

UAB School of Nursing

Dean's Update

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Message from the Dean

Subject for thought: Diversity is valued and embraced.

It's hard to believe summer's almost over and we're ready to begin the 2008-2009 Academic Year. July and August have been particularly full here at the UAB School of Nursing as we have been preparing for our new faculty and students, while also welcoming back our returning students. New classrooms and clinical simulation laboratories are built, research and clinical service programs are in a growth mode and new programs and curricula are fully operational. It's been a very good year and 2008-2009 promises to be better!

I want to commend our faculty and staff for your outstanding work throughout the past year. As we are preparing the Annual Report, your efforts and successes are evident. I am looking forward to sharing this information with you at our First Annual "State of the School" all-day retreat scheduled for September 12, 2008, at the Caraway-Davie House. The day promises to be full and revitalizing as we match our progress to UAB's and the School's strategic plans.

Please welcome with me our newest faculty. We have been particularly fortunate to have recruited an outstanding cohort of new faculty who join us this August. They are:

Patricia Patrician, PhD, RN, joins Community Health, Outcomes and Systems as an Associate Professor and Banton Endowed Professor, from the Department of Nursing Science, Academy of Health Sciences in Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Karen Heaton, PhD, CEN, APRN-BC, joins Community Health, Outcomes and Systems as an Assistant Professor, from the University of Kentucky College of Nursing.

Melanie Daniel, MSN, RN, joins Community Health, Outcomes and Systems as an Instructor, from UAB Hospital.

Martha Dawson, MSN, FACHE, joins Community Health, Outcomes and Systems as an Instructor. She has been working as an independent health care consultant.

Andres Azuero, PhD, MBA, BSc, joins Community Health, Outcomes and Systems as an Assistant Professor. He has been working in the Division of Preventive Medicine at UAB.

Jennan Phillips, DSN, RN, is a returning faculty member who joins Community Health, Outcomes and Systems as an Assistant Professor.

June Cho, PhD, RN, joins Family/Child Health and Caregiving as an Assistant Professor, from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she completed her postdoctoral fellowship.

Mary Beth Bodin, MSN, ARNP-C, is returning to the UAB School of Nursing as an Instructor in the Family/Child Health and Caregiving Department.

Michele Slick, MSN, RN, joins Adult/Acute Health Chronic Care and Foundations as an Instructor, from St. Petersburg College in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Doug Oliver, MSN, RN, APRN-BC, joins Adult/Acute Health Chronic Care and Foundations as an Instructor. He most recently worked as an Affiliate Faculty at UAB and as a consultant to assist in readiness assessment for Magnet Certification application.

Faye McHaney, DNP, ARNP-C, joins Adult/Acute Health Chronic Care and Foundations as an Assistant Professor, from the University of South Alabama.

On behalf of all the faculty and staff, I extend our deep appreciation and a fond farewell to transitioning faculty as we end this academic year. We recognize their contributions to our school's achievements over the past years and wish them the best in their new ventures.

Wendy DiMicco, DSN, RN, will retire after 38 years in the School of Nursing.

Eunice Cleeland, MSN, RN, is resigning from her position as Instructor. We look forward to working with her in a part-time role.

Mindy Nix, MSN, RN, has been accepted into the UAB SHP Nurse Anesthesia Program.

Mary Umlauf, PhD, RN, FAAN, has accepted a faculty position at UA Capstone College of Nursing.

I am very pleased to announce that Dr. Sylvia Britt will assume the coordination of the Accelerated Masters Entry Into Nursing Program, replacing Dr. Norm Keltner, who is taking a leave of absence this year. I would also like to extend a special thank you to Dr. Rebecca Greenwood who continues to lead the CCNE Self-study Process and the members of the Faculty Organization and the Governance Group, led by Drs. Gail Hill and Erica Pryor, who worked so diligently to guide the process for the revision of the School's Governance documents. I know our entire faculty and staff recognize the significance of their efforts as we prepare for next year's *CCNE on-site evaluation visit* scheduled for **September 28-30, 2009**. Hold these dates!!!!

I hope to see everyone at today's Welcome-Back Barbeque in the SON courtyards and lobby from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to meet and greet our Fall semester students.

Please join us as we kick off the new year—make this a banner year for UAB School of Nursing.

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

Karen's Corner

Please welcome the following to their new roles and positions!

Terri Wood, BSM

OSSIII, Adult/Acute Health Chronic Care & Foundations

Jason Randazza,

Research Technician, Center for Nursing Research

Bettina Riley, BSN, RN

Research Technician with Dr. Alexandrov's Dean's Scholar Award

New Credentialed Course Instructors for Fall 2008:

Cinnamon Banks, MSN, RN
Emily Busby, MSN, CRNP
Barbara Covington, PhD, RN
Sherita Ethridge, MSN, CRNP
Jasmine Hoggle, MSN, CRNP
Bettina Riley, BSN, RN
Susan Short, MSN, CRNP
Nancy Smith, MSN, RN

Staff Departures:

We graciously thank Ms. Beverly Kracke for her work with Rural Breast Cancer Study.

Dates to Remember

- Sept 1** Labor Day - UAB SON is closed
- Sept 8** New Faculty Orientation
- Sept 12** State of the School Address
- Sept 30** Student Town Hall Meeting will be held from noon-1:00 pm in room G020

