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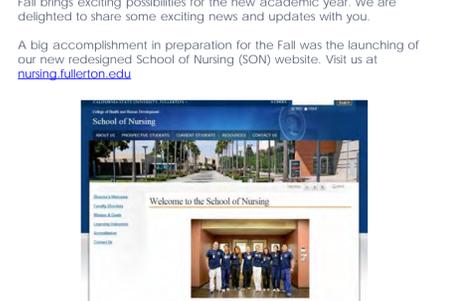
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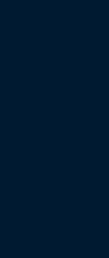
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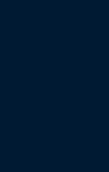
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Greetings from the School of Nursing at CSU Fullerton!

Fall brings exciting possibilities for the new academic year. We are delighted to share some exciting news and updates with you.

A big accomplishment in preparation for the Fall was the launching of our new redesigned School of Nursing (SON) website. Visit us at nursing.fullerton.edu



Students

NSA & Boot Camp

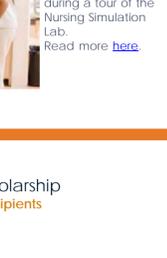


An enthusiastic and creative board currently leads the [CSUF Nursing Student Association \(NSA\)](#). Elections for the 2013-2014 Year are currently in progress.

NSA hosted their first ever "Nursing Skills Boot Camp" on August 15 and 16, 2013. The Nursing Skills Boot Camp is a two-day camp to provide incoming nursing students with an overview of the basic skills and education necessary to promote success in their first year of nursing school and to provide returning students with a review and refreshing of the skills they will use in their clinical rotations and throughout their professional careers. A special thank you to those who generously donated and sponsored this event. Read more [here](#).

CSUF Nursing Students and Student Health Center Partner for Fall Influenza Vaccination Clinic

In only 3 days, School of Nursing students administered over 910 flu vaccinations to CSUF students on campus.



Alumni

We are very proud of all our Alumni accomplishments

The CSUF SON is seeking pictures of alumni at work. Please submit photos to CSUFNursingNews@fullerton.edu. Include your name, program, year of graduation and the signed [Image Release Form](#).

Publications

Perfecto, K., & Ahern, N. (2013). Early assessment for Alzheimer's disease and dementia: Comparison of two metamemory diagnostic tests. *Journal of Psychosocial Nursing and Mental Health Services*, 51(9), 17-21.

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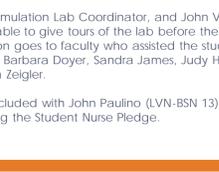
Boyd, D., Merkh K., Rutledge, D., Randall V. (2011). Nurses' perceptions and experiences with end-of-life communication and care. *Perceptions Nursing Forum*, 38(3), E229-E239.

MSN Grad, **Erin Avalos** presented her research "Heart Failure Patient Education" at the Spring 2013 STTI



Upsilon Beta-Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau Fall Event

The Realities of Evidenced Based Practice - What Have We Learned?
[STTI Fall Event Invitation](#)



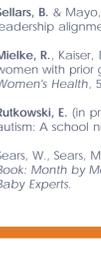
Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez at CSUF Simulation Lab



Dr. Cindy Greenberg, professor and director of the School of Nursing, left, with U.S. Rep. Loretta Sanchez during a tour of the Nursing Simulation Lab. Read more [here](#).

Maria Dolores Hernandez Scholarship

Congratulations to our 2013-2014 Recipients



- Veronica Orji - RN-BSN (NDE)
- Gloria Hernandez - RN-BSN
- Blanca Pena - RN-BSN (NDE)
- Karen Loftus - school nurse credential
- James Martinez - MS - Anesthesia
- Duc Nguyen -EL-MS - Leadership

The Maria Dolores Hernandez Scholarship is awarded each year to deserving nursing students.

Its purpose is to develop the full leadership potential of students in the nursing profession through a combination of formal education, professional guidance by a faculty adviser, interaction with the community-based nominator, peer support and exposure to professional activities.

SON in the News

SON and CHHD account for 42% of hours of service

For the 6th year in a row, Cal State Fullerton was named in the U.S. President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, the nation's highest recognition for community engagement. Read about all the accomplishments, including more than 1.4 million hours of course-related and voluntary service, that earned this national recognition in the [2013 Community Engagement Report](#).

Kudos to the College of Health & Human Development for contributing 42% of the total number of hours!

Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)

Welcoming our Second Cohort

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Program has welcomed its second cohort of students. These nurses represent a wide variety of specialty areas including Psych Mental Health, Women's Health, Family Nurse Practitioner, CNS, CRNA, Public Health, and Leadership and Administration. This diverse group of students brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the classroom and we are looking forward to another fun and exciting year.

Recently changes to our admissions requirements make applying to our program even easier! Detailed information is available on our website: [SON Website](#) or by email: dnp@fullerton.edu.



