

DEAN'S LETTER UAB SON

UPCOMING EVENTS

September

- ◆ 22nd Town Hall
- ◆ 24th James Harris Lecture
- ◆ 28th–30th CCNE Site Visit

October

- ◆ 8th House Gathering of Alumni & Friends (Montgomery, AL)
- ◆ 14th CNR Talk: Andres Azuero
- ◆ 15th–18th Fall Break
- ◆ 25th Scholarship Reception
- ◆ 30th CNR Talk: David Vance

November

- ◆ 2nd-7th Homecoming
- ◆ 4th CNR Talk: Frank Wiser
- ◆ 6th American Academy of Nursing (AAN) Reception (Atlanta, GA)
- ◆ 14th Advanced Practice Nursing Pharmacology Update
- ◆ 15th No Show Ball
- ◆ 21st SON Open House
- ◆ 26th-27th UAB Holiday

December

- ◆ 5th–11th Final Exams
- ◆ 12th Graduation Brunch
- ◆ 12th Commencement
- ◆ 13th-Jan. 5th Winter Break
- ◆ 25th UAB Holiday

Welcome students, faculty and staff to the 2009-2010 academic year. I hope your semester is off to wonderful start. As you returned to school, I hope you are enjoying the enhancements made to the school this summer.

I want to commend our students, faculty and staff for your outstanding work in preparation for the School's **Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) accreditation site visit on Monday, September 28th-Wednesday, September 30th**. During this time, we will have four on-site evaluators. The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) is a specialized/professional accrediting agency that ensures the quality and integrity of baccalaureate and graduate degree nursing programs. CCNE has established a peer review process in accordance with nationally recognized standards established for the practice of accreditation in the United States. Accreditation by CCNE serves as a statement of good educational practice in the field of nursing.

The CCNE accreditation evaluation consists of a review of the program's mission, goals, and expected outcomes; and an assessment of the performance of the program in achieving the mission and goals through the most effective utilization of available resources, programs, and administration. The evaluation process also calls for a review of evidence concerning the application of these resources in assisting the students in attaining their educational goals. The on-site evaluators will be visiting faculty, administrators, classes and clinicals as well as meeting with representatives from the University and clinical agencies that

serve our students. Each and every one of you plays an integral part in the School. I hope you will extend a warm welcome to the CCNE on-site evaluators and share with them how we meet our mission and goals as we work with students to achieve educational goals.

This fall marks UAB's 40th anniversary. In celebration of the anniversary, UAB will observe the first-ever **University Day on Thursday, September 24th**. The celebration will be a time for students, faculty, and alumni to celebrate the university's heritage. In observance of the University's anniversary, the School of Nursing will feature alumni **James L. Harris, DSN, APRN-BC, MBS, CNL, FAAN, and deputy chief nursing officer of the Office of Nursing Affairs for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs at 2:30pm in the Nursing Auditorium**. Please join us as Dr. Harris shares his research on the new graduate nursing role of the clinical nurse leader.

Homecoming is just around the corner. This is your School, and I personally invite you to take part in the School's **Homecoming** traditions during the week of **November 2nd-7th**. Last year the UAB School of Nursing won second place for Building Decorations—this year we hope to take first place.

Please pay attention to your e-mail for both official UAB and UAB School of Nursing announcements regarding up-coming events.

Thank you for all you do to advance the School and for making
UAB School of Nursing
'The Best'!

KAREN'S CORNER

WELCOME

New Faculty

Amy Brooks, MSN, CRNP, joins the Adult/Acute Health, Chronic Care and Foundations Department as an Instructor. Ms. Brooks is a graduate of the UAB School of Nursing. She joins us with 19 years of clinical experience in nursing most recently as an Adult Health Nurse Practitioner.

Becky Christian, PhD, RN, joins the Community Health, Systems and Outcomes Department as a Professor. Dr. Christian joins us from the University of Utah where she was Division Chair of Health Systems and Community-Based Care. She has extensive research funding and currently serves on the International Advisory Board of the Global Institutes for Research in Humanizing Care Contexts as well as several other editorial and review boards. Dr. Christian received her MSN in family/child nursing from the University of Missouri-Columbia and PhD in nursing from The University of Texas at Austin.

Beth Elias, PhD, joins the Community Health, Systems and Outcomes Department as an Assistant Professor. Her research focuses on medical informatics, point-of-care testing devices, and understanding the integration of information technology in healthcare. Dr. Elias' educational background consists of a BS in computer science, MS in management of information systems, and PhD in instructional technology from the University of Virginia.

