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A Message From Mary G. Schaal, RN, EdD Dean and Professor, Jefferson School of Nursing

Welcome to the 2009-2010 Academic Year! As our returning students know, we are celebrating another historic milestone in the School and University. The Jefferson College of Health Professions was disbanded in July 2009, leading the way for a new University structure reflecting each school's importance and size. Thomas Jefferson University is now organized with four schools and two colleges: Jefferson School of Nursing, School of Pharmacy, School of Health Professions, School of Population Health, Medical College, and College of Graduate Studies.

For the past three years, the Jefferson School of Nursing has been implementing the initiatives of the *2006-2009 Strategic Plan* in concert with the University's and College's strategic plan. As Thomas Jefferson University moves forward with its implementation of individual schools and colleges, the Jefferson School of Nursing will create the *2010-2015 Strategic Plan* to further advance the School of Nursing. Students, alumni, practice partners, faculty, internal, and external stakeholders have been involved in this process. I will share more about the 2010-2015 Strategic Plan in the Spring Newsletter.

In addition, I am delighted to announce that the Jefferson School of Nursing received initial five year accreditation for the DNP Program from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and received initial 10 year accreditation for the CRNA Program from the Council on Accreditation (COA).

Meet our New Dean of Research and Faculty Development: Lynne C. Borucki, PhD, RN



Dr. Lynne Borucki is an Associate Professor and Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Development at the Jefferson School of Nursing. She received her BSN from Thomas Jefferson University and her MSN and PhD from the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Borucki has published and presented nationally and internationally on topics related to women's health, breastfeeding; student learning styles, and service-learning. She has been a member of several multidisciplinary research teams.

HRSA Testimony on InterProfessional Education

By: Dr. Molly Rose

Jefferson InterProfessional Education Center (JCIPE) representatives served as expert consultants to HRSA's Advisory Committee on Interdisciplinary, Community-Based Linkages during its last meeting of this fiscal year. This Committee is mandated to meet three times annually and provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services concerning policy and program development and other matters of significance related to the activities described under Part D (Interdisciplinary, Community-Based Linkages) of Title VII of the Public Health Service Act. The Committee prepares and submits a report describing its activities including findings and recommendations to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services; the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions of the Senate; and the House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce. Programs represented by the Committee include Area Health Education Centers, Geriatric Education and Training Programs, Allied Health and Special Projects, and others. Joan Weiss, PhD, RN, is the Designated Federal Official for this committee and Stephen Wilson, PhD, serves as the committee chairperson.

The Committee is working presently on its Ninth Annual Report (this year with a focus on interprofessional education). Dr. Stephen Wilson attended a number of JCIPE's presentations at the Collaborating Across Borders II interprofessional education conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia in May of 2009 and was impressed by TJU's interprofessional education activities. Four groups were invited to provide testimony to the committee on August 13, 2009. The other groups who presented were CCNE accreditation update on interprofessional criteria by Dr. Jennifer Butlin, emerging technologies for interprofessional education by Dr. Ronald Weinstein at the University of Arizona, and integrating interprofessional education by Dr. Amy Blue and Dr. David Garr at the Medical University of South Carolina. Dr. Molly Rose, JCIPE Co-Director, and Carolyn Giordano, Senior Research Analyst, TJU Center for Collaborative Research presented an overview of Thomas Jefferson University interprofessional educational activities, including the Health Mentor Program with a focus on quantitative and qualitative evaluation. Feedback provided by the committee was enthusiastic and motivating. We look forward to potential future policy on interprofessional education that may be an outcome of this experience.

Jefferson School of Nursing to Offer MSN/MPH Degree

By: Dr. Molly Rose

Beginning in the fall of 2009, the Thomas Jefferson University's Schools of Nursing and Population Health will offer a dual Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) / Masters of Public Health (MPH) degree. The purpose of the MSN/MPH degree is to provide an opportunity for nurses interested in obtaining further public health education to integrate advanced practice nursing with public health research and practice. MSN students are eligible to transfer 6 to 12 credits into the MPH program, depending upon the MSN track in which they are enrolled. Both the MPH and MSN programs are available either on a full time or part time basis. Typically, MSN/MPH students take many of their nursing courses prior to beginning their public health study. Interested students may apply to both schools simultaneously or they may apply to one school first and upon acceptance, apply to the second school. A sample plan of study is available on the Jefferson School of Nursing website.



