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Dean’s Message

The University of New Mexico College of Nursing is working hard to lay the foundation to address the needs of our students, our community, and our country, and to influence those around the world. In this second edition of the College’s Annual Report, we will touch on just a few of the ways we are collaborating with key partners to better serve the needs of those around us.

As I took on the role of Dean of the UNM College of Nursing, I had a vision for a student services center that would serve the needs of our students from the time they thought about becoming a nurse, throughout their school years, and as they pursued their individual careers as one of our alumni. In this edition, you will get a peek inside our Student Services Team and the all that they do to assist those on the journey of professional nursing.

Adequate prenatal care is not only important to ensuring a good outcome for pregnant women and their children, it is important to developing and maintaining a healthy community. For many New Mexicans living in the rural areas of Sandoval County, prenatal care is just not feasible. There are several reasons for this; however, a lack of or limited access to a health care provider should not be one of them. The UNM College of Nursing’s Family Health Partnerships (Compañeros de Salud Familiar) and several state agencies and local nurse-midwifery providers have come together to work toward providing holistic care to expectant mothers. Read more about this wonderful collaboration inside.

Nurses are confronted daily with health disparities that impact underrepresented populations as they seek care from a health care system that is increasingly complex and costly for all Americans. Making health systems work better for patients requires more than clinical skill, yet few nurses have the education or background to teach, research, or implement health policy initiatives. Recognizing the need to increase the number of nurses who are educated specifically to develop and influence health policy, we established the PhD in Nursing with a Health Policy Concentration. We will introduce you to Demetri Chapman, a PhD student, and Roberta Jordan, an MSN student. Both are currently working to obtain the education they need work in the area of health policy.

About 5 years ago, the College adopted a concept-based curriculum around the idea that the sheer volume and ever-changing wealth of knowledge within health care was too much for any one person to completely absorb. Instead of trying to teach our students every known health-related topic, we focus on key concepts and use exemplars to demonstrate those concepts. Recently, five members of our faculty have been working with Lebanese American University to help them develop their own concept-based curriculum for their undergraduate nursing program. Opportunities such as these allow our faculty to learn from other cultures, countries, and nursing programs and give our faculty a chance to broaden their expertise. You will learn more about our partnership with the Lebanese American University in this edition.

Whether we are addressing the needs of our students and alumni, helping those in need of basic health care, influencing health policy, or consulting with other nursing professionals, the UNM College of Nursing is poised to get the job done! It is through our partnerships and collaborations that we will not only advance the nursing profession but help shape the future of health care.

Nancy Ridenour, PhD, RN, APRN, BC, FAAN
Professor and Dean
“It’s a small world” is sometimes considered a cliché phrase, but hearing that a university in the country of Lebanon contacted the UNM College of Nursing makes the phrase more of a reality, since Lebanon is not exactly next door to New Mexico.

In July 2011, the long-distance connection between the two universities was made when the UNM College of Nursing signed a consulting contract with the Lebanese American University to help its Alice Ramez Chagoury School of Nursing (ARCSON) create and implement its very first nursing curriculum.

Nancy Hoffart, PhD, RN, professor and founding dean of the ARCSON, contacted the UNM College of Nursing because she specifically wanted to model her school’s curriculum after the one used at UNM, which is a concept-based curriculum.

“I first learned about the work of the UNM College of Nursing through an article written by UNM faculty about the concept-based curriculum,” said Hoffart. “I found the approach intriguing and a viable approach for addressing the need to better prepare new graduates for the work force.”

A concept-based curriculum teaches students key concepts that they will be able to apply in any clinical situation. The challenge this curriculum addresses is that the health care field is filled with a lot of information and it’s difficult for students to learn and retain every detail. Therefore, the UNM College of Nursing focuses on teaching students certain concepts and having them learn how to apply those concepts to any patient case.

“The need to integrate the ‘big bag of content’ that students have been taught and apply it in today’s fast-paced clinical practice settings is challenging,” said Hoffart. “So, I viewed the concept-based curriculum as a probable solution to this challenge.”

