DNP Program Ranked No. 5 in U.S. News & World Report's First-Ever DNP Rankings

UMSON's Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program is ranked No. 5 in the U.S. News & World Report's inaugural DNP rankings. Additionally, UMSON is ranked No. 8 among all accredited graduate nursing programs. Three UMSON master's specialties/options are ranked in the top five in the 2017 edition of "America's Best Graduate Schools." The Clinical Nurse Leader option and Nursing Informatics specialty remain at No. 1 and the Administration specialty remains at No. 5. Other UMSON specialties ranked in the top 10 include the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner/Clinical Nurse Specialist, Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner, and Family Nurse Practitioner specialties, which are each ranked at No. 8; the Nurse Anesthesia specialty is No. 10. Read more.

10th Anniversary Celebration of Jonas Center for Nursing and Veterans Healthcare

On Friday, March 18, Dean Jane M. Kirschling, PhD, RN, FAAN; Meg Johantgen, PhD, RN, associate professor and associate dean for the PhD Program; Shannon Idzik, DNP '10, CRNP, FAANP, associate professor and associate dean for the DNP Program; and Irene Akande, DNP student and Jonas Nurse Leader Scholar, traveled to New York City to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Jonas Center for Nursing and Veterans Healthcare. During the event, Barbara and Donald Jonas, who raised more than $600,000 in support of 60 Jonas Nurse Leader Scholars, were recognized for their monumental contributions to the field of nursing and
for their pledge to fund nursing education through 2028.

Photo: Irene Akande, Meg Johantgen, and Shannon Idzik at the 10th anniversary celebration

UMSON Receives $750,000 Gift from Alumna Mary Catherine Bunting
Baltimore benefactor Mary Catherine Bunting, MS ’72, CRNP, RN, has gifted UMSON $750,000 to support the development and implementation of a new, three-year community public health initiative in collaboration with the Maryland Family Network. This partnership will focus on improving overall health and environmental health within Early Head Start and Head Start Centers in Baltimore City. Read more.

USG Receives Equipment and Materials Award
The Universities at Shady Grove (USG) has received a $108,436.42 Maryland Clinical Simulation Resource Consortium Equipment and Materials Award. Through the award, USG will receive a new model birthing bed, wound care models, portable two-way mirror panels, a mobile medication station, programmable thermometers, and programmable stethoscopes and auscultation trainers to assess heart, lung, and bowel sounds. These items will be used to enhance learning through simulated technology at the USG location. Read more.

Neonatal Nurse Education in Liberia
Office of Global Health Director Yolanda Ogbolu, PhD ’11, MS ’05, BSN ’04, CRNP-Neonatal, assistant professor, and Beth Barrows, MS ’13, BSN ’05, RN, clinical instructor, traveled to Monrovia, Liberia, in late February to conduct neonatal nurse education at St. Joseph's Catholic Hospital. The program was designed and conducted in collaboration with UMSON partner nursing school Mother Patern College of Health Sciences of Monrovia. The program was funded by Catholic Relief Services. St. Joseph's Catholic Hospital lost nine staff members to Ebola during the 2014-2015 outbreak.

Welcome New Staff
Ginger Pritchett, AA, has joined the Office of Student and Academic Affairs as an academic program specialist. Prior to joining UMSON, Ginger served as a communications operator at Saint Agnes Hospital in Baltimore and as an administrative assistant with Swift Staffing. Ginger holds an Associate of Arts degree from the University of Phoenix and is working toward her bachelor's degree in social science at the University of Maryland University College.

Jean (Jill) Sullivan, MA, has joined the Department of Partnerships, Professional Education, and Practice as an academic program specialist. Prior to joining UMSON, Jill served as a foreign language teacher with Baltimore County Public Schools and as a program assistant at Loyola University in Baltimore. Jill holds master's degree in education from the Notre Dame of Maryland University and a bachelor's degree in art history from Wheaton College.

EVENTS
Reunion 2016 - Register Online Today!
Saturday, April 16
8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.  
UMSON Main Lobby & Room 130  
It's not too late to register for Reunion 2016, which will honor undergraduate classes ending in "1" or "6" and all graduates who earned a master's degree through UMSON's Clinical Nurse Leader option. Come to Baltimore to reunite with classmates! Click here for more information or to register online. To volunteer for the planning committee, contact Cynthia Sikorski, senior associate director of alumni relations, at alumni@son.umaryland.edu or 410-706-0674. Click here to update your contact information.

Home- and Community-Based Care: A Symposium for Health Professionals and Community Members  
Monday, April 25  
8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.  
Southern Management Corporation Campus Center  
Learn more about the forces shaping health care delivery and discover how home- and community-based care models are changing. Click here for more information and to register.

50th Anniversary of the Community and Public Health Master's Specialty  
September 16-17  
4-6 p.m.  
UMSON Main Lobby & Room 130  
Save the date for the Community & Public Health Master's Specialty 50th anniversary celebration. The event will feature a lecture and reception on Friday, Sept. 16, followed by a program on Saturday, Sept. 17. Click here for more information, or contact Cynthia Sikorski at 410-706-0674 or alumni@son.umaryland.edu.

DNP Program 10th Anniversary  
Thursday, October 6  
4:30-6:30 p.m.  
UMSON Main Lobby & Room 130  
Save the date for the 10th anniversary celebration of UMSON's DNP program. The event will feature a speaker and panel discussion followed by a reception. Come back to Baltimore and network with fellow DNP alumni at this celebratory event! Click here to learn more.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Karen McQuillan, MS '86, BSN '81, RN, CNS-BC, CNRN, FAAN, president, American Association of Critical-Care Nurses, and clinical nurse specialist, R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center, was quoted in a Nurse.com article about a new study that confirms the link between healthy work environments and patient safety.

Darlene Curley, MS '82, BSN '80, RN, FAAN, has been promoted to CEO of the Jonas Family Fund. She also serves as executive director of the Jonas Center. Click here to read more.

Lisa Rowen, DNSc, MS '86, RN, CENP, FAAN, has been named system chief nurse executive for the University of Maryland Medical System. She has served as senior vice president for patient care services and chief nursing officer (CNO) at the University of Maryland Medical Center since 2007, and in 2015, she was also
ALUMNI NEWS & UPDATES

Docents Needed for Living History Museum
The UMSON Living History Museum is seeking alumni volunteers to serve as docents. The museum is open from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday during the academic semesters. Docents are also needed for occasional special events, such as school tours and open houses for new and prospective students. Scheduling is flexible. If you would like to volunteer, contact Cynthia Sikorski at alumni@son.umaryland.edu or 410-706-0674. Learn more about the museum.

New Alumni Directory Underway
The UMSON Alumni Association is working with Harris Connect on a new version of Alumni Today, previously updated in 2011. The publication contains comprehensive biographical listings with contact, career, and family information of our graduates. To ensure that our data is as current as possible, Harris Connect will contact alumni to verify that the information we will print is accurate and complete. Please help us make this publication full of the latest information about you and your fellow alumni.

KUDOS

Lily Fountain, MS, RN, CNM, assistant professor, was the recipient of the first place doctoral poster award in recognition of her outstanding presentation of innovative public health research at Public Health Research Day at the University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP) on April 5. Lily is a PhD student at UMCP.

Photo: UMSON faculty members Lily Fountain, Lori Edwards, Jane Lipscomb, and Carla Storr

Erika Friedmann, PhD, professor and associate dean of research, and Kathryn Lothschuetz Montgomery, PhD '97, RN, NEA-BC, associate professor and chair, Department of Partnerships, Professional Education, and Practice, co-authored the following publication:


Marian Grant, DNP '10, RN, CRNP, associate professor, gave the following presentations:


Grant, Meier, Palliative Care: Is it at the National Policy Table or on the Menu? AAHPM/HPNA Annual Assembly, Chicago, IL, March 2016.

Grant also participated in a Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute stakeholder workshop in Crystal City, Va., where she was chair of the Models of Care Delivery breakout session, "Prioritizing Comparative Effectiveness Research Questions for Patient-Centered Palliative Care Delivery for Adult Patients with Advanced Illnesses and Their Caregivers."

Veronica Gutchell, DNP '13, RN, CNS, CRNP, assistant professor, participated in the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education’s (CCNE) spring 2016 evaluator training. After training, evaluators serve on CCNE accreditation review teams.

Bea Himmelwright-Lamm, EdD, RN, assistant professor, was featured as a success story on the National
AHEC Organization website for the following presentation:


Ann Hoffman, MS '11, RN, CNE, clinical instructor, and Nicole Smith, MS '14, RN, CNE, clinical instructor, passed the National League of Nursing's certification exam and are now certified nurse educators.

