

## Fall 2019 e-Newsletter

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### Upcoming Events:

#### Winter Campus Closure

Cal State Fullerton will be closed starting Tuesday, December 24, 2019 through Wednesday, January 1, 2020 in observance of Winter Recess. Campus will reopen on Thursday, January 2, 2020.

#### Spring 2020

The spring semester will begin on Thursday, January 16th. Spring 2020 classes begin on Saturday, January 18, 2020.

#### Call for Abstracts

The Chin Family Institute for Nursing, the Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing, and STTI Nu Mu Chapter of California State University, Los Angeles present the 14th Annual Evidence-Based Nursing Forum - "Ethics and Nursing Practice: Improving Care with Social Justice."

**[Download Abstract Application.](#)** Deadline to submit abstracts: Friday, January 24, 2020.



Wishing you all the joys of the season and happiness throughout the coming year!

## DIRECTOR'S EDITORIAL

### GREETINGS

**Penny C. Weismuller, DrPH, RN**

What a pleasure to send you greetings at this holiday



season from Cal State Fullerton's School of Nursing! As you know amidst all the joyous good wishes, holidays can prove to be a time of challenge as well as celebration. As we prepare nurses to care for others with competence and skill - and we do as evidence by our 100% NCLEX, 100% Nurse Midwifery certification and 100% Nurse Anesthetist certification pass rates in 2019 - we also look to prepare our graduates to have care and compassion for the individuals and families for whom they care across boundaries of race, color, gender, age or disability, as well as caring for themselves in the midst of nursing's demands. In order to facilitate learning these softer skills, the School of Nursing has been fortunate to have resources that support the development of diversity, understanding and care through the efforts of Dr. Sharrica Miller, leader of

the School of Nursing's Diversity Support Team. They presented our second annual Diversity Symposium, where students, faculty and staff from Nursing and other disciplines learned how to confront macro-aggression and how to develop deeper empathic understanding thanks to our keynote speaker, Dr. Victoria Morris, and facilitators from across campus.

Of course, learning about respect and compassion for others is incomplete without our students learning about care for themselves. Dr. Jutara Srivali-Teal, our Nurse Coach, is available to our students to help them balance the demands of nursing education with their personal and work lives. She brings not only her nursing background in critical and supportive care, but also her focus on holistic care and traditional oriental medicine to assist students in facilitating adjustment to the demands of preparing for a nursing career.

All of our faculty are committed to excellence in nursing education and the University recently recognized three of our own for their dedication to teaching. Dr. Sadeeka Al-Majid drew kudos for her emphasis on teaching evidence-based practice and linking her teaching to her ongoing consultation with hospital nurses to facilitate their own practice improvements. Ms. Sandra James was recognized for her enthusiasm in presenting content and her fun and "fabulous" style. Our third honoree, Dr. Austin Nation, commented on the joy he gains in helping students "see and experience" the many roles that nurses can play in the community - where we know that the bulk of future nursing care will be provided.

As we wrap up the fall semester, we are already looking to the future admission of our new freshman students for 2020. Spring semester will be busy implementing a holistic admission process with the intention of admitting a more diverse freshman group by focusing not only on applicants' academic performance, which is still an important factor, but by also considering their experiences and attitudes that would make each applicant an outstanding nurse. We now have close to 3000 applicants for our freshman class in which we have 40 seats! If you might be interested in participating in the holistic admission process with the School of Nursing, please let me know.

As the new Director of the School this fall, it is my utmost pleasure to work with the School of Nursing faculty and staff as we move forward to the New Year. Sending our wishes to you, our CSUF Nursing family, for a beautiful holiday season and a prosperous, happy New Year!

## NEWS & EVENTS

### SON Orientation

On Tuesday, August 6, 2019, the SON welcomed 80 Pre-Licensure BSN students, 224 RN-BSN students, and 90 MSN students in our second 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!



## U.S. News Ranks CSUF Third in Top Public Schools - Western Region

In Graduate school rankings by the publication, Cal State Fullerton is listed 4th in Nursing-Anesthesia, 20th in Nursing-midwifery, 79th in Best Nursing Schools: Doctor of Nursing Practice, and 90th in Best Nursing Schools: Masters.

