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DEAN’S MESSAGE

The 2015-2016 academic year was an exciting one for us at the University of New Mexico (UNM) College of Nursing. We enrolled more than 600 students across all of our programs, and that number continues to grow through our membership in the New Mexico Nursing Education Consortium (NMNEC) and our new collaboration with Academic Partnerships to increase enrollment in our RN-BSN online program. We graduated 257 nursing students, including those from Central New Mexico Community College and New Mexico Junior College as part of NMNEC. The College’s simulation team hosted the first annual UNM College of Nursing Simulation Conference on campus in June. We also awarded more than $500,000 in scholarships last year.

We have no intention of slowing down, either. As you read through our Annual Report for 2016, you will learn about our new post-master’s Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Program. In partnership with the University of Colorado Denver Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora, CO, we will be educating nurse practitioners and nurse-midwives to add the necessary knowledge and skills for assessment, diagnosis, and management of mental illnesses to their scope of practice.

Nursing students are the focal point of our work here at the College. We have expanded our Student Services team to include a new financial aid officer, three new advisors, and a scheduling associate to help meet the need of our ever-growing student population. You will have the opportunity to learn more about these individuals and their motivation to serve our future nurses in this annual report. We have also sought the expertise and help of one of our very own faculty members, Shandra Burton, to enhance our student success program and assist our students. She has implemented workshops and a new student orientation day, and has created a new space for students to seek help and study. Read more about the efforts being made to ensure the success of our students.

Research continues to be a priority at the College of Nursing. In this edition, we present Dr. Stephen Hernandez’s work on military nursing staff’s perceptions of stigma and barriers related to seeking mental health care services, as well as Dr. Sharon Ruyak’s study of symptoms of maternal stress and the adverse effects on mothers and babies. Both faculty members worked in collaboration with others outside the College of Nursing to expand their research and complete their studies.

Finally, we share with you a trip I took along with two other faculty members to Sri Lanka on an invitation to help The Open University of Sri Lanka start an online Master of Science in Nursing program. The program will be the first in the country. This was an extraordinary visit and an opportunity to collaborate with another nursing school. We hope to return to Sri Lanka to continue this partnership.

Even with shrinking state funding and more cuts looming in the future, the UNM College of Nursing is working hard to find new and innovative ways to not just continue our outstanding programs but to grow them so that we might address the needs of our state, the country and the world. There is always an abundance of needs in the field of health care, and we are poised to address those needs now and into the future.

Nancy Ridenour, PhD, RN, APRN-BC, FAAN
Professor and Dean
Y E A R  I N  R E V I E W

Dr. Albers Named Legend
Dr. Leah Albers received the New Mexico Center for Nursing Excellence Nursing Legend Award.

Interprofessional Professional Education
College of Nursing and other health-professional students participated in a new Community Engagement Curriculum that allowed them to visit community centers throughout Albuquerque, Bernalillo County and the Pueblo of Isleta. Students were tasked with assessing community health needs and potential health interventions. The curriculum also required students to work together with different health professionals and will be a model for how health care disciplines will work at the Health Sciences Center.

Dr. Schaaf Honored
Dr. Sharon Schaaf, Assistant Professor, was recognized at the New Mexico Nurse Practitioner Council meeting this month as the Outstanding Nurse Practitioner from the state of New Mexico. Each year, the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) recognizes outstanding nurse practitioners in each state. Dr. Schaaf will be further recognized at the national AANP meeting in San Antonio in June.

Drs. Delucas and Hidalgo to Join Boards
Dr. Christine Delucas, Assistant Professor, has been asked to Chair the New Mexico Nurses Association Government Relations Committee and attended the congressional briefing on behalf of the American Nurses Association.
Dr. Therese Hidalgo, Assistant Professor, has been elected to the New Mexico Alliance for School-Based Health Board of Directors for 2016-2018. The Alliance represents more than 70 school-based health centers within New Mexico and collaborates with other partners to promote, facilitate and advocate for comprehensive, culturally competent health care, including health education, in schools.

Levi Named Director of Interprofessional Education
Dr. Amy Levi, Interim Practice Chair and the Leah L. Albers Professor of Midwifery, was named Director of Interprofessional Education (IPE) for the Health Sciences Center (HSC). Dr. Levi received her Master of Science in Nursing degree in 1986 and Doctor of Philosophy degree in 2000 from the University of Pennsylvania. She developed an IPE program in obstetrics at San Francisco General Hospital before relocating to New Mexico. She is a Fellow of the American College of Nurse-Midwives and the American Academy of Nursing.

