



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY  
**FULLERTON**

SCHOOL OF NURSING

## Summer 2018 e-Newsletter



### Director's Editorial

#### Lifelong Learning - Embracing Change Dr. Stephanie Vaughn, PhD, RN, CRRN

How many times have you exclaimed, I learned something new today! I hope that happens every day to each of you. One of the principles we instruct our nursing students is to aspire to be lifelong learners. Dehaze noted that, "Given the rapid rate of change, the old paradigm of one-off education followed by a career will no longer work: life-long learning is a must, and it is up to governments and employers to

invest in training and for employees to commit to constantly update their skill set." Lifelong learning assists us to manage change, even embrace it!

Change is constant and change in healthcare is no exception. The way we deliver care is changing, the settings in which we deliver care are changing, and the science on which we base our care has changed. The traditional way in which we view healthcare and treat persons only when they get sick, is not the norm any longer. Health promotion and secondary prevention are key, and are provided in settings outside of the hospital walls - telehealth, clinics in the park, community centers, or even a kiosk in WalMart. In addition to the traditional hospital settings, this is where our students learn and practice. With the help of our community partners, we have expanded the classroom to include these different venues so students can experience and practice skills needed to deliver healthcare in the community.

Our community partners have allowed us to use outpatient clinics, community centers, and home health to foster an understanding of the differences in healthcare settings and how our students and graduates can influence the health of individuals and families in these different venues. These "changing" learning opportunities have enhanced the SON student experience. According to John Dewey, "Education is not a preparation for a life, education is life itself;" thus should continue throughout one's professional career.

Congratulations to the Class of 2018 (BSN, MSN, and DNP) and thank you to

all of our wonderful community partners who helped our graduates in their journey to embrace change and become lifelong learners!

## News & Events



### Commencement

On Friday, May 18, 2018, nursing degrees were awarded to 329 graduates. The degrees presented include 27 Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), 83 Master of Science in Nursing (MSN), and 219 Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN).

Laura Sarff, DNP Graduate, spoke to all graduates, imagining "*all the places you will go and the things you will do.*" Amin Azam, MSN Graduate, reminded graduates "*The most meaningful reward for our efforts is knowing that our patients were able to pass a little bit more time on this earth in the way that they wanted in the place that they wanted, and with the people that they wanted.*" Charmaine Lim, BSN Graduate, encouraged her BSN colleagues to "*be the change that makes patient care better.*" [View photos...](#)



### **Pre-Licensure BSN Pinning Ceremony - May 17, 2018**

Sixty-one students from Cal State Fullerton's nursing program took part in the Thursday, May 17, pinning ceremony on campus, to signify the completion of initial professional nursing education and marking the transition into professional practice as a registered nurse candidate. The ritual dates back to the time of Florence Nightingale when the pin was awarded as a "badge of courage" to encourage students to faithfully serve the sick and dying in challenging situations. [View photos...](#)



### **Annual Student Recognition Event - May 1, 2018**

Director, Stephanie Vaughn, PhD, RN, CRRN, FAHA, along with faculty and staff, hosted the annual School of Nursing Student Recognition Event to celebrate the success and dedication of our students for their merits, academic achievements, leadership roles, and community service. Congratulations to all students

honored! [View photos...](#)



### **Titan Nurses Across Generations - April 6, 2018**

The CSUF Nursing Student Association and Nursing Alumni Chapter hosted the second annual Titan Nurses Across Generations event during the college of Health and Human Development (HHD) Week on Friday, April 6, 2018. Dana Rutledge PhD, RN and CSUF Professor Emeritus spoke on "Innovation and Translational Science: Moving Ideas into Practice and Beyond". A graduate program panel took place for questions. This was a time to network and connect current students with alumni, faculty, and various nursing professionals. [View photos...](#)



## **Sweet Cases Day - May 3, 2018**

With the help of 20+ volunteers over the course of 7 hours and donations of over \$1300, the School of Nursing successfully decorated over 55 bags for foster youth at Crittenton. Crittenton Services for Children and Families is a child advocacy and mental health nonprofit organization serving the Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside and San Diego Counties.

