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December 2015

Visionary Pioneer Wall Unveiled



UMSON's Visionary Pioneer Wall, honoring the School's 25 inaugural Visionary Pioneers, was unveiled at a ceremony held Nov. 9. Visionary Pioneers are alumni who have made a significant impact on, and contribution to, the field of nursing based on their leadership, innovation, or entrepreneurship. The wall is located in UMSON's main lobby.

Left to right: Ellen Spunt (representing her mother, VP Debra Spunt), Julie Fortier (representing VP Betty Shubkagel), Phyllis Sharps, Carol Romano, Marla Oros, Barbara Parker, Alexis Hammond (representing her mother, VP Pamela Hammond), and Col. Marla De Jong. Seated: Esther McCready.

Conway Scholarships Now Available



A transformational gift from Bill and Joanne Conway is enabling UMSON to expand enrollment in its traditional BSN program and increase opportunities for registered nurses to obtain their BSN degrees. Conway scholarships, which cover in-state tuition, books, and fees, are available to newly enrolled BSN and RN-to-BSN students who meet specific scholarship criteria. [Click here to read more.](#)

EVENTS

December Graduation, Shady Grove

Friday, Dec. 11

1-2 p.m.

Universities at Shady Grove
Building II Banquet Room

[Click here for more information.](#)

December Graduation, Baltimore

Monday, Dec. 14

1-3 p.m.

Hippodrome Theatre

[Click here for more information.](#)

Save the Date for Reunion 2016

Saturday, April 16

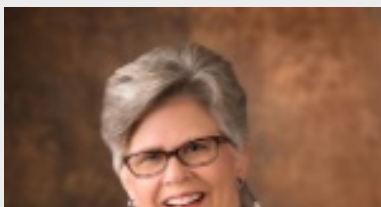
8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

School of Nursing

Undergraduate classes ending in "1" or "6" and all graduates who earned a master's degree through the School of Nursing's Clinical Nurse Leader program will be honored. Reunite with classmates and renew your pride in your alma mater. To update your contact information, go to:

<http://www.nursing.umaryland.edu/alumni/update/> . To volunteer on the planning committee for your class, contact Cynthia Sikorski, associate director of alumni relations, at alumni@son.umaryland.edu , or 410-706-0674. Click here for more information: <http://nursing.umaryland.edu/alumni> .

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT





Patricia Gonce Morton, PhD '89, MS '79, RN, FAAN , received a Johns Hopkins University 2015 Distinguished Alumna Award at its annual Alumni Luncheon. After 33 years as an acute care nurse and faculty member at UMSON, Morton became dean of the College of Nursing at the University of Utah, where she is also a tenured professor. [Click here to read more](#) .



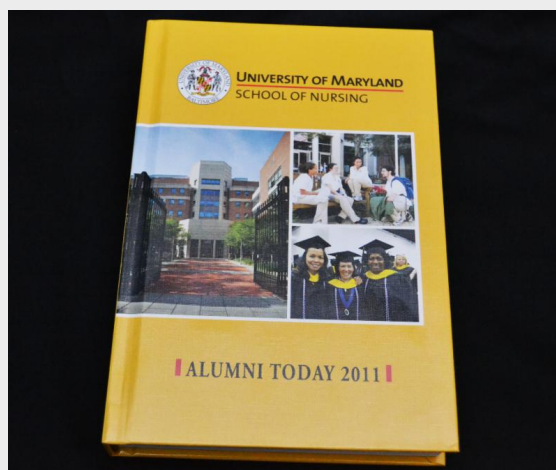
Col. Richard Evans, MS '00 , was appointed Deputy Chief of the Army Nurse Corps on Nov. 2. Col. Evans' most recent assignment was chief nursing officer and deputy commander for nursing, Brooke Army Medical Center, Joint Base San Antonio, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. [Click here to read more.](#)



Phyllis Sharps, PhD '88, BSN '70, RN, FAAN , professor, associate dean for community and global programs, and director of the Center for Global Initiatives at Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing (JHUSON), was appointed as the Elsie M. Lawler Chair at JHUSON. The chair was given in 1988 by Caroline Pennington, Class of 1918, to honor Elsie M. Lawler, Class of 1899, superintendent of nurses and principal of the Training School from 1910 to 1940. [Click here to read more.](#)

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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 assure 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.