Standing: Yvette Winstead, Monica Young
Seated: Dolores Grosso, Guiyun Zhou

2009 DNP Graduates

Congratulations to our 2009 DNP Graduates! The graduates successfully presented their Practice Inquiry Projects (PIP) in July 2009. Below are a list of their PIP titles:

Dolores A. Grosso- Predicting Donor Alloreactivity in Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant: A Practice Change Initiative

Yvette Winstead- Clinical Management of Skin and Soft Tissue Infections in the Emergency Department of a Suburban Hospital

Monica Young- Demonstrating the Impact of Nursing Communication on Patient Satisfaction

Guiyun Zhou- Knowledge, Attitudes, Practice Behaviors of Clinical Oncology Advance Practice Nurses Regarding Advance Care Planning for Cancer Patients

Jefferson Alumni: Share Your Expertise and Mentor the Next Generation!

By: Dr. Beth Ann Swan

With success comes growth in our nursing programs. As an alumnus of the Jefferson School of Nursing, I invite you to get involved by sharing your expertise and mentoring the next generation of MSN students. Please consider volunteering as a clinical preceptor for one of our MSN programs. Currently, we offer the following tracks: Adult Health, Adult Acute Care, Adult Oncology, Community Systems Administration, Family, Neonatal, Nursing Informatics, Pediatric, and Women's Health Care. Please contact Dr. Mary Powell, Director of Primary and Acute Care Programs or Dr. Ksenia Zukowsky, Director of Women and Children Programs. Thank you for supporting the Jefferson School of Nursing!

RWJ New Careers in Nursing

By: Dr. Elizabeth Speakman

The Jefferson School of Nursing was awarded \$200,000 from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) and the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) to support 20 FACT students who graduated in May 2009, each of whom received scholarships of \$10,000. Along with scholarship funding, these students were engaged in experiential leadership opportunities with mentors focusing on professional career planning. FACT students receiving these awards were: Nya Brown, James Casey, Hanane Chaibainou, Troy Davis, Marie Duvert, Patricia Garcia, Michelle Hall, Heather Hasan, Solomon Joshua, Rita Kabai, Marie Laubacher, Traci Lawler, Cecelia Lim, Daniel Naveiro, Regine Nshimiyimana, Michael O'Brien, Dominic Osipowicz, Jeremiah Phillips, and Jonathan Steinberg. The RWJF New Careers in Nursing Scholarship Program aims to address the national nursing shortage and increase diversity in the nursing profession through supporting students in fast-track nursing programs who have already earned degrees in other fields.



A photo of RWJ grantees at the Isabel Stewart conference, Teachers College, Columbia University.

Nightingale Awards of Pennsylvania

Megan Barry, second year ASN-BSN, was awarded a 2009 Nightingale Awards of Pennsylvania Scholarship. Dr Beth Ann Swan received the 2009 Nightingale Award for Excellence in Nursing Research.

Nightingale Awards of Pennsylvania is a statewide, non-profit foundation created to help recruit and retain nursing professionals. It is governed by a 24 member Board of Trustees, consisting of individuals who are leaders in nursing, business, industry, and other health care fields. To achieve its objectives, the foundation has established a scholarship fund and an awards program. Scholarship recipients are selected based on their academic achievement, leadership potential as evidenced by special honors and/or special recognition, community service, and personal commitment to the profession of nursing.

Inter-Professional Rwanda Health and Healing Project

Six JSN students traveled to Rwanda with Dr. James Plumb as part of the Rwanda Health and Healing Project. The students were Jessica Sollinger, Julia Panebianco, Nicole Legander, John Edwards, Kelly Harris, and Megan Barry.

Faculty News

Kathleen Ashton, PhD, APRN-BC, served as a team member for Latin American Missions, Campaign to Lima, Peru in June 2009.

Kathleen Ashton, PhD, APRN-BC, published “Celiac disease approaches the bench: a case study” in the Journal of Legal Nurse Consulting.

Mary Bouchaud, MSN, RN presented a poster at the 137th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association in Philadelphia, November 2009.

Julianne Cody, MSN, RN presented a poster at the 137th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association in Philadelphia, November 2009.