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## BSN White Coat Ceremony

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's ceremony was held on Sunday, September 22nd and featured CSUF Alumni speaker Lian Lumba, MSNc, RN, PHN, CLE.



## EMBRACE Promotes Cultural Sensitivity, Workforce Diversity in Nursing

Cal State Fullerton School of Nursing strives to admit and retain commendable attributes who become nurse leaders in our community!

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## EMBRACE Diversity Symposium

The CSUF School of Nursing EMBRACE Team hosted the second annual Diversity Symposium featuring keynote speaker Dr. Victoria Morris.

Students, faculty and staff across campus learned how to confront macro-aggression and how to develop deeper empathic understanding in order to create a diverse and inclusive environment for students, faculty, and staff.



## Community Advisory Board Breakfast

The SON hosted our esteemed community colleagues on Tuesday, November 5th for our annual Community Advisory Board Breakfast.

Each year, this breakfast meeting provides us invaluable information on how our School of Nursing can further our partnerships to serve the needs of the healthcare community in Southern California.

We greatly appreciate all of the input during our lively discussion and look forward to working on implementing these ideas!



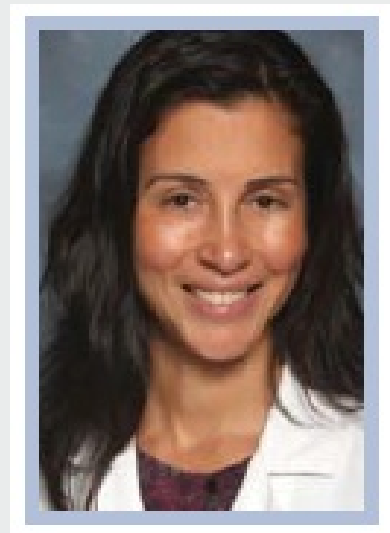
## STUDENT NEWS

### First School of Nursing to Be Held at 2019 Latin American Conference on Lung Cancer

DNP student, Dr. Enza Esposito Nguyen, spearheaded the first School of Nursing to be held at the 2019 Latin American Conference on Lung Cancer in Mexico City, Mexico.

The School of Nursing content will feature evidence-based instruction regarding management of targeted and immunotherapy complications, as well as provide best practices for ambulatory challenges, pain management, and palliative care initiatives.

"As a Latino nurse who was trained and who has worked in the United States for the past 22 years, I think the time is perfect to encourage and give my nursing colleagues throughout Latin America the tools and confidence to play a more dynamic role in thoracic oncology." - Dr. Nguyen



## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



### Dr. Barbara Talento, RN-BSN 1976

CSUF is fortunate to have alumni like Dr. Barbara Talento! Despite family disapproval and numerous hardships, Talento pursued her dream of nursing.

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## FACULTY NEWS

### Tenure & Promotion

Congratulations to full-time nursing faculty for news of tenure and promotion for the 2019- 2020 academic year:

Karla Perisho, Associate Professor of Nursing

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### Research, Programs Garner More Than \$6 Million

Stephanie Vaughn receives federal funding in support of the “EMBRACE: Enrichment Markers of Better Relationships, Academics & Cultural Enhancement” program for the third year.

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### Professor Works to Reframe Care of

## Children Born With Rare Connective Tissue Disorder

Rebecca Bodan, an associate professor of nursing at Cal State Fullerton, turned her research focus and passion to fight Epidermolysis Bullosa.



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## CSUF Professor Wants to Raise School Awareness of Youngest Human Trafficking Victims



Hannah Fraley, an assistant professor of nursing at Cal State Fullerton, is working on a program to educate school nurses, faculty, administrators and youth about the warning signs of human trafficking and how to help.

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## Welcome to the Titan Family!

Welcome one of our newest members of the Titan Family, Christine Vu!

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## FSDC Theater Thursday

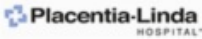
The SON Faculty and Staff Development Committee's Theater Thursday outing to CSUF's own Beauty and the Beast production was a success!

The night started with Happy Hour at the Marriott hotel and concluded with an excellent production from CSUF's theater students. 27 colleagues joined in the fun! The FSDC looks forward to your participation in next semesters events!





## Thank You to Our Supporting Partners!



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