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Welcome to the April issue of ***School of Nursing News***, an electronic newsletter designed to inform, engage, inspire, and connect with faculty, staff, students, alumni, and other constituents of the University of Maryland School of Nursing (UMSON).

## UMSON History Publication Updated

In 2002, UMSON published *Building the Future*, a history of the School's accomplishments from its founding in 1889 through the tenure of Dean Barbara R. Heller. We are excited to report that a new, updated history publication, *Innovation in Action*, has been released just in time for UMSON's 125th anniversary! The new publication adds to the original chronicle the achievements of UMSON from 2002-2012, through Dean Janet D. Allan's tenure. You can view the publication at: [http://nursing.umaryland.edu/sites/default/files/uploads/docs/Nursing\\_History14\\_Final\\_spread.pdf](http://nursing.umaryland.edu/sites/default/files/uploads/docs/Nursing_History14_Final_spread.pdf)



## Students Travel to Annapolis for Advocacy Day 2014

Six School of Nursing students accompanied Dean Jane Kirschling to Annapolis on March 11 for UMSON's annual Advocacy Day. Their goal was to deliver one central message to lawmakers—the health care of Marylanders depends on well-educated nurses.

Assisting Dean Kirschling in reinforcing UMSON's message were Doctor of Nursing Practice students **Sonia Brown, MS '99, RN, ACNP-BC** and **Cheryl Harrow, MS '01, FNP-BC, RNC-LRN, IBCLC**; Bachelor of Science in Nursing students **Brian Hoffman** and **Natalie Colville**; and Clinical Nurse Leader students **Christopher Gawrych** and **Winnie Makawa**. Each student was given the opportunity to shadow a legislator for the morning. Senators Thomas M. Middleton, District 28, Charles County; Paul G. Pinsky, District 22, Prince George's County; and Katherine A. Klausmeier, District 8, Baltimore County; and Delegates Brian K. McHale, District 46, Baltimore City; Herbert H. McMillan, District 30, Anne Arundel County; and Melvin L. Stukes, District 44, Baltimore City, took time to meet with students. Read more at: <http://www.nursing.umaryland.edu/news/5258>.



### **Students Attend AACN Policy Summit**

UMSON students were among the 135 students from across the nation who participated in the American Association of Colleges of Nursing's (AACN) fifth annual Student Policy Summit, held March 23-25 in Washington, D.C. The conference offered students an immersion in the federal policy process and nursing's role in professional advocacy. The highlight of the event was the students' participation in AACN's Advocacy Day on Capitol Hill, where they met with their legislators.



## **Dean Kirschling Passes the Gavel to New AACN President**

Dean Jane Kirschling concluded her two-year term as president of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) at the AACN's spring meeting, held March 24 in Washington, D.C. She passed the gavel to newly-elected president Eileen Breslin, PhD, RN, dean, School of Nursing, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. "During Jane's presidency, AACN continued to expand its sphere of influence and national reach," Dr. Breslin said. "Members benefited from programming innovations that were initiated during her presidency, including the AACN-Wharton Executive Leadership program, the DNP and PhD Summits, and the Graduate Nursing Student Academy."



## 125th Anniversary Update

### Bull Pen Party and Orioles Game - April 27

The first event celebrating UMSON's 125th anniversary, a Bull Pen Party and Orioles game, is scheduled for Sunday, April 27. To purchase tickets, or for more information, go to: <http://www.nursing.umaryland.edu/anniversary/events>. We hope you will join us at this and other events as we celebrate UMSON's 125th year of educating nurses.

### Nominate a Visionary Pioneer

As part of UMSON's 125th anniversary celebration, 25 outstanding alumni (both living and deceased) will be honored as UMSON Visionary Pioneers. You are encouraged to nominate alumni who have made a significant impact on and contribution to the field of nursing, based on their leadership, innovation, or entrepreneurship. Those selected will be honored at UMSON's 125th anniversary gala on April 18, 2015. For more information, and to submit your nomination (**deadline is June 1**), visit: <http://nursing.umaryland.edu/anniversary/pioneer>.