Comfort Enah, PhD, RN, joins the Community Health, Systems and Outcomes Department as an Assistant Professor. Dr. Enah formerly served as the Director of the Master's program in Community/Public Health at Wright State University. Joining us with a strong clinical background and an accomplished teaching record across Undergraduate and Graduate curriculum, Dr. Enah's research focuses on measuring HIV risk avoidance in Cameroonian students.

Mary R. Jones, MSN, RN, joins the Adult/Acute Health, Chronic Care and Foundations Department and VA Nursing Academy as an Instructor. Ms. Jones joins us from the Birmingham VA with 18 years of practical experience in a variety of settings as one of our first VA Academy nursing faculty.

Summer Langston, DNP, ACNP-BP, CRNP, joins the Adult/Acute Health, Chronic Care and Foundations Department as an Assistant Professor. Dr. Langston is a recent graduate of the DNP program at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and brings a well developed knowledge of cardiology and intensive care nursing to her new teaching role.

Carrie Ann Long, PhD, RN, joins the Adult/Acute Care, Chronic Care and Foundations Department as an Assistant Professor. Dr. Long's primary research interests include HIV prevention among young African American women and men. Her ongoing work involves developing a sexual empowerment framework for HIV/STD prevention, and collaborating with various community groups to decrease HIV/STD risk. Dr. Long received a BSN from Tuskegee University and a PhD in Nursing Science from the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Randy Moore, MSN, CNS, CCRN, CEN, joins the Adult/Acute Health, Chronic Health and Foundations Department and VA Nursing Academy as an Instructor. Mr. Moore is joining us from the Birmingham VA with experience as a Clinical Nurse Specialist and a Critical Care Nurse Educator. He has served most of his career in Naval and Marine Corps facilities more recently has served as a Continuous Improvement Officer and Master Preceptor. Mr. Moore earned both a bachelor and master's degree in nursing from UAB and returns to teach in the VA Nursing Academy.

Vanetta Peoples, MSN, RN, joins the Adult/Acute Health, Chronic Health and Foundations Department and VA Nursing Academy as an Instructor. Joining us from the Birmingham VA, Ms. Peoples, a UAB School of Nursing alumna, returns to the SON in a faculty role with over 16 years of med/surg, IV therapy and dialysis experience in addition to other nursing experience. Ms. Peoples is serving in one of our initial VA Nursing Academy faculty members.

Patricia Pearce, PhD, MPH, APRN, FNP-BC, joins the Community Health, Outcomes and Systems Department as an Assistant Professor. Dr. Pearce comes to us from the University of Utah, College of Nursing where she taught scholarly inquiry and evidence-based practices to Masters and DNP students. She was the faculty sponsor for the competitive and prestigious NIH/Fogarty International Clinical Research Scholar Award (2008-2009). Dr. Pearce's research interests include cardiovascular risk prevention, specifically in physical activity of adolescents, and developing information system technologies that work effectively and efficiently in research and clinical arenas.

Awards and Accolades

Susan Appel, PhD, ACNP-BC, FNP, CCRN was recently named a fellow of the American Heart Association.

Patricia Patrician, PhD, RN, Col(R) and **Teena M. McGuinness**, PhD, CRNP were recently named fellows of the American Academy of Nurses and will be inducted in November.

Pam Fordham, DSN, RN, CRNP and **Richard Brown**, JD, CRNP, MSN were recently named fellows of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.



KAREN'S CORNER (CONTINUED)**New Faculty**

Amy Ponder, MSN, RN, joins the Adult/Acute Health, Chronic Care and Foundations Department as an Instructor. Ms. Ponder brings 18 years of nursing experience in critical care and community health to our programs, a seasoned clinical instructor with several years of experience guiding clinical groups in foundations and advanced courses. Ms. Ponder received her MSN from Samford University.

Debra Kirk Walker, DNP, FNP-BC, AOCN, joins the Adult/Acute Care, Chronic Care and Foundations Department as an Assistant Professor. Dr. Walker has extensive experience in oncology and critical care and will join the School from The Kirklin Clinic on November 1, 2009. Her clinical background, in addition to her leadership experience with the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners and the Oncology Nursing Society, have prepared her well for her upcoming faculty role.

Frank Wisner, MPH, joins the Family/Child Health and Caregiving Department as an Instructor and Director of Grants & Contracts Administration for the School of Nursing. Mr. Wisner joins UAB from the University of Central Florida where he developed his vast knowledge of grants and contracts administration. He retired from the U.S. Navy prior to assuming his position at the University of Central Florida and has a strong systems/operations background.

