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July 2016

Nine Faculty Members Awarded NSP II Grants

Nine University of Maryland School of Nursing (UMSON) faculty members have been awarded Nurse Support Program II (NSP II) grants funded through the Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission and administered by the Maryland Higher Education Commission. UMSON received nine of 19 NSP II grants awarded for fiscal year 2017, totaling more than \$7.2 million. [Read more.](#)

Dean Kirschling Urges VA to Give Vets Direct Access to APRNs

Jane Kirschling, PhD, RN, FAAN, dean and professor, UMSON, spoke at a news conference on June 28 in support for a proposed rule by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide veterans with direct access to Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) practicing to the top of their education and training in VA facilities. [Read more and watch the video.](#)



Leaders Hold Summit on 'Future of Nursing'

Leaders in nursing education from throughout Maryland gathered at UMSON on June 27 for the 2016 Maryland Action Coalition Summit. The summit drew more than 100 individuals representing a broad cross section of health professions, educational institutions, and health care entities. They met to share progress and to continue to guide implementation of recommendations in the landmark report, "The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health," by the Institute of Medicine and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. [Read more, see photos, and watch the video.](#)



Fahie Leading Collaboration Between University of Maryland School of Nursing and Baltimore City Public Schools

Vanessa P. Fahie, PhD, RN, assistant professor, UMSON, has received a College Preparation Intervention Program grant from the Maryland Higher Education Commission. The \$149,000 award is in support of the Maryland Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Program. In collaboration with Baltimore City Public Schools, UMSON will provide services to Edmondson-Westside and Frederick Douglass High School students and their families. [Read more.](#)



Dean Emeritus Allan Appointed to Sinai Hospital Board of Directors

Janet D. Allan, PhD, RN, FAAN, dean emeritus, has been appointed to the Board of Directors at Sinai Hospital. Allan's term is for three years and she is the only nurse on the board. [See a full list of board members.](#)



Welcome New Staff

Laura Allen, MA, MS, RN, joins the Department of Family and Community Health as a program manager, effective July 25. She comes to UMSON from the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services where she served as a school community health nurse II. Ms. Allen received both her BSN and MS in community /public health nursing from UMSON and her MA in English/creative writing from SUNY Stony Brook.

Larry Fillian, Jr., MEd, has been hired as associate dean for student and academic services. Mr. Fillian has an extensive background in higher education, most recently serving as university registrar at The New School. Previously, he was director of student academic services at the University of Kansas and served as director of undergraduate advising and assessment at The George Washington University. He holds a Master of Education in higher education administration from the University of Texas, Austin.

EVENTS

Summer Institute in Nursing Informatics (SINI)

July 20-22

UMSON

Informatics at the Crossroads of Care Coordination

From mastering the essentials of informatics to capturing, analyzing, and using information to enable care integration, SINI is the place to be. [Learn more or register today!](#)

Lunch with the Dean in Denver

Thursday, July 28

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Holiday Inn Denver East-Stapleton, 333 Quebec St., Denver, CO 80207

Visit with Dean Kirschling and reconnect with fellow alumni at a festive lunch in Denver. Tickets are \$20 per person and guests are welcome. RSVP by July 19. [Register online.](#) For more information, contact Cynthia Sikorski at 410-706-0674 or alumni@son.umaryland.edu.

Community & Public Health Master's Specialty 50th Anniversary Lecture

Friday, Sept. 16

4-6 p.m.

UMSON Main Lobby & Room 130

Join us for the Community & Public Health Master's Specialty 50th anniversary lecture. Patricia Butterfield, PhD, RN, FAAN, professor and dean emerita, Washington State University College of Nursing, will deliver the lecture, which will be followed by a reception. [Learn more](#), or contact Cynthia Sikorski at 410-706-0674 or alumni@son.umaryland.edu. The event is open to the public and registration is forthcoming.

50th Anniversary Celebration of the Community & Public Health Master's Specialty

Saturday, Sept. 17

9 a.m.-3 p.m.

UMSON Main Lobby & Room 130

Alumni of the Community & Public Health Specialty are exclusively invited to a special 50th anniversary celebration. [Learn more](#). For more information, contact Cynthia Sikorski at 410-706-0674 or alumni@son.umaryland.edu.

DNP Program 10th Anniversary

Thursday, Oct. 6

4:30-6:30 p.m.

UMSON Main Lobby & Room 130

Save the date for the 10th anniversary celebration of UMSON's DNP program. The event will feature a speaker and panel discussion followed by a reception. Come back to Baltimore and network with fellow DNP alumni at this celebratory event! [Learn more](#).

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Kathleen Deska Pagana, PhD, RN, BSN '74, has written the second edition of, *The Nurse's Etiquette Advantage: How Professional Etiquette Can Advance Your Nursing Career*. This book, published by Sigma Theta Tau International, received a 2015 AJN Book of the Year Award. [Learn more](#).



Marla Oros, MS, BSN '84, received the 2016 Commitment to Community Award from Paul's Place in recognition for her extensive support and her long-standing commitment to the Baltimore community. Her leadership as a board member and chair of the last capital campaign has helped transform Paul's Place into an organization that is helping individuals and families become self-sufficient. [Learn more](#).

