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February 2016

Students Receive White Coats at Special Ceremony



More than 150 new Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Clinical Nurse Leader students received their white coats at a ceremony held February 2 at UMSO. The purpose of the White Coat program 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 on February 17 at USG.

Welcome New Faculty & Staff

Terria Blandon, BA, has joined the Department of Family and Community Health as a program management specialist. Terria most recently served as an administrative assistant in the University of Maryland School of Medicine's Department of Neurology, Faculty Practices, Inc. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration from Strayer University.

Vince Kloskowski, MA, has been appointed Associate Dean for Student and Academic Services. He brings an extensive background in higher education administration and teaching, most recently serving as Assistant Dean of the College and Director of the Academic Center, and as an adjunct faculty member, at St. Joseph's College of Maine. Vince holds a Master of Arts degree in Higher Education Administration from Boston College, Lynch School of Education.

Deborah Prout, MAS, has been appointed Special Assistant to the Dean. She brings a wide range of experience, including government, business, and nonprofit entities, having held positions at the American College of Physicians, the U.S. Department of Health and Human

Services, and the U.S. House of Representatives. Deborah most recently served as Special Assistant to the President at Sierra Nevada College. She holds a Master of Administrative Science degree from the Johns Hopkins University.

EVENTS

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.](#)

Ann Ottney Cain Lecture in Psychiatric Nursing

Wednesday, March 30

4-6 p.m.

UMSON Auditorium

Kathleen Delaney, PhD, PMH-NP, professor, Rush College of Nursing, will present, "How Nurses Can Improve Population Health: Positioning Matters." Reception immediately following lecture. [Click here for more information and to register.](#)

Save the Date for Reunion 2016!

Saturday, April 16

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

UMSON Main Lobby Area

Undergraduate classes ending in "1" or "6" and all graduates who earned a master's degree through UMSON's Clinical Nurse Leader option will be honored. Reunite with your classmates and renew your pride in your alma mater. [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.](#)

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Kay Mathias, BSN '86, CRNP, certified neonatal nurse practitioner at Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital, was featured in "State Circle-Faces of Heroin-Maryland's Heroin Epidemic," on Maryland Public Television. [Watch the video.](#)



Justin Graves, MS '14, RN, sustainability manager at the University of Maryland Medical Center (UMMC), reports that UMMC has saved an estimated \$1.2 million in 2014 through single-use device reprocessing and OR surgical kit reformulation. [Click here to read more.](#)



Kathleen Kauffman, MS, BSN '78, who retired in 2012 after a 25-year career at the University of Utah College of Nursing, has had a lifetime passion for nursing history. A special event to unveil the display, "Legacy of Nursing," was held recently in honor of Kaufman and her extensive efforts to preserve nursing history. [Click here to read more.](#)

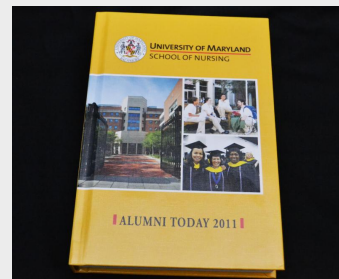
ALUMNI NEWS & UPDATES

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

Lyn Chen, PhD, assistant professor, has been elected Membership Chair of the Maryland Association for Institutional Research (MdAIR). She has been a member of MdAIR since 2012. [Click here to read more.](#)

Phyllis Lovito, coordinator, Department of Family and Community Health (FCH) is the latest recipient of the UMSON Staff Excellence Award. She was recognized for going above and beyond her job duties to make UMSON a better place for faculty, staff, and students. As chair of the UMSON Staff Council's Professional Development Committee, Phyllis coordinates regular lunch-and-learn activities and professional development opportunities to enhance the lives of staff members.

