



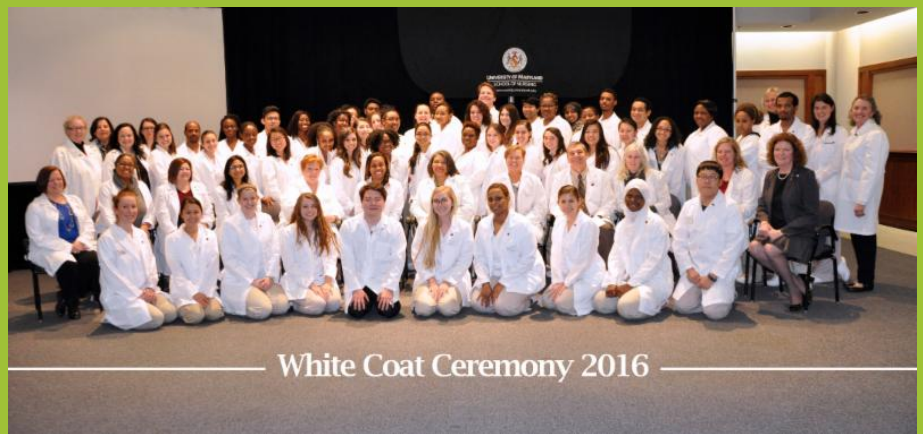
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March 2016

USG Students Receive White Coats



New Bachelor of Science in Nursing students at the Universities at Shady Grove (USG) received their white coats at a ceremony held February 17 at USG. The purpose of the White Coat program is to instill a commitment to providing compassionate care among future health professionals entering nursing schools. BSN and Clinical Nurse Leader students at UMSO's Baltimore location received their white coats at a February 8 ceremony .

Dean Kirschling Meets Conway Scholars at Special Events

Dean Jane Kirschling and Laurette Hankins, associate dean for development and alumni relations, met with the first cohort of Conway Scholars at events held recently at USG and in Baltimore. A luncheon for USG scholars was held February 18, and a brunch for Baltimore scholars was held February 19. Students had the opportunity to spend time with Dean Kirschling, tell their stories, and ask questions about the scholarship. [Click here for information about Conway Scholarships.](#)



Left photo: Baltimore Conway Scholars - front row: Zainab Bundo and

Johana Giorgis; back row: Nicole Lanham, Amber Brownley, and Fatimat Odeyemi

Right photo: Shady Grove Conway Scholars - front row: Sheila Pierre-Louis and Christine Mendimasa; back row: Dinsha Joseph, Jennifer Young, and Karla Armijo

EVENTS

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.](#)

Reunion 2016 - Register Online Today!

Saturday, April 16

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

UMSON Main Lobby Area

Reunion 2016 will honor undergraduate classes ending in "1" or "6" and all graduates who earned a master's degree through UMSON's Clinical Nurse Leader option. Come to Baltimore to reunite with classmates! [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.](#)

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.](#)

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Darlene Curley, MS '82, BSN '80, RN, FAAN, executive director of the Jonas Center and the Jonas Center for Nursing and Veterans Healthcare, will celebrate the 10th anniversary of the program's commitment to graduate nursing on March 18. Over the last 10 years, the Jonas Center has become a national organization in partnership with leading schools of nursing in all



Anita Hufft, PhD, MS, BSN '70, RN, dean, College of Nursing, Texas Woman's University, was re-elected as a Member-at-Large of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing's Board of Directors. [Click here to read more.](#)



Karen McQuillan, MS '86, BSN '81, RN, CNS-BC, CCRN, CNRN, FAAN, president, American Association of Critical-Care Nurses, and a clinical nurse specialist at the University of Maryland Medical Center's (UMMC) R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center, praised the exemplary efforts of the UMMC unit caregivers who achieved the Beacon Award for Excellence.

50 states, with 1,000 Jonas Scholars supported by the Center's initiatives. [Click here to learn more.](#)

The award lauds hospital units that employ evidence-based practices to improve patient and family outcomes. [Click here to read more.](#)

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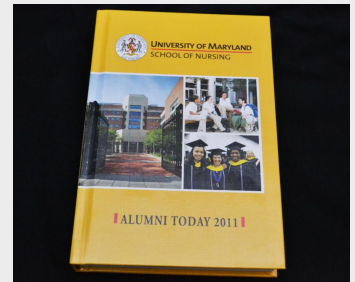
ALUMNI NEWS & UPDATES

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 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.



Career Services for UMSON 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. [Click here for more information.](#)

KUDOS

Members of the Council of University Faculty Senate (CUFS), including **Karen Clark, PhD, RN, CCRN**, assistant professor, attended Advocacy Day in Annapolis on February 11. The legislative sub-committee of CUFS and CUFS members met with Maryland senators and delegates.

Karen Clark (back row, center) and other CUFS members with Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr., president, Maryland Senate



Karen Clark, PhD, RN, CCRN, assistant professor, earned a graduate certificate in informatics from the University of Maryland University College in December.

Linda Costa, PhD, BSN '76, RN, assistant professor, and Marianne Weiss, DNSc, RN (Marquette University), presented *Readiness for Hospital Discharge: Building a Program of Nursing Research* on February 4 at Munn Nursing Research Grand Rounds, Massachusetts General Hospital.

Marian Grant, DNP, RN, CRNP, presented *Opportunities for Leadership in Palliative Care* at the annual Nursing Leadership in Practice Lecture, held February 4, at the University of Central Florida College of Nursing, Orlando, Fla.

Five UMSON students were elected as committee chairs on the Maryland Association of Nursing Students (MANS) 2016-2017 Board of Directors. They are:

Breakthrough to Nursing Chair: **Mariah Perry**
Newsletter Chair: **Cristina DeLucien**
Public Relations Chair: **Margaryta Suvorova**
Legislative Chair: **Obianuju Mary Chickwere**

Image of Nursing Chair: **Jane Velugu**

UMSON student **Sarah Trandel** is currently serving as state president of MANS.

IN THE NEWS

Subject: End-of-life Planning Bill Called 'Must Do' Legislation

Source: MedPageToday.com - March 1

Summary: **Marian Grant** spoke at a Congressional Briefing and was interviewed for the article, "End-of-Life Planning Bill Called 'Must Do' Legislation." [Watch her testimony.](#)

Subject: Bills Would Prohibit Livestock Producers from Administering Antimicrobial Drugs

Source: [The Carroll County Times](http://TheCarrollCountyTimes.com) - February 26

Summary: **Robyn Gilden** was quoted in the article, "Bills Would Prohibit Livestock Producers from Administering Antimicrobial Drugs."

Subject: University of Maryland Staff Awarded Doctoral Grants

Source: [Advance for Nurses](http://AdvanceforNurses.com) - February 22

Summary: **Amy Daniels**, **Marik Moen**, **Crystal DeVance-Wilson**, **Kristen Rawlett**, **Alicia Williams**, and UMSON student **Vera Kuffour-Manu** were mentioned in the article, "University of Maryland Staff Awarded Doctoral Grants."

Subject: Foundation Names 2015 Grant Recipients

Source: TheAmericanNurse.org - February 8

Summary: PhD student **Gee Su Yang** was mentioned in the article, "Foundation Names 2015 Grant Recipients."

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