Clinical Instructors and Teaching Assistants

Margaret Armstrong, ME, RN, Teaching Assistant, Academic Affairs

Susan Camp, MSN, CRNP, Clinical Instructor, Adult/Acute Health, Chronic Care and Foundations

Karen Coles, MSN, RN, Clinical Instructor, Adult/Acute Health, Chronic Care and Foundations

Rachel Duncan, MSN, RN, Teaching Assistant, Academic Affairs

Traci Duncan, MSN, CRNP, Clinical Instructor, Family/ Child Health and Caregiving

Lisa Ellison, MSN, RN, Clinical Instructor, Adult/Acute Health, Chronic Care and Foundations

Jody Gilchrist, MSN, CRNP, Clinical Instructor, Adult/Acute Health, Chronic Care and Foundations

Leon Glenn, MSN, FNP-BC, Clinical Instructor, Family/ Child Health and Caregiving

Britt Guerrero, BSN, RN, Teaching Assistant, Academic Affairs

Philip Hamrick, MSN, RN, Clinical Instructor, Adult/Acute Health, Chronic Care and Foundations

Kathryn Jackson, MSN, RN, Clinical Instructor, Adult/Acute Health, Chronic Care and Foundations

Jacqueline Jones, BS, RN, Teaching Assistant, Academic Affairs

Veronica Maxwell, MSN, CRNP, Clinical Instructor, Adult/Acute Health, Chronic Care and Foundations

Donna Newell, MSN, APRN, PMHCNS-BC Instructor, Adult/Acute Health, Chronic Care and Foundations

Vincent Pair, MSN, RN, Clinical Instructor, Adult/Acute Health, Chronic Care and Foundations

Staff

Janice Buffet, AD, Office Associate II, Family/ Child Health and Caregiving

Amy Cauble, BS, Office Services Specialist III, Family/ Child Health and Caregiving

Sharon Jacobsen, MS, Program Manager II-Recruiter, Nursing Student Affairs

Pam Kelley, AD, Administrative Support Specialist, Dean's Office

Peggy McKie-Bell, MPH, Program Administrator II, Dr. David Vance's Grants

Kathy West, MBA, Program Coordinator II, Dean's Office

Awards and Accolades**Presentations**

Jean Ivey, PhD, CRNP coordinator of the Pediatric Nurse Practitioner program will be making an international presentation on the topic of "Adolescent Development" for the International Nursing Outreach program at St. Jude's Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee on October 14th.

Posters

Karen Heaton, PhD, RN and **Andres Azuero, PhD, MBA** were awarded 1st place for their poster presented at the UAB Center for Aging's Annual Meeting held in Birmingham on August 21, 2009.

Annette Wright, PhD, CRNP was awarded 3rd place (of 98) for her poster presented 36th Annual conference of the American Association of Diabetes Educators held in Atlanta, GA, August 5-8, 2009.



SON SharePoint/Intranet Site is waiting for you.

Please review the 'SharePoint Help' document sent by Karen Buckner on 9/21.

We await your input and ideas!

ALUMNI NEWS

2009 Alabama Nursing Hall of Fame Inductees

The UAB School of Nursing is proud to celebrate the induction of four of the school's alumni to the Alabama Nursing Hall of Fame: **Lillian Maria Laggan, MSN '72, Margaret Millsap, BSN '56, James Raper, DSN '94 and Jeanette VanderMeer, DSN '97.**

Sharon Farley, PhD, RN, FAAN, consultant to the School of Nursing will also be inducted at the ceremony in October. Individually and collectively they have greatly influenced the profession of nursing and health care in the state and nation.



Diane Von Ah

Diane Von Ah (DSN '03)

Receives Oncology Nursing Society New Investigator Award

February 2009: Diane Von Ah, PhD, RN, assistant professor in Adult Health at the Indiana University School of Nursing, was presented the Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) 2009 Victoria Mock New Investigator Award. This Award recognizes her contributions as a new investigator in building a scientific foundation for oncology nursing practice.

Sharlene Bartlett (BSN '91), Karen Coles (MSN '08), Trevor Lever (BSN '05), Cheri Plasters (BSN '84) and Kim Rosemore (BSN '95)

Recipients of the Excellence in Nursing Award from the UAB Health System

May 2009: Sharlene Bartlett, RN, Karen Coles, RN, Trevor Lever, RN, Cheri Plasters, RN, and Kim Rosemore, RN, received the Excellence in Nursing Award from the UAB Health System. Bartlett received the award for her serve at UAB Highlands. Coles, Lever, Plasters and Rosemore received the award for their service at UAB Hospital. The Clinical Excellence in Nursing Awards are presented to professional nurses and nursing support staff who demonstrate their nursing knowledge, technical skills, and clinical leadership within the UAB Health System. The award is the highest honor that can be achieved by a member of the nursing staff within the health system.



