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Welcome to the May 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).

First 125th Anniversary Event a Huge Success!

Nearly 200 UMSON faculty, staff, alumni, family members, and friends attended the first event celebrating UMSON's 125th anniversary – a bull pen party and Orioles game, held Sunday, April 27. Despite the Orioles' loss, everyone had a great time and the weather was perfect!



For information on upcoming 125th anniversary activities, go to:<http://www.nursing.umaryland.edu/anniversary/events>.

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 - June 1**), go to: <http://www.nursing.umaryland.edu/anniversary/pioneer>.

UMSON Celebrates Nurses Week

In celebration of National Nurses Week and UMSON's 125th anniversary, Dean Jane Kirschling handed out 125th anniversary pins to faculty, staff, and students on Tuesday, May 6. National Nurses Week begins each year on May 6 and ends on May 12, Florence Nightingale's birthday.



Faculty and Staff Get Healthy in UMSON Exercise Lab

A former exercise research lab in UMSON has been opened to faculty and staff for use before and after work or during their lunch time. Dean Jane Kirschling approved the use of the space on a trial basis, after being approached by Staff Council with the idea. Thirty-eight faculty and staff members signed up to use the gym during the six-month trial period, which started February 3.





McLeskey Honored at Reception

Faculty, staff, students, alumni, family members, and friends gathered on April 21 to celebrate **Professor Sandra W. McLeskey's** 14 years of service to UMSON and wish her well upon her retirement at the end of this semester. McLeskey, PhD, RN, taught science subjects to students at the undergraduate, master's, and doctoral levels, and served as assistant dean for the BSN program from 2007-2010. Her laboratory research involved the role of tumor angiogenesis as a factor in resistance to anti-estrogen therapy with tamoxifen or aromatase inhibitors. Many people remarked at what an extraordinary individual she is. She is not only well-respected and admired by students and faculty colleagues, but she also has a great sense of humor.



Johantgen Named Assistant Dean for PhD Program

Meg Johantgen, PhD, RN, associate professor, has been named assistant dean for the PhD program. She served as interim assistant dean since August 1, 2013. In this role, Johantgen is tasked with ensuring PhD graduates are well-prepared to meet the demands of future health research. She will be responsible for evaluating the curriculum, recruiting highly-competitive students nationally and internationally, and increasing the number of students who successfully compete for extramural funding. Read more at: <http://www.nursing.umaryland.edu/news/5276>.

Dr. Meg
Johantgen

Faculty & Staff Kudos

Karen Clark, PhD, RN, CCRN, assistant professor at the Universities at Shady Grove, was quoted in a story, "Interconnected," which was featured in the winter 2013 edition of the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy's alumni magazine, *Capsule*. <http://www.pharmacy.umaryland.edu/practice/pdf/InterConnected.pdf>.

Mary Lynn Davis-Ajami, PhD, RN, MBA, NP-C, RN, assistant professor, co-authored the following new publication:

Davis-Ajami, M.L., Downton, K., Ludeman, E., Noxon, V. (2014). Epoetin zeta in the management of anemia associated with chronic kidney disease, differential pharmacology and clinical utility. *Biologics: Targets and Therapy*. Volume 8:155-167. Doi:<http://dx.doi.org/10.2147/BTT.S27578>

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

Grant, M. *Evidence-Based Practice and Palliative Care: How I Learned to Love the EBP Process*. University of Maryland School of Nursing Reunion 2014 Lecture, April 26, 2014, Baltimore, MD.

Catherine Haut, DNP '10, MS '93 RN, CRNP, PNP, assistant professor, has been elected president of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP). She begins a three-year term on July 1, and is the first acute care PNP to be elected president of the 40-year-old organization. As president, Haut will provide leadership to the Board of Directors and represent PNPs in a variety of professional activities. NAPNAP's mission is "to empower pediatric nurse practitioners and their health care partners to enhance child and family health through practice, leadership, advocacy, education and research."

Jennifer Hayes-Klosteridis, MS, director, Student Success Center, received an 18-month, \$200,000 grant from *Who Will Care?* (Maryland Healthcare Education Institute). This grant supports the development of services to enhance the learning of UMSON students for whom English is not their first language. The addition of these services will advance the work of the UMSON Student Success Center.

