

## Fall 2020 e-Newsletter

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### Upcoming Events:

#### Healthcare Simulation Week 2020

September 14th - 20th. Healthcare Simulation Week celebrates global professionals who use simulation to improve the safety, effectiveness, and efficiency of healthcare delivery. This week also raises awareness in communities nationwide about how healthcare simulation is leading us to safer, more knowledgeable patient care.

#### White Coat Ceremony

The annual School of Nursing White Coat Ceremony is going virtual! Join us as we recognize our nursing students' transition into clinical practice. Stay tuned for more information.

#### Fall Recess

Campus will be open Monday, November 23 - Wednesday, November 25. Campus will be closed Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25 in observance of Thanksgiving.



SCHOOL OF NURSING

# WELCOME FALL 2020!

Well wishes to everyone during these virtual & unprecedented times.

## DIRECTOR'S EDITORIAL

### GREETINGS

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

Dear Friends of Nursing,

We are now in our fourth week of Fall semester with everyone



glad to be back! Cal State Fullerton, like many other campuses has returned in a primarily virtual mode for classroom instruction. However, unlike many nursing programs, we are so fortunate to have clinical placement for all of our nursing students. Thank you so very much to all our clinical partners for making that happen for us. A thrust for our virtual learning has been and continues to be the enhancement of virtual learning—many of our faculty members spent summer months in faculty development courses to make our on-line and ZOOM sessions more interactive and compelling. We have added software, such as Sentinel City for our public health courses, to provide rich enhancements to otherwise limited safe clinical placements. There are other products that would further enrich virtual learning, such as the Bates health assessment video subscription for each student, for which we are seeking sponsorship.

An important continuing emphasis for the School of Nursing (SON) is a focus on the Black Lives Matter movement and systemic racism's impact on Black health as well as on justice. This is particularly poignant as issues of adverse policing continue to occur and the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 is seen in communities of color. We are spending this year enhancing our curriculum to prepare nurses to respond and provide culturally competent care, to strengthen support for faculty and staff to be involved in diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives, and to support cultural awareness throughout the School of Nursing.

Our emphasis on holistic admissions continues this year. We hope to attract a student body of diverse and committed students to add to the Nursing workforce that will serve an increasingly diverse California. Our other commitments to prepare needed nurses across the range of care from the bedside to advanced practice continues. We are proud of our work with community colleges to facilitate students' timely completion of the BSN through our concurrent enrollment and jump start programs. Our advanced practice programs continue robustly; we are looking forward to graduating our first DNP-CRNA class with Kaiser Permanente School of Anesthesia in Summer 2021.

Please join me in congratulating Drs. Ruth Mielke and Karla Perisho on their retirements this year. Thanks, and congratulations to Dr. Angela Sojobi who is assuming the role of Women's Health Care Concentration Coordinator. Also, join with me in celebrating Dr. Kate Bayhan as she assumes the role of Prelicensure Coordinator for our School of Nursing. The School is lucky to have her enthusiastic leadership of our prelicensure program.

We all are looking forward to a productive, albeit slightly different, 2020-21 school year. Thank you for your support. I send you wishes for health, happiness and safety during this interesting and challenging year.

With warm regards,  
Penny

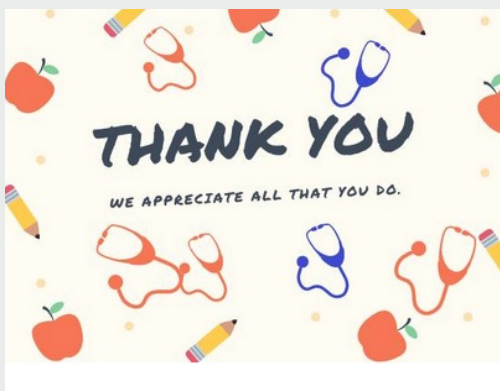
## NEWS & EVENTS

### **\$3.25 Million Grant to Increase Pipeline of Nurses in Underserved Communities**

Amid deep health disparities illuminated by the COVID-19 pandemic, Cal State Fullerton's School of Nursing has been awarded a five-year, \$3.25 million grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration to increase the pipeline of

graduate-level nurses in underserved communities.

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## SON Kudos Board

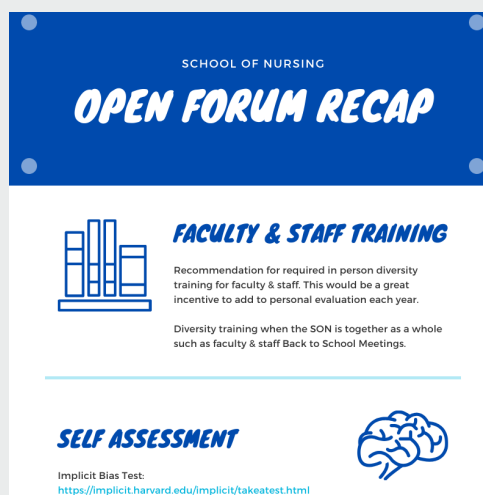
Nursing students created a Kudoboard to thank SON staff and faculty for their efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic. The online messages of thanks and appreciation have been extremely uplifting. Their heartfelt appreciation is much appreciated by all SON staff and faculty. Thank you, students!

