



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY
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SCHOOL OF NURSING

Fall 2018 e-Newsletter



DIRECTOR'S EDITORIAL

**May the Force of Engagement be with you!
Dr. Stephanie Vaughn, PhD, RN, CRRN**

This Fall semester we in the SON embarked on the year of engagement. Using a Stars Wars theme, we launched into the new academic year with renewed energy and purpose.

Engagement has varied definitions; something that engages, occupies, attracts, or involves someone's interest or attention, and/or

participating or becoming involved in activities (professional, university, and community). Our faculty, staff, and students are already engaged, however, our charge this year was to raise engagement to the next level.

Our students have demonstrated engagement through various activities including: the NSA food drive, senior nursing students serving as peer mentors, students participating in "clinics in the park," research activities with faculty, flu clinics, the Robust Aging Program, and in shared governance activities.

Staff have attended various educational events and conferences to attain knowledge enhancing their roles within the SON. Faculty have been active in both SON and university service mentoring and coaching students in the SON and across campus as well. They serve in leadership roles within professional organizations, advocating for healthcare and nursing education issues in Sacramento and Washington DC; they conduct various research agendas and disseminate their work regionally, nationally and internationally. In addition, many continue to engage in an active clinical practice as nurse midwives, clinical nurse specialists, and nurse practitioners in addition to faculty who consult as nurse scientists.

Our alumni, of whom we are so proud and grateful for, are actively changing practice in our local communities and beyond. They are presenting at conferences and publishing in journals regarding quality improvement projects that have contributed to positive client outcomes in their respective organizations, such as Dr. Guzman's work on *Development of guidelines for pressure ulcer prevention* which will appear in *Wounds International* in early 2019 and Enza Esposito-Nguyen's project on *Immunology therapy education*

assessment for non-oncology providers which was presented at the International World Conference on Lung Cancer in Toronto, Canada, September 2018 and as a result subsequently been asked to head a Nursing Section for the 2019 conference in Barcelona, Spain.

Our Community Advisory Board met this Fall and had a wonderful informed discussion on how the SON could better engage with our community partners to enhance nursing education at CSUF.

As Fall semester winds down I can say we truly have had the force of engagement in full swing at CSUF School of Nursing and will continue to do so as we move into 2019! Thanks to each of you for your ongoing support!

NEWS & EVENTS



SON ORIENTATION

On Wednesday, August 1, 2018, the SON welcomed 80 Pre-Licensure BSN students, 150 RN-BSN students, and 95 MSN students in our first combined Orientation to start the new year. Alongside breakout sessions specific to each program, students had ample opportunities to mingle across programs, increasing engagement amongst peers. It was great to see new, excited faces ready to start the semester. [View photos...](#)



BSN WHITE COAT CEREMONY - SEPTEMBER 15, 2018

Each year, the CSUF School of Nursing hosts a White Coat Ceremony, in honor of the newly admitted class of nursing students. The ceremony is a celebration of the students' start on their journey through nursing school.

This year, the ceremony featured CSUF Alumni speaker Stacy Pico, MSN, RN. Stacy spoke about her own experience as a nursing student at CSUF, and encouraged the new students to recognize the important role their support systems will play as they go through nursing school.

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DIALOGUE WITH THE DIRECTOR - SEPTEMBER 25, 2018

Dr. Stephanie Vaughn, Director of the School of Nursing, was joined by nursing students, faculty and staff for lunch and conversation. The theme of this semester's luncheon was engagement. This was an opportunity for students to share ideas and stay connected with the School of Nursing. In efforts to support and engage, students were asked about resources on campus and through the School of Nursing, communication methods and volunteer opportunities.

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EMBRACE DIVERSITY SYMPOSIUM - OCTOBER 19, 2018

The CSUF School of Nursing EMBRACE Team hosted the inaugural Diversity Symposium featuring keynote speaker DeAngela Cooks.

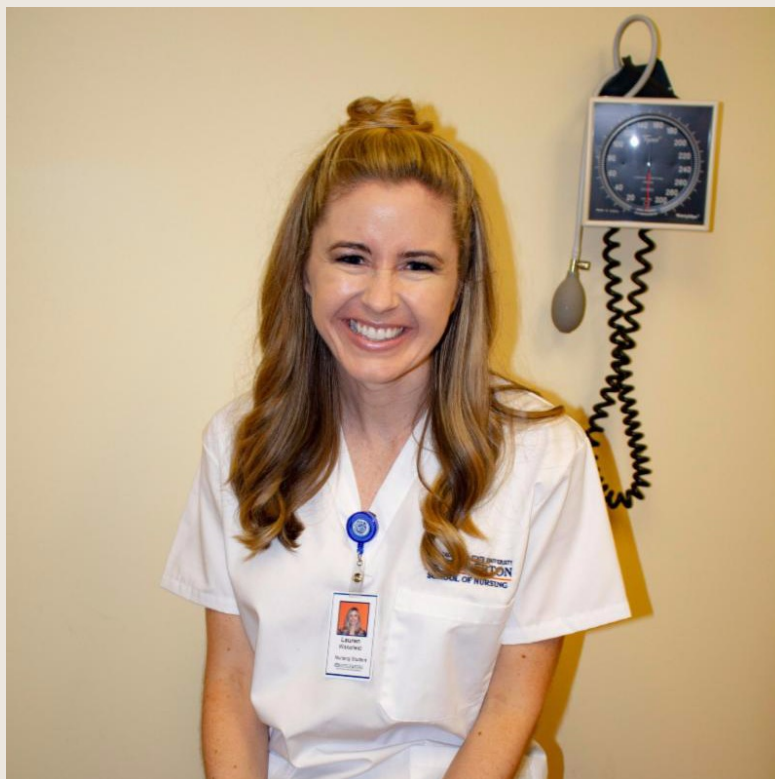
Workshop sessions took place following Cooks' presentation focusing on evidence based techniques to create a diverse and inclusive environment for students, faculty, and staff.

