

# UAB School of Nursing

## Dean's Update

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### Message from the Dean

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Subject for thought: UAB School of Nursing Core Values



We are blazing our way through the school year! The UAB School of Nursing began the year with a State of the School Retreat held on September 12th at the Carraway-Davie House. The day served as a means to reflect on the accomplishments of the students, faculty and staff during 2007 and 2008. Additionally, the retreat served as a planning day for *everyone to be a leader* as we continue building on the school's vision during 2008 and 2009. Highlights from the retreat include the announcement of record enrollment, celebration of the new AMNP and DNP programs, reports of continued growth in grants and research, updates on recent curriculum revisions, and reports on renovated classrooms and up-dated technology. The retreat also served as a time to *focus the School's self-study efforts in preparation for the accreditation site visit by the Collegiate Commission on Nursing Education (CCNE) scheduled for September 28-30, 2009.*

I would like to thank the students, faculty and staff who took time to attend the fall Town Hall meeting that was held on September 30th. The meeting serves as a means for promoting *timely, open and transparent communication* within our school. Please know that your input is valued as we work to build *connections and respond to your needs* with the goal of providing *opportunities for personal and professional growth for all.* I hope to see students, faculty and staff at our next Town Hall meeting, which will be held on February 17th from 12:00-1:00 pm in G020.

Homecoming 2008 was an exciting week full of fun and spirit. I want to commend all the students, faculty, staff and alumni who participated in this year's festivities. At Saturday's Football game against Marshall, the UAB School of Nursing received the Second Place Award for Building Decorations. The school's tent at Blazer Village was particularly eye catching this year with blood pressure screens being offered, not to mention the smell of fresh popcorn popping. A special thanks to students Buzz Newman, Shannon Glaze and Jessica Pilkington who dedicated many hours to decoration planning and setup and to all student volunteers who took the *opportunity to be a leader* in this year's events. The week evidenced that *teamwork and team spirit are supported and diversity is valued and embraced* at the UAB School of Nursing. I also want to thank Stephanie Hamberger, Pete Tofani, and everyone who took the time to plan, work, and support students and alumni, contributing to a wonderful week. We have already begun planning for Homecoming 2009- Go Blazers!

Dr. Linda Moneyham, the Rachel Z. Booth Endowed Chair, kicked off this year's Endowed Chair Lecture Series sponsored by the Center for Nursing Research. Dr. Moneyham's lecture "Defining the Needs of HIV+ Positive Women in Alabama" posted record attendance as she discussed how the virus has spread and the virus' new breeding ground- rural communities. She also shared the careful planning required to build a community-based program of research. This lecture was a great example of how *creativity is present and allowed to flow* in the UAB School of Nursing. Please make plans to attend upcoming lectures sponsored by the Center for Nursing Research. Upcoming events can be found in the Center for Nursing Research's monthly newsletter, which can be found on-line at <http://main.uab.edu/Sites/nursing/Research/9313/>.

The November Lamp of Learning Ceremony was a great success with record attendance among undergraduate students, families, friends, faculty

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and alumni. The Ceremony symbolizes initial entry into the nursing profession for our students and *engages our students as citizens*. The event exemplified how *support is given and received by all*. I would like to thank everyone that planned and attended the memorable evening.

We are past the mid-term hump with Thanksgiving break and finals just around the corner. Enjoy the break and use the time to reflect on your accomplishments to-date, prepare for finals and plan for next semester. Remember that reflection, preparation and planning leads to successful endeavors.

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

**Faculty, please remember to check the UAB School of Nursing Meeting Calendar for organization and committee meeting dates and times.**

## Dates to Remember

Nov 26-28	No Classes
Nov 27-28	Thanksgiving Holidays
Dec 5-11	Final Exams
Dec 8	Farewell Luncheon & Cookie Exchange in Room G020 11:30 am-1:00 pm
Dec 11	RN Mobility Recognition Ceremony Dinner
Dec 12	Senior Recognition Ceremony 5-6:30 pm in Volker Hall & 6:30-8 pm in the SON Lobby & Auditorium
Dec 13	Graduation / Commencement—Bartow Arena 2:00 pm
Dec 25	Christmas Holiday
Jan 1	New Year's Holiday

### New Faculty:

**Kathleen Ladner, PhD, RN** - Visiting Assistant Professor - Academic Affairs  
**Sandra Davis, MSN, RN - CCI** - Workforce Diversity Grant  
**Connie Hataway, MSN, RN** - Instructor, Adult/Acute Health  
**Tony Lisenby, MSN, CRNP** - Instructor, Community Health - Psychiatric NP Grant

### New Support:

**Kim Cunningham** - Work Study - LECHN Grant  
**Madeline Harris, MSN, RN** - Rural Breast Cancer Survivor's Grant  
**Kimberly Davey, MA** - Dean's Office & Center for Nursing Research  
**Debra Jemison** - Office Associate II- Academic Affairs  
**Scottie McClaney, BA** - Program Manager I - Workforce Diversity Grant  
**Carrie Long, BSN** - Research Technician - Dean's Scholarship Award  
**Ann Wooten, MSN, RN** - Rural Breast Cancer Survivor's Grant  
**Juanita McMath, MA** - Student Affairs  
**Corrie Paeglow - MPH**- LECHN Grant  
**Silvia Gisiger-Camata, MPH** - Rural Breast Cancer Survivor's Grant  
**Amy Cauble, BS** - Dean's Office

We graciously thank the following for their years of service and efforts towards advancing the mission of the UAB School of Nursing and wish them well in both new endeavors and retirement:

**Alberta McCaleb, DSN, RN**—Associate Dean— Clinical Affairs & Partnerships, Professor—Community Health  
**Ken Farr, MSN, APRN-BC**-Instructor— Community Health  
**Duck-Hee Kang, PhD, RN** - Professor & Marie O'Koren Endowed Chair - Community Health  
**Rashida Khalid, BSN, RN** - Clinic Nurse - Occupational Health Clinic  
**Irina Rymarchuk, MS** - Graduate Assistant - Clinical Decision Support Simulations for Med Admin



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**UAB SCHOOL OF NURSING  
KUDOS & ACCOLADES**



**Andres Azuero, PhD, MBA, BSc, Karen Meneses, PhD, RN, FAAN, Patrick McNeese, PhD, FAAN, and Angela Jukkala, PhD, RN,** received the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure First Place Award for their poster.