The Office of Interprofessional Education at UNM’s HSC had its start in 2009. A team of dedicated faculty from the various schools and programs came together to establish IPE opportunities at the HSC and formed the HSC IPE committee. This committee works with the IPE Director to develop interprofessional events and courses for students to learn about, from and with each other while providing collaborative patient care.

CON Nurse-Midwifery Program Ranked Nationally
The UNM College of Nursing’s Nurse-Midwifery program was ranked 7th in the nation, according U.S. News & World Report’s America’s Best Graduate Schools for 2017. The mission of the Nurse-Midwifery concentration is to educate graduates to serve the needs of rural and underserved populations.
Dr. Ridenour and Tigges Participate on Global Advisory Panel

Dean Nancy Ridenour and Dr. Beth Tigges participated in one of the two panels from the United States and Canada for the Global Advisory Panel on the Future of Nursing (GAPFON). The Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International, has convened this core panel of visionary global nurse leaders to identify global health care issues, specifically noting those related to a voice and vision for nursing. Regional meetings have been held in Asia, the Caribbean, Central and South America, the United States and Canada. GAPFON is chaired by Johns Hopkins School of Nursing Dean Emerita and Professor Martha Hill, PhD, RN, FAAN, a visiting professor for the UNM College of Nursing. The 14 panel members, independent of the organizations they serve, are some of the world’s most prominent nurse leaders. Within the next few months, panels in the Middle East, Europe, and Africa will be convened. For more information, go to www.gapfon.org.

The College of Nursing Offers the Clinical DNP Program

The UNM College of Nursing is now offering the Clinical DNP program. The application deadline for first consideration is March 1st. Applications received after March 1st, but prior to April 1st, will also be considered on a space-available basis.

Dr. Montoya Honored by New Mexico Legislature

Dr. Carolyn Montoya, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, was recognized by the New Mexico Legislature during this year’s legislative session for her decades of service to the people of New Mexico. Dr. Montoya’s accomplishments include serving as a Robert Wood Johnson Nursing and Health Policy Fellow from 2008 to 2013; publishing numerous articles and book chapters, furthering the academic knowledge base in nursing; and serving in leadership positions at both the state and national levels, including President, Board Member, and state affiliate representative of the American College of Nurse Practitioners; President of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners; Chair of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners and Associates Cultural Considerations Work Group for the Guidelines for Prevention of Child Obesity; and Co-Chair of the American College of Nurse Practitioners Clinical Symposium. She is also the recipient of numerous awards, including the Western Institute of Nursing Carol A. Lindeman Award for a New Researcher for her study, Children’s Self-Perceptions of Weight in a Rural Hispanic Community. She currently serves on the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services National Advisory Committee on Rural Health & Human Services.

President-Elect Dr. Capitano

Dr. Carol Capitano, Assistant Professor, was elected President-Elect for the American Psychiatric Nurses Association (APNA) of New Mexico. APNA is the largest professional membership organization committed to the specialty practice of psychiatric-mental health nursing and wellness promotion, prevention of mental health problems and the care and treatment of persons with psychiatric disorders.

Wuellner Awarded Golden Paw Award

Jacqueline Wuellner, RN-BSN Program Director, was awarded the Golden Paw award for her course: Nurse Educator Roles & Professional Issues. Ms. Wuellner participated in the first Online Course Best Practice Review Initiative through the UNM Online Course Advisory Council. She was one of two individuals who received this award.

Schaaf Receives Award from AANP

Dr. Sharon Schaaf, Assistant Professor, received the 2016 American Association of Nurse Practitioner’s Nurse Practitioner State Award for Excellence. The award is given annually to an individual nurse practitioner in each state who has demonstrated excellence in nurse practitioner clinical practice.
Dr. Beth Tigges