Sharlene Bartlette



Karen Coles



Trevor Lever



Cheri Plasters



Kim Rosemore

Awards and Accolades

Publications

Patrician, P.A. & Brosch, L.R. (2009). Medication error reporting and the work environment in a military setting. *Journal of Nursing Care Quality*, 24(4), 277-286.

Funded Research Grants

Carol Dashiff, PhD, RN, LMFT was recently awarded an Exploratory/Developmental Grant (R21) from NIH-NINR for a 2 year study entitled *Multifamily Group Autonomy Support Psychoeducation for Parents and Middle Adolescent with Type 1 Diabetes.*

Lynda Wilson, PhD, RN, FAAN and Marti Rice, PhD, RN were recently awarded a NIH Challenge Grant from the Fogarty International Center entitled *Distance-Based Education for International Study Coordinators.*

Funded Training Grants

Beth Stullenbarger, DSN, RN was recently awarded a DHHS - Health Resources and Services Administration - BHPR - Division of Nursing grant entitled *Advanced Education Nurse Traineeship Program.*



ALUMNI NEWS

2009 Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient

Karen H. Morin, RN, DSN



Dr. Karen H. Morin earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Ottawa, her Master of Science in Nursing from the University of Central Arkansas and her Doctor of Science in Nursing from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. She was elected in 2007 as the President-Elect of the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International, where she had served as Director from 2003-2007. Dr. Morin is a professor at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee where she serves as Director of Graduate Programs. While her current teaching responsibilities are limited to doctoral courses, she has taught undergraduate courses in maternal-child health nursing, research, and leadership and management. Dr. Morin is an accomplished author, investigator and presenter. She has authored more than 60 peer-reviewed publications, presented at numerous local, regional, national, and international conferences, and received funding to investigate the consequences of obesity during pregnancy.

2009 Recipients of the Jo Ann Barnett Award for Compassionate Nursing Care

For the first time the Jo Ann Barnett Award for Compassionate Nursing Care was presented in three different categories: Education, Acute/Chronic Care, and Administration.

Jo Ann Barnett Award in Acute and Chronic Care

Margot Andison, BSN 2007
Staff Nurse, MICU
UAB Hospital

Jo Ann Barnett Award in Administration

Syble High, BSN 1985
Clinical Coordinator, Oncology
Brookwood Medical Center

Jo Ann Barnett Award in Education

William Ahrens, MSN 1981
Senior Instructor
School of Nursing, Brooks College of Health
University of North Florida

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**Advanced Practice
Nursing
Pharmacology Update**

Saturday, November 14, 2009

7:30am – 2:45 pm

UAB School of Nursing
Auditorium

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VA NURSING ACADEMY DESIGNATION

The University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) School of Nursing has been designated a Veterans Affairs (VA) Nursing Academy by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Academic Affiliations, joining 14 other schools of nursing in the country that have this prestigious designation.

Through this program, the SON and the Birmingham VAMC will jointly work to increase the recruitment and retention of baccalaureate nursing students and graduates into the VA nursing workforce; increase the number of undergraduate nursing students educated about the specific needs of veterans through an innovative curriculum; develop and expand faculty expertise among VA master's degree prepared nurses and SON faculty with a focus on the delivery of health care for veterans; and expand partnership opportunities in education, clinical service, and evidence-based practice to improve quality outcomes specific to prevention and management of chronic conditions, cultural competence, nursing informatics, and simulation technology.

To learn more about the VA Nursing Academy please visit <http://main.uab.edu/Sites/MediaRelations/articles/62648/>

Do you have an item that you would like to have included in next Dean's Newsletter?

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(Left to right) Debbie Walker, Myra Smith, Doreen Harper, Anne Foote, and Greg Eagerton lead the School of Nursing and the Birmingham VA Medical Center in a collaboration through the VA Nursing

Celebrating UAB University Day

On **September 24th**, in conjunction with UAB's University Day, the School of Nursing will feature James L. Harris, DSN, APRN-BC, MBA, CNL, FAAN, deputy chief nursing officer of the Office of Nursing Affairs for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Dr. Harris will be speaking at the SON at 2:30 p.m. with a reception following. For more information, please contact Stephanie Hamberger at sallen@uab.edu or 934-5483.

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