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Greetings from the School of Nursing at CSU Fullerton!

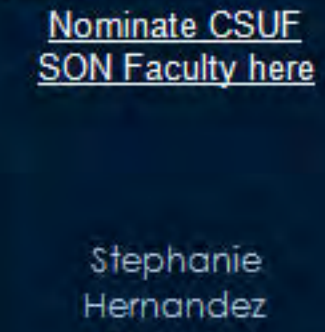
While the California drought is still a concern externally, things are blossoming within the CSUF School of Nursing. We have almost 900 students, 30 full-time faculty and many exciting initiatives.

Our activities support two of the goals identified in the Institute of Medicine (IOM)'s report, *The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health* of increasing the proportion of baccalaureate prepared nurses by 80% and doubling the number of nurses holding a doctoral degree.

**Social Media**

**SON Awarded**

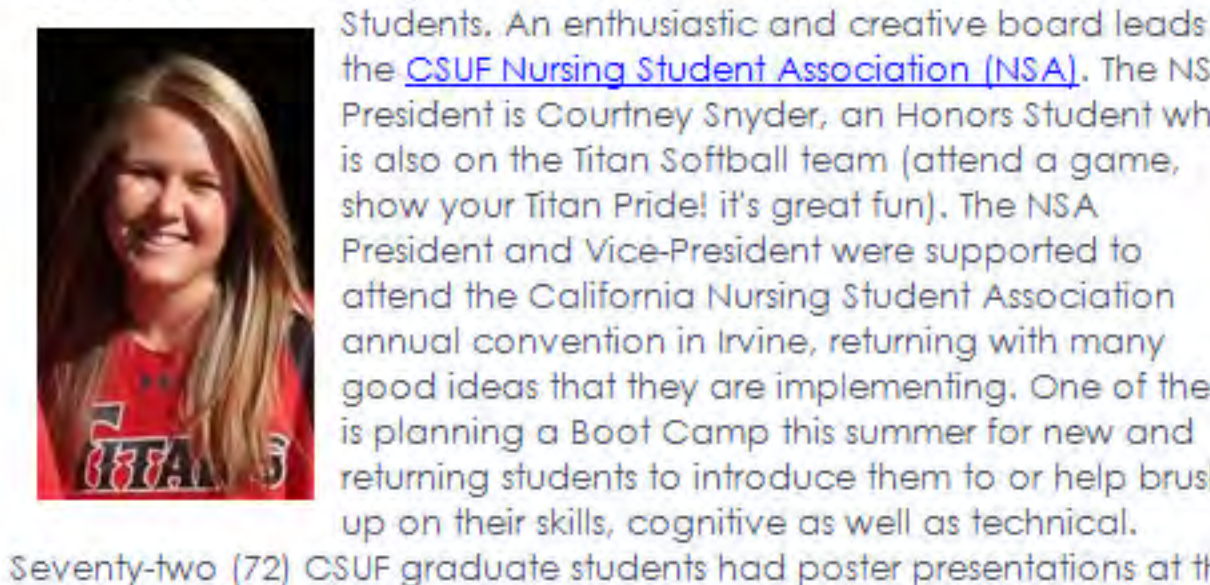
CSUF SON was selected as a Top 50 Most Social Media Friendly Nursing School for 2012 by [Nursing-School.com](http://Nursing-School.com).



**Congratulations, Nursing Class of 2013!**

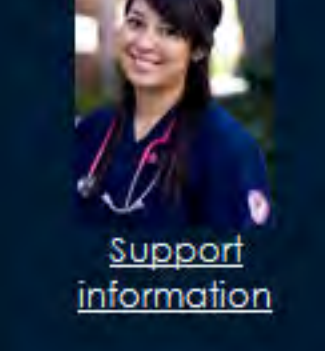
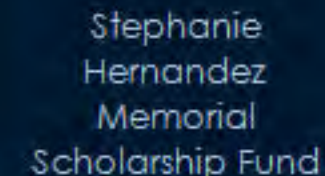
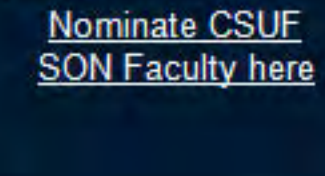
**Saturday, May 25**

207 nursing majors will be awarded degrees at the 2013 commencement ceremony.