**Dr. Tigges Named President-Elect of Sigma Theta Tau International**

Beth Tigges, PhD, RN, PNP-BC, has been elected President-Elect of Sigma Theta Tau International. Dr. Tigges was inducted into the Beta Sigma Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau at Penn State in 1979. She held her first chapter leadership position beginning in 1981 as a member of the Public Affairs Committee of the Theta Chapter at Boston University. Since that time, she has served in numerous chapter-level positions in two additional chapters (Delta Mu at Yale University and Gamma Sigma at University of New Mexico) including President, Vice-President, Counselor, and Research/Awards Chair. In 1989, she was appointed to her first international position as a member of the International Public Affairs Committee. In addition to maintaining her chapter involvement since that time, she has served at the international level of Sigma Theta Tau International on the Public Affairs Committee (1989-1993); as Region 1 Coordinator (1993-1997); on the Publications Committee (1997-1999); on the Eligibility Committee (1999-2003); as Chair of the Governance Committee (2003-2007); and as a Director on the International Board of Directors (2007-2011).

Dr. Mark Parshall

**Parshall Promoted**

Dr. Mark Parshall has been promoted to Professor with Tenure. Dr. Parshall has a national and international reputation in the area of dyspnea and measuring the affective perception of dyspnea by those affected by it.

Dr. Jongwon Lee

**Lee Promoted**

Dr. Jongwon Lee has been promoted to Associate Professor. Her research program focuses on the health of Vietnamese and Korean women and their health-seeking behaviors related to breast and cervical cancer screening.

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When comparing the spring terms from 2015 to 2016, the University of New Mexico (UNM) College of Nursing increased its enrollment of students by 103. With growth in the number of community college participants in the New Mexico Nursing Education Consortium, enrollment in the dual degree program has risen. The College also began working with Academic Partnerships, a company that helps public and private universities broaden enrollment, to increase admission to the RN to BSN program. This, along with an expansion of nurse practitioner and nurse-midwifery programs, has contributed to the College’s growth over the last year and into the future.

With that expansion has come an increased need for student services to help students navigate nursing school. The Student Services team has added new academic advisors, financial aid officers and a scheduling associate to ensure that our students are successful. Meet the newest members of the team.

**Joey Armijo**

Joey Armijo, BA, is a Financial Aid Officer for the College of Nursing. In this position since May 2016, Joey was a Senior Student Enrollment Representative for Main Campus prior to coming to the College. When asked what he loves most about his job, he responded, “When students are in need, they will go to financial aid, and sometimes we are able to help a student graduate instead of dropping out. I love being able to influence the next generation of nurses by helping one student at a time.”

**Miguel Peña**

Miguel Peña has a bachelor’s degree in biology and comes to the College of Nursing as a former advisor for the UNM Biology Department. Miguel has been with the College for just over a year and values the important role the College of Nursing affords him in student progression to graduation. Miguel shares, “I feel that the College of Nursing, from the admissions process to the faculty involvement and the dynamic role of student services within the College, allows for my involvement in a unique and supportive environment for students. Being a part of that is what I enjoy most about this work. Also, the members of my team share in this dynamic environment, and they make my work very enjoyable in addition to meaningful to students.”

**Martin Ulloa**

Prior to coming to the UNM College of Nursing, Martin Ulloa, BA, was a recruiter for the UNM School of Medicine Combined BA/MD Program. Now an Academic Advisor, he’s been with the College since April. Martin enjoys working at the College. “Our staff is some of the most talented, fun, and synergistic than any other I’ve worked with,” he says. When asked what advice he’d give students, Martin responds, “Be passionate. If you love what you are learning, it will show in your grades, your future patient interactions, and will be evident to your colleagues, friends, and family—it’s an attractive quality.”

**Virginia Villegas**

Virginia Villegas has worked for the College of Nursing for some time but began working for the Student Services team over a year ago. As the Scheduling Associate for the College, Virginia works with the faculty and academic advisors to set the course schedule each term so that students have classes to register for. Prior to joining the College, she worked on Main Campus at the One Stop for centralized Main Campus scheduling. Virginia really enjoys her job: “I like my team and the people I work with...and all the new things I learn every day!”
EDUCATION

MAKING ACADEMIC SUCCESS A PRIORITY

As many of our students and alumni know, nursing school is challenging at best, especially if you are new to nursing education. In addition to traditional classes, classwork, homework and tests, students must also complete clinical and simulation hours in order to graduate. Many of our prelicensure Bachelor of Science in Nursing students also have families and unexpected life circumstances that occur while in school. And when you have done all the work and graduated, the very daunting task of passing the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) to receive the registered nurse license lies ahead. The UNM College of Nursing understands the challenges our students face in school, not to mention in life in general. In 2009, the College hired a Student Success Coordinator to help coach students and guide them as they navigate nursing school. Shandra D. Burton, MSN, RN, APHN-BC, principal lecturer and student success coordinator, has taken over the program and brought it to a whole new level.