Mary Hanson-Zalot, MSN, RN, Assistant Dean of ASN Programs, was selected as a Fellow for the 2009-2010 AACN Leadership for Academic Nursing Program.

Mary Hanson-Zalot, MSN, RN presented a poster at the 3rd Annual Nurse Faculty Nurse Executive Summit in Scottsdale, AZ in December 2009. Co-authors were **Frances Amorin** and **Karen Papastrat, MSN, RN**.

David Jack, PhD, RN, received the Dean’s Award for Doctoral Excellence from Widener University.

Thomas Loveless, MSN, CRNP, helped to deliver a baby boy in driveway of the Thomas Jefferson University Hospital Emergency Department on August 27, 2009.

Joseph Lipscomb, MSN, CRNA, organized a workshop for current CRNA clinical faculty on October 24, 2009. **Marilyn McHugh, MSN, RN, JD, Elizabeth Speakman EdD, RN, CDE, ANEF**, and **Julia Feliciano, MSN, CRNA** spoke on various topics related to teaching CRNA students in clinical settings.

Karen Papastrat, MSN, RN, Assistant Dean of BSN programs, presented a poster at the 3rd Annual Nurse Faculty Nurse Executive Summit in Scottsdale, AZ in December 2009. Her co-authors were **Kathy Shaffer, MSN, RN, Tom Loveless, MSN, CRNP, Marilyn McHugh, MSN, RN, JD**, and **Maria Marinelli, RNFA, BSN, CNOR**.

Ann Phalen, PhD, APRN, NNP-BC, presented a poster titled, “Implementation of the AAP Recommendations to Reduce SIDS risk in NICUs: A Collaborative Study of Nursing Knowledge” at the 4th Annual Nursing Research Conference sponsored by the University of Delaware, Christiana Care, Al Dupont, and the Jefferson School of Nursing on November 6th, 2009. Her co-author’s were Regina Grazel, MSN, RN, BC, APN-C, Lori Brittingham, BSN, RN, Patricia Clifford, MSN, RN-NIC, Lauren Gresh, MSN, RN-NIC.

Mary Powell, PhD, CRNP published *Health literacy: Implications for ambulatory care* in Nursing Economic\$ September/October 2009 issue.

Mary Powell, PhD, CRNP presented at the 10th Annual Interdisciplinary Research Conference at Trinity College, Dublin in November 2009.

Kathy Rine, MSN, RN, OCN, CNE, received the National League of Nursing (NLN) Certification in Nursing Education.

Kathy Shaffer, MSN, RN made an oral presentation at the AACN’s 2009 Baccalaureate Education Conference in Chicago, IL in November 2009. Her co-authors were

Karen Papastrat, Tom Loveless, MSN, CRNP, Marilyn McHugh, RN, MSN, JD, and **Maria Marinelli, RNFA, BSN, CNOR**.

Elizabeth Speakman, EdD, RN, CDE, ANEF, Assistant Dean of RN Programs, received the Dean’s Faculty Achievement Award.

Elizabeth Speakman, EdD, RN, CDE, ANEF, Assistant Dean of RN Programs and Member of the Board of Governors of the National League of Nursing (NLN), met with Senator Bob Casey in May 2009 to advocate for funding for nursing education and health care reform.

Beth Ann Swan, PhD, CRNP, FAAN, published *Growing ambulatory care nurse leaders: Building talent from the primed pipeline* in Nursing Economic\$, July/August issue.

MM West, PhD, CNE, RN, Cecilia Borden, EdD, RN, Miriam Bermudez, MSN, RN, Mary Hanson-Zalot, MSN, RN, AOCN, Frances Amorim and **Rosemarie Marmion** published *Enhancing the clinical adjunct role to benefit students* in Journal of Continuing Education July 2009 issue.

Theresa Yeo, PhD, MPH, MSN, AOCNP, published *Assessment of gene –environment interaction with cases of familial pancreatic cancer compared to cases of sporadic pancreatic cancer* in Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery.

Professor Kanako Okada Visits JSN from Japan

By: **Elizabeth Speakman, EdD, RN, CDE, ANEF**

Professor Kanako Okada, RN, PhD, (pictured left with RN-MSN student, **Marian Nowak**), recently visited the Jefferson School of Nursing from Chiba University, Japan. As a member of the International School Health Network, Dr. Okada has presented information on nursing, health promotion, and global issues throughout the world. Her work on health promotion has taken her to Korea, Germany, England, Canada, and the United States. As an advisor to PhD students, Dr. Okada has researched excellence in education. Having read about the Jefferson School of Nursing, Dr. Okada expressed a desire to tour the School and Thomas Jefferson University.