The consulting contract is for 1 year of collaboration. Debra Brady, PhD, RN, chair of the Education Team at the UNM College of Nursing, as well as Nancy Morton, Debby Smith, Jenny Vacek, and Mary Wright, UNM faculty members, are working closely with the school of nursing in Lebanon. Currently, the two schools are holding regular video conferences to review documents and exchange ideas and information.

Faculty members from Lebanon have visited the UNM College of Nursing, and one more trip is being planned for the near future.

“The great thing about this consultation is that we learn from them as much as they learn from us,” said Brady. “It really has helped strengthen our own program.”

Photos courtesy of Lebanese American University.
Developing Future Nurse Leaders in Health Policy

The UNM College of Nursing has been taking full advantage of two programs that help more graduate students become distinguished leaders in health policy at the local, state, and national levels.

In 2008, the College of Nursing partnered with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Center for Health Policy at UNM to offer a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) concentration in health policy.

A short time later, in 2010, the Hearst Foundation awarded the College of Nursing a $150,000 grant to fund a scholarship pipeline program for master’s-degree students wanting to eventually pursue the RWJF PhD in health policy.

Since then, the two programs have successfully gone hand-in-hand for many nursing students interested in health policy and have helped the College of Nursing address the need to have more nurses at the PhD level.

RWJF Nursing and Health Policy Fellow – Demetrius Chapman

Annually, the RWJF PhD in Nursing with a Concentration in Health Policy fellowship program provides generous financial support for full-time study to three doctoral students.

Demetrius Chapman is currently a fellow in the program. His background in public health nursing is what prompted him to pursue a PhD in health policy.

“A fundamental component of public health is policy development,” said Chapman. “I felt I had a strong clinical background and a good research foundation, so I knew the PhD in nursing with a concentration in health policy would help me develop policy skills and further develop my research skills.”

Chapman was an officer with the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps and plans to return to public service once he earns the PhD. He said being in the program has opened his eyes to many issues and has made him realize just how important nurses are to health policy.

“No other profession has a closer relationship with patients than nursing, and any nurse will tell you that advocating for the patient is imperative to the practice of nursing,” said Chapman. “But, for many reasons not completely understood, nurses have not advocated beyond the walls of their hospitals or the boundaries of their communities. Health policy is being written and implemented by non-nurses, and our policies are not effective in keeping Americans healthy. Nurses can do a better job, but they need to get themselves to the table.”

Hearst Scholar – Roberta Jordan

Hearst scholarships are awarded to master’s-degree students who are strong candidates for nursing doctoral health policy studies.

Roberta Jordan is a Hearst Scholar who applied for the scholarship in hopes of increasing her knowledge in health care policy by working with experts in the area.

“It’s vital for nurses to take a role in health policy,” said Jordan. “Nurses need to have a voice in the health care system in order to advocate for the safe care of patients. Also, being involved in policy allows nurses to advocate for the nursing profession. Every nurse should have a role in health policy. It’s not enough to just ‘work in the trenches’ and not take the opportunity to be involved in health policy. Hopefully, more nurses at every level will receive some sort of education in health policy.”

Jordan has worked as a nurse-midwife at an underserved health clinic in Florida and sees the great need for more advocates for this particular population of patients.

“In just a short time, I have witnessed the challenges that patients face in accessing care,” said Jordan. “Hopefully, I will be able to use my knowledge in health care policy to team up with policy makers in Florida to provide better access to care for our patients.”
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Changing Worlds Campaign for the UNM College of Nursing

Whether it is addressing the nursing shortage by adding more great teachers – who are also accomplished clinicians – or serving the needs of our state by educating nurses, nurse practitioners, and nurse-midwives, we work together to better the healthcare and lives of everyone in New Mexico and beyond. The Campaign for UNM is about people taking pride in connecting with something exceptional and inspiring others to change their own worlds.