**Kathleen Brown, PhD, RN,** received the Lifetime Achievement Award for Occupational Safety and Health, at the 21st Alabama Governor's Safety and Health Conference.

**Mardell Davis, PhD, RN,** was selected as one of this year's Hero's in Healthcare—sponsored by the National Black Nurses Association and the Birmingham Black Nurses Association.

**Gwendolyn Childs, PhD, RN, & Andres Azuero** now have Graduate Faculty Appointments.

**Vicki Johnson, PhD, RN** passed the Gerontology Nurse Practitioner certification exam.

**Jacqueline Moss, PhD, RN,** received the Harriet H. Werley Award, recognizing her paper entitled "Intravenous medication administration in intensive care: Opportunities for technological solutions" for making the greatest contribution to advance the field of nursing informatics. (Proceedings of the American Medical Informatics Association Annual Symposium, Washington DC. 495-499.)

**Jacqueline Moss, PhD, RN,** received the Leadership Award from Technology Informatics Guiding Educational Reform (TIGER) for exemplary leadership, innovative contributions, and exceptional commitment to teamwork in moving forward the TIGER Vision and Action Plan.

**Erica Pryor, PhD, RN,** has been promoted to Associate Professor.

**Anthony Roberson, PhD, APRN-BC,** was awarded one of the Charles Barkley Awards of \$30,000. MHRC selected the grant applications to be awarded. All three of the applicants from the School of Nursing (Susan Apple, PhD, CRNP; Gwen Childs, PhD, RN; and Anthony Roberson, PhD, APRN-BC) received high scores.

**Karen Saenz, PhD, CRNP,** received the US Surgeon General Community Champion Award on September 22, 2008.

**Anne Turner-Henson, DSN, RN,** has been elected Vice-President of Southern Nursing Research Society.

**Theresa Wadas, MSN, CRNP,** has been appointed to a one-year term to the NP Practice Committee for the American College of Nurse Practitioners.

Thanks to the Community Health faculty and students of NUR 476 for partnering with the City of Birmingham Mayor's Office-Division of Youth Services, Children's Hospital, and other UAB healthcare professionals in "Take a Child to the Doctor Day 2008" held in Birmingham on September 6. This event provided free health screenings to Birmingham youth up to age 18.

Our new faculty completed their School of Nursing Faculty Orientation on September 8th.

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## Published Works

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Appel, S.J. & Downs, C.A. (2008). Steady a disturbed equilibrium: Accurately interpret the acid-base of acutely ill patients. *Men in Nursing*, 3 (3), 33-39.

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Appel, S.J. & Downs, C.A. (2008). Understanding acid-base balance. *ED Insider*. Fall, 9-11.

Azuero A, Meneses K, McNeese P, Jukkala A (October 2008). Are young breast cancer patients receiving enough information and support regarding their fertility concerns from their oncology team?

Deupree, J.P., Broome, E.M, Jukkala, A.M. (2008). Health Literacy and Fever Management in a Community Based Intervention. *CARE*; 2(1), 7-25.

Walsh, E., Brott, B., Johnson, V., Venugopalan, R., & Anayiotos, A. (2008, July). Assessment of Passive cardiovascular implant devices for MRI compatibility. *Technology & Health Care*, 16(4), 233-245.

Keltner, N.L.. (2008) Freedom writers. *Perspectives in Psychiatric Care*, 44 (1), 62-63.  
Cooke, B.B. Keltner, N.L. (2008). Traumatic brain injury- War related: part II. *Perspectives in Psychiatric Care*, 44(1). :54-57.

Keltner, N.L. (2007). Genomic influences on schizophrenia-related neurotransmitter systems. *Nurse Advance Collection on Genomics in Nursing*. E-TEXT.

### Posters:

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Xiao, Y., Hu, P., Moss, J., de Winter, J., Venekamp, D., Mackenzie, C.F., Seagull, F.J., Perkins, S. Opportunities and challenges in improving surgical work flow. *Cognition, Technology & Work*, 10:313-321. 2008

Sobko, H., Moss, J. (2008) Strengthening the Connections: Patient-provider e-mail communication. Poster presented at the 16th Annual Summer Institute in Nursing Informatics, Baltimore, MD.

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## Grants

**Elizabeth Stullenbarger, DSN, RN**, is the project director of a \$130,000 grant received from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for September 1, 2008, through August 31, 2009. . This grant will fund 13 scholarships in the amount of \$10,000 per student for the UAB School of Nursing accelerated bachelor's and master's degree programs. The students who are awarded these scholarships will be from groups underrepresented in nursing or from a disadvantaged background.

## Staff Honors, Awards & Achievements

**Corita Fincher, Trissi Gray, and Pete Tofani** were elected to the Support and Recognition Committee.

**Angel Bailey** received her Oracle Finance Certificate as of July 2008.

**Dianne Johnson** received her Skill Enhancement Training Certificate as of October 1, 2008.