If you are interested in pursuing your DNP through the Southern California CSU DNP Consortium, please RSVP for our upcoming information session on Monday, **November 4th at CSUF** (6:00pm - 8:00pm).

We are looking forward to our Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) accreditation visit on November 18-20, 2013.

School Nurses Refresh Skills at CSUF

Partnership with Orange County Department of Education (OCDE)

CSUF Nursing faculty Barb Doyer and Mary Ann Kelly (pictured on left) coordinated a successful collaborative event with Pamela Kahn (pictured right) Coordinator of Health and Wellness for the OCDE and OC School Nurses. The purpose of the skills day was to refresh care management skills for School Nurses. Full article [here](#).

Entry Level Programs

New Freshman Entry Pathway

The School of Nursing will offer direct-entry of freshmen into the Generic Bachelor of Science in Nursing program for the Fall 2014 admission cycle. Read more about the new Freshmen-Entry BSN Program [here](#).

Accelerated BSN

This program is designed for students with Bachelor's degrees in other fields who are interested in pursuing a second Bachelor's in Nursing. The program is 5 semesters and will award students a BS in Nursing and allow them to sit for the RN NCLEX exam. We are currently preparing for the Fall 2014 admission cycle. Read more about the new Accelerated BSN Program [here](#).

White Coat Ceremony

The White Coat Ceremony event marks a time of transition when newly admitted students prepare to start their clinical rotations where they begin caring for patients in various health care settings.

On September 20, 2013 the newly admitted LVN-BSN, Entry Level MSN, and Accelerated BSN students were invited to gather with their family and friends to celebrate this particular time in their student-nursing journey.

During remarks to the audience, Dr. Rebecca Otten presented the significant role that family and friends play as supporters and cheerleaders to the students as they go through the program. The need to dedicate true study time was emphasized as a particular need to help build a strong foundation for the art and science of nursing which leads to a professional practice of safe patient care in a complex health care system. She also discussed the importance of moral and ethical standards and the significance of our role as patient advocates.

Barbara Doyer, Simulation Lab Coordinator, and John Varley, Sim Lab IT Tech, were available to give tours of the lab before the ceremony. A special recognition goes to faculty who assisted the students to don their white coats: Barbara Doyer, Sandra James, Judy Hervey, Kathleen Griffith, and Lydia Zeigler.

The evening concluded with John Paulino (LVN-BSN 13) leading the students in reciting the Student Nurse Pledge.

Faculty News

Welcome our new Fall 2013 Faculty

Honored for Years of Service

Dr. Dana Rutledge (pictured) and Dr. BJ Snell were recently honored by President Mildred Garcia for each of their 10 years of service at Cal State Fullerton, School of Nursing.

Daisy Award 2012-2013 Academic Year Recipient

Marsha Orr - an excerpt from her nomination: "Marsha is truly an example of what a nurse educator should be. She is a fair and compassionate role model who effectively collaborates with her students and colleagues and continually goes above and beyond in her faculty and administrative roles to ensure the SON students are receiving the best education possible." Click [here](#) to read in full.

Publications

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- Mielke, R., Kaiser, D., Centuolo, R.** (2013) Interconception care for women with prior gestational diabetes mellitus. *Journal of Midwifery & Women's Health*, 58(3), 303-312.
- Rutkowski, E.** (in press). Physical education issues for students with autism: A school nurse challenge. *The Journal of School Nursing*
- Sears, W., Sears, M., Holt, L., Snell, BJ.** (in press). *The Healthy Pregnancy Book: Month by Month, Everything You Need to Know from America's Baby Experts.*

Advancing Health Equity and Diversity

In Partnership with La Habra High School and Community Collaborative

Advancing Health Equity and Diversity (AHEAD) is a Nursing Workforce Diversity Program that will bring awareness to health issues for families in the La Habra Community by addressing social determinants of health. The program also will address academic support and provide other opportunities to explore nursing careers for LHHS students who are interested in nursing. The Project will develop a support system for LHHS and University entry-level nursing students, and provide financial assistance for students accepted into the School of Nursing at California State University, Fullerton. More information will be available soon.

Pay it Forward

MSN Leadership Preceptors Needed

We are in need of MSN Leadership Preceptors for Spring 2014 (1/21 - 5/16/2014).

Students may be precepted by a charge nurse, case manager, unit manager, or director who is interested in mentoring a student in his or her leadership role. The student may participate in a variety of activities that the preceptor is involved in such as scheduling, committee work, problem solving, etc. to complete a Planned Change Project. The Project will be a win-win situation for the student and your organization. In consultation with the preceptor and faculty member, the student chooses an area for planned change in your clinical agency. The change may relate to clients, colleagues, or the system (e.g. client care, staffing, policies, procedures, organizational patterns, evaluation, staff development, communication, etc.)

If you have any pending projects or project ideas, please let us know by **November 8th, 2013** by emailing clinicplacement@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](#).

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 TITANgate Society.



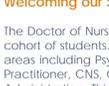
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Warm Regards,



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