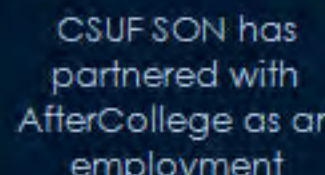


For additional information about timing, where to go, and how to receive tickets, please click [here](#).

To view a live stream of the main Commencement 2013, click [here](#).



Click here for a Virtual Tour of our campus



Nominate CSUF SON Faculty [here](#)



CSUF SON has partnered with AfterCollege as an employment resource to you. [Click here for job opportunities](#)



Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing



**Students**

**Our Students Continue to Shine**

We have several nursing students who are President's Scholars or Honors Students. An enthusiastic and creative board leads the [CSUF Nursing Student Association \(NSA\)](#). The NSA President is Courtney Snyder, an Honors Student who is also on the Titan Softball team (attend a game, show your Titan Pride! It's great fun). The NSA President and Vice-President were supported to attend the California Nursing Student Association annual convention in Irvine, returning with many good ideas that they are implementing. One of these is planning a Boot Camp this summer for new and returning students to introduce them to or help brush up on their skills, cognitive as well as technical.

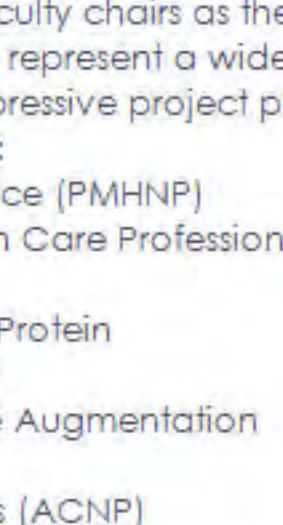
Seventy-two (72) CSUF graduate students had poster presentations at the annual Research Day and Induction of the CSUF-affiliated Upsilon Beta chapter of Sigma Theta Tau on April 20, 2013.

**Southern California CSU DNP Consortium**

**CCNE Accreditation Announcement**

Please be advised that the Southern California CSU DNP Consortium Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program (a consortium of CSU Fullerton, CSU Long Beach, and CSU Los Angeles) is scheduled for an accreditation visit from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). The visit is scheduled for November 18-20, 2013. CCNE requires that our community of interest be offered the opportunity to submit written third-party comments to CCNE. Comments will be accepted until October 19, 2013. Comments are confidential and not shared with the School of Nursing but must be signed to be included in the review process.

Comments should be addressed to:  
Catherine Sneed  
Accreditation Coordinator  
Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education  
One Dupont Circle, NW Suite #530  
Washington, DC 20036



Thank you for your continued support of the CSUF School of Nursing programs.



**Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)**

**First Cohort Finishing Academic Year**

Our first cohort of CSU DNP students are nearing the halfway mark in their first and are deeply involved with their faculty chairs as they refine their doctoral project plans. Our DNP students represent a wide range of advanced nursing specialties and their impressive project plans are equally diverse. Some project examples include:

- Guidelines for Development of Private Practice (PMHNP)
- Secondary Analysis of Obesity among Health Care Professionals (PNP/PHN)
- Pre-admission Albumin Levels and Effects of Protein Supplementation among SNF patients (ANP)
- Case Study: Justifying Need for School Nurse Augmentation (PHN/School Nurse)
- Survey: Use of NP in Emergency Departments (ACNP)

Recruitment is already underway for our Fall 2014 cohort. If you are interested in pursuing your DNP through the Southern California CSU DNP Consortium, recent changes to our admissions requirements make applying to our program even easier! Detailed information is available on our [SON Website](#). Or by e-mail: [dnp@fullerton.edu](mailto:dnp@fullerton.edu)



Please RSVP to attend one of our upcoming information sessions:

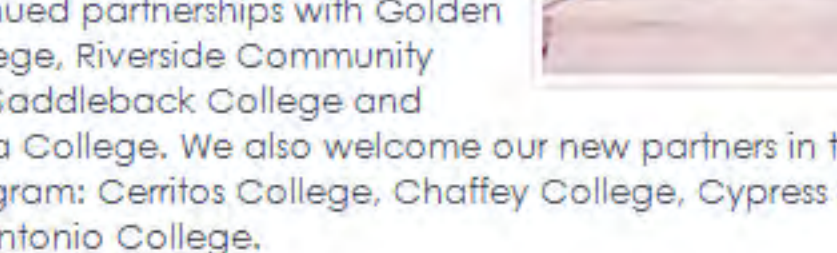
- Friday, **May 10th at CSUF** (6:00pm - 8:00pm)
- Wednesday, **June 12th at CSULA** (6:00pm - 8:00pm)
- Monday, **August 12th at CSULB** (6:00pm - 8:00pm)
- Thursday, **September 12th at CSULB** (6:00pm - 8:00pm)
- Thursday, **October 17th at CSULA** (6:00pm - 8:00pm)
- Monday, **November 4th at CSUF** (6:00pm - 8:00pm)

