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May 2016

## Celebrating National Nurses Week, May 6-12

On the occasion of National Nurses Week, we recognize and thank all nurses for their commitment to excellence and their impact on nursing education, research, and practice. We also acknowledge our nursing students, who are working diligently to earn their degrees, so they too, can make a positive mark on the health care workforce. **In celebration of Nurses Week, please join us for a sweet treat in the School of Nursing lobby and at the Universities at Shady Grove at 11:30 a.m. Monday, May 9 courtesy of Pi Chapter.**

### State of the School Address Celebrates Accomplishments and Looks to the Future

Faculty, staff, students, alumni, and special guests assembled at UMSON on April 7 for Dean Jane Kirschling's second annual State of the School address. The presentation, "Transforming Nursing: Living Our Core Values," highlighted how the School is responding to some of the significant challenges facing nursing, while maintaining the core values of UMB and the School of Nursing. [Read more and view the presentation.](#)



### Pledge on Opioid Education Announced at White House

UMSON has committed to educating its advanced practice registered nursing students on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's *Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain*, as part of academic nursing's ongoing efforts to combat prescription drug and opioid abuse across the nation. This commitment was featured as part of the White House Champions of Change event on Advancing Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery. **Katherine Fornili, MPH, RN, CARN**, assistant professor, represented UMSON at the event, which was held Friday, April 29. [Read more.](#)

### 2016 Interprofessional Patient Management Competition

UMSON students joined students from medicine, pharmacy,



physical therapy, law, social work, and dentistry for the 2016 Interprofessional Patient Management Competition, sponsored by the School of Pharmacy's Student Society of Health-System Pharmacists. The competition, held in mid-



April, consisted of oral and written presentations. First prize went to Team A, which included **Daniel Herring**, Nurse Anesthesia DNP Specialty student. Second prize went to Team C, which included **Richard Power**, BSN student. And third prize went to Team E, which included **Sawyer Spurry**, CNL student. [See more photos.](#)

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## Call for Applications for NLI's Leadership Development Program

UMSON's Nurse Leadership Institute (NLI) is now accepting applications for its 2016-2017 Leadership Development Program. Nurses from Maryland schools of nursing, hospitals, and other health care systems may apply to become fellows in a year-long leadership development program. Applications are due Monday, June 20. [See a program overview, eligibility requirements, and application forms.](#)

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## SUPER Hosts Engaging Events

Students United for Policy, Education and Research (SUPER) hosted a naloxone training and certification event on Monday, March 28. In the well attended session, attendees learned how to identify the signs of an opioid overdose and became certified to administer naloxone. Then, on Tuesday, April 26, SUPER invited Gabriel Auteri, deputy chief of staff for Dr. Leana Wen, Commissioner of Health, Baltimore City, to speak at a women's health event. Auteri addressed women's health issues in Baltimore City and hosted a question-and-answer session.

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## Welcome New Staff

**Linda Atila** has joined the Office of Student and Academic Services as an office manager. Prior to joining UMSON, Linda served as program coordinator and administrative coordinator at Johns Hopkins University. Linda holds a bachelor's degree in business management from Kaplan University and a master's degree in gerontology from Towson University.

**Ayamba Ayuk** has joined the Office of Administrative Services as an administrative assistant II. Ayamba comes to UMSON from the Krieger Eye Institute where she served as a medical administrative assistant. She has also served as operations manager at DC Prep and Kipp Philadelphia Elementary Academy. Ayamba is working toward the completion of her Bachelor of Science degree in behavioral health.

**Mishawn Smith** has joined UMSON as executive administrative assistant I supporting Associate Deans Jeffrey Ash and Bill Gardiner. Prior to the School of Nursing, Mishawn served as an administrative assistant III in the University of Maryland School of Medicine. She will receive her bachelor's degree in legal studies in May 2016.

## EVENTS

**Convocation**  
**Friday, May 20**  
**8 a.m.**

**Royal Farms Arena**

Guest speaker is Jennifer Baldwin, MPH, BSN, senior vice president, CareFirst Patient-Centered Medical

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

Friday, Sept. 16

4-6 p.m.

**UMSON Main Lobby & Room 130**

Save the date for the Community & Public Health Master's Specialty 50th anniversary lecture, followed by a reception. [Learn more](#), or contact Cynthia Sikorski at 410-706-0674 or [alumni@son.umaryland.edu](mailto:alumni@son.umaryland.edu).

## 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 invited to save the date for a 50th anniversary celebration. The event will feature a program, lecture, luncheon, exhibits, and tours. [Learn more](#), or contact Cynthia Sikorski at 410-706-0674 or [alumni@son.umaryland.edu](mailto: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



**Heather Gable, DNP '14, MS '04, BSN '02**, chair of the Frostburg State University's Department of Nursing and associate professor, has been awarded the Regent's Faculty Award in Teaching, the highest honor that the University System of Maryland Board of Regents bestows to recognize exemplary faculty achievement. She was honored at the April 15 meeting of the board.



