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A Message from Dean Schaal

The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) will visit Thomas Jefferson University School of Nursing on February 23-25, 2009 to conduct the initial accreditation review of our new Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Program.

We appreciate and thank you for your support of our DNP program and invite you to provide comments to CCNE prior to their visit. Written comments will be accepted until January 23, 2009 and may be submitted to:
Ms. LiAnn Shepard, Accreditation Assistant, Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education
One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036-1120.

Mary G. Schaal, RN, EdD
Dean and Professor, Jefferson School of Nursing

International Visitors from Thailand Welcomed by JSN Deans & Faculty

By: Mary Bowen, CRNP, DNS, JD, CNAA

Thomas Jefferson University, Jefferson School of Nursing welcomed and hosted Mrs. Waraporn Wanchaitanawong (Jips) and Miss Waraporn Yottawee (Catty), both Directors of a Boromarajonani College of Nursing in Northern Thailand on Monday, September 22, 2008. Mrs. Waraporn Wanchaitanawong and Miss Waraporn Yottawee are in the USA for 12 weeks on a government scholarship for the purpose of studying nursing leadership and nursing education in the United States.



The Boromarajonani College of Nursing is named after the King's mother who was considered the Florence Nightingale of Thailand. There are 29 such colleges throughout the country of Thailand. Mrs. Wanchaitanawong and Miss Yottawee have been guests of Messiah College, Department of Nursing at the Philadelphia Messiah College Campus. Dr. Mary Bowen, Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Development coordinated their visit with the assistance of the following faculty participants: Dean and Professor, Mary Schaal, Ms. Kathy Shaffer, Ms. Marilyn McHugh, Ms. Julianne Cody, Ms. Mary Bouchaud, Ms. Kathy Clark, Mr. Tom Loveless, and Dr. Kate Berg and Ms. Carol Trent. The Deans and faculty were able to discuss and compare international healthcare and nursing practice in Thailand and the United States. The faculty participated in hosting tours of the campus, observation of student teaching, informal discussions regarding assessment of critical thinking, leadership preparation, pedagogy, Integration of technology into the curriculum, and Classroom/Clinical/Simulation observations in the Dorrance Hamilton Skills Education Building. Dean Schaal ended our visit with these international nurse educators, by extending an offer to plan future faculty/student exchanges collaborations in Thailand.

Women's Health Nurse Practitioner Added to Jefferson's MSN Offerings

By: **Beth Ann Swan, PhD, CRNP, FAAN**
Associate Dean, Graduate Programs

Jefferson School of Nursing received approval from the Pennsylvania Board of Nursing for the Women's Health Nurse Practitioner (WHNP) program and post-master's certificate program. Both programs will begin in Fall 2009.

The WHNP program is offered as a 36-credit master's program and an 18-credit post-master's certificate. The master's program includes 18 credits of core courses and nine credits of support courses, as well as three clinical courses in the area of women's health. These courses include health promotion and maintenance of the well woman and pregnancy; infertility and high risk pregnancy; and gynecologic disorders, such as abnormal breast conditions, gynecologic and urologic disorders, abnormal pap smears, pelvic pain, menopause disorders and mental health issues.

The 18-credit post-master's certificate includes the support and clinical components of the master's degree program. Both the master's and the post-master's programs are offered on a full-time and part-time basis. After completing the program, students will be eligible to take the National Certification Corporation (NCC) certification exam. Upon passing the exam, individuals are eligible to become CRNPs in Pennsylvania.

Faculty News

Congratulations to **Joseph T. DeRanieri, DM, RN, CPN, BCECR**, who received his DM from the Institute for Advanced Studies, Colorado Springs, Colorado University.

Congratulations to **Elizabeth Elkind, PhD, MSN, MBA, RNC-OB**, who received her PhD from Capella University!

Congratulations to **David Jack, PhD, RN, CPN**, who received his PhD from Widener University!

Congratulations to **Mary Lou Manning, PhD, CPNP**, for winning the APIC 2008 Abstract Blue Ribbon Award!

Congratulations to **Kathy Shaffer, MSN, RN**, who participated in the 3-day 60 mile walk to raise money for breast cancer research. Kathy raised over \$4,000.00 for the cause. Kathy was sponsored by a \$250.00 donation raised by the **BSN senior class**.

Congratulations to **Elizabeth Speakman, EdD, RN, CDE, ANEF**, who was named a National League of Nursing Ambassador and Faculty Leadership Mentor. Dr. Speakman was also featured in a cover article of *Advances in Nursing* on May 12, 2008.

Congratulations to **Theresa Pluth Yeo, PhD, MPH, RN**, Assistant Professor at the Thomas Jefferson School of Nursing, Philadelphia, PA passed the Advanced Oncology Certified Nurse Practitioner (AOCNP®) Examination recently administered by the Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation (ONCC). There are now 582 nurses who hold the APCNP credential. Dr. Yeo is a 1976 BSN graduate of Cornell University. She received her Master's of Science degree from the University of Virginia, and MPH and PhD degrees from the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health in Baltimore, MD. She has served as the Program Director of the Advanced Practice Oncology Nursing Program at JSN since 2007. The AOCNP® examination tests knowledge that is vital for an oncology nursing professional. It is available to RNs with a master's or higher degree in nursing, who have completed an accredited nurse practitioner program and a minimum of 500 supervised clinical hours either in an oncology NP program or in oncology clinical practice. Information regarding ONS certification examinations is available at: www.ons.org.

Student News



Congratulations to **Anthony Angelow**, a current MSN student, was named "Preceptor of the Year" by AtlantiCare. Anthony also had an article published by CE Week titled: *Traumatic Brain Injury: Subdural Hematoma*. The article can be read online at www.myfreece.com. Anthony was also the recipient of a ENA Foundation Advanced Practice Scholarship.