For the College of Nursing, the campaign is an 8-year effort to raise $15 million dollars for endowments supporting more faculty, student scholarship needs, our nurse-midwifery program, nurse-managed clinics, and a statewide nursing education program. A Better World Needs You.

Find out more at http://fromhereworldschange.net/
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- Diane L. Adamo Memorial Nursing Scholarship
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- Joan Marie Tippeconnic Memorial Scholarship Endowment
- Woman’s Club of Albuquerque

Total Scholarships Awarded in FY 2011: 146

College of Nursing Faculty and Program Endowments
- Aladino and Nellie Matteucci Faculty Fellowship
- Carlson/Petty Endowment for Innovative Nursing Education
- Giddens’ Neighborhood Endowment
- Idolia Hawkins Endowed Award in Nursing
- Ruth Franklin Endowment for Geriatric Nursing
- Carter/Fleck Endowed Professorship in Nursing
- Leah L. Albers Professorship in Midwifery

Total Awards Made in FY 2011: 11

New Endowments Created in FY 2011
- Dean Eleanor King Memorial Scholarship Endowment
- Ridenour Faculty and Staff Development Endowment
- Carolyn Dooley Martinez Scholarship Endowment in Nursing
- Evans Family Scholarship Endowment in Nursing
- Sharon Lee Smoker Nursing Scholarship Endowment
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- College of Nursing Technology Endowment
- College of Nursing Education Endowment
- College of Nursing Practice Endowment
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- College of Nursing Organizational Services Endowment
- College of Nursing Student Services Endowment
- College of Nursing Senior Administration Endowment
UNM College of Nursing - By the Numbers

U.S. News & World Report:
- Ranks UNM College of Nursing’s nurse-midwifery program 5th in the nation for specialized graduate programs.
- Ranks UNM College of Nursing in the Top 100 (79th) among all Colleges of Nursing.

Hispanic Outlook:
- 13th for colleges awarding the most bachelor’s degrees to Hispanics
- 24th for colleges awarding the most master’s degrees to Hispanics
- 7th for colleges awarding the most doctorate degrees to Hispanics

UNM College of Nursing Senior Class Gift Program
Since its inception in 2005, the College of Nursing’s Senior Class has taken part in a unique opportunity to commemorate their graduation by giving back to the next generation of students. Impressively, contributions from our Senior Class Gift program have raised more than $30,000 for the College.

In the 2010-2011 year alone, our Fall, Spring, and Summer Senior Classes pledged a total of $12,320 to our Endowed Chair Funds, Skills Labs, and Senior Class Scholarship Endowment and contributed $1,584 in volunteer hours at our Simulation Lab. The College of Nursing extends our deepest gratitude to our newest alums for their generosity, and we wish them the best in their future nursing careers!
In June 2011, the UNM College of Nursing took its first step toward operating a primary care clinic in Sandoval County by accepting its first group of patients – all pregnant women.

The plan for the nurse-managed faculty clinic, named Family Health Partnerships/Compañeros de Salud Familiar, is to first provide care for pregnant women and then eventually expand into a primary care clinic for the entire community. The clinic currently offers group prenatal care and a host of maternity services.

“We’re the first to provide full obstetrics group care for women in this area,” said Christine Cogil, Certified Family Nurse Practitioner and Clinical Instructor. “Before, many women were not receiving full prenatal care, especially toward the end of their pregnancy. They would drop off at 28 weeks because it was hard for them to drive to Albuquerque. We wanted the clinic to help fill that gap of women dropping off in their prenatal care.”

The clinic sees groups of women at a time and keeps the groups together throughout their prenatal care and first year of the infant’s life. This approach allows the women to form a strong support network among one another, and the nurses and students get to experience what working in a community clinic is like.

“It’s so wonderful to watch the groups,” said Felina Ortiz, UNM College of Nursing faculty member and Nurse-Midwife Clinical Instructor. “We’re just the facilitators, and the women are actually the educators. They share stories and give advice. It’s really nice to watch a community come together.”