## Faculty & Staff Kudos...

**Bimbola Akintade, PhD '11, MS '05, ACNP-BC, MBA, MHA, BSN '03, RN**, assistant professor; **Erika**

**Friedmann, PhD**, professor; and Professor Emeritus **Sue Ann Thomas, PhD, RN, MS '72, BSN '69, FAAN**, co-authored the following publication:

Chapa, D.W.; Akintade, B., Son, H., Woltz, P., Hunt, D., Friedmann, E., Hartung, M.K., and Thomas, S.A. (2014). Pathophysiological relationships between heart failure and depression and anxiety. *Critical Care Nursing*. 34:14:15-25, doi: 10.4037/ccn2014938 Published online at: <http://www.cconline.org>.

**Linda Costa, PhD, RN, BSN '76, NEA-BC**, assistant professor, co-authored the following publication:

Scala E, Costa L. (2014). Using appreciative inquiry during care transitions: an exploratory study. *Journal of Nursing Care Quality*. 29 (1): 44-49. DOI: 10.1097/NCQ.0b013e31829a8416.

**Erika Friedmann, PhD**, professor, and **PhD student Valerie Dernetz**, have been selected to attend the National Institute of Nursing Research's 2014 Summer Genetics Institute (SGI). The SGI is a highly competitive, intensive 4-week, 8-credit hour graduate level program with laboratory and didactic components. The program provides selected candidates with a strong foundation in molecular genetics that can be used in research, clinical practice, and teaching.

**Marian Grant, DNP '10, RN, CRNP**, assistant professor, gave the following presentation:

Grant, M., Meier, D., *Language Matters: How to Present Palliative Care to Patients, Clinicians, and Other Stakeholders*. AAHPM/HPNA Annual Assembly, San Diego, CA.

**Beverly Horne**, academic program specialist in the Department of Family and Community Health, recently received the University of Maryland, Baltimore Community Service Award. Ms. Horne founded the Baltimore Chapter of Sisters 4 Sisters, a service organization that provides a nurturing, compassionate, and supportive network to empower women and girls to achieve success in life's journey. Activities include "Daughters of Destiny, a support group for girls 9-17 to create healthy self-esteem and wellness; "Saving Our Sisters," an awareness campaign that provides education, testing, and resources for girls and women at risk for or infected with HIV/AIDS; and "LOVE," a monthly "leave out violence every day," workshop that provides education and support, as well as clothing and other resources to girls and women affected by domestic and sexual abuse. Since its inception, the Baltimore Chapter has provided services and mentorship to 250 individuals.



**Kathryn Lothscheutz Montgomery, PhD '97, RN, NEA-BC**, associate professor and associate dean, Strategic Planning and Initiatives, co-authored the following publication:

Quigley, L., Matsuoka, K. Samson, R. Herrera, L. Montgomery, K. Lothschuetz, Khanna, N. Nolan, T. (2014). Workforce development in Maryland to promote clinical-community connections that advance payment and delivery reform. *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved*. 25 19-29.

**Robin Newhouse, PhD '00, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN**, professor and chair, Department of Organizational Systems and Adult Health, has been selected to serve on an Institute of Medicine research committee, the Treatment of Cardiac Arrest Current Status and Future Directions Committee. The Committee will focus on the current status and future opportunities to improve cardiac arrest outcomes in the U.S. Read more at: <http://www.nursing.umaryland.edu/news/5265>.

**Hazel Jones-Parker, DNP '12, RN, BC, FNP**, affiliate assistant professor, received the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) Employee of the Month Award for March 2014 for her commitment to quality service to the University and exemplary performance for the Institute for Human Virology's Clinical Division. UMB President Jay A. Perman, MD, presented Dr. Jones-Parker with the award.





**Karin Russ, MS '09, RN, BSN '89**, clinical instructor, recently participated in a congressional briefing to inform legislators of a common misperception that babies are protected from toxic chemicals, since the placenta filters out some substances that the mother is exposed to before they reach the fetus. However, recent studies have found more than 200 industrial chemicals present in the umbilical cord blood samples of newborns. Russ and others reiterated that reducing exposure to toxic chemicals is a valuable public health strategy.



