

Spring 2021 e-Newsletter

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Upcoming Events:

Student Recognition Ceremony

Join us as we recognize the dedication of our peer mentors, student leaders, announce the DAISY in Training awardee and honor our SON award and scholarship winners. A virtual ceremony will take place on Thursday, May 27, 2021.

BSN Pinning Ceremony

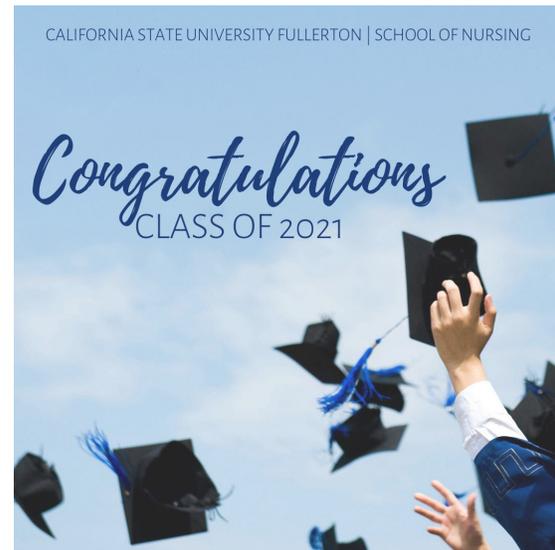
Join us as we celebrate the hard work of our nursing students as they earn their BSN degree and transition into the work force. A virtual ceremony will take place on Wednesday, June 9th at 7PM.

Commencement 2021

This year's Commencement exercises will include a virtual all-university Commencement ceremony on Friday, June 11th. In person stage walks will take place in the following days. The School of Nursing Commencement will occur on Monday, June 14th at 8AM.

Summer 2021

The Summer 2021 semester will begin on Tuesday, June 1st. Classes will run through August 6th.



The School of Nursing proudly congratulates the graduating class of 2021!

Graduates, as you take your next steps into a profession built on compassion, empathy, integrity & courage, we congratulate you on your well deserved success!



GREETINGS

Penny C. Weismuller, DrPH, RN

During this celebration of Nurse's Month, taking a moment or two to recognize the work of nurses, nursing students and faculty is of utmost importance. The frontline heroes have given so much during the pandemic, even when they were stretched to the limit physically and emotionally caring for COVID patients; nursing students did what they could to be of support early on in disaster preparedness, contact tracing, and more recently in getting vaccinations to those in need; and faculty, many of whom stayed working as frontline heroes, as well as developing virtual experiences to educate our students until patient care experiences were again available. I am very proud of our Titan students, alumni and faculty who have responded to this crisis with care, commitment and courage. Despite the challenges in getting clinical placements for a season, our clinical partners have worked with us for alternative placements and times, so I am proud to say that, despite some early cancellations of experiences, all of our students scheduled to graduate in 2021 will be receiving their BSN this year in May or August.

The School of Nursing has made great strides in our commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion with well received ongoing "Chats on the Concrete," organized by Dr. Sharrica Miller, that gave us concrete examples of how to work with diverse students and help our students learn to work with patients different from themselves. Student Nursing groups were organized for Black Student Nurses, Hispanic Student Nurses, and for Men in Nursing - these groups have been well attended as a source of meaningful support. Next steps include looking at our curriculum to assure that cultural concepts are truly threaded throughout our curriculum.

I send my heartfelt thanks to those of you who contributed generously on the recent "Day of Giving," as part of the *TITANS Reach Higher* campaign. Because of your generosity, we have additional scholarships to give to our students most in need this coming academic year. Students will be learning of their scholarships soon when we celebrate our Recognition Ceremony for the School of Nursing.

In reflecting on my long career in Nursing, serving as the Director for our School of Nursing has been one of my great experiences - seeing the pride of students as they learn new skills and critical diagnoses, watching the scholarly accomplishments of the nursing doctoral students as they compete (and win major awards) in the College Research Symposium, and sharing in the sheer joy when our graduates share their NCLEX results or receive their Master's degree. Thank you for your support and interest in the School of Nursing, I look forward to when we can be together again.

With best regards,
Penny

NEWS & EVENTS

SON Annual White Coat Ceremony

On Saturday, January 23, 2021 the School of Nursing proudly recognized our Accelerated BSN Class of 2022 and Traditional BSN Class of 2023 as they transitioned from classroom learning to clinical practice. A recording of this virtual White Coat Ceremony can be viewed on our SON YouTube Channel.



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Titan Voices: Many of OC's White-Caped Health Care Heroes Have Titan Pedigree

"Since joining the Titan Family, my admiration for Orange County's white-caped health care heroes has only grown, particularly as I have come to know the incredible faculty, staff, students, and alumni of Cal State Fullerton's School of Nursing" states CSUF President Fram Virjee as he congratulated the next generation of OC nurses during the 2021 White Coat Ceremony.