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## SON BLM Virtual Open Forum

On Thursday, June 11th the SON held an open forum to discuss & process the social unrest in the world. Rich discussion resulted in several recommendations for the SON and for us as individuals. Resource ideas were shared to broaden our understanding of systemic racism and implicit bias. We look forward to implementing these ideas and fostering an inclusive environment within the School of Nursing!

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## A Message From Dr. Penny Weismuller on BLM

"I hope that we can comfort one another in



A MESSAGE FROM  
SON DIRECTOR  
DR. PENNY  
WEISMULLER

this time that is a flash point caused by the pandemic, isolation, and fear—a flash point ignited by the appalling actions of police. And not just comfort in the now, but use our welled up concern to make truth of Dr. King’s statement “The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice” for comfort in the future.” - Dr. Weismuller

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## SON Virtual Recognition Ceremony

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the School of Nursing hosted our annual Student Recognition Ceremony virtually in the spring. Friends & family tuned in live as we recognized the dedication of our peer mentors, student leaders and honor our SON award and scholarship winners. A complete list of award and scholarship recipients can be found below.

**STUDENT  
RECOGNITION  
CEREMONY**

SCHOOL  
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MAY 18, 2020  
4:00PM



## STUDENT NEWS



The DAISY  
In Training Award

IN MEMORY OF J. PATRICK BARNES

*2020 Recipient*

**MATHEW TREVINO**



### The 2020 DAISY In Training Award Recipient - Mathew Trevino

Mathew is an exceptional student who was in my Nursing Leadership and Management clinical group. He worked well with hospital staff at all levels and made a positive impression during his collaboration with nursing managers in the Discharge Planning department. Despite setbacks and adversity, Mathew maintains a positive attitude and admirable work ethic. Mathew's academic achievements include involvement with Interprofessional Education activities and the recent receipt of a prestigious award for his work on a university-based research project. Mathew is not only diligent with his schoolwork; he has also been highly involved in the campus Nursing Student Association, serving as Vice President and spearheading the development of Boot Camps to refresh students' skills after summer break. Above all, Mathew has shown his compassion for his

patients and their families during his clinical rotations. His calm, open demeanor allows him to form trusting connections with his patients. He will be a valued member of the nursing profession!

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## **2019-2020 Scholarship and Award Recipients**

### **María Dolores Hernández Scholarship**

Victoria Abaunza, Lee Dua, Hope Nguyen, Janel Rubal, Julia Villanueva

### **Stephanie Hernández Memorial Scholarship**

Victoria Abaunza

### **Titan Shops Scholarship**

Lee Dua, Ashley Le, Amber Perez

### **California Community Foundation Scholarship for First Generation Students**

Dianna Huynh, Jenny Lu, Carmen Ng Chen, William Nubla, Alexa Sandoval

### **Dr. Austin Nation Diversity in Nursing Scholarship**

Kassie Balderston

### **2020 President's Scholars**

Morgan Bibee, Lina Elasmr, Shawn Grinnell Susana Liu

### **DAISY Foundation Award**

Mathew Trevino, DAISY in Training Student Awardee

### **BSN Latham Support Award for Most Valuable Person**

Lina Elasmr, Traditional BSN, Courtney Van Buren, Accelerated BSN, Jose Llanas, RN-BSN

### **Vera Robinson Award for Humor**

Chris Yoon, BSN, Danny Tviet, RN-BSN, Muiyiwa Ehinlalye, MSN

### **Wilma J. Traber Humanism Award**

Lauren Wakefield, BSN, Michelle Ganaden, RN-BSN, Jason Ly, MSN

### **Collegiality Award**

Alyssa Reyes, BSN, Rikka Degamo, RN-BSN, Kim Gonzalez, MSN

### **Outstanding Student Award**

Abby Harris, BSN, Raquel Fuentes, RN-BSN, Dina Friedman, MSN, Frances Akubuilu, DNP

### **DNP Contributions to Professional Nursing Award**

Gayatri Subedi, DNP

### **Outstanding Doctoral Project Award**

Mary Wilson, DNP

### **Consortium Collegiality Award**

Xiaofei (Ruby) Guo, DNP, Rosemary Canales, DNP

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## 2019-2020 Student Leadership Recognition

### Nursing Peer Mentors

Kristina Arellano, Monica Bowman, Caylin Cavazo, Jessica Ellis, Annasimeon Hanna, Melody Kuan, Emily Larrivee, Alyssa Marie Mancao, Kylee Meng, Lhezbel Ara Mohammed Lagraa, Rajina Renaud, Alyssa Reyes, Anna Tada, Sarah Tinker, Lauren Wakefield, Sung Wook Yoo, Amelia Zabala