Dean Jane Kirschling, Phyllis Lovito, and Karen Kauffman, chair, FCH



Ann Mech, JD, MS '78, BSN '76, RN, assistant professor and legal affairs coordinator, has been appointed chair of the Maryland CareFirst Board of Directors. She has been a member of the Board since 2013, and is the only nurse on the Board. [Click here to read more.](#)

Kathleen Michael, PhD, RN, CRRN, associate professor, has been appointed chair of UMSON's Department of Organizational Systems and Adult Health. In this role, Michael is responsible for daily operations as she builds collaborative relationships both inside and outside the department. She will work with faculty and staff to achieve the academic, research, practice, and service initiatives of the School. [Click here to read more.](#)

Jacqueline Mitchell, MS '07, CRNA, clinical instructor and director of clinical education, Nurse Anesthesia specialty, traveled to Granada with her family during the holidays, where they handed out book bags filled with school supplies at the local parish school. Mitchell, who lived in Granada as a child, plans on making this an annual trip with her family.

Children receiving book bags in Grenada



Rachel Onello, PhD '15, MS (CNL) '07, RN, CHSE, CNE, assistant professor, presented the following workshops and podium presentation at the 16th International Meeting on Simulation in Healthcare, held recently in San Diego, Calif.

Onello, R., Minehart, R., Diederich, E., Barlow, M., Maestre, J. & Simon, R. (2015). Improving Clinical Feedback Skills Using the FACE (Feedback Assessment for Clinical Education).

Onello, R., Peterson, D.T., Daniels, A, Krogh, K., Kolbe, M., & Wong, N. (2015). Debriefing the Debrief: A Tool for Faculty Development.

Onello, R., Minehart, R., & Simon, R. (2015). Development of the Feedback Assessment for Clinical Education (FACE). (podium presentation)

Valerie Rogers, PhD '09, MS '97, RN, CPNP, assistant professor, was awarded a two-year, \$100,000 grant from the Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation to study circadian rhythm dysregulation in adolescents who have completed cancer treatment. Investigators will also trial a morning bright light therapy intervention as a potential non-pharmacological therapy to improve circadian rhythms and fatigue in these adolescents.

PhD student BoKyum Yang received a \$7,500 grant from the Southern Nursing Research Society for her study, "The Impact of NP Independent Prescriptive Authority on Pediatric Medication Use in Medicaid-Insured Youth."

IN THE NEWS

Subject: Kathleen Michael, PhD, RN, CRRN

Source: [Baltimore Business Journal](#) - January 28

Summary: Kathleen Michael was featured in the news brief, "Kathleen Michael, PhD, RN, CRRN"

Subject: Jeffrey Ash

Source: [Baltimore Business Journal](#) - January 28

Summary: Jeffrey Ash was featured in the news brief, "Jeffrey Ash"

Subject: Jeffrey Ash Named University of Maryland School of Nursing's First Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusion

Source: [Citibizlist](#) - January 26

Summary: Jeffrey Ash was featured in the news brief, "Jeffrey Ash Named University of Maryland School of Nursing's First Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusion"

Subject: Kathleen Michael Appointed Chair of Department of Organizational Systems and Adult Health at University of Maryland School of Nursing

Source: [Citibizlist](#) - January 26

Summary: Kathleen Michael was featured in the news brief, "Kathleen Michael Appointed Chair of Department of Organizational Systems and Adult Health at University of Maryland School of Nursing"

Subject: Newsmakers: Ann Mech

Source: [Columbia Flier](#) - January 21

Summary: Ann Mech was featured in this news brief regarding her appointment as chair of the Maryland CareFirst Board of Directors

Subject: UMSON Awarded SIP Grant through RWJF

Source: [Advance for Nurses](#) - January 9

Summary: Rebecca Wiseman was quoted in the article, "UMSON Awarded SIP Grant through RWJF"

Subject: UMSON Awarded Grant to Study Long-Term Care Training

Source: [Advance for Nurses](#) - January 1

Summary: Alison Trinkoff was featured in the article, "UMSON Awarded Grant to Study Long-Term Care Training"

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