

Fall 2022 e-Newsletter

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Upcoming Events:

#IMPACTCSUF Crowdfunding

We are excited to announce that our official Crowdfunding campaign, IMPACT, is launching once again for the month of October. Your donations will benefit nursing students directly by providing vital scholarships!

Community Advisory Meeting

Please plan to join us on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 as our annual Community Advisory Board meeting returns to campus! We look forward to seeing everyone in person again!

Fall Recess

Campus will be open Monday, November 21 - Wednesday, November 23, 2022. Campus will be closed Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25, 2022 in observance of Thanksgiving.

Winter Recess

Campus will be closed Monday, December 26, 2022 through Monday, January 2, 2023 for Winter Recess. Campus will reopen on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.



At the beginning of the month, we kicked off our annual fundraising campaign, #IMPACTCSUF, with TWO different fundraising projects. Donations to either of these projects will benefit nursing students directly by providing vital scholarships!

Consider this your personal invitation to make a difference in the lives of our students:

[School of Nursing Scholarships](#)

[BJ Snell Memorial Scholarship](#)

DIRECTOR'S EDITORIAL

GREETINGS



Penny C. Weismuller, DrPH, RN

Dear Friends of Nursing,

Our Fall semester is in full swing with a busy on-campus experience which is much appreciated after the previous pandemic distance “campus.” Our student nurses and faculty love being fully back learning in the hospital and in the community due to the gracious support of our clinical partners. It is a joy to see the enthusiasm of our students as they prepare for their future as baccalaureate prepared nurses. We also have excitement at the graduate level with a full cohort of master’s students in the Nursing Leadership and Women’s Health/Midwifery concentrations. We

recently hosted an accreditation visit from the Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education and received a maximum ten-year reaccreditation. We also have a burgeoning group of school nurses both earning their certification in School Nurses Services and their master’s degree. Our Doctor of Nursing Practice continues our success with both post-master’s students in a generalist track and a postbaccalaureate nurse anesthesia track in conjunction with Kaiser Permanente School of Anesthesia.

Over the past year, we have appreciated the generous support of the Fudge Family Foundation whose donation allowed the remodeling of a “tired” space that turned it into a beautiful Simulation Center, mimicking a clinic, for our Women’s Health Care students to learn advanced care with simulated patients - real people who bring a variety of simulated “problems” for our student to practice their advanced care management skills. The suites are equipped to allow “out of the room” faculty evaluation of students’ progression and to allow final competency testing for graduation. This resource will help us maintain our noteworthy 100% national certification rate for our midwifery and women’s health nurse practitioner graduates.

Our first year prelicensure students enjoyed the dedicated support of the Dhont Family Foundation that funded their learning supplies for their clinical experiences. And, due to your ongoing generosity, students benefitted from several named scholarships, including Stephanie Hernandez, Dr. Austin Nation and the TITANSGive scholarships. Due to federal support, we have been able to award \$900,000 to graduate students in advanced practice roles, midwifery, and nurse anesthesia. For our undergraduates, we have awarded over \$200,000 in federal scholarships. Even with your generous support and our grant support of students, I am struck with the remaining financial needs of our nursing students and their persistence to “make ends meet” with jobs outside their demanding nursing curricula. You can help them by supporting the **School of Nursing Scholarships** – stories of their appreciation are there.

We are moving forward with aligning our nursing education with Nursing 2030, the new AACN Nursing Essentials, and our commitment to weave diversity, equity and inclusion content throughout our curriculum. We are also developing capacity among our pre-licensure students so they will maintain strong success on the new NCLEX examination.

We lost an important legacy faculty of the School when Dr. BJ Snell died earlier this year. She was the “mother” of our Nurse Midwifery and Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner program. Please consider contributing to a Scholarship in her memory at the **BJ Snell Memorial Scholarship** site.

Thank you for your interest and commitment to the School of Nursing as partners, students,

alumni, staff and faculty. You make us stronger through your interest, commitment and support.

Best wishes for a Happy Fall,

Penny

NEWS & EVENTS

SON Hosts Poverty Simulation

On August 28, 2022, the SON proudly welcomed the return of the Population Health Poverty Simulation event under the direction of Dr. Maria Matza. This event returned to campus with many of the original volunteers from the CSUF Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) and our dedicated faculty and staff. The SON has been awarded the Institutional Related Funding grant every year since 2015.



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School of Nursing Launches Midwifery Mentoring and Belonging Program

To empower aspiring midwives from diverse backgrounds, Angela Sojobi, an assistant nursing professor at Cal State Fullerton, established the Midwifery Mentoring and Belonging Program.

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SON Students Launch Podcast

SON students launch the Tuffy Huddle podcast to relay information, share insight from both experienced and new grad nurses, and provide keys for success. The Tuffy Huddle podcast team strives to engage the CSUF community through our social media

content and fundraising efforts.

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Tuffy Huddle
By Zhen-Chen

The goal of the Tuffy Huddle podcast is to relay information, share insight from both experienced and new grad nurses, and provide tips for success. We hope to cultivate a unique and fun experience for listeners! The Tuffy Huddle podcast team strives to engage the CSUF community through our social media content and fundraising efforts.

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Tuffy Huddle
A CSUF SON PODCAST



In Memoriam: Betty Johnson Snell

The School of Nursing and the midwifery community mourn the untimely passing of Betty Johnson Snell, Professor Emeritus in the School of Nursing.