In addition to providing the community with more access to health care, the clinic serves as an educational site for nursing students. Students get a hands-on clinical experience and learn how health care can be tailored to fit the needs of an entire community.

“The students really benefit from working with the groups of women,” said Cogil. “They don’t normally work with groups in other clinics, and this allows them to really see how a community-based clinic works. It’s about listening to the community’s needs and giving them health care that is specific to those needs.”

“This clinic focuses on three important realms: clinical, students [education], and community,” said Ortiz.

With those three realms in focus, the College of Nursing continues to build a community clinic that provides expert health care, gives students a valuable clinical experience, and will soon serve all people of Sandoval County for generations to come.
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Giddens, Jean


Haozous, Emily

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It was the vision of Dean Nancy Ridenour, PhD, RN, APRN, BC, FAAN, to create a new Student Services area. A place where students could access an advisor, a financial aid officer, and a student success coach, as well as alumni services. A single location where the mission is to assist all individuals on their journey through professional nursing. In the summer of 2011, her dream became a reality. Located on the second floor of the College of Nursing/College of Pharmacy building, students can access a one-stop shop for all their student service needs.

Advisement
As part of the Student Services Team, the College provides advisors to assist potential students looking to enter into the College of Nursing as well as current students. It is their job to make sure that all questions about applications, admission requirements, and enrollment are answered. They are dedicated to creating a supportive and friendly atmosphere where students feel comfortable seeking assistance and strive to provide these services with increasing quality, innovation, and efficiency.

Financial Aid
The cost of attending any university can be an expensive one. The College of Nursing has a Financial Aid Office dedicated to helping students ease the financial burden that comes with earning a degree. It is here that students can find support applying for loans, grants, and scholarships. This office is also working to help educate students about fiscal responsibility so that the added stress of loans after graduation is minimized.

Student Success
The College of Nursing takes the success of its students very seriously. In 2009, a student success manager was hired to help coach students and guide them as they navigate through nursing school. The mission is to recognize each student as an individual with unique talents to contribute to nursing and to effectively coach diverse students in learning methods, in the application of knowledge to questions on the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses, and in the practice of self-care and self-management.

Alumni
Just because someone graduates from the College of Nursing does not mean the Student Services Team’s job is done. Actually, assisting students while they’re in school is just the beginning. The College of Nursing has a Senior Alumni Relations Officer dedicated to only College of Nursing alumni. It is the Alumni Office’s mission to build strong and mutually beneficial ties between the College and its diverse alumni and create a dynamic alumni program that will stimulate interest, build loyalty, increase involvement, and generate support for the College.

It is the collective vision for Student Services to create a well-rounded and responsive experience for our students and alumni, whose success and satisfaction are their primary objectives. It is through these functional areas that the Team enrolls a talented and diverse student body, enhances student engagement and development, prepares students to become successful nursing professionals within our society, and supports them as alumni.
Giddens and Damron Selected for Induction into the American Academy of Nursing
Dr. Jean Giddens, professor and executive dean, as well as Dr. Barbara Damron, associate professor, were inducted into the American Academy of Nursing in October. Membership in the Academy is a very prestigious honor awarded to a very select group of nurses who are nursing’s most accomplished leaders in education, management, practice, and research.

Graduates for 2010-2011
The UNM College of Nursing graduated 123 basic Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN), 48 RN to BSN, 72 Master of Science in Nursing, and 5 Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) students this past year!

CON Students Recognized at UNM Undergraduate Research and Creativity Conference
The UNM College of Nursing had five groups of BSN Honors students participate in the UNM Undergraduate Research and Creativity Conference, April 6, at the UNM Student Union Building. There were more than 125 entries at the symposium. The College of Nursing had abstracts accepted for five poster presentations. While three College of Nursing entries won awards of excellence and lobo cash prizes with perfect scores of 100, the others received very high scores as well.