Dr. Okada visited the Clinical Skills Laboratory and was given a demonstration by Tom Loveless, MSN, CRNP, Associate Director, University Simulation, Thomas Jefferson University and Director, Simulation & Clinical Skills, Jefferson School of Nursing. Dr. Okada also met with Dr. Elizabeth Speakman, Assistant Dean of RN Programs and member of the NLN Board of Governors. Dr. Okada expressed an interest in the possibility of having an exchange program with Chiba University and the Jefferson School of Nursing, Thomas Jefferson University.

Student News

Olaniwun Arogundade, a current BSN student, was awarded a Scholarship from Pennsylvania State Nurse's Association, Philadelphia District to help fund her nursing education.

Janice Boc, NNP 2009 graduate, manuscript titled *The use of 100 percent oxygen versus 21 percent oxygen for delivery room resuscitation* was accepted for publication in *Neonatal Network: The Journal of Neonatal Nursing*.

Bonnie Choi, a 2008 graduate of the Pediatric Nurse Practitioner MSN Program, had her manuscript titled, "The Immunization Status of Home Schooled Children in America" accepted for publication in *Journal of Pediatric Health Care*.

JoAnn D'Agostino, a current DNP student, had an article titled "An Evidentiary Review Regarding the Use of Chronologic and Adjusted Age in the Assessment of Preterm Infants" accepted for publication in the *Journal for Specialists in Pediatric Nursing*.



Megan Klusaritz and Daniel Naylor (pictured left), two current BSN students, visited China this summer as part of a collaborative initiative organized by **Dr. Kathleen Ashton**, between the Jefferson School of Nursing and Salisbury University.

Katherine Lucatorto, a current DNP student, was awarded a Promise of Nursing for Pennsylvania Regional Faculty Fellowship by the Foundation of the National Student Nurses' Association.

ASN Students at the Jefferson School of Nursing Geisinger campus (pictured right) celebrated return to classes with a party at the Danville Community Center. The Student Government Association planned a welcome party for the incoming Class of 2011.



Marian Nowak, a current MSN student, received the Renaissance Award for creating a great working environment at her workplace. Hammonton Middle School.

Veronica Quattrini, a current DNP student, manuscript titled, "Evaluating Care in Emergency Department Fast Tracks" was accepted for publication in the *Journal of Emergency Nursing*.

Susan Shirato, a current DNP Student, had her manuscript titled, "The Use of Remote Monitoring for Internal Cardioverter Defibrillators (ICDS): The Infusion of Information Technology and Medicine" accepted for publication in the October 2009 issue of *Online Journal of Nursing Informatics (OJNI)*.

Jefferson School of Nursing SGA (pictured right) held fundraisers to support the Geisinger Children's Miracle Network as well as student activities throughout the year. The photo shows the following students presenting the check to the Telethon along with Mrs Donnelly who is a JSN Geisinger site faculty who helps to oversee SGA in Danville: Front row: S. Oliveri, B. Mlinarich, N. Brink; 2nd row: J. Foust, G., Durham, M. Gaul, and faculty member D. Donnelly. In addition, the SGA group held monthly community blood pressures screenings at the Danville CVS pharmacy, organized a coat drive for the local women's shelter, coordinated a food drive for a local food pantry, and also held a cell phone drive to benefit the local Women's Center.



Mary Regan, CSA/FNP 2009 graduate, published *Implementation and evaluation of a youth violence prevention program for adolescents* in *Journal of School Nursing*, February 2009.

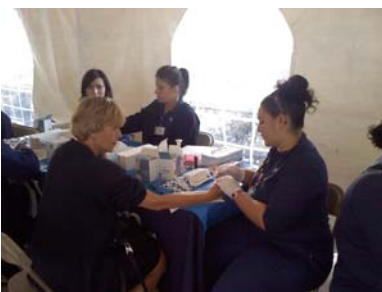
Barbara Todd, a current DNP Student, presented a poster titled "Transition Experiences of Nurse Practitioners: Factors Influencing Role Transition and Satisfaction," at the 4th Annual Nursing Research Conference sponsored by the University of Delaware, Christiana Care, Al Dupont, and the Jefferson School of Nursing on November 6th, 2009.