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Campus Receives Nearly \$3.8 Million in Grants, Contracts in Q3

Cal State Fullerton faculty and staff were awarded close to \$3.8 million in funding during the period January to March 2021. Stephanie Vaughn, professor emeritus of nursing and project director of EMBRACE was awarded \$494,061 from Health Resources and Services Administration for the "EMBRACE: Enrichment Markers of Better Relationships, Academics and Cultural Enhancement" project.



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Inclusion and Engagement Efforts for Diverse Students

Through the EMBRACE Grant, the Diversity Support Team (DST) was created to oversee interventions with faculty and students and to create initiatives to support a more inclusive environment within our School of Nursing. It is comprised of a dedicated group of students, staff, and faculty who are committed to removing barriers to success for underrepresented nursing students.

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Nursing Professor Names Interim Dean of College of Health and Human Development

Cindy Greenberg has been appointed interim dean of the College of Health and Human Development, effective June 1, 2021. Greenberg serves on a national committee for the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, chairs the governing board of Placentia-Linda Hospital, and volunteers at health clinics for underserved and homeless individuals.



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STUDENT NEWS



Nursing Students Administer COVID-19 Vaccinations at Orange County Pods

Nursing students experienced elation and gratitude as they helped to administer COVID-19 vaccines at the Disneyland and Soka University points of dispensing (PODs) in February.

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Students Administer Vaccines in OC

Population Health nursing students, accompanied by instructor Marilyn Parras, assist Los Alamitos Medical Center's efforts of giving COVID-19 vaccinations to OC residents. It is a rare opportunity to be integrated into a public health pandemic emergency response. Students are receiving actual hands-on experience on what it takes to coordinate and respond to health emergencies that affect an entire system.



Shared Governance in the School of Nursing

Shared Governance has been shown to create an inclusive educational environment that fosters social justice and builds on the perspectives of diverse students to enhance learning. In Fall 2020, the School of Nursing Undergraduate Program Committee (UPC) expanded their commitment to Shared Governance by creating the Student Affairs Task Force. The purpose of the task force was to provide a safe setting for a student-focused group that works together with faculty and staff in a Shared Governance format to discuss concerns and recommend solutions as well as help mitigate the effects of the pandemic.

Membership in the task force included appointed faculty from student nominees, student advisors and representatives from each student cohort. Representatives were responsible for communicating the work of the task force to their cohort and encouraging student participation.

Meetings were held monthly, and students submitted reports to UPC for discussion and action. This May students presented an executive summary of their work for the academic year and emphasized the benefits of this Shared Governance experience. They stated: *“The task force was a great space for students to share their concerns, comments, feedback, and positive notes regarding our SON programs. Students had opportunities to share the mindset of students to improve or enhance different courses by working with faculty leaders. I have personally noticed that having the Taskforce meetings have helped me become more proactive and participation in Shared Governance will help me find a job after graduation. It was a welcoming forum and we strongly recommend continuing it next year.”*

STAFF NEWS

University Celebrates Faculty and Staff at 2021 University Awards Ceremony

The School of Nursing's Peggy Luna was selected to receive a Titan Excellence Award, one of CSUF's highest honors! This well-

deserved recognition reflects her passion for and dedication to student success and the advancement of our mission, particularly regarding her work in distance and online programs within the School of Nursing (SON).

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FACULTY NEWS



Dr. Miller Announced as CECA Award Recipient

Sharrica Miller is one of the 2021 Casey Excellence for Children Award recipients in recognition of her outstanding work and dedication to improving child and family well-being in the United States. Dr. Miller's experience in foster care drives her to be a passionate educator and advocate and to serve as a strong voice for youth in care and those transitioning out of foster care.

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Faculty Publish Research and Share Expertise in Presentations

CSUF faculty participated in various presentations and published research on topics ranging from COVID-19's impact on childhood obesity to how teaching micro-aggressions can promote cultural competencies.

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Black Community Faces Vaccination Barriers



Vaccination efforts have increased across Orange County, but recent health reports have showcased a disparity in communities of color, specifically the Black community, when it comes to vaccination. Dr. Austin Nation, an assistant professor for School of Nursing, speaks on this inequality.

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Study: Orange County's LGBTQ Community Seeks Safe, Compassionate Health Care

Austin Nation, assistant professor of nursing at Cal State Fullerton, is conducting a study exploring the experiences and needs of the LGBTQ population in Orange County when they are accessing health care and mental health services.

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Kate Bayhan on Motherhood and Nursing During the Global Health Crisis

ICU Nurse and faculty member Kate Bayhan shares her thoughts on motherhood, teaching, and nursing during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Learn about her story and experience her interview for Nurses Week 2021.

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CSUF Experts Publish, Present and are Recognized for Their Work

Cal State Fullerton faculty and staff shared their expertise on subjects including Manal Alatrash, assistant professor of nursing, who authored “Determinants of Breast Cancer Screening in Three Arab American Women Subgroups” in the Journal of Transcultural Nursing.

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PROGRAM NEWS

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To our valued community partners, we **THANK YOU**, for your continuous support, resilience, adaptability, and flexibility during these unprecedented times! We truly value your efforts to allow our students and faculty into your facilities and would not be able to educate our students without you. We are so grateful!

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