Megan Lynn, PhD, MS '08, MBA, BSN '04, RN, FNE-A, assistant professor, received the University of Maryland Medical Center's (UMMC) Faculty Colleague Award at ceremonies held May 7. Lynn, who was nominated by UMMC nurses and nurse leaders, was honored for her professionalism and ability to interact with colleagues. She works in UMMC's Adult Emergency Department as charge nurse, triage nurse, clinician, and instructor.



An article authored by **Eun-Shim Nahm, PhD '03, RN, FAAN**, professor, and co-authored by **Barbara Resnick, PhD '96, RN, CRNP, FAAN, FAANP**, professor and Sonya Ziporkin Gershowitz Chair in Gerontology, will receive the Theresa Pellino Research Writers Award at the National Association of Orthopaedic Nursing Congress, being held May 17-20 in Las Vegas. The award is presented for the research manuscript that is the most significant contribution to the orthopaedic research literature.

Nahm, E.-S., Resnick, B., Plummer, L., & Park, B. K. (2013). Use of discussion boards in an online hip fracture resource center for caregivers. *Journal of Orthopaedic Nursing*. 32(2):89-95.

Joseph E. Pellegrini, PhD, CRNA, associate professor and director of UMSON's Nurse Anesthesia specialty, has been appointed to the Council on Patient Safety in Women's Health Care. The Council's mission is to improve patient safety in women's health care through multidisciplinary collaboration that drives culture change. Read more at: <http://www.nursing.umaryland.edu/news/5279>.

Sandra Picot, PhD, RN, CLNC, FAAN, FGSA, associate professor, has been selected as a member of the Nursing Scope and Standards Workgroup of the American Nurses Association. The group will be engaged in an intensive effort to review and revise the 2010 Nursing Scope and Standards publication.

Rebecca Wiseman, PhD '93, RN, assistant professor and assistant dean for the UMSON program at the Universities at Shady Grove (USG), was awarded the USG Board of Advisors' Kendall Service Award for Program Director of the Year. The award was presented to Wiseman at USG's 10th Annual Student Achievement and Leadership Breakfast, held April 11.

The Program Director of the Year, created in 2013, is one of three Kendall Service Awards given by the USG Board of Advisors each spring. Former USG Board of Advisors member Cliff Kendall and his wife Camille established the awards to recognize faculty members, program directors, and staff members who have performed exceptionally in supporting student success at USG. Read more at: <http://www.nursing.umaryland.edu/news/5278>.



Student News

UMSON Students Attend NSNA Convention

UMSON was well-represented at the 62nd Annual National Student Nurses Association Convention, held recently in Nashville, Tenn. **Pam Shumate, DNP, RN, CCRN-CMC**, clinical instructor at the Universities at Shady Grove (USG), and **Kelley Wilson, MSN, RN**, assistant professor, accompanied the students to the convention, where UMSON students presented three posters. As a Maryland State Delegate, **Gordon Han**, a student at USG, was able to vote on resolutions.





Gordon Han, a BSN student at the Universities at Shady Grove (USG) who will graduate May 16, received a Student Leadership and Service Award at USG's 10th Annual Student Achievement and Leadership Breakfast, held April 11. Han has held various leadership positions, including president of the University of Maryland Association of Nursing Students and representative for fellow nursing students on the USG Student Council. He is a Maryland Delegate to the National Nursing Students' Convention and has organized numerous community service events and fundraising activities.

Bridget Crowell, who completed her BSN degree at USG in fall 2013, received an Academic Achievement Award at the USG Student Achievement and Leadership Breakfast. She was honored for her academic achievements, as well as her work as a Guided Study Session Leader and Peer Tutor for multiple nursing courses at USG. In both of these positions, Bridget helped other nursing students deepen their comprehension of the fundamental concepts and practices of the field of nursing.

PhD student Valerie Dernetz, BSN '02 has been awarded a research grant from the National Vulvodynia Association. This funding will supplement her recently awarded F31 National Research Service Award grant from the National Institute of Nursing Research for the study, "Neurophysiological and Psychological Correlates of Vulvodynia."