**Elizabeth "Liz" Ness, MS '93**, received the Distinguished Alumni Award at Alumni Reunion 2016. The annual award honors an alumna for their dedication to excellence and exceptional professional achievements. Ness is the immediate past president of the UMSON Alumni Association and has been a nursing professional for 35 years.

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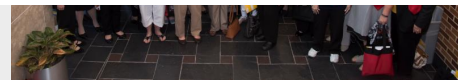
## ALUMNI NEWS & UPDATES

### Alumni Return to Baltimore for Reunion 2016

More than 100 UMSON alumni from DIN and BSN classes ending in "1" or "6" and graduates who earned a master's degree through the Clinical Nurse Leader program celebrated their reunion years on April 16 at the School of Nursing. Alumni Association President **Christine Shippen, MS '98, BSN '73**, served as emcee for the program that included a presentation of UMSON highlights by **Dean Jane Kirschling**, the induction of the Class of 1966 into the Heritage Class and the



presentation of the Distinguished Alumni Award to **Elizabeth "Liz" Ness, MS '93. Sawyer Spurry**, MS Class of 2017, shared his inspiration for choosing nursing and the importance of the scholarship he received from UMSON. **Karen McQuillan, MS '86, BSN '81, RN**, delivered an inspiring lecture on "Courageous Care."



### **Class of 1966 Receives Service Award**

Representatives for the UMSON Class of 1966 received the University of Maryland Baltimore Foundation, Inc. 2015 Distinguished Service Award at Alumni Reunion 2016. The award was presented in recognition of their volunteer efforts to raise more than \$58,000 toward the Class of 1966 Endowed Scholarship.

*Photo: Sue Dorsey Wilson, Geri Mendelson, Claire Payne Greenhouse, Rosemary Elliot, and Dean Jane Kirschling*



### **School of Nursing Alumnae Receive Nursing Excellence Awards**

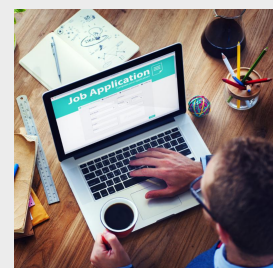
Seven UMSON alumni, **Amy Alsante, MS '09, RN; Brigid Carey, MS '15, RN; Theresa DeVeaux, MS '02, BSN '00, RN; Justine Kellar, BSN '88, RN; Lauri Kronthal Malin, BSN '80; Jasmine Noronha, BSN '12, RN; and Patricia Underland, MS '96**, received *Baltimore Magazine* Excellence in Nursing Awards at a banquet on April 20.

*Photo by Marlon Ming Photography: Justine Kellar, Jasmine Noronha, Amy Alsante, and Patricia Underland*



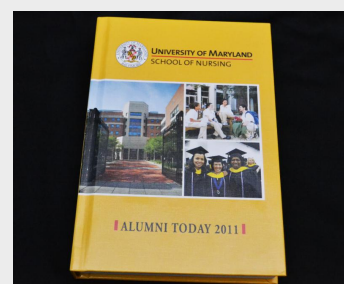
### **School of Nursing Seeking Adjunct Professors and Preceptors**

UMSON is seeking adjunct faculty members and preceptors. The School hires adjunct faculty members to provide clinical instruction to entry-level students in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program and the Clinical Nurse Leader master's option. UMSON is also seeking skilled, experienced preceptors to work with students as they complete their clinical requirements. [Learn more.](#)



### **Order Your Alumni Today Directory**

The UMSON Alumni Association has been 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 order an *Alumni Today* directory, call 1-800-877-6554. If you have any questions, contact Cynthia Sikorski at [alumni@son.umaryland.edu](mailto:alumni@son.umaryland.edu) or 410-706-0674.



### **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](mailto:alumni@son.umaryland.edu) or 410-706-0674. [Learn more about the museum.](#)

## **KUDOS**

**Claire Bode, MS '10, RN, CRNP**, assistant professor, and **Shannon Reedy Idzik, DNP '10, MS '03, CRNP, FAANP**, associate professor, presented an interprofessional poster with the University of Maryland School of Dentistry Dental Hygiene Department at the American Dental Education Association's annual session in Denver, March 12-15.



**Karen Clark, PhD, RN, CCRN**, assistant professor, gave the following presentation:

Clark, K. (2016). " Person Centered Interprofessional Practice." Oral Presentation: Providence Hospital, Washington, DC.

*Photo: Karen Clark with the Department of Education, Quality & Professional Development IPCP Coordinator Team*



**Luana Colloca, MD, PhD**, associate professor, had her study, "Vasopressin Boots Placebo Analgesic Effects in Women: A Randomized Trial," featured in a *Biology Psychiatry* press release. [Read the press release.](#)

**Luana Colloca, MD, PhD**, associate professor, was awarded a four-year, \$2,132,372 grant from the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, National Institutes of Health, for the research project, "Chronic Orofacial Pain: Genetics, Cognitive-Emotional Factors, and Endogenous Modulatory Systems." [Read more.](#)

**Dzifa Dordunoo, PhD '14, RN**, assistant professor; **Erika Friedman, PhD**, professor; and **Bimbola Akintade, PhD '11, MS '05, MBA, MHA, ACNP-BC, CCRN, BSN '03**, assistant professor, had the following article published:

Dordunoo, D., Thomas, S.A., Friedmann, E., Russell, S.D., Newhouse, R. & Akintade, B. (2016). Inpatient unit heart failure discharge volume predicts all-cause 30-day hospital readmission. *Journal of Cardiovascular Nursing*.

