

Spring 2020 e-Newsletter

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Upcoming Events:

Student Recognition Ceremony

The annual School of Nursing Student Recognition Ceremony is going virtual! Join us as we recognize the dedication of our peer mentors, student leaders and honor our SON award and scholarship winners. Stay tuned for more information.

Pinning & Commencement

2020 Pinning and Commencement live ceremonies have been postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. More information to come.

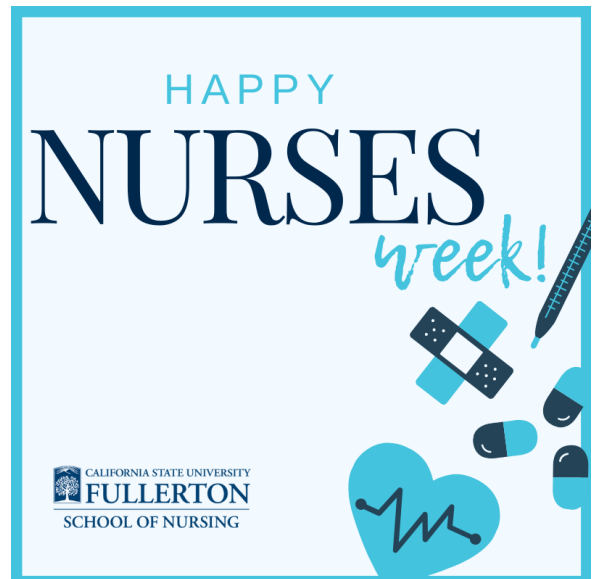
Summer 2020

The summer semester will begin on Tuesday, May 26th. Summer 2020 classes will be held online due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Call for Abstracts

The 25th annual Sigma SoCal Odyssey Conference *Year of the Nurse: Honoring Nursing Excellence* will be held October 15 & 16th in Ontario, CA.

Deadline to submit abstracts: Friday, June 19, 2020.



Thank you from the bottom of our hearts to those serving on the frontline of this pandemic!

WE APPRECIATE YOU!



GREETINGS

Penny C. Weismuller, DrPH, RN

Dear Colleagues and Friends of Nursing,

What a tumultuous journey the School of Nursing has taken since Governor Newsom announced California's Shelter in Place order; at that time, almost all hospitals and clinics requested that we leave their worksites so they could prepare for a surge of COVID-19 patients. We left our last two clinical placements that day, and under the direction of our Campus President, Fram Virjee, our faculty moved all of our in-person courses to a virtual format to protect our students and allow compliance with the stay at home approach to limit the

spread of COVID-19 in California. Our faculty and students rose to the occasion with skill and grace!

This situation, of course, created some challenges in allowing our students to complete their clinical course requirements. Fortunately, due to strong relationships in the community, we were able to provide student coverage in the Emergency Operations Center to assist County Health Workers who labored tirelessly behind the scenes to assure that Orange County would be prepared to respond to the pandemic's impact. All of our senior students who wanted to work were able to complete their clinical hours while also learning about the amount of work that is necessary to respond to a public health emergency.

Our hearts and minds go out to all individuals and families that have been affected by the Coronavirus. As I watch the news, I am touched by the stories of healthcare workers on the front lines. Tears come to my eyes as I listen to nurses talk about stepping in for the families who are forced to wait outside while their loved one is intubated and moved to the ICU. The courage and humanity of these nurses is so moving. We have ten CSUF faculty working in emergency departments and intensive care units; two of them, Dr. Christine Vu and Dr. Kate Bayhan, were highlighted in a news story included here. Their quotes highlight their humanity and care, along with the skills that they bring to their work and teach to our students.

At one Los Angeles hospital facing shortages in their obstetric physician and medical resident staff, our midwifery students were invited back to clinical practice. We are fortunate that with Drs. Mielke and Sojobi's relationships with the medical and hospital staff that our Women's Health Care students will be able to graduate as Nurse Practitioners and Nurse Midwives in this 'Year of the Nurse and Midwife.' Please take a look at the special photo contest that highlights the work of nurses worldwide

<https://yearofthenurseandmidwife.org/nursing-in-focus-winners/>.

Once again, CSUF School of Nursing has been recognized as a top school of Nurse Midwifery in the United States, and our partnership with Kaiser Permanente's School of Nurse Anesthesia (KPSA) has been rated as number four in the nation. We are grateful for the talents of Drs. Mielke and Sojobi in Women's Health and for Drs. Waters and Boytim at KPSA, among others, who have led us to these successful ratings.

Finally, let me thank you all for your support of our School of Nursing in these challenging times. At the University's First Annual Day of Giving, we raised \$8000 to provide supplies for our State of the Art Simulation Lab. Your generosity has afforded over \$245,000 to

remodel our Advanced Practice Lab, where we have four private exam rooms for the advanced competency examinations, as well as specialized simulation equipment. We look forward to inviting you to its Grand Opening soon. We appreciate your interest in the School of Nursing. Thank you for your friendship and support.

NEWS & EVENTS



Congratulations and Thank You!