In the News

Subject: The Universities at Shady Grove Honors 25 Seniors at 10th Annual Student Achievement and Leadership Awards

Source: *bethesda-chevy Chase.patch.com* - April 11

Summary: School of Nursing students **Bridget Crowell** and **Gordan Han** were mentioned in this article.
<http://bit.ly/P0kXJh>

Subject: Expanding programs expand opportunities

Source: *Baltimore Sun* - April 13

Summary: **Dean Jane M. Kirschling** and **Dr. Jane Kapustin** were quoted and student Tim Meyenburg was quoted and pictured in this article.

<http://bit.ly/117JkzJ>

Subject: Stepping Up for Sustainability

Source: *nursing.advanceweb.com* - April 21

Summary: The School of Nursing was mentioned in this article.

<http://bit.ly/RFfutE>

Mark Your Calendar

Convocation Week 2014

Congratulations, Class of 2014! For a complete list of Convocation Week events and detailed information, go to: <http://nursing.umaryland.edu/student-resources/records-and-registration/graduation-materials/graduation>.

Upcoming Events

Conference - “Teaching and Technology: What’s Now, What’s Next?” – 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Friday, June 13 - UMSON - \$75 registration fee; 5.50 continuing nursing contact hours available for \$30 per participant. To register, go to: <http://www.eventrebels.com/umnurse>. For more information, go to: <http://www.nursing.umaryland.edu/teaching-technology>.

2014 Summer Institute in Nursing Informatics (SINI) – “Informatics Enabling Patient-Centered Care Across the Continuum” – July 16-18 - UMSON. For latest updates on SINI 2014, including Keynote and Endnote lecturers, complete schedule, and WINI registration, go to: <http://www.nursing.umaryland.edu/sini>.

Alumni News & Notes

Lt. Col. Kimberlie Biever, MS '07, MS '00, was one of five recipients of a Hero of Military Medicine (HMM) award on May 1 at the annual dinner and award ceremony in Washington, D.C. The HMM awards honor outstanding contributions by individuals who have distinguished themselves through excellence and selfless dedication to advancing military medicine and enhancing the lives and health of our nation’s wounded, ill and injured service

members, veterans, and their families.

Lt. Col. Biever has held positions of Chief, Hospital Education and Training, Fort Belvoir, Va.; Head Nurse, Emergency Department, Fort Belvoir, Va.; Chief Nurse, Kleber Health Clinic, Kaiserslautern, Germany; Lead Clinical Nurse Specialist, Critical Care Department, Walter Reed Army Medical Center; and most recently served as the Chief Nurse, Joint Trauma System, United States Institute of Surgical Research.

Lt. Col. Biever deployed to Bosnia in 2001 as a Nurse Practitioner with the 28th Combat Support Hospital. In 2009, she deployed as the Joint Theater Trauma System Program Manager for Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom where she conducted critical analysis of gaps, developed and streamlined processes to improve the care of trauma patients in Afghanistan and Iraq. She deployed to Afghanistan 2012-2013 as the Director, En Route Critical Care, working to improve outcomes for critically ill and injured patients transported within the Theater medical evacuation system.



Andrea Mayer Denicoff, MS '95, BSN '85, head, National Clinical Trials Network, Clinical Trials Operations and Scientific Liaison for Patient Reported Outcomes, National Cancer Institute, co-chaired a national symposium addressing the challenges to accrual to oncology clinical trials. She was also lead author of the paper that summarized the symposium and its recommendations in the *Journal of Oncology Practice*, November 2013, Vol. 9, Issue 6.

Gwendolyn A. Foster, MSN, BSN '95, CNM, lives in Sunderland, Md., and is the Air Force Element Medical Deputy Squadron Commander and Certified Nurse Midwife for the U.S. Air Force. Gwen earned an MS in Nursing from the University of Cincinnati and has worked in nursing for 18 years providing OB/GYN care around the world. She was recently selected as a 2014 emerging leader through the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and

Neonatal Nurses Emerging Leaders Program.

