REFLECTIONS
Dr. Stephanie Vaughn, PhD, RN, CRRN

As I pen my final newsletter editorial, I find myself reflecting on the CSUF School of Nursing's journey over the last few years...

With its rich 45-year history of providing quality affordable nursing education to persons in Orange County, CSUF School of Nursing has flourished adapting to the changes in the healthcare environment, the academic climate, and university and state mandates.

Our faculty have collaborated with community partners, such as city groups and coalitions to promote the profession and community health initiatives. Faculty have also worked with community colleges to create seamless pathways for students to achieve their goal of becoming a professional nurse. The Tri County Concurrent Enrollment Program (CEP) with RCC that launches this Fall is an example of such a pathway. The growth of the DNP (CSU Southern CA DNP Consortium of which CSUF is the administrative campus) is also an example of collaboration, working with CSULB and CSULA to provide accessible doctoral education. The innovative evidence-based projects the DNP graduates have developed and employed in their respective workplaces have improved client care and changed practice.

Also, in Fall 2018 the first cohort of BSN-DNP students (SRNAs) were admitted. The graduate program faculty are revising curricula to ensure the current concentrations and course delivery methods are meeting the needs of the healthcare community. To enhance program growth and expand services into rural underserved areas Dr. Mielke and the Women's Health faculty established a partnership with a mountain community hospital.

The SON faculty over the last four years have procured over 4.5 million dollars in funding to fund the aforementioned expansion, to provide community/student education in the area of substance abuse and mental health (Dr. Quaye),
develop a standardized patient program for undergraduate students in the skills lab (Ms. Williams, Ms. Doyer, Dr. Fortes, and Dr. Jung), and create new resources (nurse coach) to assist students with life balance issues, academic issues such as writing and reading (funded through EMBRACE), and promote a more diverse inclusive environment through the addition of cultural humility education and the development of a SON Diversity Support Team (Dr. Miller).

The SON is in the process of developing its next five-year strategic plan which will continue to focus on community needs and best practice. The SON will continue to look to our amazing community partners, our community Advisory Board (CAB), and our professional organizations, in which many of our faculty serve in leadership roles, and accreditation/regulatory bodies (e.g. BRN, CCNE, ACME, COA, etc.) to inform and provide insight that will guide the SON into the next decade.

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News & Events

Commencement - May 18, 2019
During the Saturday morning ceremony, nursing degrees were awarded to 369 graduates. The degrees presented include 30 Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP), 61 Master of Science in Nursing (MSN), and 278 Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN).

Sandra Hall, DNP Graduate, spoke to all graduates, encouraging everyone to "Be passionate about this crazy, wonderful, humbling profession that we have chosen and continue to choose for ourselves." Nyela Wilson, MSN Graduate, reminded graduates "Do it well, do it with integrity and respect. What we do matters!" Paola Molina, BSN Graduate, encouraged her BSN colleagues to "Become fearless
nurses unafraid to advocate for our patients, our communities, and the advancement of our profession."

BSN Pinning Ceremony - May 15, 2019
103 students from CSUF School of Nursing took part in the Wednesday, May 15, 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.

Retirement Celebration - May 4, 2019
The School of Nursing hosted a luncheon in honor of five dedicated faculty members
Barbara Doyer, MSN, RN - 11 Years of Service
Suzanne (Sue) Robertson, PhD, RN - 13 Years of Service
Stephanie Vaughn, PhD, RN, CRRN, FAHA - 14 Years of Service
Marsha Orr, MSN, RN - 16 Years of Service
Karen Ringl, MSN, RN - 17 Years of Service

Annual Student Recognition Event - April 30, 2019
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!
**Donation Supports Nursing's State-Of-The-Art Simulation Center**

Recently, medical equipment manufacturer Hill-Rom donated four state-of-the-art hospital beds to the simulation center, where students are developing technical and cognitive skills through a wide range of simulated patient cases! [Read more...](#)

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**Student News**

**2018-2019 Scholarship and Award Recipients**

**María Dolores Hernández Scholarship**
April Castorillo, Lina Elasmar, Esther Nabeta, Tammy Ngo, Albert Ngov, Alireza Nikpour, Cambria Tuttle

**Stephanie Hernández Memorial Scholarship**
Courtney Van Buren

**Titan Shops Scholarship**
Belinda Cozad

**California Community Foundation Scholarship for First Generation Students**
Araceli Casillas, Marlene Moreno, Abel Perez Rodriguez, Cindy Reyes, Jose Ramirez

**Dr. Austin Nation Diversity in Nursing Scholarship**
Jessica Raya

**DAISY Foundation Award**
Kimberly Fong, DAISY in Training Student Awardee

**BSN Latham Support Award for Most Valuable Person**
Alexandra Black Traditional BSN, Paula Monica Deomampo Accelerated BSN, Tammy Ngo RN-BSN

**Vera Robinson Award for Humor**
Brandon Marte BSN, Tony Patriarca MSN

Wilma J. Traber Humanism Award
Maria Theresa Dano BSN, Adrienne Almada MSN, Marissa Trevett MSN