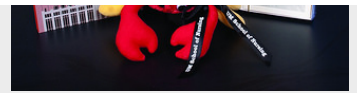
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ALUMNI NEWS & UPDATES

UMSON Spirit Merchandise Available Online

[UMSON spirit merchandise is available online](#). Some items available for purchase include note cards with historical UMSON images, a plush crab in UMSON's school colors, and a spacious tote bag. The UMSON license plate frame will show your pride no matter where you travel in your car! For more information, contact Lorrie Voytek at voytek@son.umaryland.edu or 410-706-7640.





Career Resources for Alumni

UMSON students and alumni can access professional career services through the Student Success Center. Services include a job board, resume and cover letter writing workshops, interviewing skills workshops, mock interviews, and online resources. There is also an annual career fair to help job seekers. [Learn more.](#)



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.](#)

KUDOS

Ameera Chakravarthy, MS, RN, ACNP-BC, FNP-BC, and **Susan Bindon, DNP '11, RN-BC, CNE**, co-authored the following publication:

Chakravarthy, A., Lehr, E., Bindon, S. (2016). Caring for Patients with Totally Endoscopic Coronary Artery Bypass: Special Considerations for the Emergency Department Nurse. *Journal of Emergency Nursing*. Advance online publication. [Read the full article.](#)

Katherine Fornili, DNP, MPH, RN, CARN, successfully presented her scholarly project, "Nurse-Led Program for the Early Identification of Substance Use Disorders in Primary Care" on June 7, fulfilling all requirements for completion of the DNP Program.

Katherine Fornili, DNP, MPH, RN, CARN, was co-guest editor of a special issue on Recovery and Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC) in the *Journal of Addictions Nursing*, April/May 2016 issue. She also was the author of a two-part series: "Part 1: The Theoretical Basis for Recovery-Oriented Management of Substance Use Disorders in Primary Care," and, "Part 2: Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment Plus Recovery Management." **Deborah Busch, DNP, CPNP-PC, CLC**, also authored an article in the issue, titled, "Clinical Management of the Breast-Feeding Mother-Infant Dyad in Recovery from Opioid Dependence," and **Henry Gregory, PhD**, co-authored an article in the issue, "Consumer-Centered, Collaborative, and Comprehensive Care: The Core Essentials of Recovery-Oriented System of Care."

Lily Fountain, PhD, CNM, RN, and the UMB Lactation Committee received a grant from Healthiest Businesses Maryland for the project, "Paying It Forward: Meeting Unmet Needs at a Health and Human Services University through the Establishment of Two New Lactation Rooms." The grant will add two more lactation rooms to the campus network of lactation rooms.

Robyn Gilden, PhD '10, MS '01, RN, was awarded a \$5,000 MADE CLEAR mini-grant for her proposal, "Climate Change: Evidence and Solutions; An Elective for the Interprofessional Health and Service Provider."

Charlotte Seckman, PhD '08, RN-BC, was named as a Dean's Teaching Scholar and awarded a \$5,000 grant for her project, "Evaluation of Informatics Competencies in an Undergraduate Nursing Curriculum."

IN THE NEWS

Warriors on Vacation

Student **Katie DeQuebec** of the School of Nursing was mentioned in the article, "Warriors on Vacation," in the [Garden Island](#) on July 1.

Proposal to Expand APN Authority in the VA Gains Wide Support

Jane Kirschling of the School of Nursing was quoted in the story, "Proposal to Expand APN Authority in the VA Gains Wide Support" in [ADVANCE for Nurses](#) and mentioned in [Medscape](#) on June 29.

Nursing Coalition and Veterans Groups Join Forces in Unprecedented Response to VA Proposed

Rule to Increase Veterans' Access to Care

School of Nursing **Dean Jane Kirschling** was quoted in the article, "Nursing Coalition and Veterans Groups Join Forces in Unprecedented Response to VA Proposed Rule to Increase Veterans' Access to Care," on AANA.com and in similar stories on Newswise, Fiercehealthcare.com, and pressreleasepoint.com on June 28.

Dedication to Duty

The article, "Dedication to Duty," referred to the **School of Nursing** in BC News on June 22.

Lead Paint Is Still a Huge Problem in Kansas City's Poorest Neighborhoods

Patricia McLaine of the School of Nursing was quoted in the article, "Lead Paint Is Still a Huge Problem in Kansas City's Poorest Neighborhoods," in the Kansas City Star on June 11.

Patient Wishes Are Tough to See in Electronic Health Records

Marian Grant of the School of Nursing was quoted in the article, "Patient Wishes Are Tough to See in Electronic Health Records," in the Star Tribune on June 11.

Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care - New Approach to Integrated Treatment for People with Substance Use, Mental Disorders

Katherine Fornili of the School of Nursing was mentioned in the article, "Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care - New Approach to Integrated Treatment for People with Substance Use, Mental Disorders," on ScienceCodex on June 9 and medicalxpress.com on June 8.

Nina Trocky - People on the Move

Nina Trocky of the School of Nursing was featured in the article, "Nina Trocky," in the People on the Move section of the Baltimore Business Journal on June 8.

Nursing School Hires for Eleven Positions as School Grows

School of Nursing **Dean Jane Kirschling** was quoted in the article, "Nursing School Hires for Eleven Positions as School Grows," in The GW Hatchet on June 4.

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