Kerry Gyorfi Goldberg, BSN '09, is employed as a Nurse Clinician IIE at Johns Hopkins Hospital. Kerry earned her certification as a pediatric nurse (CPN) and is near completion of her MS/MBA degree. She married **Joseph Goldberg, MS '09**, in September 2013, and they are expecting their first child. Joseph is employed as a team leader at George Washington University Hospital in Washington, D.C.

Rita Nutt, DNP '09, MSN, RN, is an assistant professor at Salisbury University in Maryland. She holds a BSN from Southern Illinois University, an MSN from Wesley College, and has worked in nursing for 17 years. Rita was recently selected as a 2014 emerging leader through the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses Emerging Leaders Program.

Janel Cephas Parham, MS '02, is a clinical research nurse at the National Institutes of Health Clinical Center. In July 2013, she was commissioned as a Lieutenant in the United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps. Lt. Parham is currently stationed at the National Institutes of Health Clinical Center in Bethesda, Md. **Correction:** Lt. Col. Parham's degree information was incorrectly listed in the April 2014 e-newsletter. She earned a Master of Science degree in Informatics from UMSON in 2002 and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Howard University in 1998.



Capt. Karin Warner, MS '96, BSN '90, U.S. Navy Nurse Corps, is currently Deputy Director of Healthcare Operations at Fort Belvoir Community Hospital, Fort Belvoir, Va. She will receive her Doctor of Nursing Practice degree from Duke University School of Nursing this month. Capt. Warner will be attending the National War

College in Washington, D.C., starting in fall 2014.

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 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 or 410-706-7640.



Alumni Event Recaps

Reunion 2014

More than 100 alumni returned to UMSON on Saturday, April 26, to celebrate their milestone reunion. Alumni Association President **Liz Ness, MS '93**, served as emcee for the event.



The program featured an address by **Dean Jane Kirschling**; the presentation of the Distinguished Alumni Award to **Colonel Marla De Jong, PhD, MS '96, RN, FAAN**, dean of the United States Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio; and the induction of the Class of 1964 into the Heritage Class.



A panel of Alumni Class Leaders – **Mary Lou Reilly, BSN '59; Mary Beth Sheehe Merolla, BSN '64; Connie Perry Simon, BSN '69; Hershaw Davis, Jr., BSN '09;** and **Katrina McGowan, MS/CNL '14** and Graduate Nursing Association Vice President – shared the value of their UMSON education and the most important lessons they learned while they were nursing school students.



The Class of 1964 planning committee was recognized for attaining the largest turnout, with 19 classmates in attendance. **Lynn Hodgson Oliver, BSN '64**, received a prize for traveling the furthest distance – from Bellingham, Wash. – to attend the reunion.



Student/Alumni Networking Night Held in Baltimore March 31

The Third Annual Baltimore Student/Alumni Networking event was held March 31 in the Southern Management

Corporation Campus Center. Alumni working in diverse professional areas participated in the speed dating style event. BSN and MS/CNL students had an opportunity to interact with alumni and get ideas and tips for their nursing careers. Alumni participants included **Susanne Anderson, MS '09, BSN '01, RN, ACNP-BC**, manager, Clinical Informatics, University of Maryland Medical Center (UMMC); **Sherri Bauman, MS '13, RN**, stem cell transplant nurse coordinator, UMMC; **Dora X. Frank, MS '06, BSN '04, CRNP**, Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, UMMC; **Carrie A. Jacobs, MS '09, RN**, exposure coordinator, Employee Health Services, UMMC; **Jean M. Ludwig MS '10, BSN '05, RN, CCRN**; SCNI staff nurse, General Post Anesthesia Recover Room, UMMC; **Carmel McComiskey, DNP '10, MS '96, CRNP**, director, Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants, UMMC; **Gladys Ngatchou, BSN '00, RN**, float pool, Critical Care RN, UMMC, and part-time supervisor in dialysis at Fresenius; **Joyce Parks, MS '93, PMHCNS-BC**, adult psychiatric mental health clinical nurse specialist, Johns Hopkins Hospital; **Lisa Petty, BSN '98, RN, CCRN**, SCNI, Rapid Response Team, UMMC; **Sarah Rangelov, BSN '09**, MC Clinical Nurse I, Neonatal ICU, UMMC; **Greg Raymond, MS '10, BSN '05, MBA, RN**, director of nursing and patient care services, Clinical Practice, Professional Development, Neuroscience, Behavioral Health & Supplemental Staffing, UMMC; and **Diane Smith, MS '77, BSN '72, RN, AHN-BC, HTCP**, SCNII, Holistic Nurse, Cardiac Surgery Step Down Units, UMMC.