With the assistance of Allison Kuszmual, a graduate student in the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner program, Ms. Burton hosts a variety of workshops for the students. The most common areas of student need include study skills, stress and time management, reading comprehension, test-taking strategies, dosage calculation, HESI comprehensive exams and course preparation sessions. Ms. Burton and Ms. Kuszmual also are in charge of a new student orientation day and an academic survival skills workshop, and they assist with a nursing pledge ceremony for the beginning-level prelicensure nursing students on entry into the nursing program. Ms. Burton is also the current chair of the Academic Success Taskforce for the College of Nursing.

All the hard work and dedication in support of our students is paying off. One of the more exciting successes of the program is the College’s current NCLEX pass rate of 98.15% for the second quarter of 2016.

All of Ms. Burton’s efforts stem from a passion for teaching. While in nursing school, she taught HIV/AIDS and cardiopulmonary resuscitation classes for a variety of community-based organizations. Once graduated, she applied for and accepted an adjunct faculty position with Midwest College, in Indiana. It was there that she embraced teaching as an opportunity to encourage and empower future nurses. Her passion eventually led her to obtain a Master of Science degree with a concentration in Nursing Education and a post-master’s certificate in Community Health Nursing. Ms. Burton plans to obtain her PhD in Nursing degree in order to continue to teach as well as conduct research.

Part of Ms. Burton’s strategy for student success is to open a Student Success Center in the fall of 2016. It will be a space dedicated to empowering nursing students with the knowledge, skills and self-awareness necessary to achieve success at the College of Nursing. Resources available to the nursing students will include, but are not limited to, a computer room, a group study area and general student success resources.

However, Ms. Burton is not stopping there. She’d like to see the program expand. One of her future goals is to develop an online collection of resources to support the learning and teaching of academic skills, with the assistance of the College of Nursing IT Department. She would also like to implement a mentoring program for nursing students and develop an elective course to assist students who experience challenges with testing, time management, study habits and/or professional behaviors.
**Research**

**Collaborating to Advance Health Care**

**Dr. Stephen Hernandez**

While a PhD student at the University of New Mexico (UNM) College of Nursing, Dr. Stephen Hernandez, assistant professor at the College of Nursing and an officer in the U.S. Air Force Reserves, began studying Air Force nursing staff’s perceptions of stigma and barriers related to seeking mental health care services. Previous studies have investigated the stigma of seeking mental health services in the military, but none were specific to nurses and other military health care workers. With the assistance of Col. Brenda Morgan at the 59th Medical Wing in San Antonio, TX, Dr. Hernandez completed his dissertation research, which showed that nursing staff had significant perceptions of stigma related to the use of mental health services in the military, but none were specific to nurses and other military health care workers. These results were comparable to what had been previously found in studies conducted with combatants returning from Afghanistan and Iraq.

Dr. Hernandez continued his research under the mentorship of Dr. Mark Parshall, professor and interim chair for the Research Team at the College of Nursing, and Col. Morgan to examine resilience, stress, stigma and barriers to accessing mental health care among Air Force nursing staff assigned to facilities in Maryland, Ohio, and California. This research was funded by the TriService Nursing Research Program, a congressionally funded program dedicated to facilitating nursing research to optimize the health of military members and their beneficiaries. In addition to supporting the findings from his dissertation research, Dr. Hernandez found that increased levels of stress were associated with lower levels of resilience and increased use of mental health care or counseling within the previous six months. These findings were consistent with recent research, which has shown that increased levels of stress, rather than stigma, may better predict utilization of mental health care services.

With continued collaboration with Dr. Parshall and Col. Morgan, Dr. Hernandez plans to apply for additional funding to study the resilience of Airmen undergoing the standardized Air Force resilience training program. The research will track Airmen over time to examine whether their resilience training was effective and continues to be effective as time passes. He is also continuing his work with Dr. Parshall and Blake Boursaw, instructor at the UNM College of Nursing, to refine and shorten a stress scale to be used as a screening tool for health providers to help identify an individual’s need to be referred to mental health services.