Congratulations to **Mona Baran (pictured left)**, a current DNP student, presented at the 2008 Rural Health Conference in State College, PA on June 18th. The title of her presentation was *Development and Early Implementation of a Neurology Telemedicine Program*.



Ashley Miller, a Geisinger Campus ASN student, helped to renovate a healthcare clinic in Haiti. Two other Geisinger Campus ASN students, **Sara Yoder** and **Donna Swartzentruber (all three students pictured right)**, participated in an International Healthcare visit this summer to Romania.



Congratulations to **Brooke Mlinarich (pictured left)**, an ASN student at the JSN Geisinger campus, received a Nightingale Award Scholarship on October 17th at the Nightingale Awards Gala. The Nightingale Scholarships are awarded based on professional leadership, academic achievement, leadership potential, community service, and personal commitment.

Congratulations to **Mary Regan**, a current MSN student, will have her manuscript published in the Journal of School Nursing February 2009 edition. Mary's manuscript is titled *Implementation and Evaluation of a Youth Violence Prevention Program for Adolescents*.

Congratulations to **Susan Shirato, MSN, RN**, a current DNP student, who will have a manuscript published in an upcoming issue of MEDSURG Nursing. Her manuscript is titled *Women and Cardiovascular Disease: An Evidentiary Review*.

Congratulations to, **John Steinberg**, a current FACT Student, who was recognized for an early response to a patient crisis.

Congratulations to **Andrew Storer, DNP, CRNP**, Jefferson's first DNP graduate, whose manuscript, *Clinical Research Networks for Neurological Emergencies: An Evidentiary Review*, will be published in the upcoming issue of Clinical Scholars Review.

Congratulations to **Maria Camela Tayoun**, a current MSN student, who received a Scholarship for International Nursing in Jamaica. She traveled to the country with **Andrew Storer, DNP, CRNP**, as her mentor.

Congratulations to **Rachel Torrens, MSN, CRNP**, a recent graduate of the Family NP program, whose manuscript titled *Promoting Prevention and Early Recognition of Malignant Melanoma* will be published in the June 2009 issue of Dermatology Nursing.

Congratulations to **Sarah Weiss**, a current senior BSN student, who was appointed to the Nursing Executive Council (NEC) of Thomas Jefferson University Hospital (TJUH).

Congratulations to **Guiyun Zhou, MSN, CRNP**, a current DNP student, whose manuscript titled *Optimizing Vitamin D Status to Reduce Colorectal Cancer Risk: An Evidentiary Review*, was accepted for publication in the October issue of Clinical Journal of Oncology Nursing.

Meet Our Visiting Scholar: Dr. Ruth McCorkle



Ruth McCorkle, PhD, FAAN
Florence S. Wald Professor
of Nursing

Dr. Ruth McCorkle was our guest speaker at Visiting Scholar's Day on October 20, 2008. Dr. McCorkle's presentation was titled, "Helping Patients and Families Enrich the Quality of their Lives during Cancer". Dr. McCorkle's bio-sketch is listed below:

Dr. McCorkle is the Florence S. Wald Professor of Nursing at the Yale School of Nursing, Professor of Epidemiology, and the Program Leader of Cancer Control at the Yale Comprehensive Cancer Center. An international leader in cancer nursing, education, and cancer control research, Dr. McCorkle has done landmark research on the psychosocial ramifications of cancer. Dr. McCorkle has had continuous funding from the National Institutes of Health since 1983. She recently completed the clinical trial "Nursing's Impact on Quality of Life Outcomes in Women with Ovarian Cancer," a grant funded by the National Institute of Nursing Research. Dr. McCorkle joined the faculty of the Yale School of Nursing in 1998 to assume leadership of the institution's doctoral program. She is also the founding director of the school's Center for Excellence in Chronic Illness Care, where she collaborates with faculty throughout the University who specialize in cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes and HIV/AIDS. Most recently, she served on the Institute of Medicine committee to complete the report "Cancer Care for the Whole Patient: Meeting Psychosocial Health Needs." She is the current past-president of the American Psychosocial Oncology Society.

Visiting Scholar's Day was sponsored by Thomas Jefferson University Hospital and the Jefferson School of Nursing.

Welcome New Faculty and Staff!

The Jefferson School of Nursing extends a warm welcome to the following new faculty and staff:

Faculty:

John Duffy, MSN, RN, *Instructor*

Cheryl Mele, MSN, CRNP, *Instructor*

Ann Phalen, PhD, APRN, NNP-BC, *Assistant Professor*

Debra Stayer, MSN, RN, *Instructor*

Andrew Storer, DNP, CRNP, *Assistant Professor*

Magdeleine Vasso, MSN, RN, *Instructor*

Denise Viscuso, MSN, CRNP, *Instructor*

Staff:

Stacey McIntyre, *Administrative Assistant*

Amy Scott, *Administrative Assistant*

Upcoming School of Nursing Events

January 12th– Spring Semester Begins

March 2nd– Spring Break Begins

March 9th– Classes Resume

May 1st– Spring Classes End

May 4th– Final Exams Begin

May 9th– Final Exams End

May 11th– Summer Session I Begins

May 25th– Memorial Day

May 27th– JSN Pinning

May 28th– Graduation

June 15th– Summer Session I Classes End

June 16th– Summer Session I Finals Begin

June 17th– Summer Session I Finals End

July 6th– Summer Session II Begins

August 12th– MSN/DNP Class Night

August 14th– Summer Session II Classes End

August 17th– Summer Session II Finals Begin

August 18th– Summer Session II Finals End

September 2nd- Fall Semester Begins

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www.jefferson.edu/jchp/nursing/