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October 2015

Students Receive White Coats



Congratulations to incoming Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Clinical Nurse Leader students who received their white coats at a ceremony held September 22 at UMSON. The purpose of the White Coat Ceremony is to instill a commitment to providing compassionate care among future health professionals entering nursing schools. Nursing students at the Universities at Shady Grove (USG) will receive their white coats at a ceremony being held October 6 at USG.

Alumni Celebrate Reunion 2015



UMSON alumni from DIN and BSN classes ending in a "5" or "10" celebrated their reunion years September 19 at the School of Nursing. Alumni Association President **Christine Shippen, MS '98, BSN '73** , served as emcee for the program, which included a presentation of UMSON highlights by Dean Jane Kirschling and the induction of the Class of 1965 into the Heritage Class. **Jessica Galang, BSN Class of 2016** , and **Mustafa Alrubaiee, MS Class of 2016** , shared their inspiration for choosing nursing and the importance of the scholarships they received from UMSON.

Geiger-Brown Delivers Edmunds Lecture



The annual Millicent Geare Edmunds Lecture, held September 19 at UMSON, featured a talk on "Sleep, Sleepiness, and Fatigue in Nurses: How Organizations and Nurses Can Solve This Problem," delivered by UMSON Assistant Professor **Jeanne Geiger-Brown, PhD '01, RN, FAAN** .

The presentation, which followed the Alumni Reunion luncheon, included scientifically grounded interventions to be used by nursing unites, nursing leadership, and nurses themselves to reduce fatigue.

Representatives from AACN & CCNE Visit UMSON

Representatives from the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) and the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) visited UMSON on October 1 to gain a better understanding of day-to-day operations and the issues facing nursing schools today. The group toured the University of Maryland Medical Center's R Adams Cowley

Shock Trauma Center and UMSON's clinical simulation laboratories and bench research laboratories.



Front row: Anika Torruella, Renee Ricci, Pat Murphy, and Dean Jane Kirschling. Back row: Nick Battiste, Gene Throwe, Di Fang, Caitlin Partridge, and Priya Modi.

Faculty Members Participate in Run/Walk Fundraiser

Ben Canha, MSN, RN , clinical instructor at the Universities at Shady Grove, organized a team to participate in the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition 5K Run/3K Walk fundraiser, held September 20 in Annapolis. "Team Pat Harris" participated in memory of beloved faculty member Pat Harris.



Ben Canha with fellow faculty

EVENTS

Annapolis Alumni Networking Event

Thursday, October 29

4:30-6:30 p.m.

Brio Tuscan Grille, Annapolis Towne Centre

Join Dean Jane Kirschling and fellow Annapolis area alumni for an evening of networking and fun. Light refreshments will be provided; cash bar. RSVP by October 26 to alumni@son.umaryland.edu or 410-706-7640. Ample free parking located nearby. [Click here for the restaurant website.](#)

Fall Open House

Saturday, Oct. 31

9 a.m.-noon

School of Nursing

Learn about UMSON's two paths to becoming an entry into practice nurse - the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree and the Clinical Nurse Leader master's option. [Click here for more information.](#)

How to Maintain Dignity, Respect, and Familial Cohesion as Our Loved Ones and Patients Age

Monday, Nov. 2

9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Southern Management Corporation Campus Center

This second annual interprofessional, interfaith conference will explore ethical issues that arise when caring for aging adults. [Click here for more information or to register.](#)

Reunion 2016 - Save the Date!

If your DIN or BSN graduation year ends in a "0" or "5," or you earned a master's degree in the Clinical Nurse Leader program in 2011, save the date and plan to attend Reunion 2016. The event is scheduled for 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, April 16, at UMSON. More details to come.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



MaryLou Watson, MS, BSN '75, vice president of nursing at MedStar St. Mary's Hospital in Leonardtown, Md., was recently appointed president of the Maryland Board of Nursing. [Click here to read more.](#)



Linda Ward Tyler, MS '79, retired from Wake Tech Community College Associate Degree Nursing Program on October 1, after 35 years of service. Tyler began teaching at Peninsula General Hospital School of Nursing in Salisbury, Md., in 1971, and was one of four instructors hired by Salisbury University to develop their BSN program. In 2014, she was selected as one of the Great 100 Nurses of North Carolina. [Click here to read more.](#)

UMSON HAPPENINGS

Welcome New Faculty & Staff

Ronald Piscotty Jr., PhD, RN-BC, has joined the Department of Organizational Systems and Adult Health as an assistant professor. He comes to UMSON from Wayne State University, where he served as an assistant professor. Piscotty holds a PhD from the University of Michigan. He also holds certification in Informatics Nursing from the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

Stephanie White, MA, has joined UMSON as office manager/affairs analyst in the Office of the Dean. She has worked in higher education for more than 20 years, including positions as assistant registrar at the Johns Hopkins University Homewood Campus and at Monmouth University, in New Jersey. White holds a Master of Arts degree and Bachelor of Arts degree from Monmouth University.

Retirements - Administrative Positions

Marjorie Fass, MS, assistant dean for student and academic services, retired October 1 after 23 years with UMSON. A major accomplishment in her role as assistant dean was managing the reorganization of the Office of Student Affairs, a restructuring which improved the operation and efficiency of that office. Marjorie's countless contributions have made a huge impact on the success of UMSON.

Jeffrey Johnson, PhD, professor and director, Office of Global Health, retired in June 2015, after 12 years with UMSON. He was founding director of the Office of Global Health and developed and implemented UMSON's strategic plan for global health. Johnson created and directed UMSON's post-master's Global Health Certificate program and taught graduate-level global health courses.