**Dr. Sharon Ruyak**

Approximately 13% of new mothers will suffer from postpartum depression (PPD), making it the most frequent complication of childbirth. Yet, even with this statistic, it is difficult for providers to be able to identify at-risk mothers. It is well known that chronic life stress is associated with symptoms of depression. With that fact in mind, Dr. Sharon Ruyak’s work explores the possibility of a link between stress and symptoms of PPD.

Dr. Ruyak, assistant professor for the UNM College of Nursing and a certified nurse-midwife, became interested in the symptoms of maternal stress (anxiety, depression, and stress) and the adverse consequences for mothers and babies while working on her PhD degree. Her research focused on prepregnancy obesity and a biobehavioral predictive model for PPD, specifically, using body mass index (BMI) as a measurement. Although the findings did not show that BMI was associated with symptoms of PPD, they did reveal a relationship between stress in the third trimester of pregnancy and symptoms of depression at four weeks postpartum.

Currently, the Antenatal Risk Questionnaire, which screens for key psychosocial risk factors associated with perinatal mental health disorders, is being used in Australia. Dr. Ruyak believes that in neglecting to screen for stress, a whole group of women who are at high risk for the development of PPD are not being identified.

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evaluated. With funding from the UNM Clinical and Translational Science Center, she is now exploring ways to address this gap using a similar questionnaire.

But Dr. Ruyak isn’t stopping there. She is also developing an innovative telehealth model to increase services for at-risk patients, as well as researching potential biological factors or genes that make women more susceptible to PPD. She hopes to address the question of whether intervention can interrupt the biological pathways.

“I love putting the pieces of the puzzle together,” says Dr. Ruyak. “To develop interventions and make a difference in New Mexico is important to me.”

Dr. Ruyak has teamed up with Dr. Van Roper, assistant professor at the UNM College of Nursing, for his expertise in telehealth and technology; Dr. Anilla Del Fabbro, associate professor at the UNM School of Medicine and training director for Child and Adolescent Psychology Fellowship, for her expertise in the behavioral sciences; and Blake Boursaw, instructor at the UNM College of Nursing, for his statistical expertise. Dr. Ruyak also plans to form a stakeholders group, including women who suffered from PPD; providers, including certified nurse-midwives and obstetrician-gynecologists; and PPD support groups.

Leave a Lasting Legacy at the College of Nursing

Would you like to create a lasting legacy at the College of Nursing and help educate future generations of nurses?

Individuals can establish a named endowment at the College for $25,000. This can be done through a one-time cash gift, or you can make payments for up to five years to the endowment until the principal balance is reached.

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If you are interested in learning more about endowments, planned gifts or other ways you can support the College of Nursing, please contact the Development Office at 505-272-4455 or dbhakta@unm.edu.
PRACTICE

NURSING TO ADDRESS MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN NEW MEXICO

Those suffering from behavioral illnesses are among the most underserved populations in the nation, especially in rural areas. The University of New Mexico (UNM) College of Nursing has started a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) program to address the needs of the state.

With a grant funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration, the College of Nursing and the University of Colorado (UC) Denver Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora, CO, have joined in a unique interstate partnership to develop a post-graduate PMHNP program. Eight post-master’s students will be admitted into the first cohort to begin in the spring of 2017. UNM students will enroll in Web-based didactic courses with the UC Denver, and UNM College of Nursing faculty will provide clinical oversight. Students will receive their degrees from UNM.

Currently, the suicide rate in New Mexico is 59% higher than the United States average, and the rate for alcohol-related deaths is much higher in New Mexico compared with the rest of the United States. Similarly, the rate of drug overdose deaths in the state is among the highest in the nation.

“Our goal, to increase the number of psychiatric NPs [nurse practitioners] in the state of New Mexico, will ultimately improve access to care for those who need it most,” says Gloria Dixon, DNP, PMHNP-BC, assistant professor and program coordinator for the PMHNP program at the UNM College of Nursing.

The availability of behavioral health providers in rural New Mexico is among the lowest in the country. Public funding and limited infrastructure are inadequate to meet mental health needs, resulting in a dramatic shortage of behavioral health providers in New Mexico. There are only 289 psychiatrists, 114 psychiatric advanced practice nurses (nurse practitioners/clinical nurse specialists) and approximately 25 prescribing psychologists in the state. According to the latest licensure survey data, there are eight New Mexican counties without any behavioral health prescribers at all.