Fall Alumni Speaker Program

UMSON alumni employed as nurse managers or nurse recruiters served as panelists during the second Fall 2015 Alumni Speakers Program, held Nov. 16. Panelists talked to current students about their career paths and what they look for when hiring new nurses.



Left to right: Melissa Liddic, BSN '11; Amy Foy, BSN '74; Kerry Sue Mueller, MBA, BSN '90; Vanzetta James, MS '11; Tonja Marell-Bell, MSN, BSN '91; and Fonia Ung, MS/CNL '15.

UMSON HAPPENINGS

Welcome New Faculty & Staff

William "Bill" Gardiner, MBA, has been named associate dean for administration and finance for the Schools of Dentistry and Nursing. He has worked for the University of Maryland, Baltimore since 1999, most recently in the School of Medicine's Department of Pediatrics. Gardiner holds an MBA from the University of Baltimore and a bachelor's degree in accounting from DeSales University. [Click here to read more.](#)

Kristy Novak, MS, has been named assistant director of graduate clinical placements in the Office of Student and Academic Services. She most recently worked as an enrollment advisor for the nursing program at Laureate Education, Inc. Novak holds a master's degree from Walden University and a bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland, College Park.

Cynthia Pumphrey, MS, has been named assistant director for records and registration in the Office of Student and Academic Services. Prior to joining the School of Nursing, she worked for nine years in the registration and graduate studies offices at the University of South Florida. Pumphrey holds both a bachelor's and a master's degree from Springfield College.

FACULTY KUDOS

Charon Burda, MS '03, PMHNP-BC, CARN-AP, assistant professor and director for the psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner specialty, presented a poster and spoke at the International Society of Addiction Medicine 2015 Congress, held in Scotland in October. Her poster was titled, *Online Web-Based Addictions Curriculum for Undergraduate Nursing Education: Addiction, Society, and the Role of the Nurse*.

Linda L Costa, PhD, BSN '76, RN, NEA-BC, assistant professor, co-authored the following new publication: Bobay, K., Bahr, S., Weiss, M., Hughes, R., and Costa, L. (2015). Models of discharge care in magnet(R) hospitals. *Journal of Nursing Administration*. 45(10):485-491.

Marian Grant, DNP '10, RN, CRNP, assistant professor, presented *Death of the Death Panels* at the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation on Nov. 10.

Susan Dorsey, PhD '01, MS '98, RN, FAAN, professor and chair, Department of Pain and Translational Symptom Science, co-authored the following publication:

Redeker, N.S., Anderson R., Bakken S., Corwin E., Docherty S., Dorsey, S.G., et al., and Grady, P. (2015). Advancing symptom science through use of common data elements. *Journal of Nursing Scholarship*. 47, 379-388.

Faculty members **Meg Johantgen, PhD, RN**, professor and assistant dean for the PhD program; **Kathryn Von Rueden, MS, RN, CNS-BC, FCCM**, associate professor; **Susan Dorsey, PhD '01, RN, FAAN**, professor and chair, Department of Pain and Translational Symptom Science; and Cynthia Renn, PhD, MS '98, RN, associate professor; and PhD candidate **Mari Griffieon, MS '07, BSN '04, RN**, co-authored the following

publication:

Griffieon, M.A., Johantgen, M, Von Rueden, K, Greenspan, J.D., Dorsey, S.G., and Renn, C.L. (2015). Characteristics of patients with lower extremity trauma by improved and not improved pain during hospitalization: A pilot study. *Pain Management Nursing*, Nov. 3.

Assistant Professors **Veronica Njie-Carr, PhD, ACNS-BC, FWACN**, and **Hazel Jones-Parker, DNP '12, CRNP, AACRN**, presented a paper on results of a study examining the determinants of sustainable engagement and retention in HIV care at the Association of Nurses in HIV Care Conference, held recently in Chicago. The study was funded by a DRIF research grant award from UMSON's Biology and Behavior Across the Lifespan Center of Excellence.

Katherine Fornili, MPH, RN, CARN, assistant professor, presented a poster and spoke at the International Society of Addiction Medicine 2015 Congress, held in Scotland in October. Her poster was titled, *SBIRT Plus Recovery Management Enhanced Model for Substance Use Disorder Interventions within Primary Care Settings*. She also presented a workshop and poster on the same topic at the International Nurses Society on Addictions (IntNSA) 39th Annual Educational Conference, held in Charlotte, N.C. in October. Fornili, who is chair of the IntNSA Health Policy Task Force, presented an additional poster, *Online Web-Based Addictions Curriculum for Undergraduate Nursing Education: Addiction, Society, and the Role of the Nurse*, and co-presented a buprenorphine policy update seminar with Susanne Fogger, DNP, PMHNP-BC, CARN-AP, University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Nursing.

