



The UAB School of Nursing

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Announcements

Lunch-n-Learn

Dr. David Vance
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Deficits and Cognitive
Training in Adults with HIV
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Coming June 18th!



CNR Mission Statement

As a Center for Nursing Research in a Research I University, the mission of the CNR is to initiate, innovate, facilitate and support the development, implementation & evaluation of nursing & healthcare research that can improve the health, well-being and quality of life of individuals, families and communities.



DNP Intensive

You probably saw a lot of new faces around the School of Nursing from April 1-3, when approximately 180 people attended the First Annual Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Intensive. The Intensive brought together students and fac-



Dr. Ed O'Neil & Dr. Doreen Harper

ulty from the three campuses of the Joint DNP program: The University of Alabama School of Nursing (UAB), Capstone College of Nursing (UA), and the University of Alabama in Huntsville College of Nursing (UAH). The students arrived full of enthusiasm and eager to put faces with names after communicating primarily through the

From the Desk of Karen Meneses

Please mark your calendars for Research Camp to be held on June 18 in the CNR. We are proud to announce that this year's keynote speaker will be Lisa Guay-Woodford MD, UAB Director of the Division of Genetic and Translational Medicine and Director of the UAB Center for Clinical and Translational Science (CCTS). Dr. Guay Woodford will discuss advances in translational science and the exciting updates in the CCTS. We are also honored to have Richard Allman MD, Director of the



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virtual learning environment, Web CT.

The keynote speaker was Ed O'Neil, MA, PhD, FAAN, an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine and Dental Public Health, and Director of the Center for the Health Professions at the University of California, San Francisco. Dr. O'Neil's lively presentation traced the development of the health care system to help participants understand the system as it is today. He challenged students to develop new ways of thinking about health issues to avoid arriving at the same conclusions that haven't worked in the past.

The event's research hallway showcased DNP students' Scholarly Projects, providing students the opportunity to share their work with classmates and to network with colleagues. Their work was an impressive display of studies that can truly impact patient outcomes!

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UAB Center for Aging, along with Yvonne Eaves PhD from the SON to share their mentor-mentee experiences in research in aging. Summer Research Camp is a rich educational research experience that is offered free of charge. Registration is required. Look for more details about the 2009 Research Camp that will be sent soon.



Karen Meneses

Cultural Competency Update

The first of a three part cultural competency workshop entitled "Cultural Competence in Our Diverse Society: Enhancing Awareness" was held April 3, 2009, at the UAB School of Nursing. It was attended by 39 BSN nursing faculty from across the state. The workshop series was designed to enhance baccalaureate nursing faculty members' knowledge of health disparities, vulnerable populations, cultural competency, and strategies for ensuring success for minority and economically disadvantaged students. The workshop featured a nationally recognized expert, Rachel Spector, and local expert, Tom Struznick. It was part of a 3-year HRSA grant that aims to increase nursing workforce diversity. The main objectives for the workshop were to describe major documents and individuals that spearheaded incorporation of cultural competence and health disparity into the practice of professional nursing; examine definitions of cultural diversity, cultural competence and health disparity; appreciate the relationship between cultural diversity and health disparity; recognize cultural competence as a process; and to participate in exercises that highlight the importance of diversity and the effects of stereotyping.

-Dr. Karen Saenz

Recent Publications

Appel, S.J., Oster, R., Floyd, N. & Ovalle, F. (2009). Cardiometabolic risk among African-American women: A pilot study. *J Cardiovasc Nursing*, 24(2), 140-150.

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Long, C.A., Vance, D.E., & Antia, L.A. (2009). A descriptive study of empowerment and sexual decision making in HIV-positive African-American women. *Psychological Reports*, 104, 482-488.

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

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Vance, D., Ross, L., Crowe, M., Wadley, V., Edwards, J., & Ball, K. (2009). The effects of memory, reasoning, and speed of processing on falls in community-dwelling older adults. *Physical and Occupational Therapy in Geriatrics*, 27(3), 212-228.

DNP continued

On April 3, students returned to their home campuses for another exciting day of activities. At UAB, this included a presentation from Dr. Harper about patient-centered care and identifying opportunities for the Advanced Practice Nurse, followed by a delightful student description of her DNP journey and the transformation she underwent through her doctoral study. Another student described a health policy residency



She had completed during her program, and two faculty members who had completed DNP programs shared their Scholarly Projects with students. The next DNP Intensive will be hosted by the University of Alabama at Huntsville College of Nursing.

- Dr. Judy Holcombe

Photos by Cathy Stewart

Getting to Know-Scottie Y. McClaney - Program Manager



Tell me about your job.

I am the Workforce Diversity Program Manager for the Enrichment for Academic Nursing Success (EANS) program. This program provides pre-entry preparation for high school, college pre-nursing, and associate degree nursing students to promote retention for disadvantaged and/or minority BSN-prepared registered nurses.

Where did you go to school? I'm a graduate of Stillman College in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, where I earned my Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, with an emphasis in Organizational Management.

Tell me about your family.

I am the proud mother of one daughter, Sa'de (shar day), and we are extremely close. My mother, who is also my best friend, taught me enduring lessons about life and values to help me as I continue growing to be who I am. I also have a younger brother who likes to boss me around.

Who has had the greatest influence on your life?

My parents are my greatest influence. Mom has instilled in me to "treat people the way you want to be treated." She's an encourager and believes that I can accomplish what I set out to do. My father taught me the very valuable lesson of how to take a little and make it into a lot.

Are you a sports fan?

I love NFL football & NBA basketball. My favorite team is the Dallas Cowboys.

Do you have any hobbies?

I collect magnets and enjoy reading books by Michelle McKinney Hammond, watching Turner Classic Movies, and working out at the gym.

Where do like to vacation?

Los Angeles and Hawaii.

What is your favorite movie?

One Night With The King, a movie that chronicles the life of a young Jewish girl, Hadassah, who goes on to become the Biblical Esther.

What is your favorite place to have lunch around UAB?

Giuseppe's Café

Is there anything else that you would like to share with us?

Before coming to the SON, I worked in the supplier diversity department. I embrace matters of diversity because it encompasses acceptance and respect of each individual's uniqueness.

Lister Hill Library

Are you involved in a research project? Are you writing a paper? Working on a presentation or poster? Are you planning on applying for a new grant? If you are, let us help you. Librarians are here to aid you in all stages of the research process, from helping you brainstorm, to finding literature, to co-authoring papers. If you've never had a librarian as part of your research team, it might be time to think outside the box. By enlisting a librarian to do what he or she does best, you'll be saving yourself time and frustration. Think we

wouldn't be interested? Think we don't have time? Wondering about what we have to offer?

It doesn't cost you anything to give us a call and let us know what you are doing or planning. Don't just call us when you run into trouble; call us BEFORE you run into trouble.

As always, let Paul and Lisa, your LHL liaisons, know if you need anything—we're here to help!

TIP: Computer acting funny? When was the last time you rebooted? Sometimes things can get gummed

up if you haven't rebooted in a while, so try a simple reboot to see if that helps.



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