SON faculty, Sharrica Miller, PhD, CPNP-PC, RN worked closely with Together We Rise to make this event happen. Together We Rise works with hundreds of foster agencies to provide thousands of foster youth sweet cases so that children do not have to travel from home to home with their belongings in a trash bag.

Faculty and staff from the School of Nursing, Guardian Scholars, Male Student Success Initiative, UCLA School of Nursing, Mora Interiors, as well as personal friends pitched in with so much creativity! Special thank you to those that supported this effort! [View photos...](#)

## **Student News**

### **2017-2018 Scholarship and Award Recipients**

#### **María Dolores Hernández Scholarship**

Jean Claudine Abac, Annmarie Herrera, Sara Romo

#### **Stephanie Hernández Memorial Scholarship**

Marlene Moreno

#### **Titan Shops Scholarship**

Annmarie Herrera

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

Rebecca Berrera, Araceli Casillas, Taylor Griffin, Annmarie Herrera, Josue Moreno-Lara, Marlene Moreno, Michael Perez, Jose Ramirez, Yahaira Valencia

#### **DAISY Foundation Award**

Jordan Northcote, DAISY in Training Student

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

Mariam Fazil Traditional BSN, Cara Domene Accelerated BSN, Ian Morris RN-BSN

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

Jason Ruper BSN, Susan Roberts MSN

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

Gina Pearson BSN, Nina Torres MSN

#### **Collegiality Award**

Charmaine Lim BSN, Andrea Meacham MSN, Jennifer Guzman DNP

#### **Outstanding Student Award**

Abigale Rodriguez BSN, Wendy Cortez MSN, Sandra Johnson MSN, Laura Sarff DNP, Dane Shoemaker DNP

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

Noreen Clarke, DNP

## **Outstanding Doctoral Project Award**

Lupe Yepez-Michel, DNP

## **2017-2018 Student Leadership Recognition**

### **Nursing Peer Mentors**

Ayari Aquino Gallegos, Kaitlyn Arroyo, Ysabelle Anne Balomadres, Autumn Bennington, Abigail Coiner, Diana Cuellar, Deena Duesler, Julia Eshelman, Kimberly Fong, Burdette Gebelein, Katie Gonzalez, Taylor Griffin, Christine Gutierrez, Michael Itonaga, Sangrae Jo, Amy Kha, Danielle Larracas, Cynthia Law, Jennie Le, Amy Lee, Tammy Liang, Vanessa Lim, Susana Liu, Clifford Ly, Vanessa Martinez, Marissa Murphy, Sara Musko, Huong Pham, Alexis Pyle, Klara Reece, Angelica Corazon Roxas, Jason Ruper, Rhea Shrivastava, Briana Soto, Coco Suen, Megan Suresh, Kyle Tran, Helen Truong, Stephen Vu, Jessica Wilson

### **Nursing Advanced Peer Mentors**

Reyna Alvarado, Kaitlyn Arroyo, Siyeen Beaty, Autumn Bennington, April Castorillo, Cara Domene, Julia Eshelman, Jonathan Garzon, Taylor Griffin, Christine Gutierrez, Annmarie Herrera, Gye Won Kim, Ashley Melin, Sara Musko, Gina Pearson, Briana Soto, Kayla Williams, Vincent Wong

### **Class of 2018 President's Scholar**

Charmaine Lim

### **Nursing Student Association (NSA) Board**

Annmarie Herrera President, Alexandra Black Vice-President, Bianca Bongga Secretary, Evette Andraos Treasurer, Kristie Ngo Activities Director, Reyna Alvarado Historian Co-Chair, April Castorillo Historian Co-Chair, Amanda Felton Membership Chair, Brianna Soto Outreach Chair, Araceli Casillas Scholarship Chair, Ian Morris Convention Chair, Kimberly Fong Fundraising Chair



## **The DAISY In Training Award - Jordan Northcote, BSN, RN, CCRN**

Jordan is a high caliber student. She stays on task, is thorough in her assignments and often works ahead. She brings her expertise to the bedside and is patient and caring with patients and their families as well as other students. Jordan is a great listener and picks up on cues from patients and peers to make a solid connection of trust, compassion and understanding. She is well respected in the nursing community and is often seen as a strong advocate. Her desire is to mentor others to their full potential as well as

educating others in their health and well-being. She has a talent for mentoring and can often be seen pulling up a chair next to a fellow student to guide them and help them in their knowledge and nursing practice. She embraces lifelong learning and plans to continue in her education at an advanced practice level. Her easily understood teaching plans help her patients and their families have a strong grasp of medical knowledge and feel empowered to make informed decisions about their healthcare. Jordan is the type of student every teacher longs for. She is attentive, comes prepared, is enthusiastic to learn and has a loving heart to assist others. I am honored to have had the opportunity to be a part of her nursing journey. She will enrich and touch many lives. **Read more...**



### **Woman's Health Care Student Gets Opportunity of a Lifetime**

Adrienne Almada, a Cal State Fullerton graduate nursing student, will get the opportunity of a lifetime as she travels to Lucknow, India, for an intense, two-month immersion into the Urdu language and the region's culture." **Read more...**

## **Faculty News**

### **2017-2018 Award Recipients**

#### **HHD Distinguished Faculty Member/Faculty Marshall**

Nahid (Nina) Ghazae, RN, MSN, MA, CAS

#### **DAISY Foundation Award**

Penny Weismuller, DAISY Faculty Award



## The DAISY Faculty Award

IN MEMORY OF J. PATRICK BARNES

**2018 Recipient**  
**Penny Weismuller, DrPH, RN**



### The DAISY Faculty Award - Penny Weismuller, DrPH, RN

I am an Assistant Professor working with students in my chosen specialty area and at the degree levels that fit my experience and fulfill me greatly all because of Penny Weismuller. I first met Penny in Fall of 2008 when she was my project advisor in the final year of my MSN program. From this first interaction, I was deeply impressed by Penny's commitment to student success...to my success. We had an instant rapport and I knew that this relationship was something special that I needed to take seriously. Rather than steer me to an easier path, Penny encouraged and helped me to dig deep and successfully conduct a small qualitative study. I was amazed that I did it, I felt triumphant and to this day I wish I would have listened to her and tried to publish that work. **Read more...**



### Nahid (Nina) Ghazae Retires

Ms. Ghazae joined the School of Nursing at California State University, Fullerton as a full-time lecturer in 2007. Her clinical expertise is in mental health nursing and she has taught the mental health clinical rotation regularly and served as Lead Instructor for the Cultural Diversity in Health and Illness Course while at CSUF.

Students proclaim that Ms. Ghazae's expertise is inspiring, they appreciate her passion and love for mental health nursing, they related that they will apply what



they have learned not only in their nursing practice, but in everyday life, and last but not least, students shared she taught them that persons with mental health issues are not to be feared, but treated with compassion.

Thank you Ms. Ghazae for your dedication to the CSUF nursing students. You will be missed!

## Accreditation News



THE CSU  
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Upcoming CCNE Accreditation Review  
*Provide Your Comments*

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LONG BEACH

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY  
LOS ANGELES

### PUBLIC NOTICE OF UPCOMING CCNE ACCREDITATION REVIEW

The Southern California CSU DNP Consortium, which includes the Schools of Nursing at California State Universities, Fullerton, Long Beach and Los Angeles, will be hosting a Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) accreditation site visit October 15-17, 2018. This visit is part of the process for seeking continuing nursing professional accreditation through CCNE for the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Program. CCNE is an autonomous accrediting agency, which ensures the quality and integrity of professional nursing programs. As a voluntary, self-regulatory process, CCNE accreditation supports and encourages continuing self-assessment by nursing programs and supports continuing growth and improvement of collegiate professional nursing education.

CCNE requires that our community of interest be offered the opportunity to submit written third-party comments to CCNE up to 21 days prior to the site visit. These comments are not shared with the nursing program.

All third-party comments should be received by CCNE by September 24, 2018. All third-party comments submitted to CCNE must be written in English, consistent with CCNE's policy on Conduct of Business in English.

If you would like to submit a third-party comment, please submit to [thirdpartycomments@ccneaccreditation.org](mailto:thirdpartycomments@ccneaccreditation.org).

Or, if you prefer, mail comments to:  
Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education  
Attn: Third-Party Comments  
655 K St., NW, Suite 750  
Washington, DC 20001

**We value your feedback!**

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