Jennifer Klinedinst PhD, MPH, RN, assistant professor, was inducted as an international fellow of the American Heart Association (AHA) during the annual Council on Cardiovascular and Stroke Nursing (CVSN) Awards dinner, held recently in Orlando, Fla. Klinedinst, a member of CVSN, and other fellows, were recognized for their outstanding contributions to cardiovascular and stroke nursing and health, and volunteer leadership and service to AHA and/or the American Stroke Association. [Click here to read more.](#)

Kathryn T. Von Rueden, MS, RN, CNS-BC, FCCM, associate professor, co-authored the following new publication:

Palmer, J., Von Rueden, K.T. (2015). Carbon monoxide poisoning and pregnancy: Critical nursing Intervention. *Journal of Emergency Nursing*. 41(6):479-483.

Kathryn Von Rueden was co-coordinator of the Advanced Critical Care and Emergency Nursing Conference, held in Las Vegas, Nov. 1-4. She presented the following lectures at the Advanced Critical Care and Emergency Nursing Conference, Contemporary Forum: "Reclaiming Our (com) Passion," "Patho to Protocols and More!" and "Acute Delirium: Is It Preventable?"

STUDENT NEWS

PhD Student Selected to National Leadership Council



PhD student Stacey Iobst, BSN '07, RNC-OB, C-EFM, is among six nursing students selected to serve a two-year term on the National Leadership Council of the Graduate Student Nursing Student Academy, American Association of Colleges of Nursing. [Click here to read more.](#)

Prematurity Awareness Day

The Nursing Student Government Association, in partnership with Nurses for Global Health, the March of Dimes, and the University of Maryland Medical Center's Stork Nest, sponsored an event for World Prematurity Awareness Day on November 17 at the Southern Management Corporation Campus Center.



Left to right: Tina Larson, RN, coordinator of Stork's Nest; BSN students Stephen Rietschel (NSGA president), Jonathan Dubay, and Becky Livingston; and Becky's daughter Fiona (born 11 weeks premature).

Master's Students Testify in Annapolis

Community/Public Health (CPH) master's students Cara Zalewski and Jill Ciotta recently testified in Annapolis before a House Workgroup looking at the issue of use of antibiotics in farm animals. Cara has been doing her CPH practicum with the Alliance of Nurses for a Healthy Environment, and Jill has been working with the Sustainability Program at the University of Maryland Medical Center.

IN THE NEWS

Subject: Associate to BSN Partnership to Meet Needs of Hospitals

Source: *SoMdNews.com* - Nov. 20

Summary: **Dean Jane Kirschling** was quoted in the article, "Associate to BSN Partnership to Meet Needs of Hospitals." [Click here to read article.](#)

Subject: CSM, UMSON Program Registration Deadline is Dec. 1 for Spring Semester

Source: *Southern Maryland Online* - Nov. 19

Summary: **Dean Jane Kirschling** was mentioned in the article "CSM, UMSON Program Registration Deadline is Dec. 1 for Spring Semester." [Click here to read more.](#)

Subject: Leading Women Winners

Source: *Daily Record* - Nov. 18

Summary: **Robyn Gilden, PhD, RN**, was listed in the article, "Leading Women Winners." [Click here to read more.](#)

Subject: What Happens To Your Body When You Start Doing Yoga

Source: *Rodale's Organic Life* - Nov. 11

Summary: **The School of Nursing** was mentioned in the article "What Happens to Your Body When You Start Doing Yoga." [Click here to read more.](#)

Subject: FSU Receives Over \$2 Million for Nursing Programs

Source: *Bottom Line* - Nov. 4

Summary: **The School of Nursing** was mentioned in the article, "FSU Receives Over \$2 Million for Nursing Programs." [Click here to read more.](#)

Subject: About Nursing Program Entrance Exam Study Guides

Source: *Healthcareers.com* - Nov. 3

Summary: **The School of Nursing** was mentioned in the article "About Nursing Program Entrance Exam Study Guides." [Click here to read more.](#)