Veronica Njie-Carr, PhD, RN, ACNS-BC, FWACN, assistant professor, co-authored the following publication:


Barbara Resnick, PhD '96, RN, CRNP, FAAN, FAANP, professor, has been awarded a five-year, $1,602,489 R01 grant from the National Institute on Aging for her project, "Dissemination and Implementation of Function Focused Care for Assisted Living." The study will test the dissemination and implementation of a theory-based care management approach across 96 assisted living settings in Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts.

Kathryn VonRueden, MS, RN, CNS-BC, FCCM, associate professor, co-authored the following publication:


VonRueden also gave the following presentation:


Debra Wieigand, PhD, RN, CCRN, CHPN, FAHA, FPCN, FAAN, associate professor, has been elected to the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association Board of Directors. She will serve a three-year term. Read more.

DNP student (Nurse Anesthesia specialty) Katy Woods, BSN, RN, co-authored the following text book:


PhD Student Bo Kyum Yang received a $7,500 Research Grant Award from the Southern Nursing Research Society (SNRS) at the 2016 SNRS conference in February. The award will be used to support her dissertation research, titled, "Impact of Nurse Practitioner Independent Prescriptive Authority on Psychotropic Medication Use in Medicaid-Insured Youth.

Photo: Ann Mech; Elizabeth Reifsnider, SNRS Grants Committee chair; and Bo Kyum Yang

IN THE NEWS

Subject: Ensuring Patients' End-of-Life Plans Aren't Lost in Critical Moments
Source: The Spokesman-Review and The Philly Voice - March 28
Summary: Marian Grant was quoted in the article, "Ensuring Patients' End-of-Life Plans Aren't Lost in Critical Moments."

Subject: Flint's Children on the Frontline of Water Crisis but Facts Hard to Come By
Source: MSN.com and The Guardian - March 27
Summary: Pat McLaine was quoted in the article, "Flint's Children on the Frontline of Water Crisis but Facts Hard to Come By."
Subject: Electronic Records Offer a Chance To Ensure Patients' End-Of-Life Plans Aren't Lost In Critical Moments
Summary: Marian Grant was quoted in the article, "Electronic Records Offer A Chance To Ensure Patients' End-Of-Life Plans Aren't Lost In Critical Moments."

Subject: MD Delegates Hear Concerns About UMB-UMCP Partnership
Source: UMB News - March 23
Summary: Dean Jane Kirschling was quoted in the article, "MD Delegates Hear Concerns About UMB-UMCP Partnership."

Subject: Coalition Pushes to Advance End-of-Life Planning, Care
Source: Association of Healthcare Journalists - March 23
Summary: Marian Grant was quoted in the article, "Coalition Pushes to Advance End-of-Life Planning, Care."

Subject: Electronic Records and End-of-Life Plans
Source: USA Today - March 19
Summary: Marian Grant was quoted in the article, "Electronic Records and End-of-Life Plans."

Subject: Hospitals Struggle with Security Risks
Source: Risk & Insurance - March 18
Summary: Jane Lipscomb was quoted in the article, "Hospitals Struggle with Security Risks."

Subject: More Older Women Now Living With 'Moderate' Disability, Study Shows
Source: U.S. News & World Report, Philly.com, Summit Medical Group, staywellsolutionsonline.com, EHE&me, and Health.com - March 17
Summary: Barbara Resnick was quoted in the article, "More Older Women Now Living With 'Moderate' Disability, Study Shows."

Subject: Some of the Top Schools in the U.S. News Best Graduate School Rankings 2017
Source: U.S. News University Directory and Becker's Hospital Review - March 16
Summary: The School of Nursing was mentioned in the article, "Some of the Top Schools in the U.S. News Best Graduate School Rankings 2017."

Subject: School of Nursing Ranked No. 8 by U.S. News & World Report
Source: UMB News - March 16
Summary: Dean Jane Kirschling was quoted in the article, "School of Nursing Ranked No. 8 by U.S. News & World Report."

Subject: 2017 Best Graduate Schools
Source: U.S. News & World Report - March 16
Summary: The School of Nursing was listed in the article, "2017 Best Graduate Schools."

Subject: Combined University of Maryland Would Keep Separate Presidents Under Revised Bill
Source: Baltimore Sun - March 9
Summary: The School of Nursing was referred to in the article, "Combined University of Maryland Would Keep Separate Presidents Under Revised Bill."