“This collaboration with the UC College of Nursing provides a unique opportunity to address the inequities of behavioral health services in the rural communities of New Mexico,” adds Carol Capitano, PhD, PMHCNS-BC, assistant professor at the UNM College of Nursing.

Both Drs. Capitano and Dixon will teach in the program and are involved with the New Mexico Behavioral Health Work Taskforce. The Taskforce reports to the New Mexico Legislature on behavioral health care access and needs in the state, and makes recommendations for improvement. This year, they will be looking to increase funding to behavioral health care services.

The PMHNP program is funded by Health Resource Services Administration # D09HP29977.

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—Carol Capitano, PhD, PMHCNS-BC
FACULTY PUBLICATIONS


Are you an alumnuus who has something exciting to share?

Please email Marlena Bermel, Senior Alumni Relations Officer, at mbermel@salud.unm. You could be in the next Annual Report!
1960s

The class of 1966 came back to the College of Nursing to celebrate its 50th anniversary.

1970s

Dorothy Beach, ’72 BSN and ’93 MSN, joined Lovelace Medical Group.

Carolyn Montoya, ’76 BSN and ’13 PhD, was named Associate Dean for Academic Affairs for the UNM College of Nursing.

Carol Moye, ’73 BSN, received the New Mexico Center for Nursing Excellence Nursing Legend Award.

1980s

Cynthia Arndell, ’80 BSN, received the Zia Award from the UNM Alumni Association.

Martha Andazola, ’81 BSN, received one of UNM Hospital’s Employee of the Year awards.

Sheena Ferguson, ’83 BSN and ’88 MSN, was honored with the Patriot Award by the New Mexico Committee for Employer Support of the Guard & Reserve.

Veronica Sandoval, ’80 BSN, received one of UNM Hospital’s Employee of the Year awards.

Jamie Silva-Steele, ’86 BSN, was named top CEO by Albuquerque Business First.

Mary Wright, ’89 BSN and ’93 MS, received the New Mexico Center for Nursing Excellence Award in Education/Research/Academia.

1990s

Tambra Bensch, ’94 BSN and ’96 MSN, joined Lovelace Medical Group.

Nancie Madril, ’96 BSN, received the DAISY Foundation award.

Joanna Rubi, ’90 BSN, received the New Mexico Center for Nursing Excellence Touch of Life Award.

Ann Wright, ’99 MS, received the New Mexico Center for Nursing Excellence Distinguished Nurse of the Year Award.

2000s

Valerie Barbo, ’03 BSN, received the New Mexico Center for Nursing Excellence Award in Maternal/Child.

Nicolle Gonzales, ’04 BSN and ’11 MSN, was named one of Colorlines’ 15 Most Remarkable Women of 2015.

Karolyn Schaefer, ’01 BSN, received the New Mexico Center for Nursing Excellence Award in Public Health.

Cynde Tagg, ’02 BSN, ’11 MSN and ’16 DNP, was selected to serve on the Editorial Advisory Board for The American Nurses Association member newspaper, The American Nurse.

Celeste Yazzie, ’07 BSN, received one of UNM Hospital’s Employee of the Year awards.

2010s

Celia Andrews, ’13 MSN, saw the birth of her son, Zayden, in April 2016.

Victoria Hawthorne, ’15 BSN, received the DAISY Foundation award.

Laura Heermann, ’15 BSN, accepted a position at Vanderbilt University’s Adult Emergency Room.

Melynda Lopez, ’12 BSN and ’14 MSN, joined Lovelace Medical Group.

Lorie Maciver, ’13 BSN, was named President of District 1199 New Mexico of the National Union of Nurses and Hospital Employees.

Andrea Petitto, ’2013 MSN, received the New Mexico Center for Nursing Excellence Award in Management/Emerging Leader.

Brittany Simplicio, ’11 BSN and ’13 MSN, was named one of Colorlines’ 15 Most Remarkable Women of 2015.
The profession of nursing embodies the philosophy of helping those in need. No matter the type of nursing involved, every aspect of the job embraces this philosophy. Sometimes, however, those in need are fellow nurses.

