Welcome to the inaugural edition of e-for|um, the School of Nursing's newly designed monthly e-newsletter. I hope you will agree that the new, streamlined design is visually engaging. Our goal is to have a consistent layout with distinguishable sections, making it easier for readers to locate information that is of the greatest interest to them. We are also trying to keep the content brief, hopefully making it more reader-friendly. The newsletter's name might seem familiar to you. It is an adaptation of our magazine's name, nursing for|um.

We hope you enjoy the new e-newsletter. If you have questions or comments, please submit them to monthlynews@son.umaryland.edu. Your feedback will help us refine e|forum.

--Dean Jane M. Kirschling, PhD, RN, FAAN

Second White Coat Ceremony Held February 3
Nearly 70 new Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Clinical Nurse Leader students received their white coats at a ceremony held February 3 at UMSON. This is the second white coat ceremony to be held at UMSON, which was one of 100 nursing schools to receive funding support through a collaborative effort between the Arnold P. Gold Foundation and the American Association of Colleges of Nursing to pilot white coat ceremonies. Nursing students at the Universities at Shady Grove (USG) will receive their white coats at a ceremony on February 23 at USG. See more photos on Flickr.

UMSON Celebrates National Nurse Anesthesia Week - January 25-31
In celebration of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthesia Week, UMSON nurse anesthesia faculty members set up an anesthesia machine in the lobby and demonstrated intubations. Some students received hands-on experience, while others observed the demonstrations and learned more about administering anesthesia and UMSON's Nurse Anesthesia Doctor of Nursing Practice degree. See more photos on Flickr.

UMSON Receives Grant from Loveman Foundation
The School of Nursing's Center for Biology and Behavior Across the Lifespan received a $12,500 grant from the Loveman Foundation to help facilitate ongoing research projects. The center's research will examine care for the elderly population and managing chronic disease treatment. Read more.

Sarah Trandel-Korenchuk, a BSN student at the Universities at Shady Grove (USG) was elected president of the Maryland Association of Nursing Students (MANS) for 2015-2016 at the MANS conference in January. In addition, she received the MANS Community Scholarship Award, and her photo
 submission won the MANS Image of Nursing Campaign. Anne Giampietro, also a BSN student at USG, received the MANS Unconventional Student Scholarship Award.

Master's student Genevieve Parr, MS '11, received a Central Scholarship -- the Richard Louis Caplan Memorial Scholarship for Mental Health Practitioners -- for the 2015-2016 academic year. The scholarship awards students with a proven track record of employment in a clinical area treating patients with personality disorders, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and/or depression.

EVENTS

Third Annual Interprofessional Education (IPE) Day
Feb. 26, 2015
IPE Day enhances faculty and student knowledge of interprofessional education in health care, law, and social work. The Faculty Development Session (faculty only) is 8:30 a.m.-noon in the Southern Management Corporation Campus Center, Room 359. The Student Activity Session (students, faculty, and staff welcome) is 12:15-5:30 p.m. in the UMSON Lobby and Room 130. Registration closes February 6. Click here to register.

Ann Ottney Cain Lecture in Psychiatric Nursing
Celebrating the 60th Anniversary of UMSON's Graduate Psychiatric Mental Health Specialty
March 7, 2015
3-6 p.m.
UMSON Lobby & Auditorium
Loretta Sweet Jemmott, PhD, RN, FAAN, van Ameringen Professor in Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing and associate director, Center for Health Disparities Research, University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing, will deliver the lecture, "Preventing HIV, STI, and Teenage Pregnancy: Family Impact & Solutions." Click here for more information or to register.

125th Anniversary Gala
April 18, 2015
6-10 p.m.
Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel
The gala honors UMSON's 25 inaugural Visionary Pioneers. Click here to RSVP. For more information about the gala, contact Tiffany Hooper at hooper@son.umaryland.edu or 410-706-7640. For more more information about event sponsorship opportunities, contact Laurette Hankins at hankins@son.umaryland.edu or 410-706-7640.

2015 Alumni Reunion
Sept. 19, 2015
8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
UMSON Lobby & Auditorium
If your DIN or BSN graduation year ends in a "5" or a "10," or if you earned a master's degree in the Clinical Nurse Leader option in 2005 or 2010, mark your calendar for UMSON's 2015 Alumni Reunion. Click here for more information, or contact Cynthia Sikorski at sikorski@son.umaryland.edu or 410-706-0674.

WELCOME NEW FACULTY & STAFF

Juana Rodriguez, BS, has joined the Office of Student and Academic Services as associate director of admissions. Ms. Rodriguez comes to UMSON from Bowie State University, where she worked as Financial Aid Process Manager. Prior to that position, she was Director of Admissions for the Education Management Corporation, The Art Institutes. Ms. Rodriguez holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Old Dominion University.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT
Col. Marla De Jong, PhD, MS '96, RN, CCNS, FAAN, has been appointed interim associate dean for research and senior Air Force advisor at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences Daniel K. Inouye Graduate School of Nursing.

Dorrie K. Fontaine, PhD, MS '77, RN, FAAN, dean, University of Virginia School of Nursing and associate chief nursing officer, University of Virginia Health Systems (UVHS), received the 2015 UVHS Martin Luther King, Jr. Award. The award recognizes exceptional abilities in the areas of cultural competence, health care disparities, and/or fostering an environment of caring, diversity, and inclusivity.

Carol A. Romano, PhD, '93, MS '85, BSN '77, RN, BC, NEA, FAAN, FACMI, has been appointed dean of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences Daniel K. Inouye Graduate School of Nursing. She has been an active leader within the United States Public Health Service, retiring at the rank of Rear Admiral.