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STUDENT NEWS



HONORING NURSES INTERNATIONALLY
IN MEMORY OF J. PATRICK BARNES

2022 Student Recipient
JULIA GUTEKUNST



The 2022 DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nursing Students

I would like to nominate Julia Gutekunst for the DAISY in Training Award. Julia is a compassionate and caring future nurse that always goes above and beyond to promote patient safety through her ability to advocate for her patients. Although there are many instances in which Julia has inspired me with her ability to advocate for her patients, there is one scenario that stands out as Julia caught a critical error that could have resulted in a patient safety issue. During clinical, one of Julia's patients was being prepared for discharge. After a thorough assessment, Julia discovered that the patient was going to be driving themselves home, despite receiving a recent dose of morphine. Julia immediately reported this finding to her nurse however, her nurse decided that the patient would still be discharged. Rather than accepting this answer, Julia followed her intuition and brought up her concern to the charge nurse. This then resulted in a floor wide discussion in which

multiple nurses on the floor all worked together to find a policy regarding this issue. Because of her finding, the patient's discharged was delayed until it was determined that their safety was addressed and the issue of finding a clear policy was discussed. Overall, Julia's assessment, knowledge, and advocacy allowed her to catch a subtle, yet potentially dangerous situation, thus providing exceptional care for her patient.

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2021-2022 Scholarship and Award Recipients

Stephanie Hernández Memorial Scholarship

Monique Ashley Contreras

Titan Shops Scholarship

Abigail Anne Rivera

Dr. Austin Nation Diversity in Nursing Scholarship

Sreyeov Hak

TITANS GIVE Scholarship

Valerie Avalos, Michelle Cazares, Adedolapo Clarke, Denisse Gardella, Katelyn Guerena, Sreyeov Hak, Desiree Hernandez, Jenny Larsen, Melody Li, Jayme Owens, Leslie Quezada, Kailee Reroma, Catherine Smith, Tiffany Tharenos, Nathaniel Wiede, Olivia Wojahn, Ariana Zabala, Daisy Zambrano

BSN Latham Support Award for Most Valuable Person

Britney Nguyen, Traditional BSN program

Paula Riggs, Accelerated BSN program

Teresa Martin, RN-BSN program

Vera Robinson Award for Humor

Danny Liu Pre-Licensure, Haruka Umemura RNBSN, Melody Opene MSN

Wilma J. Traber Humanism Award

Hailey Murphy Pre-Licensure, Maria Carrillo RNBSN, Moradi Bidhendi MSN

Collegiality Award

Julia Villanueva Pre-Licensure, Jamie Le RNBSN, Evelyn Dronberger MSN

Outstanding Student Award

Hope Nguyen Pre-Licensure, Emma Jeddi RNBSN, Brittany DiMarco MSN,

Lisa Castanos DNP

DNP Contributions to Professional Nursing Award

Elsa Gomez DNP

Outstanding Doctoral Project Award

Diana Lerner DNP

Consortium Collegiality Award

Leeza Camacho DNP

2021-2022 Student Leadership Recognition

Nursing Peer Mentors

Gassia Ashikian, Mai Azurin, Giovanna Cucinotti, Emma Fischer, Venty Florentina, Jennifer Grant, Julia Gutekunst, Kristen Hazama, Kayla Hebert-Keck, Mercedes Hernandez, Samantha Illustrisimo, Raymon Lopez, Caitlyn Lowkeen, Tina Noda, Leidy Pereira Caballero, Allison Verde, Julia Villanueva, Natalie Vu, Aryn Weir, and Melanie Yang.

Nursing Student Association Board

President: Julia Villanueva, Vice President: Britney Nguyen, Secretary: Hailey Murphy, Treasurer: Amy Lim, Membership Director: Hannah Romey, Historian: Jayclyn Dean, Activities Director: Mai Azurin, Fundraising Chair: Gabriel Canonizado, Conference Chair: Hope Nguyen, BLS Director: Danny Liu, BLS Assistant Coordinator: Allyson Lee

FACULTY NEWS



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IN MEMORY OF J. PATRICK BARNES

2022 Faculty Recipient
ASMA TAHA, PHD, RN, CPNP-PC/AC, PCNS



The 2022 DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nursing Students

Professor Taha is without a doubt one of the best professors in the Nursing program at Cal State Fullerton. She goes above and beyond to help her students learn all it takes to be excellent scholars in nursing research. Not only she is available for the students to address their questions or concerns, but she also shows dedication to students individually to make sure they succeed. She is not afraid to give her students a little push to advance further in nursing research as well as nursing advocacy. Her bold suggestions shattered the invisible limitation that nursing students often created for themselves. Learning from her suggestions, I started to believe in myself and in the nursing profession more. My view on nursing leadership and nursing research also got expanded greatly and the graduate work became more meaningful. It's not just a paper that has to be done for a good grade but a carefully written product that can change the legislation in the future. I feel very blessed to have had a teacher who has impacted me so much to strive to become the best scholar I can be.

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[Meet CSUF's New Faculty Members](#)

Cal State Fullerton welcomes 27 assistant and associate professors during the 2022-23 academic year including Dr. Najood Azar and Dr. Stephen Padgett.

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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!
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