhD, LMFT**, have been appointed as Senior Scientists to the UAB School of Nursing Pan-American-World Health Organization Collaborating Center for International Nursing and Midwifery.

**June Cho, PhD, RN**, was appointed as a scientist to the Center for Outcomes and Effectiveness Research (CRTP) and is also attending the Clinical Research Training Program (CRTP) to prepare for a K award.

**Martha Dawson, RN, BSN, MSN, FACHE**, was appointed to the 2009 American Association of Nurse Executives (AONE) Diversity Council.

**Stephanie Hamberger, BS**, graduated in December from the UAB School of Business with a Bachelors degree in Business Administration.

**Karen Heaton, PhD, CEN, FNP-BC** and **Angela Jukkala PhD, RNC**, have been selected to participate as scholars in the Health Disparities Research Training Award Program (HDRTP). This interdisciplinary professional development program is sponsored by Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM), Tuskegee University (TU), University of Alabama (UA), University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB), and the Center for Aging (CFA), the Comprehensive Cancer Center (CCC), the Center for Outcome and Effectiveness Research and Education (COERE), and

the Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Center (MHRC) at UAB. It is funded by grants from NIH. The objectives of the HDRTP are to: 1) Develop independent researchers in the area of health disparities research, 2) Provide instruction in scientific research methodology and design, 3) Provide training in health disparities and innovative approaches to reduce them, and 4) Teach scientific writing and grant preparation skills.

**Angela Jukkala, PhD, RNC**, was appointed as a reviewer for the Journal of Gynecologic, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses.

**Karen Saenz, PhD, MSN, MPH, PNP**, has been appointed as an Associate Scholar to the UAB School of Nursing Pan-American-World Health Organization Collaborating Centre for International Nursing and Midwifery.

**Theresa Wadas, MSN, NP-BC, FNP-BC, ACNP-BC, CCRN**, was appointed to the 2009-2011 ANCP/CNS Practice Analysis Task Force by the American Association of Critical Care Nurses and was also appointed to the Best Practice for Critical Care Consultation Service for Hospital both nationally and internationally by the Society of Critical Care Medicine.

**Connie White-Williams, MSN, FNP, RN, FAAN**, was one of forty-nine students from UAB to be chosen for Who's Who Among Student in American Universities and Colleges.

# SCHOLARLY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## PRESENTATIONS

### Student- Faculty Collaboration

**Appel, S.J., Floyd, N.A., Oster, R.A. & Ovalle, F.** (2009). Acanthosis and HOMA-ir as early markers of cardiometabolic risk among African-American women. 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Southern Nurses Research Society meeting, Baltimore, Maryland.

**Moore, T., Floyd, N.A., Jones, E.J & Appel, S.J.** (2009). Bridging the Gap: Measurement of Socioeconomic Status and Its Association to Health Status among Minority Populations. 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Southern Nurses Research Society meeting, Baltimore, Maryland.

## POSTERS

### Student– Faculty Collaboration

**Roache, C.C., Jones, E.J. & Appel, S.J.** (2009). The concept of partnership within the nurse patient relationship. 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Southern Nurses Research Society meeting, Baltimore, Maryland.

**Jones, E.J., Roache, C.C. & Appel, S.J.** (2009). Examining the Health Beliefs and Behaviors of Women with Previous Gestational Diabetes. 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Southern Nurses Research Society meeting, Baltimore, Maryland.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Student-Faculty Collaboration

**Jones, E.J. & Appel, S.J.** (2008). Type 2 diabetes: Fueling the surge of cardiovascular disease in women. *Nursing for Women's Health*, 12(6), 500-514.

**Appel, S.J., Wright, M.A., Hill, A. & Ovalle, F.** (2008). Uncovering imperative interventions in pre-diabetes and type 2 diabetes mellitus. *The Nurse Practitioner: The American Journal of Primary Health Care*, 33(8), 20-27.

## BOOK CHAPTER

### Student– Faculty Collaboration

**Appel, S.J. & Wright, M.A.** (2009). Antidiabetic drugs In: Abrams, A.C., Pennington, S.S. & Lammon, C.B. (editors), *Clinical Drug Therapy: Rationales for nursing practice*, 9th ed. Philadelphia: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins.