DIRECTOR’S EDITORIAL

STRATEGIC PLANNING AND BEYOND

As the School of Nursing (SON) embarks on the development of the next 5-year Strategic Plan I nostalgically looked at our current plan that has served as our guide the past four years (it is noteworthy that even though we developed some lofty goals that demonstrated innovative thought, other opportunities presented themselves during the course of the plan which fostered additional goals). I pondered that even with all the creative energy in the room that day, we still could not have foreseen all that lies ahead for the School of Nursing.

We have accomplished many of our original strategic plan goals: developed and implemented the BSN-DNP curriculum (SoCal CSU DNP Consortium), recruited and retained a more diverse faculty, evaluated and revised BSN and MSN curricula to reflect current practice/standards, increased engagement through a community advisory board, planned and participated in events such as Titans Across Generation, hosted a speaker series (i.e. Callista Roy), increased collaboration with other disciplines through Interprofessional Education (IPE) activities, and fostered high impact activities with students (i.e. Poverty Simulation, peer mentoring, and standardized patients); and yet there was more.

Those additional opportunities include partnering with Riverside City College and CSU San Bernardino in developing the Tri-County RN-BSN Pathway, a model concurrent enrollment program (CEP) for ADN students to enroll in CSU and take BSN courses while concurrently taking RCC courses, thus allowing them to complete a BSN soon after ADN graduation. Other exciting projects include the development of the Robust Aging Program located in the Ruby Gerontology Center, where Dr. Sakamoto, colleagues, and students provide health screenings/education to the members of OLLI. The SON during this period has received HRSA grant funding (Dr. Ruth Mielke) which supported the expansion of women’s health and midwifery student experiences into the rural mountain areas. Another HRSA grant (Workforce Diversity) allowed the SON to provide additional academic (tutors, learning specialist) and psychosocial resources, including a nurse coach, and cultural competency (humility) training to enhance student success.

So once again, I extend a heartfelt thank you to our community partners for their support; but I also wish to thank my esteemed faculty colleagues and dedicated staff for the work
they do each day to ensure that our students receive the tools they need to be nurse leaders, "change agents", and providers of culturally competent (humble) evidence-based care in our communities. Until next time....

NEWS & EVENTS

POPULATION HEALTH POVERTY SIMULATION - JANUARY 20, 2019
120 students from CSUF School of Nursing participated in a Poverty Simulation, designed to help them understand how easy it is for individuals and families to fall into the cycle of poverty, and to make them better advocates for their patients in those situations.

"Developing knowledge about the connection between poverty and health is essential to nursing education," explains Dr. Maria Matza, associate professor of nursing.

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CAMPUS ESTABLISHES STREAMLINED PATHWAY TO BACHELOR’S DEGREE IN NURSING

In a move to increase the number of nurses and the diversity of workforces, CSUF School of Nursing has signed Memorandums of Understanding with Riverside City College to create pathways from the associate degree in nursing to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

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CSUF SCHOOL OF NURSING SEeks to EXPAND ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR FRESHMAN PROGRAM
To enhance its ability to admit applicants who demonstrate academic readiness and potential for success, CSUF School of Nursing seeks to augment the current admissions criteria for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing pre-licensure program.

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CHAMPIONING WOMEN'S HEALTH CARE
CSUF School of Nursing has become an in-demand institution for the education of nurses trained specifically for midwifery/women's health care. Ranked among the nation's top programs in the field, according to U.S. News & World Report, it is one of only two universities that offer a nurse-midwifery program in California, and admits only a fraction of the student applicants who apply every year.

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13TH ANNUAL STTI INDUCTION CEREMONY & POSTER
PRESENTATION
Join us in congratulating CSUF School of Nursing students and our fellow colleagues in the community as they are inducted as members of Sigma Theta Tau International. We will also support and congratulate those presenting research projects through poster presentations.

Saturday, April 13, 2019
Knott's Berry Farm Hotel

Register online...

EQUIPMENT DONATION FROM HILL-ROM
CSUF School of Nursing would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Rossana Fernandez at Hill-Rom for her generous donation of stretchers and beds! Our students have been putting the equipment to good use!

GRANT NEWS
STUDENTS RECEIVE TRAINING IN EVALUATING SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDERS

Students in CSUF School of Nursing are getting training on substance abuse thanks to a three-year Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration grant. The final year award of $258,521, brings the total award to nearly $700,000.