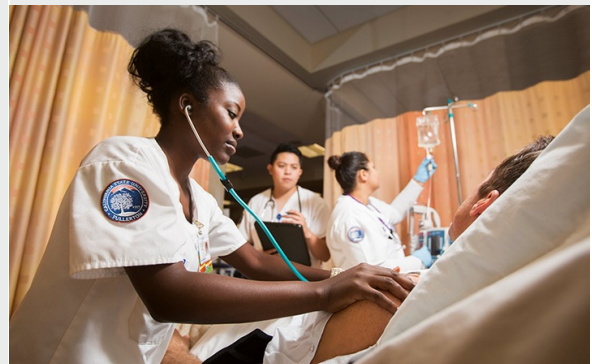
The School of Nursing proudly congratulates the graduating class of 2020! During these unprecedented and historical times, we believe the hard work and achievements our students have accomplished should be celebrated. Graduates, as you take your next steps into a profession built on compassion, empathy, integrity & courage, we congratulate you on your well deserved success!

To our continuing students, we thank you for your resilience, adaptability, and flexibility during these unprecedented times! School of Nursing staff and faculty are working hard behind the scenes to keep your education on track throughout the uncertainty. We look forward to future semesters and seeing your smiling faces on campus once again!

Two Nursing Graduate Programs Shine in U.S. News & World Report Rankings

Cal State Fullerton's nurse anesthesia and midwifery programs have been recognized as top health care programs in the nation in U.S. News & World Report's 2020 Best Graduate Schools list.

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Titans Test Use of Anesthesia Machines as Ventilators for COVID-19 Patients

Students and faculty in Cal State Fullerton's top-ranked nurse-anesthesia program recently



completed a five-day trial testing the effectiveness and durability of using anesthesia gas machines as long-term ventilators for COVID-19 patients.

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STUDENT NEWS

Nursing Students Volunteer as County Disaster Relief Workers

SON Nursing students have a rare opportunity to be integrated into a public health pandemic emergency response. In addition to contributing to the successful operations of the OC Health Agency's Agency Operations Center, students are receiving actual hands-on experience on what it takes to coordinate and respond to health emergencies that affect an entire system.

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CSUF Nursing Students Earn Graduation Credits for Work with County Coronavirus Relief Efforts

The Coronavirus pandemic threatened to derail about 70 CSUF nursing students' graduation plans this year. The problem: the hospitals where the students were finishing their clinical credits released them because of safety concerns about the Coronavirus and to preserve personal protective equipment for staff.

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President's Scholar Embodies Four Pillars of Leadership

Graduating Nursing student, Lina Elasmr, named 2020 President's Scholar. Elasmr spoke about her time at CSUF stating "This campus and the individuals who work and learn here have provided me with a supportive and engaging environment to develop into the leader I feel I've become, and I'm so grateful for all of the opportunities I've been given as a Titan."



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Population Health Students: Abigail Agiog, Terry Chong, Shannon Reimonenq, Alyssa Mancao, Krystelle Barrios, Lana Garces, Derek Marsh, Sandra Morgan, Ara Mohammed-Lagraa, Sydnee Platner, Katherine Loaisiga, Kylee Meng, Gigi Gonzalez, with instructor Riva Apodaca.

Population Health Nursing Students attend Ensure Justice Conference at Vanguard University

Put on by the Global Center for Women and Justice at Vanguard in partnership with the Orange County Department of Education, this year's conference was Ending Human Trafficking – Where We've Been, Where We Are, Where We're Going.

It's been 20 years since the Trafficking Victims' Protection Act (TVPA) and the Palermo Protocol were enacted. The conference hoped to bring attention to preventative strategies, resiliency and help participants find their place in the anti-human trafficking movement for the next decade.

Keynote speaker Pam Kahn, OCDE Health and Wellness Coordinator and California School Nurse Organization President, spoke on Building Strong Children. Some of the interesting topics were: Adverse Childhood Experiences, Introduction to Developmental Assets, The Trauma of Trafficking, Not So Safe Vaping Prevention Education, Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness and Experiences from a Sexual Assault Nurse.

Most students knew very little about the subject beforehand. In NURS 402L students learn about vulnerable populations. Students verbalized how the conference enhanced their learning and were looking forward to applying the learning in their clinical settings as well as their careers as BSN prepared nurses.



Applications for DNP Program Available

DNP (Post-Master's)

FACULTY NEWS

Christine Vu & Kate Bayhan Share Their Experiences Working in OC Hospitals

Dr. Christine Vu & Dr. Kate Bayhan are 2 of 10 School of Nursing faculty members on the battleground of the COVID-19 pandemic. We are so thankful for their dedication and care for others!



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Health Experts Work Behind the Scenes to Look After Those on the Front Lines

SON lecturer and nurse director at Keck Medicine, Dr. Yolanda Casagrande, leads her employee health team in looking after the safety of professionals on the front lines. “It’s been a scary, scary time,” Casagrande said. “But it’s also been a beautiful thing to witness in terms of collaboration and humanity and caring.”

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Titan Experts Share COVID-19 Health Information with Hispanic Community

Inez González Perezchica, director of the Latino Communications Institute, and Maria Matza, associate professor of nursing, joined forces to share health information and messages of hope with Orange County's Spanish-speaking community amid the pandemic.

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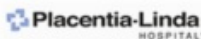
Emeriti Honors for Long-Serving Faculty

CSUF President Fram Virjee recently recognized numerous Cal State Fullerton faculty and staff with the conferral of emeriti status. Among those honored:

Karen Ringl, lecturer of nursing emeritus, for 17 years of service to Cal State Fullerton.

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