### Nursing Student Association Board

President: Alyssa Reyes, Vice-President: Mario Rubio, Secretary: Julia Villanueva, Treasurer: Monica Bowman, Scholarship Chair: Shawn Grinnell, Membership Chair: Esmeralda Becerril, Outreach Chair: Alyssa Mancao, Activities Director: Vanessa Lim, Historian: Caylin Cavazos, Fundraising Chair: Alexandra Tapia, Conference Chair: Jessica Mora, BLS Director: Ysabelle Balomadres, BLS Coordinator: Angelica Roxas, BLS PR: Izzeldeen Mwaz

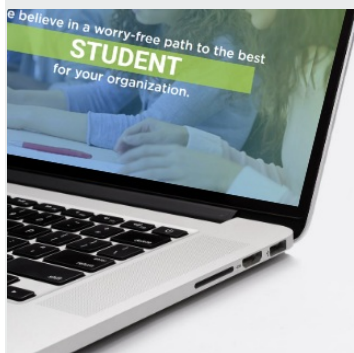
## PROGRAM NEWS

*Thank You to Our Supporting Partners!*



To our valued community partners, we **THANK YOU**, for your continuous support, resilience, adaptability, and flexibility during these unprecedented times! We truly value your efforts to allow our students and faculty into your facilities and would not be able to educate our students without you. We are so grateful!

**We value your feedback!**  
**Complete our Community Partners Survey**



**REMINDER TO ALL NURSING STUDENTS:**  
The due date to upload your FLU VACCINE record to CastleBranch is  
**OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>**

## FACULTY NEWS



*2020 Recipient*  
**ANGELA SOJOBI**  
DNP, RN, CNM

### The 2020 DAISY Faculty Award Recipient - Angela Sojobi

Dr. Sojobi is an inspiration to me and the rest of our cohort. She is incredibly busy, and still manages to make us feel like she has all the time in the world to support us. I know she does this for her patients as well. Dr. Sojobi is full of real-life pearls of wisdom and had been preparing us with all the things that we really will need to be successful after graduation. She is always advocating for us, students, and thinking of ways to be the most helpful in our learning. She is flexible in the use of our class time when she can see that a different activity or topic will be more helpful to us. Dr. Sojobi understands that stress gets in the way of learning and never stresses us out with unnecessary activities. I appreciate that she teaches us with the end in mind. She is not simply marking the check-boxes. In addition to teaching us what we need to be excellent nurse midwives, Dr. Sojobi also teaches us professional interpersonal skills like how to interact and collaborate with medical doctors and others on the care team. I am so privileged to have learned from her during my time in the CSUF midwifery program. Dr. Sojobi is most deserving of the DAISY Faculty Award.

### New Director of the Southern California CSU DNP Consortium

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Rachel McClanahan has accepted the position of Director of the Southern California CSU DNP Consortium for 2020-21.



### New MSN Women's Health Care Concentration Coordinator

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Angela Sojobi has accepted the position of Coordinator for the MSN Women's Health Care Program for 2020-21.

## New Prelicensure Coordinator

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Kate Bayhan has accepted the position of Prelicensure Coordinator for 2020-21.



## SON Faculty Retirements

The School of Nursing had two full time, tenure track, faculty members retire this year.

Dr. Ruth Mielke is retiring from the School of Nursing and will be the new Associate Dean for Nursing at Azusa Pacific University.

*10 years of service*



Dr. Karla Perisho is retiring from full time teaching and will be returning to the School of Nursing in a Faculty Early Retirement (FERP) position.

*7 years of service*

We thank them for their years of service to students and community partners as they bid farewell to CSUF!

## GRANT NEWS

### EMBRACE Grant Update

The SON was awarded a four year, two million dollar HRSA Workforce Diversity Grant in 2017. The overarching goal of the project is to develop a professional nursing workforce prepared to work with the diverse communities in Southern California. Recognizing the challenges and the rigors of nursing school, the grant funded academic and psychosocial resources over the last three years to foster student success, such as the development of a Nurse Coach to assist students with life balance, a Writing Success Coach to work with students on the development of students' written communication skills, a Diversity Support Team to



provide support and education regarding social justice issues, and a structured peer mentoring program. Also, 450,000 dollars in scholarships have been awarded to undergraduate and graduate students in advance practice concentrations to help offset the financial burden of their nursing school education.

Data from the student participants reveal these resources have been very valuable and have contributed to persistence to graduation. In addition, consistent with health professional schools across the country, a holistic admissions review process was developed to foster a more diverse applicant pool. The HA review process integrates attributes such as ethics, resilience, integrity, and advocacy into the selection process in addition to the metrics (GPA, standardized test scores).

Going into the final grant year, the EMBRACE team, led by Dr. Stephanie Vaughn, Professor, Emeritus and former Director of the SON, is working closely with the SON Director, Dr. Weismuller and the SON Leadership Team on efforts to sustain the aforementioned resources.



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