Walt Malecki, BS, assistant dean for administration and finance, retired in July after 17 years with the University of Maryland, Baltimore; he spent the last six with UMSON. Walt helped UMSON navigate its financial resources through state reductions, changing grant portfolios, and major curriculum changes. He also advocated for and supported the staff, across the spectrum of administrative units, to help advance their work.

FACULTY KUDOS

Luana Colloca, MD, PhD, associate professor, presented, "Placebo and Pain: An Exploration of Research and Clinical Findings," at the 9th Congress of the European Pain Federation, held recently in Vienna, Austria. More than 3,700 pain researchers and clinicians participated in the meeting. [Click here to read more.](#)

Marian Grant, DNP '10, RN, CRNP, associate professor, recently presented, "End-of-life in America: What We Know and Need to Learn," at the Patient-Centered Outcome Research Institute, Washington, D.C.

Marian Grant was profiled in the August-September 2015 edition of Robert Wood Johnson's *Nursing News* for her work in palliative care. [Click here to read the article.](#)

Eun-Shim Nahm, PhD, RN, FAAN, professor, had the following new publication:

Nahm, E.S. (2015). Mental health nurses: Are we ready for a learning health system. *Journal of the American Psychiatric Nurses Association*, 21, 284-286.

Eun-Shim Nahm, PhD, RN, FAAN, professor; **Barbara Resnick, PhD, RN, CRNP, FAAN, FAANP**, professor; and **Shijun Zhu, PhD**, assistant professor, were co-authors on the following new publication:

Nahm, E.-S., Resnick, B., Bellantoni, M., Zhu, S., Brown, C., Brennan, P. F., et al. (2015). Dissemination of theory-based online bone health programs: Two intervention approaches. *Health Informatics Journal*, 21(2), 120-136. [Click here to read the article.](#)

Rachel Onello, PhD '15, MS '07, RN, CHSE, CNE, assistant professor, gave the following podium presentations at Laerdal's 2015 Mini Simulation User Network Conference.

Onello, R. (August 2015). Simulation Challenges: Risk Sensitization and Outcome Measurement (invited, opening address). Laerdal Medical Mini Simulation User Network Conference, Ozarks Technical Community College, Springfield, Mo.

Onello, R. (August 2015). Using the Feedback Assessment for Clinical Education to improve clinical feedback (invited). Laerdal Medical Mini Simulation User Network Conference, Ozarks Technical Community College, Springfield, Mo.

Sandra Picot, PhD '92, CLNC, FAA , FGSA, associate professor, was a co-author on the following publication:

Perrin, P.B., Panyavin, I., Paredes, A.M., Aguayo, A., Macis, M.A., Rabago, B., Picot, S.J.F., and Arango-Lasprilla, J.C. (June 2015). A disproportionate burden of care: Gender differences in mental health, health-related quality of life, and social support in Mexican multiple sclerosis caregivers. *Behavioural Neurology*, Hindawi Publishing Corp.

STUDENT NEWS



Doctoral student **Stacey Iobst, BSN '07, RNC-OB, C-EFM**, has been selected to a two-year term on the National Leadership Council of the Graduate Nursing Student Association (GNSA). The new members of the Leadership Council will continue the important work of the inaugural council and help develop future strategic goals, as well as provide advice on future services and programming for the GNSA. Council members represent all regions of the country, with four enrolled in public institutions and six enrolled in private schools. [Click here to read more](#) .

IN THE NEWS

Subject: UMBrella Group Has Women's Issues Covered

Source: *Daily Record* - September 30

Summary: **Dean Jane Kirschling** was quoted in the article, "UMBrella Group Has Women's Issues Covered." Read the article at: [Daily Record](#)

Subject: Healthy Aging: Vaccines You Need Now

Source: *U.S. News & World Report* - September 25

Summary: **Barbara Resnick** was quoted in the article, "Healthy Aging: Vaccines You Need Now." Read the article at: [U.S. News](#)

Subject: President of State Nursing Board Named

Source: *baynet.com* - September 17

Summary: **The School of Nursing** and **MaryLou Watson** were mentioned in the article, "President of State Nursing Board Named." Read the article at: [Baynet.com](#)

Subject: Amy Holston, F.N.P.

Source: *Baltimore Business Journal* - September 17

Summary: **The School of Nursing** was mentioned in the article, "Amy Holston, F.N.P." Read the article at: [Baltimore Business Journal](#)

Subject: Healthcare Workplace Violence Efforts Should be Improved

Source: *Healthcare Dive* - September 15

Summary: **Jane Lipscomb** was featured in the article, "Healthcare Workplace Violence Efforts Should be Improved." Read the article at: [Healthcare Dive](#)

Subject: Von Rueden Receives Circle of Excellence Award from AACN

Source: *Advance for Nurses* - September 13

Summary: **Kathryn Von Rueden** was featured in the article, "Von Rueden Receives Circle of Excellence Award from AACN." Read the article at: [Advance for Nurses](#)

Subject: Making College More Affordable

Source: *Baltimore Sun* - September 7

Summary: **Dean Jane Kirschling** was quoted in the article, "Making College More Affordable," in the *Baltimore Sun's* Education section. Read the article at: [Baltimore Sun](#) (Click on Page 5)

Subject: Yolanda Ogbolu

Source: *Baltimore Business Journal* - September 3

Summary: **Yolanda Ogbolu** was featured in the news brief, "Yolanda Ogbolu." Read the news brief at: [Baltimore Business Journal](#)

Subject: Amy Daniels

Source: *Baltimore Business Journal* - August 28-September 3

Summary: **Amy Daniels** was featured in the news brief, "Amy Daniels." Read the news brief at: [Baltimore Business Journal](#)

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