"The goal of the training is to prevent or detect early, high-risk behavior for alcohol and drug abuse," explained Dr. Beverly Quaye, program director and assistant professor of nursing. "Such behavior, if diagnosed and treated early, can have a big impact on individuals our students will be facing in their future careers."

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FETAL EXPOSURE SYMPOSIUM - MARCH 25, 2019

The Rural WOMANS Grant team hosted their inaugural mini symposium featuring keynote speakers Dr. Christina Chambers and Dr. Lynn Yonekura.

Dr. Chambers, professor of pediatrics at University of California, San Diego and Director of Clinical Research for the Department of Pediatrics at UCSD and Rady Children's Hospital,
Dr. Yonekura, a well-known and respected board certified obstetrician-gynecologist and director of LA Best Babies network, spoke on Marijuana in pregnancy.

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

**DR. AUSTIN NATION DIVERSITY IN NURSING SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship, open to new and continuing students in the CSUF School of Nursing who are pursuing an undergraduate or a graduate degree, was established and funded by alumni Dr. Austin Nation (BSN -2009; MSN, Leadership - 2011, and current faculty) to assist students in their academic journey within the CSUF School of Nursing who have demonstrated engagement and leadership in the community or in the Nursing Student Association (NSA), which he founded in 2007.

Applications for this scholarship are due April 20, 2019!

[Apply now...](#)

**2019 DAISY AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE APRIL 15**

Students, faculty, administrators and others are invited to nominate a deserving CSUF nursing faculty member by submitting the online [DAISY Faculty Award nomination form](#).

Faculty, patients, coworkers, preceptors and others are invited to nominate a deserving CSUF Student Nurse by submitting the online [DAISY In Training student award](#).
CSUF SCHOOL OF NURSING AFFILIATED SIGMA CHAPTER AWARDED
The Cal State Fullerton affiliated Sigma Chapter has been recognized with three awards of Regional Excellence for Outstanding Achievement - Catalyze, Collaborate and Connect. These awards are very prestigious and demonstrate recognition of all the hard work the Board of Directors and members have done over our last ten years. Thanks to all who have participated over the years of our chapter and to those who are participating now!

PROGRAM NEWS
APPLICATIONS FOR MSN PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

APPLICATIONS OPEN
APPLY NOW!
DR. STEPHANIE VAUGHN AWARDED
Dr. Stephanie Vaughn was awarded the Excellence in Professional Education award from the Association of California Nurse Leaders (ACNL).

A vibrant and collaborative leader, Dr. Vaughn led the CSUF Nursing faculty in creating an innovative model with student success as the foundation of educating RN students to excel in nursing practice and meet the needs of diverse populations. A leader in both service and academia, Dr. Vaughn continues to practice as a Clinical Nurse Specialist in rehabilitation. Dr. Vaughn's unique background provides her with the insight to bridge the gap between service and academia. She excels at creating new partnerships with community colleges and health care venues to address patient and student educational needs. One example is her leadership in the Tri-County Nursing Pathway, a model collaborative program between Riverside Community College, CSU San Bernardino and CSU Fullerton. This model creates a pathway for community college nursing students to dual enroll in their community college nursing program and a CSU with the goal of completing a nursing baccalaureate degree in four years.

Currently, Dr. Vaughn is augmenting student support services to address underrepresented and first-generation college students through a $2 million U.S. Department of Health and Human Services HRSA grant. As part of these efforts, she is implementing holistic admission practices that create equity in student access to baccalaureate, masters and doctoral level education. Through this grant she leads a team to increase student support, including creating positions to meet identified needs of first-generation college students and assist faculty and student advisers in utilizing culturally-appropriate teaching/learning methods while incorporating inter-professional approaches.

DR. ASMA TAHA AWARDED
Dr. Asma Taha was recognized as a Faculty Advisor of Distinction on behalf of the Academic Advising Professional Development Committee and the Student Success Team Leadership.

Recognized by a former Traditional BSN student, Daria Teplinsky, Dr. Taha was highlighted for an above-and-beyond level of caring and passion to inspire students as they look to navigate their pathway to successful degree completion and beyond.
We offer our warmest congratulations on your excellent work!

SON FACULTY RECEIVE JACKET DONATION
CSUF School of Nursing faculty, CSUF President Dr. Framroze Virjee, wife Julie Virjee and College of Health & Human Development Dean Dr. Laurie Roades extend a big thank you to Carole Nelson of Critical Couture for donating new lab coats! SON faculty have put them to good use!