STUDENT NEWS

ELLEN DEGENERES AWARDS CSUF NURSING STUDENT \$50,000 TO PAY OFF HER STUDENT LOANS

Thanks to Ellen DeGeneres, Lauren Wakefield, Accelerated BSN student, will no longer have to worry about paying for the rest of her two years at CSUF. "I think I am still in shock from it. I know having this money is such a blessing to be able to not have to worry about loans," Wakefield said. She will graduate with the class of 2020. She hopes to work in the crisis pregnancy clinic where it all started.

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STUDENTS AT CNMA

The California Nurse-Midwives Association held its annual meeting in Oakland, CA on September 28, 2018. Approximately 70 nurse-midwives, nurse-midwife students and maternal health workers attended the meeting. CSUF Women's Health Care concentration was well represented by nurse-midwife/women's health nurse practitioner students and faculty (from left to



right) Heba Hamouda, Angela Lim, Dr. Ruth Mielke, Sara Villhauer, Korinna De La Rosa and Adrienne Almada.

Topics of the annual meeting included legislative update on full practice authority for nurse-midwives in California, and "How Practices and Hospitals Can Integrate Midwives to Improve Outcomes."

TITANWELL'S HEALTH CLINIC FIGHTS THE FLU AT CAL STATE FULLERTON

The effort was a partnership between the Health Services department and the School of Nursing to give shots to those who are enrolled at CSUF as a way to help prevent the spread of the flu. SON students from different nursing classes helped vaccinate 1,110 students on campus. [Read more...](#)



SUMMER EXPERIENCES RANGE FROM THE ER TO THAILAND

Sherin Tara, a senior nursing major, spent almost a month serving in the emergency room at Martin Army



Community Hospital in Fort Benning, Georgia.
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RN-BSN STUDENT RECOGNIZED THROUGH "MEN IN NURSING"

Each year, *Working Nurse* is pleased to highlight the inspiring stories and accomplishments of some of our area's distinguished nurses. The men of this year's cohort hail from different backgrounds and specialties, but they are united in their dedication, clinical expertise and compassion.



RN-BSN student, Jose Llanas, is a pediatric hematology/oncology nurse at City of Hope in Duarte and was recognized this year. "Being a minority in this profession makes me proud to call myself a registered nurse" says Llanas. "I hope that being a Mexican-American man in a female-dominated industry will illustrate that it is acceptable for all men - especially men of color - to pursue a career in nursing." [Read more...](#)

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

[SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR NURSING AVAILABLE](#)

MARÍA DOLORES
HERNÁNDEZ
Scholarship

Stephanie Hernández
Memorial
SCHOLARSHIP

TitanShops
scholarship



APPLY TO ALL BY MARCH 1ST

FACULTY NEWS



TENURE AND PROMOTION

Congratulations to full-time nursing faculty for news of tenure and promotion for the 2018-2019 academic year:

Asma Taha, Professor of Nursing
Maria Matza, Associate Professor of Nursing

NEW TENURE-TRACK FACULTY

Three new Tenure-Track Faculty started with the School of Nursing for the 2018-2019 Academic Year.

Manal Alatrash, PhD, RN
Hannah Fraley, PhD, RN, CNE
Angela Sojobi, DNP, RN, CNM



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CSUF RECOGNIZED FOR CHAMPIONING DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Dr. Sassoon Elisha, assistant director at CSUF's Kaiser Permanente School of Anesthesia, is one of three certified registered nurse anesthetists inducted as fellow in the American Academy of Nursing's 2018 highly distinguished academy class.

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Distinguished Service Award

2018 Recipient

Stephanie Vaughn, PhD, RN, CRRN, FAHA



DR. STEPHANIE VAUGHN AWARDED

Selected by the ARN Board of Directors and the Council of Leaders, this award recognizes an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to rehabilitation nursing and to the organization. This award is given to a member who has demonstrated leadership by participation in ARN activities on a national, regional, and chapter level.

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