Karen Visich, a 2009 graduate of the Adult Oncology Nurse Practitioner Program, had a manuscript titled, "Prophylactic Probiotic use in Preventing RT Induced Diarrhea" accepted for publication in the *Clinical Journal of Oncology Nursing*.

Guiyun Zhou, DNP 2009 graduate, published *Disseminated varicella-zoster virus infection following azacitidine in a patient with myelodysplastic syndrome* in the *Clinical Journal of Oncology Nursing*, June 2009.

Guiyun Zhou, DNP 2009 graduate, published *Vitamin D status and colorectal cancer risk* in *Clinical Journal of Oncology Nursing*, August 2009.

Guiyun Zhou, DNP 2009 graduate, manuscript titled *Knowledge, attitudes, practice behaviors of clinical oncology APNs regarding advance care planning* was accepted for publication in *Oncology Nursing Forum*.



Junior Year BSN Students (pictured left), participated in Mayor Nutter's Healthy Heart month by offering free screenings including Blood Pressure and Cholesterol.

JoAnn D'Agostino, a current DNP student, attended the South Jersey Healthcare 4th Annual Research Day. (pictured left with Dr. Betty Neuman, a renowned nursing theorist).



Meet Our Visiting Scholar: Dr. Laura Hayman



Laura L. Hayman, PhD, RN, FAAN

Laura L. Hayman, PhD, RN, FAAN is Associate Dean for Research and Professor of Nursing in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences at the University of Massachusetts and Director of Research at GoKids Boston. She earned her BSN, MSN, and PhD at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Hayman's program of research and scholarship has emphasized primary prevention of obesity and cardiovascular disease (CVD) in children, adolescents and families. Her research, in collaboration with colleagues from several disciplines, has been funded by the National Institutes of Health and included clinical, school, and population-based studies of biobehavioral risk factors for CVD. Current research, with colleagues from UMASS Boston and Children's Hospital Boston, focuses on improving fitness and reducing cardiometabolic risk in school-aged children. Dr. Hayman has served on numerous national and international interdisciplinary advisory and expert panels relevant to primary prevention of obesity and CVD in childhood and adolescence. Dr. Hayman serves on the Editorial Boards of *Annals of Behavioral Medicine*, *Journal of Cardiovascular Nursing*, *Progress in Cardiovascular Nursing* and *MCN: The American Journal of Maternal-Child Nursing*. She is a past president of the Society of Behavioral Medicine (SBM) and a member of the Society's Health Policy Committee. Dr Hayman has also served in leadership roles in the American Heart Association (AHA); currently, she is a member of the Committee on Atherosclerosis, Hypertension and Obesity in the Young and the HealthCare Expert Panel on Childhood Obesity. She holds fellowships in SBM, AHA and the American Academy of Nursing. Most recently, she was elected to the Academy of Behavioral Medicine Research.

Visiting Scholar's Day was held on October 13, 2009 and was sponsored by the Jefferson School of Nursing and Thomas Jefferson University Hospital.

Welcome New Faculty and Staff!

Faculty:

Lynne C. Borucki, PhD, RN

Associate Dean, Research & Faculty Development

Susan M. Burke, PhD, RN, CPNP

Assistant Professor

Susan Egger, RN, MSN

Instructor

Kathy Gray, MSN, FNP-BC

Instructor

Katherine Lucatorto, RN, MSN

Instructor

Sharon R. Rainer, RN, MSN, APN, CEN, CCRN

Instructor

Staff:

Stacey Riley

Administrative Assistant

Upcoming School of Nursing Events

Fall Semester:

Fall Semester Begins: 09/2/09

Labor Day: 09/7/09

Thanksgiving Break: 11/25/09-11/28/09

Classes End: 12/11/09

Finals Begin: 12/12/09

Finals End: 12/17/09

Winter Break Begins: 12/18/09-01/10/10

Spring Semester:

Spring Semester Begins: 01/11/10

Spring Break: 03/01/10-03/07/10

Classes Resume: 03/08/10

Classes End: 04/30/10

Finals Begin: 05/03/10

Finals End: 05/08/10

Graduation: 05/25/10

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