Fox Elected Chair
Dr. Susan Fox, associate professor, UNM College of Nursing, was elected chair of the New Mexico Board of Nursing’s Advanced Practice Advisory Committee. Members assist the Board and its staff with issues related to advanced nursing practice.

Grant Awarded for BSN-to-PhD Program
The College of Nursing has been awarded $377,000 by the New Mexico Higher Education Department to develop the BSN to PhD program. Dr. Robin Meize-Grochowski, professor and PhD program director, and Dr. Mindy Tinkle, associate professor and Research Team leader, are co-project directors on this grant. This program is open to nurses who have obtained a BSN from an accredited nursing program. Our first class began in Spring 2011.

Gillett Represents Nurse Practitioners in Provider Group
Dr. Pat Gillett, assistant professor, UNM College of Nursing, participated in a state-wide group created by Governor Richardson’s administration to represent the Nurse Practitioners in the provider group, which worked on Medicaid and health care delivery in New Mexico.

Fox Appointed to Advisory Board
Dr. Susan Fox, associate professor, UNM College of Nursing, was appointed to the Advisory Board for New Mexico Donor Services.

Giddens Awarded
Dr. Jean Giddens, professor and executive dean, was awarded the New Mexico Center for Nursing Excellence Award in Education/Research/Academia.

Fox Re-Elected Chair
Dr. Susan Fox, associate professor, UNM College of Nursing, was re-elected chair of the New Mexico Nursing Home Administrator’s Board. The primary purpose and obligation of the Board is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public by providing laws and regulations to govern the practice of nursing home administration and protect the citizens of New Mexico from unprofessional, unscrupulous, or incompetent nursing home facility administrators.

Cohen Attends Institute on Systems Science and Health
Dr. Sally Cohen, associate professor, UNM College of Nursing, attended the Institute on Systems Science and Health, held at the University of Pittsburgh. The Institute is a highly competitive research training opportunity for investigators interested in incorporating systems science into their research. Systems science approaches provide a means to tackle complicated problems, while considering the broad view of such problems, and can be used to predict the effect of policy decisions before they are implemented. Dr. Cohen attended the Institute track on network analysis.

Abstract Accepted for National League for Nursing’s Education Summit
The UNM College of Nursing abstract submitted for the National League for Nursing’s (NLN) Education Summit 2011 by Mary Wright, Dr. Debra Brady, Debby Smith, and Jenny Vacek, faculty at the College of Nursing, titled “Best Practices in Conceptual Teaching,” was accepted for a workshop presentation. The NLN received more than 400 abstracts, and each was subjected to a judicious review process before final selections were made.

Fox on Board of Lovelace Westside Hospital
Dr. Susan Fox, associate professor, UNM College of Nursing, was appointed to the Governing Board of Lovelace Westside Hospital.

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U.S. News & World Report Ranks UNM College of Nursing in Top 100
U.S. News & World Report has ranked the UNM College of Nursing nurse-midwifery program 5th in the nation for specialized graduate programs and the College of Nursing itself in the top 100 (79th).

New Mexico Selected and UNM College of Nursing to Join RWJF Future of Nursing Campaign
The Future of Nursing: Campaign for Action, a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation initiative to ensure that the health care workforce can deliver high-quality, patient-centered care to every American, has selected 10 states, including New Mexico, to lead a Regional Action Coalition (RAC) that will help the campaign in its mission to achieve long-term change in health and health care across the nation. The New Mexico RAC comprises a diverse group of stakeholders, including nurse leaders from UNM College of Nursing.

RWJF Awards $50,000 to UNM College of Nursing
The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) and the American Association of Colleges of Nursing awarded the UNM College of Nursing $50,000 for student scholarship under the RWJF New Careers in Nursing Scholarship Program (NCIN). Support provided through this competitive program will be given to students traditionally underrepresented in the field of nursing who currently have a bachelor’s degree in another field and strives to prepare culturally competent leaders in the UNM College of Nursing’s bachelor’s degree program. NCIN was launched in 2008 to address the national nursing shortage and fuel the pipeline of diverse nurse faculty.