**Nancy Staggers, PhD '92, MS '85, RN, FAAN**, professor, made the following presentations:

Staggers, N., & Chapman, L. (2014). Five proven methods for multidisciplinary teams to create great clinical user experiences, February 25, 2014. HIMSS14, Orlando, FL.



Staggers, N. (2014). Leveraging user experience to be a strategic asset in health organizations. HIMSS14, February 26, 2014, Orlando, FL.

**Debra Wiegand, PhD, RN, FAAN**, associate professor, presented “Family Experiences During the Dying Process after Withdrawal of Life-Sustaining Therapy,” at the Annual Assembly of the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine & Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association Conference, held March 12-15 in San Diego. Dr. Wiegand received the Outstanding Research Abstract Award at the conference.

**Dr. Wiegand, PhD, RN, FAAN**, was inducted as a Fellow in Palliative Care Nursing by the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association (HPNA) on March 15 in San Diego. This honor recognizes HPNA members who are nursing experts and leaders in education, management, advanced practice, and research. HPNA Fellows have a responsibility to engage with other health care leaders in transforming palliative nursing.

**Debra Wiegand, PhD, RN, FAAN**, associate professor, and **Marian Grant, DNP '10, RN,CRNP**, assistant professor, co-authored the following publication:

Wiegand D.L., Grant, M.S. (2014). Bioethical issues related to limiting life-sustaining therapies in the intensive care unit. *Journal of Hospice & Palliative Nursing*, 16(2), 60-64.

## Student News...

**PhD student Kyunsook Gartrell, MS '10, RN, BSN '05**, has been awarded the Medical Informatics Postdoctoral Research Fellowship. This prestigious fellowship is a component of the Medical Informatics Training Program at the Lister Hill National Center for Biomedical Communications. The yearlong fellowship, which begins July 1, provides training and research opportunities for PhD and MD students, with a goal of producing future leaders in medical informatics research. Read more at: <http://www.nursing.umaryland.edu/news/5262>.

## In the News...

**Subject:** "Life With a Dog: You Meet People"

**Source:** *New York Times* – April 7

**Summary:** Erika Friedmann was quoted in a story about the health benefits of owning a pet, particularly a dog. <http://well.blogs.nytimes.com/2014/04/07/life-with-a-dog-you-meet-people/>

**Subject:** “University of Maryland Faculty Members Awarded Nurse Educator Doctoral Grants”

**Source:** *nurse.com* - April 1

**Summary:** Bimbola Akintade, Deborah Busch, Mary Fey, Margaret Hammersla, and Rachel Onello were featured.

<http://bit.ly/PmTdzx>

**Subject:** “The Checkup: How the ACA is Changing Nursing”

**Source:** WYPR-FM - March 11, 2014

**Summary:** Kathryn Montgomery was interviewed on the Maryland Morning segment.

<http://wypr.org/post/checkup-how-aca-changing-nursing>

## Mark Your Calendar...

### Convocation Week Events

Monday, May 12

- Alumni Lunch for Students (Universities at Shady Grove)

Tuesday, May 13

- Graduation Barbecue
- Uniform Stringing
- Sigma Theta Tau, Pi Chapter Induction Ceremony
- Convocation Rehearsal (Universities at Shady Grove)

Wednesday, May 14

- Alumni Lunch for Students
- Convocation Rehearsal
- Graduation Barbecue (Universities at Shady Grove)

Thursday, May 15

- Doctoral Hooding Ceremony and Reception

Friday, May 16

- Convocation
- Commencement
- Faculty and Staff Convocation Luncheon

For detailed information, visit: <http://nursing.umaryland.edu/student-resources/records-and-registration/graduation-materials/graduation>.

**2014 Summer Institute in Nursing Informatics – "Informatics Enabling Patient-Centered Care Across the Continuum" - July 16-18 - UMSON.** To register and for more information, go to: <http://www.nursing.umaryland.edu/sini>.

## Alumni News & Notes...

**Carol Cannon, BSN '07**, and her husband live in Austin, Texas, where she works as an oncology program specialist for the Nurse Oncology Education Program, a nonprofit group under the Texas Nurses Association. The program creates online oncology education for nurses in all fields of practice. She also works as a hospice nurse, and enjoys her relationships with patients and families. Carol and her husband plan to relocate to Boston, Mass., where she will start the Adult-Gerontology Acute Care NP Program at the University of Massachusetts, Worcester in fall 2014.