**Master of Science in Nursing (MSN)**

**MSN Leadership Curriculum Changes**

Community leaders and CSUF graduates were invited to a meeting on campus to give input into the MSN Leadership concentration. The quality of the existing curriculum and CSUF graduates was acknowledged, with some changes were recommended to keep pace with changes in health care. The changes suggested included adding content on informatics, quality and safety and human resources. Dr. Maryanne Caron, Concentration Lead, along with other faculty and graduate students, worked to develop new courses and develop the new curriculum. The result was the addition of three new courses and a decrease in practicum semesters. Pending university level approval, the new curriculum will be initiated Fall 2013.

More information about the MSN Leadership concentration, offered both on campus and distance, can be found on the [SON Website](#).



**RN-BSN**

**New Curriculum Graduates**

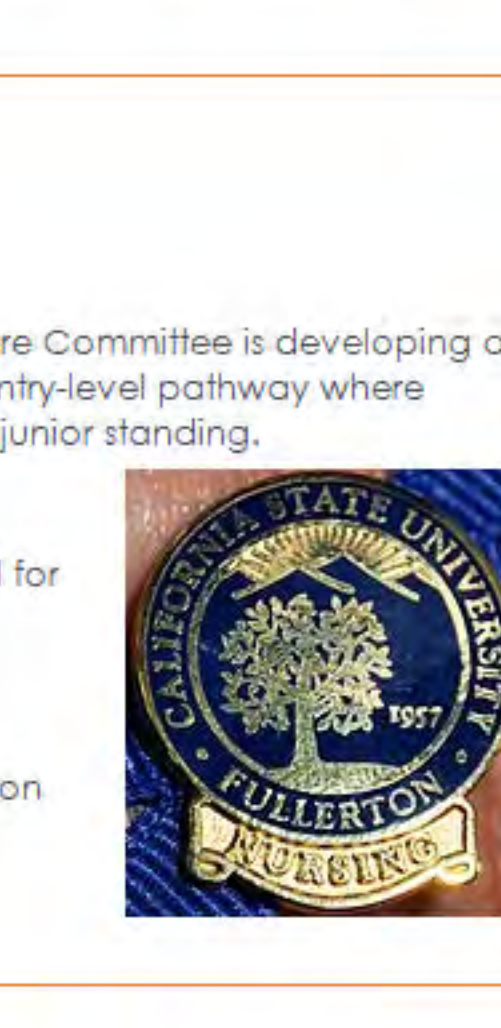
In Fall 2012 we launched our revised RN-BSN curriculum with an option to complete the program in 12 months of full time study. This summer approximately 25 students will graduate after completing the new 12 month curriculum (August 2012 - August 2013). We are looking forward to gathering feedback from these students about their experiences in the more accelerated program.

**Record Number of Applications**

We have experienced over the past several semesters an increase in the number of applications to the RN-BSN program. This may be attributed to several factors, such as the advent of the Institute of Medicine Report of Fall 2010, the rising number of healthcare organizations applying for Magnet status, and the limited number of positions available for new graduates. This Fall 2013 is no different. In fact, we have received 171 applications for the campus based program already completed! We look forward to welcoming another large group of nurses continuing their education this August.

**RN-BSN "Jump Start" Program**

In August 2012, we piloted a dual enrollment program with four community college partners in which selected students took one BSN course along with their ADN coursework in their 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> semesters of the ADN program. In response to student feedback regarding the challenges of adding an upper division course to their already busy community college course schedules, we modified the program for Phase two and entitled it, "Jump Start," which will replace the piloted dual enrollment program. The Jump Start program will allow students enrolled in eight of our partner community college nursing programs to take 1-2 BSN courses in the summers during their time in their ADN programs. With the new Jump Start program, we look forward to our continued partnerships with Golden West College, Riverside Community College, Saddleback College and Santa Ana College. We also welcome our new partners in the "Jump Start" program: Cerritos College, Chaffey College, Cypress College, and Mt. San Antonio College.