First Annual/Student Alumni Networking Event Held at Shady Grove

The First Annual Student/Alumni Networking event was held April 1 at the Universities at Shady Grove (USG). Alumni working in a variety of professional areas participated at the speed dating style event. BSN students at USG had an opportunity to interact with alumni and get ideas and tips for their nursing careers. Alumni

participants included **Barbara Cornet, MS '02, BSN '96, RN, CRNP**, nurse practitioner, ED/Shock Trauma Center, Suburban Hospital, Bethesda, Md.; **Andrea Denicoff, MS '95, BSN '85**, National Cancer Institute, Clinical Investigations Branch; **Eileen Dimond, MS '91, RN**, nurse consultant, National Cancer Institute, Division of Cancer Prevention; **Maria C. Jurlano, MS '12, RN, NEA-BC**, director, Critical Care Department, Washington Adventist Hospital; **Judith Levine, BSN '89, RN**, HIV/AIDS program manager, D.C. Chartered Health Plan; **Liz Ness, MS '93, RN**, nurse consultant, Center for Cancer Research, National Cancer Institute; **Nancy M. Steffan, PhD candidate, MS '99, RN, CRNP**, and **Vasso Yfantis, MS '01, BSN '97, CRNP, CPAN**, lab instructor at USG and PACU Nurse at Suburban Outpatient Surgery Center in Bethesda, Md.



Third Annual Alumni Speaker Series Program Held April 14

The Third Alumni Speaker Series Program, held on April 14, featured five alumni who spoke to current students about their various roles and responsibilities. Student leader **Katrina McGowan** served as panel moderator. Panel members included **Bonjo M. Batoon, MS, BSN '98, CRNA**, University of Maryland Medical Center (UMMC), R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center, Trauma Anesthesiology; Current UMSON DNP student **Mary Ellen Connolly, MSN, CPNP**, pediatric nurse practitioner/Pediatric Surgery, UMMC; **Holly M. Enders, MS '01, BSN '82, CRNP**, Medical Transplant Service (Med 5), UMMC; **John Hagan, MS '05, BSN '87, CCRN, ACPN-BC**, acute care nurse practitioner, Medical ICU, UMMC; and **Cynthia Kerr Salmond, DNP '12, MS '05, BSN '99, CRNP**, director, Acute Pain Management, University of Maryland Baltimore Washington Medical Center.





Alumni Speak at Pre-Nursing Society Meeting

The new Pre-Nursing Society, established at University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP) under the leadership of current UMCP student, **Sarah Trandel-Korenychuk**, welcomed two UMSON alumni speakers and **Cynthia Sikorski**, associate director of alumni relations at UMSON, at their April 16 meeting. The panel included **Emilie Dedy, MS, MGA, BSN '72, RN**, retired nurse, former Deputy Director of Medical Services, U.S. Peace Corps, and CEO of the Visiting Nurse Association of Northern Virginia; and **Herminia Nudo, MS, BSN '63**, retired nurse, former director of the VA visiting nurse program, and director of nursing for Mt. Wilson Hospital in Reisterstown, as well as one of the first clinical specialist nurses for kidney dialysis at UMMC, and one of the three “inaugural” nurses for the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center in the early 1960s.



Save the Dates

June 19 - Eastern Shore Alumni Networking Event

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

\$15 per person includes hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks.

RSVP online at: https://cf.umaryland.edu/checkout/son/eastern_shore_networking_2014/.

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

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

November 8 - PhD Program 35th Anniversary

More information coming soon!

November 11 – Veteran's Day Celebration

More information coming soon!

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