Dr. Charlotte "Lani" Gunawardena, distinguished professor of Distance Education and Instructional Technology at the University of New Mexico (UNM) College of University Libraries and Learning Sciences, reached out to the College of Nursing asking for assistance in providing technical support to The Open University of Sri Lanka. Having done some consulting work there, she was very familiar with Open University and knew they were looking to start a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) program. The University already had a Bachelor of Science in Nursing program but nowhere in the country was there a master’s-level nursing program. Theirs would be the first.

With funding from the UNM Global Education Office (GEO) and the College of Nursing, Nancy Ridenour, PhD, RN, APRN, BC, FAAN, professor and dean, Judy Liesveld, PhD, PPCNP-BC, RN, associate professor and education chair, and Jenny Vacek, MSN, RN, interim MSN education concentration coordinator and senior lecturer, traveled to Sri Lanka in April 2016. Their first step was to perform a community assessment of hospitals, clinics and other schools in the area. They wanted to have a better understanding of the needs of the profession of nursing and the health care services available. The response was overwhelmingly positive. “The nursing community is so eager to have more education to elevate the program and the profession of nursing,” says Dr. Liesveld. The UNM College of Nursing team, in collaboration with the nursing faculty at Open University, devised a plan to develop the necessary curriculum for an online master’s program in nursing.

One of the challenges of starting a master’s program is that there are very few doctorally prepared nurses in Sri Lanka and none at all on the faculty at Open University. However, after the visit from UNM College of Nursing, one member of their faculty enrolled in the College’s PhD in Nursing program. Sunil DeSilva started classes in the Summer of 2016. He hopes to be the first, but not the last, of his colleagues to earn a doctoral degree in nursing.

Open University nursing faculty are now working on approvals for the new curriculum they have developed. Unfortunately, there are more hurdles than administrative approvals. Something as simple as having textbooks available for students is very difficult. For the undergraduate program, packets are printed out for students in lieu of books. Ms. Vacek is currently working diligently to help find books for their soon-to-be master’s program.

In addition to collaborating with the nursing school, Dr. Ridenour, Dr. Liesveld and Ms. Vacek participated in a Distinguished Lecture series hosted by Open University, co-delivering a lecture, “Taming Knowledge Explosion Through Conceptual Teaching and Learning.” The lecture can be viewed online at http://www.ou.ac.lk/home/. They also held a recruitment session for UNM with Open University students, providing information on UNM and the College of Nursing.

The UNM College of Nursing would like to return to Sri Lanka to continue to help them implement the MSN program. They also look forward to future collaborations on other projects and possibly participating in a faculty exchange program. “The collaboration with Open University provides many opportunities for the College of Nursing. Sri Lanka, for example, has met one of the millennium health goals: malaria has been eradicated in the country. Increasing our knowledge of global health issues and strategies to improve global health translates to improved health outcomes,” says Dean Ridenour.
Honor Roll of Donors

Thank You!

The College of Nursing would like to thank all of the individuals, foundations and companies who have contributed generously over the past year. Your continued support allows the UNM College of Nursing to remain a nationally recognized leader in nursing education.

On behalf of the students, faculty and staff, we thank you for your support and dedication to educating future generations of nurses.

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TOTAL ENDOWMENT
$9,846,719.09

Enrollment
640 students for Spring 2016

Graduation
258 Students 2015-2016 Academic Year

32 NMNEC Dual Degree
43 MSN
8 DNP
4 PhD
55 RN to BSN
116 Prelicensure BSN

$548,715.92 awarded
2015-2016 Academic Year

- 393 Students Awarded Scholarships out of a Total of 640 Students
- Average Scholarship Award $1396.22
- Cost to Fund an Endowed Scholarship $25,000

Faculty Development Funds Used
$27,709.82

- $250,000 Cost to Endow a Visiting Professor
- $500,000 Cost to Endow a Professor
- $1,500,000 Cost to Endow a Chair

143 qualified applicants for 64 slots for Prelicensure BSN admissions in Spring 2016
UNM College of Nursing Programs

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- Prelicensure Entry Option
- RN to BSN Option
- NMNEC Dual BSN Degree Option

Master of Science in Nursing
- Nursing Education
- Advanced Practice Nursing
  - Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
  - Family Nurse Practitioner
  - Nurse-Midwifery
  - Pediatric Nurse Practitioner
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- Individualized Plan of Study
- Health Policy Concentration
- BSN to PhD

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- Nursing Executive Organizational Leadership (NEOL) Concentration
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