**Pre-Licensure Program**

**New Freshman Entry Pathway**

The Undergraduate Program / Pre-licensure Committee is developing a freshman entry pathway to replace the entry-level pathway where students typically enter the program with junior standing.

**Accelerated BSN**

Planning is underway to obtain approval for an accelerated BSN.

**Pinning Ceremony**

Entry-Level students will receive their pins on May 26, 2013



**Associates for the Advancement of Nursing Science and Research (AANSR)**

**Re-kindled and New Board of Directors Formed**

The Associates for the Advancement of Nursing Science (AANSR) has been resurrected. AANSR is a philanthropic organization founded in Orange County, California, dedicated to health care excellence through the advancement of the nursing profession. It raises funds and sponsors programs to promote nursing science, research, and education including undergraduate, graduate and lifelong continuing nursing education. By recognizing clinical, scientific and educational excellence in nursing, AANSR aims to build better nursing practices, care and leadership for our community. CSUF students who are AANSR members are eligible to apply for scholarship monies. If you wish to join AANSR, contact Liz Eastin at [eeastin@uci.edu](mailto:eeastin@uci.edu)

or 949-824-7931.



Athalie Richardson Clarke  
AANSR Founder

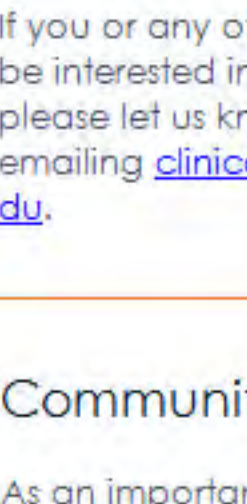
**California Action Coalition**

The IOM *Future of Nursing* report provided a groundswell of support for improving the nursing workforce to support health care needs of the future. The California Action Coalition is an organizing point and resource for these activities. I encourage you to get involved with the CA Action Coalition. More information is available at their website at <http://www.caactioncoalition.org>

**Faculty News**

Faculty are involved in professional and community service activities ranging from working with the homeless and migrant health to working with high school students to expose them to careers in nursing and the needed preparatory courses.

Dr. Dana Rutledge was selected as a reviewer for the national PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute).

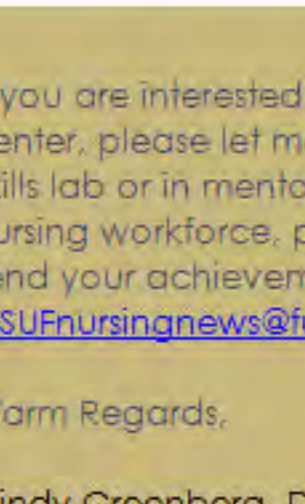


Dr. Chris Latham submitted a grant to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources Service Administration, Division of Nursing called *Advancing Health Equity and Diversity (AHEAD)*. One of the project goals is to provide support activities to better prepare under-represented high school students for careers in nursing.



**TITANgale**

**Support the Nurses of Tomorrow**



Connect with the CSUF School of Nursing as a student, alumni, supporter and friend of the SON. Pay it forward: give back to your community - time, good-will, or financially, consider commemorating the School of Nursing scholarship fund to leave a legacy by being a member of the TITANgale Society.

**Be a Mentor and Make a Difference**

**Patient Care Preceptors Needed**

We are in need of bedside Preceptors for Summer 2013 (6/3-8/9/2013).

The times and dates are flexible depending on the preceptor's schedule (Monday through Sunday, day or night).

If you or any of your colleagues may be interested in precepting a student, please let us know by May 15th by emailing [clinicalplacement@fullerton.edu](mailto:clinicalplacement@fullerton.edu).



**Community Partners Survey 2013-2014**

As an important member of the nursing/healthcare community, together, we have the opportunity to be in partnership to meet the nursing workforce needs of southern California.

We value your input, please complete a brief (about 5 minutes) survey. [Take the Survey here](#).

If you are interested in touring our wonderful skills lab and simulation center, please let me know, if you are interested in volunteering in the skills lab or in mentoring students, both opportunities to impact the future nursing workforce, please let me know. If you are an alumnus, please send your achievements since graduation to [CSUFnursingnews@fullerton.edu](mailto:CSUFnursingnews@fullerton.edu).

Warm Regards,

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Director & Professor, School of Nursing