**Regina Cusson, PhD, MS '79**, dean and professor, University of Connecticut School of Nursing, co-authored an essay about obtaining a position and succeeding as a nursing professor. The article was published in the March 24, 2014 edition of *Inside Higher Ed*, an online source for news, opinion and jobs for higher education. To read the article, go to: <http://www.insidehighered.com/advice/2014/03/26/essay-how-get-job-nursing-professor>.

**Theresa DeVeaux, MS '02, BSN '00, RN, ACNP-BC**, is a certified Acute Care Nurse Practitioner at the Maryland Vascular Center, Baltimore-Washington Medical Center. She is also a faculty associate at UMSON. Theresa is very excited to be the incoming President for the Society for Vascular Nursing (SVN). She writes, "We are spreading our wings internationally and have been asked to provide a Vascular Nursing Symposium in conjunction with the Vascular Surgeons Congress in South Africa in October 2014. I will be participating in that presentation,

along with four of our members, including UMSON alumna Debra Kohlman-Trigoboff, MS '98, who is the current SVN President.”



**Sandra Louise Stevens Dunbar, BSN '71**, is a Performance Improvement Coordinator-Medical-Surgical Services at Gwinnett Medical Center in Lawrenceville, Ga. Sandy has been married 42 years, and has two children and five grandchildren.



**Renee Michele Jamerson, MS '11**, is employed as a shared governance coordinator at Calvert Memorial Hospital in Prince Frederick, Md.

**Maria Jurlano, MS '12**, was recently appointed to a three-year term on the American Nurses Association's Committee on Nursing Practice Standards. She is currently employed as director of critical care at Washington Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park, Md.

**Janel Cephas Parham, MS '03, BSN '02**, is a clinical research nurse at the National Institutes of Health Clinical Center, Bethesda, Md. In July 2013, she was commissioned as a Lieutenant in the United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps.



**Renee John Repique, MS '99, RN**, was recently appointed Chief Executive Officer at Friends Hospital in Philadelphia, Penna. He previously served as Senior Vice President/Chief Administrative Officer and Chief Nursing Officer for Behavioral Health/Correctional Health Services at Jackson Health System in Miami, Fla.

**Christina Choi Smart, BSN '04**, writes, "I have been living overseas in Tanzania with my family since October 2012, where we moved for a global health job opportunity for my husband. I am currently staying at home with our two young sons, but would love to get back to nursing in the next few years. We live in Mwanza, one of the country's major cities, on the southern shore of Lake Victoria, where we have a great view of the lake from our porch. Our lives are certainly very different in many ways from the average American family, but in other ways it's pretty similar: my husband keeps busy with a heavy workload and I keep busy tending to two little boys!"



**Rear Admiral Sylvia Trent-Adams, PhD, MS '99**, was appointed Chief Nursing Officer, U.S. Public Health

Service. She will lead the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service (Corps) Nurse Professional Affairs, and will advise the Office of the Surgeon General and the Department of Health and Human Services on the recruitment, assignment, deployment, retention, and career development of the Corps nurse professionals.



### **Alumni Career Resources Web Page**

Be sure to visit UMSON's alumni career resource Web page at: <http://www.nursing.umaryland.edu/alumni/career-resources>. Whether you are just beginning your nursing career or you are an experienced professional looking for a new opportunity, there are many resources that can help you be more successful. If you have questions, or would like to share your ideas about additional resources to place on this site, contact Cynthia Sikorski, associate director of alumni relations, at [alumni@son.umaryland.edu](mailto:alumni@son.umaryland.edu) or 410-706-0647.

### **Purchase Your UMSON Spirit Merchandise Online**

UMSON spirit merchandise is now available for purchase online at: <http://www.nursing.umaryland.edu/alumni/shop>. Some items available include notecards with historical images from the UMSON Living History Museum, a plush crab in UMSON's school colors, and a spacious tote bag with an image on the front that depicts traditional, historical, and contemporary images of UMSON and the University of Maryland Medical Center. The UMSON license plate frame will show your pride no matter where you travel in your car! If you have questions, or need more information, contact Lorrie Voytek at [voytek@son.umaryland.edu](mailto:voytek@son.umaryland.edu) or 410-706-7640.