Collegiality Award
Annmarie Herrera BSN, Oliver Delacruz MSN, S. Kate Bayhan DNP

Outstanding Student Award
Elizabeth Landon BSN, Brooke Odell MSN, Sandra Hall DNP

DNP Contributions to Professional Nursing Award
Enza Esposito-Nguyen DNP, William Glasser DNP

Outstanding Doctoral Project Award
Gabriel Fernandez DNP

2018-2019 Student Leadership Recognition
Nursing Peer Mentors
April Castorillo, Paula Monica Deomampo, Kimberly Fong, Taylor Griffin, Annmarie Herrera, Shannon Kanegawa, Crystal Lee, Tammy Liang, Lhezel Ara Mohammed-Lagraa, Jennifer Oh, Abel Perez Rodriguez, Rajina Renaud, Emmarioel Rubio, Briana Soto, Soyeon Yoon

Nursing Student Association (NSA) Board
Annmarie Herrera President, Mathew Trevino Vice President, Danielle Larracas Secretary, Janel Medina Treasurer, Araceli Casillas Scholarship, Alyssa Reyes Membership, April Castorillo Outreach, Tammy Liang Activities Director, Briana Soto Co Historian, Mario Rubio Co Historian, Kimberly Fong Fundraising, Angelica Roxas Convention Chair, Ayari Aquino Gallegos BLS Director, Ysabelle Balomadres BLS Coordinator, Katie Gonzalez BLS PR

The DAISY In Training Award - Kimberly Fong
I'm nominating Kim Fong for the Daisy Award. I currently work alongside Kim in the Oncology Department at CHOC Children's. Having had trained Kim for a few shifts, I knew she was someone who was going to excel at this job. Families were immediately taken with her very open and inviting personality. She was able to communicate properly with her patients. Being mostly children, it at times can be hard to communicate, but Kim showed an expertise way of managing the very different personalities of both patient and parent. Kim is a kind-hearted individual who understands her job responsibilities and fulfills them with love and understanding. Because of the department that we work in, it's sometimes really hard to have a distance between caring and caring too much. Kim has shown, that she can both be professional and show a great deal of understanding and empathy towards our patients. She goes above and beyond for her patients and family, making her the best candidate for this award. Please
consider my coworker and friend Kim Fong, a person who has undoubtedly made many patients life a bit lighter in the darker days.

Doctoral Research Seeks Solutions to Problems Seen in the Workplace
Lisa Baughman wants to see foster youth get the best medical and dental care possible but sometimes this proves difficult in the foster care system. William Glasser was seeing partners of veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder developing similar PTSD symptoms but not getting care. Both DNP candidates decided to make these issues the subject of their doctoral research. Read more...

Titans Work Together to Change the Lives of Foster Youth, One Bag at a Time
The School of Nursing and Guardian Scholars Program for current and former foster youth teamed with the community organization Together We Rise to raise $4,128.43 for the project dubbed "Sweet Cases." Read more...

Faculty News

2018-2019 Award Recipients
School of Nursing Faculty Marshal
Suzanne (Sue) Robertson, PhD, RN
The DAISY Faculty Award - S. Kate Bayhan, MSN, RN, PHN, CCRN

It is without hesitation that I nominate Kate Bayhan for the faculty Daisy Award. Ms. Bayhan has been one of the best teachers I’ve had during my whole education. I have had the pleasure of being in her class for two semesters; at the beginning for health assessment and at the end for capstone. She is a passionate individual and it shows that she loves what she does. I have seen her interact with other colleagues and I see the admiration and respect they have for her. Ms. Bayhan challenges individuals to critically think and she utilizes various forms of teaching to make sure her students understand the concept. She is approachable and easy to reach out to. She is an incredibly smart nurse and a fountain of information. She is not afraid to say she does not know something and she will even have you research it so both parties can understand. Her calm demeanor allows students to feel at ease during clinical and she is not afraid to work with the student where there is need for improvement. She has taken time out of her schedule to facilitate different lectures including one for critical care and the resume building for capstone lecture. She has been able to work part-time at her hospital job, teach at CSUF, take care of home duties and her children, all while finishing her doctorate. I aspire to have her dedication one day. I am fortunate enough to have her for capstone because she has been an invaluable part of my career and I will forever be thankful. She is a great asset for the CSUF School of Nursing and I hope she is considered for this recognition.

University Awards Recognize the Work of Titans

In addition to recognizing employees’ years of service and achievement of advanced degrees, the awards program presented three campus wide awards. Dr. Sharrica Miller, assistant professor of nursing, was awarded this year’s Diversity, Inclusion and Equity Award for her leadership in establishing the first annual Diversity and Inclusion Symposium within the School of Nursing. Read more...

Researcher Helps Others Identify Human Trafficking’s Youngest Victims

Dr. Hannah Fraley has focused her research
and passion on helping some of the youngest victims of human trafficking. "There are approximately 300,000 youth trafficked in the United States - and those are only the identified victims." Read more...