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ALUMNI NEWS & UPDATES

Alumni Career Resource Web Page
Students and alumni can access professional career services through UMSON's Student Success Center. Services include a job posting website, an annual career fair, assistance in writing resumes and cover letters, career workshops, mock interviews, and online resources. Click here for more information.

FACULTY KUDOS

Erika Friedmann, PhD, professor, has been named interim associate dean for research at UMSON, where she has been a member of the faculty since 2003. Dr. Friedmann is well respected by faculty members, students, and colleagues for her research mentorship, particularly in the area of statistical methods.

Marian Grant, DNP, RN, CRNP, assistant professor and 2015 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Policy Fellow (RWJF), is working in the office of Nancy Pelosi, Minority Leader of the U.S House of Representatives. The RWJF Policy Fellows Program seeks exceptional mid-career health professionals and behavioral and social scientists with an interest in health and health care.

Shannon Idzik, DNP '11, MS '96, CRNP, FAANP, associate professor, has been named assistant dean for
the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program at UMSON. Dr. Idzik has successfully led the development and revision of UMSON's curriculum to reflect frequently updated national standards for NP education and was instrumental in the successful transition of the NP specialties into the DNP.

**Gail Schoen Lemaire, PhD '96, PMHCNS, BC, CNL**, associate professor, has been named assistant dean for the Master of Science program at UMSON. Dr. Lemaire, a psychiatric mental health clinical nurse specialist, has been a UMSON faculty member since 2000 and previously served as director of the Clinical Nurse Leader master's option.

**Robin Newhouse, PhD '00, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN**, professor and chair, Department of Organizational Systems and Adult Health, co-authored the following new publications:


**Alison Trinkoff, ScD, MPH, RN, FAAN**, professor; **Nancy Lerner, DNP, RN, CDONA**, assistant professor; **Carla Storr, ScD, MPH**, professor; and **Meg Johantgen, PhD, RN**, associate professor and assistant dean for the PhD program, co-authored the following article:


**Fran Valle, DNP, CRNP**, assistant professor, has been named director of the Post-Master's Doctor of Nursing Practice Program Without Specialty at UMSON. Dr. Valle will work with the assistant dean for the DNP program to provide administrative leadership and program coordination for the Post-Master's DNP option.

Five UMSON faculty members were selected for either the National League for Nursing’s (NLN) LEAD program or the NLN's Leadership Development Program for Simulation Educators. They are: **Amy Daniels, MS '12, RN, CHSE**, clinical instructor; **Lori Edwards, DrPH, BSN '80, RN, PHCNS-BC**, assistant professor; **Vanessa Fahie, PhD '94, BSN '76, RN**, assistant professor; **Margaret Hammersla, MS '06, BSN '95, RN, CRNP**, assistant professor; **Pamela Phillips, MS '05, BSN '86, RN, CRNP**, clinical instructor; and **Donna Ramos, PhD '05, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN**, professor.
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professor; and Michelle Moulton, MS '09, RN, PCCN, CHSE, clinical instructor. Read more.

Front row - Amy Daniels and Michelle Moulton
Back row - Lori Edwards, Vanessa Fahie, and Marg Hammersla

IN THE NEWS

Subject: Maryland Carey Law Students Awarded Global Initiative Grants
Source: law.umaryland.edu - January 30
Summary: Mei Ching Lee, PhD, RN, assistant professor, was mentioned in the article, "Maryland Carey Law Students Awarded Global Initiative Grants."
Read the article.

Subject: American Association of Critical-Care Nurses to Present Circle of Excellence Awards to 25 Acute and Critical Care Nurses
Source: news-line.com - January 29
Summary: Kathryn VonRueden, MS, RN, CNS-BC, FCCM, associate professor, was mentioned in the article, "American Association of Critical-Care Nurses to Present Circle of Excellence Awards to 25 Acute and Critical Care Nurses."
Read the article.

Subject: Former UAB Dean Rachel Booth Named Visionary Pioneer
Source: UAB.edu - January 23
Summary: The School of Nursing and alumna Rachel Booth, PhD, MS '70, BSN '68, RN, were mentioned in the article, "Former Dean Rachel Booth Named Visionary Pioneer."
Read the article.

Subject: UMSON Awarded Grant for Research on Elder Care
Source: Nurse.com - January 23
Summary: Barbara Resnick, PhD '96, RN, CRNP, FAAN, FAANP, professor, and Eun-Shim Nahm, PhD 03, MS '95, BSN '89, RN, FAAN, professor, were mentioned in the article, "UMSON Awarded Grant for Research on Elder Care."
Read the article.

Subject: Where Does the DNP Stand?
Source: Advance for Nurses - January 2015
**Summary:** Shannon Idzik, DNP, CRNP, FAAN, associate professor and assistant dean for the Doctor of Nursing Practice Program, was quoted in the article, "Where Does the DNP Stand?"
[Read the article.](#)

**Subject:** UMSON Hosts First Commencement Ceremonies in December  
**Source:** Nurse.com - January 6  
**Summary:** Dean Jane Kirschling, PhD, RN, FAAN, was quoted in the article, "UMSON Hosts First Commencement Ceremonies in December."  
[Read the article.](#)

**Subject:** Nurse CIOs Are Taking on Bigger Roles in Healthcare  
**Source:** Modern Healthcare - November 1, 2014  
**Summary:** Charlotte Seckman, PhD, RN-BC, assistant professor, was quoted in the article, "Nurse CIOs Are Taking on Bigger Roles in Healthcare."  
[Read the article.](#)