New Mexico Nursing Education Consortium Receives $10,000
Blue Cross/Blue Shield of New Mexico has awarded the New Mexico Nursing Education Consortium (NMNEC) $10,000 to show its support for the statewide effort. The UNM College of Nursing is actively involved with the NMNEC, which is a statewide collaborative partnership to improve nursing education and the nursing workforce across the state. The NMNEC was formed to achieve several goals, including increasing the number of BSN-prepared nurses throughout the state and improving the efficiency, quality, and educational outcomes of nursing education in New Mexico.

Kahn Receives Award from New Mexico Public Health Association
Louise Kahn, faculty member, received the Jonathan Mann Award from the New Mexico Public Health Association. This award is in recognition of her commitment to public health and social justice.

Meize-Grochowski Awarded Outstanding Teacher of the Year
Dr. Robin Meize-Grochowski, professor and PhD program director for the College of Nursing, was honored at the UNM annual Teaching Award Ceremony. She was recognized as the Outstanding Online Teacher of the Year. This award acknowledges excellence in the challenging teaching and learning arena of online distance education.

Albers Recipient of the Hattie Hemschey Award
Dr. Leah Albers, professor emeritus, is the 2011 recipient of the Hattie Hemschey Award from the American College of Nurse-Midwives for her lifetime of contributions to midwifery and women’s health. This is the most prestigious award given by the American College of Nurse-Midwives.
1959  
Nancy Laliker Shaffer, ’59 BSN, can be seen in her golden grad cap and gown gracing not only an I-40 billboard, but also the back of an Albuquerque City Bus as part of an UNM ad.

1960s  
The class of 1961 celebrated its golden anniversary in May 2010.

1970s  
Patricia Montoya, ’75 BSN, was named to the Quality and Safety Committee for the Catholic Health Initiatives Board.

Nancye Cole, ’79 BSN, was named Chief Operations Officer and Chief Nursing Officer for Lovelace Westside Hospital in Albuquerque, NM.

1980s  
Sheena Ferguson, ’83 BSN and ’88 MSN, received the 2010 Nursing Excellence Award for Nurse Executive Leadership from the New Mexico Center for Nursing Excellence.

Cheryl Learn, ’85 MSN, received the 2010 Legend of Nursing Excellence Award from the New Mexico Center for Nursing Excellence.

Lori Myers, ’86 BSN and ’08 MSN, accepted a position with ABQ Health Partners in Albuquerque, NM.

Amanda Conley, ’89 BSN and ’92 MSN, received the 2010 Nursing Excellence Award for Advanced Practice from the New Mexico Center for Nursing Excellence.

1990s  
Anthony Martinez, ’94 BSN, was named a “Great 100 Nurse” from the Dallas Fort Worth metroplex and surrounding counties.

2000s  
Judith Mitchell, ’02 PGCert, accepted a position with ABQ Health Partners in Albuquerque, NM.

Amanda Crick, ’03 BSN, was appointed to the Board of Directors at the Ronald McDonald House Charities of New Mexico.

Megan Ballas, ’04 BSN, received the 2010 Nursing Excellence Award for Public Health/Community/School from the New Mexico Center for Nursing Excellence.

Kristyn Yea, ’06 BSN, received the 2010 New Alumni Award from the University of New Mexico College of Nursing. She also co-authored a Health and Human Services grant proposal that was funded and won the recognition of and a visit from Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Eric Quintana, ’08 BSN, received the 2010 Nursing Excellence Award for Emergency from the New Mexico Center for Nursing Excellence.

Julia Gaffney, ’09 BSN, was married to Andrew Gaffney this past year.

Thecla Johnson-Garcia, ’10 MSN, received a 2010 Nursing Excellence Award from the New Mexico Center for Nursing Excellence.

Class notes  
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