## Alumni Event Recaps

### Spring Alumni Speaker Series Program #2

The second Alumni Speaker Series Program, held March 10, featured five alumnae who spoke to current students about their roles and responsibilities as nurse managers. Student leader Kathryn Huber served as panel moderator. The panel included **Monika Bauman, MS '10, BSN '90**, PCS manager, Women's and Children's Ambulatory Services, University of Maryland Medical Center (UMMC); **Cindy Dove, MS '13**, nurse manager, Surgical Intensive Care, Surgical Intermediate Care, and Surgical Progressive Care, UMMC; **Vanzetta James, MS '11**, nurse manager, Multi-trauma IMC-6, R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center, UMMC; **Kerry Sue Mueller, MBA, BSN '90**, nurse manager, Medical ICU, UMMC; and **Kim Sadtler, MSN, BSN '84**, nurse manager for the Child Psychiatry Acute Care Services & Partial Hospitalization Program and Psychiatric Emergency Services, UMMC.





#### UMCP Pre-Nursing Society Meeting Features UMSON Alumnae Speakers

Four UMSON alumnae were guest speakers at a recent meeting of the new Pre-Nursing Society at University of Maryland College Park (UMCP). UMCP student Sarah Trandel-Korenychuk heads the group, who welcomed alumnae and Cynthia Sikorski, associate director of alumni relations at UMSON. The panel included **Kelley Clark, MS '13**, a recent graduate of UMSON's Nurse Anesthesia master's specialty, who recently joined the anesthesia team at Johns Hopkins Hospital; **Carrie Jacobs Fisher, MS '09**, exposure coordinator, Employee Health Services, University of Maryland Medical Center; **Jennifer Howard, MS '13**, Clinical Nurse III on a medical-surgical with telemetry floor at Holy Cross Hospital; and **Liz Ness, MS '93**, nurse consultant for education at the Center for Cancer Research, National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health, and president of the UMSON Alumni Association.



## Upcoming Alumni Events

### Reunion 2014 – Saturday, April 26

If your DIN or BSN graduation year ends in a “4” or “9,” or if you earned a master’s degree in 2009 in the Clinical Nurse Leader (CNL) program, we hope you plan to attend your 2014 Reunion on Saturday, April 26! Invitations have been mailed; you can RSVP online at: <https://cf.umaryland.edu/checkout/son/2014-alumni-reunion/>. If you haven’t received your invitation, please update your contact information at: <http://www.nursing.umaryland.edu/alumni/update> and we will mail you an invitation. For more information, visit the alumni website at <http://nursing.umaryland.edu/alumni>. If you have any questions, contact Cynthia Sikorski, associate director of alumni relations, at [sikorski@son.umaryland.edu](mailto:sikorski@son.umaryland.edu) or 410-706-0674.

### Thursday, June 19 - Eastern Shore Alumni Networking Event with Dean Jane Kirschling

4:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 19 – Brew River Restaurant, 502 W. Main Street, Salisbury, MD 21801

RSVP by email to: [alumni@son.umaryland.edu](mailto:alumni@son.umaryland.edu) or by phone: 410-706-7640. Don’t miss this unique opportunity to gather with fellow alumni and learn more about exciting developments at the School of Nursing. Look for your printed invitation in the mail!

### July 31 – Colorado Alumni Networking Event

5-7 p.m., Holiday Inn Denver East-Stapleton, Arapahoe A, 3333 Quebec Street, Denver, CO 80207 (More information to come.)

### **August 21 - Western Maryland Alumni Networking Event**

Frostburg State University, Harold Cordts Physical Education Center, Hall of Fame Room, 101 Braddock Drive, Frostburg, MD 21532 (More information to come.)

### **November 8 - PhD Program 35th Anniversary, UMSON**

(More information to come.)

### **November 11 – Veteran’s Day Celebration, UMSON**

(More information to come.)

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