**Mary Fey, PhD '14, MS '01, RN, CHSE**, assistant professor, was elected to serve on the board of directors of the International Nursing Association for Clinical Simulation and Learning as the vice president for outreach.

**Lily Fountain, PhD, RN, CNM**, successfully defended her PhD dissertation, "Relations Among Topic Knowledge, Individual Interest and Relational Reasoning, and Critical Thinking in Maternity Nurses," at the University of Maryland, College Park.

**Patricia Franklin, PhD, RN**, assistant professor, made the following presentations:

Franklin, P., Tischler, R., and Noel, J. (2016). InterSchool Cooperation for InterProfessional Continuing Education: One University's Experience. Poster Presentation at the Alliance for Continuing Education in the Health Professions Annual Conference, San Francisco, California.

Serota, J.A., Novak, J., Beauchesne, M., Franklin, P., Ricchardi, R., McLeod, R. (2016). Expanding Your Leadership Influence - NAPNAP Past Presidents' Perspectives and Stories from the Boardroom. Oral Presentation at the NAP NAP 37th Annual Conference, Atlanta, Georgia.

**Jane Lipscomb, PhD, RN, FAAN**, professor, served on a panel of VIP judges in the Youth Violence Prevention Week Art Against Violence Contest and Gallery Show on April 6. Students from Baltimore City schools submitted artwork inspired by the theme "Art Against Violence."

**Shannon Idzik, DNP '10, MS, '03, CRNP, FAANP**, associate professor, has been elected treasurer of the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties. She will serve a two-year term. [Read more.](#)

**Veronica Njie-Carr, PhD, RN, ACNS-BC, FWACN**, assistant professor, and **Ronald Piscotty, PhD, RN-BC**, assistant professor, were selected as recipients of the Dean's Research Scholars Award for fall 2016. The two-year award allows recipients to devote additional time to their research under the mentorship of a faculty member.

**Bu Kyung Park, PhD '14, RN; Eun-Shim Nahm, PhD '03, MS '95, BSN '89, RN, FAAN**, professor; and **Valerie Rogers, PhD '09, MS '97, RN, CPNP**, assistant professor, had the following article published:

Park, B.K., Nahm, E.S., and Rogers, V. (2016). Development of a Teen-Friendly Health Education Program on Facebook: Lessons Learned. *Journal of Pediatric Health Care*, 30 (3), 197-207.

**Kristen Rawlett, PhD '14, FNP-BC**, assistant professor, was featured in the Emerging Scientist section of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing's *Policy Beat* for her research project that has assessed the

psychological needs of at-risk adolescents in Southwest Baltimore. [Read more.](#)

**Barbara Resnick, PhD '96, RN, CRNP, FAAN, FAANP**, professor, has been awarded a five-year, \$1,602,489 grant from the National Institutes of Health for the research project, "Dissemination and Implementation of Focused Care for Assisted Living." [Read more.](#)

## IN THE NEWS

### Placebo Effects in Women are Boosted by Vasopressin

**Luana Colloca** of the School of Nursing and the School of Medicine was featured in the story, "Placebo Effects in Women are Boosted by Vasopressin," in [Science Daily](#) on May 3.

### Health Care Employees Bear Brunt of Workplace Assaults, Research Finds

**Jane Lipscomb** of the School of Nursing and the School of Medicine was interviewed in the story, "Health Care Employees Bear Brunt of Workplace Assaults, Research Finds," on [ABC News](#) on April 27.

### Featured Mover | Lisa Rowen, UMMC

The article, "Featured Mover | Lisa Rowen, UMMC," referred to the **School of Nursing** in the [Daily Record](#) on April 26.

### AHEC West Student Career ECHO Program Taking Applications

The University of Maryland, Baltimore and the **School of Nursing**, School of Pharmacy, and School of Medicine were mentioned in the story "AHEC West Student Career ECHO Program Taking Applications," on [WCBC Radio](#) on April 25.

### Electronic Records Offer A Chance To Ensure Patients' End-Of-Life Plans Aren't Lost In Critical Moments

**Marian Grant** of the School of Nursing was quoted in the article, "Electronic Records Offer A Chance To Ensure Patients' End-Of-Life Plans Aren't Lost In Critical Moments," on [thelundreport.org](#) on April 22.

### Mary Koutrelakos, Registered Nurse and Ellicott City Resident, Dies

The **School of Nursing** was mentioned in the obituary, "Mary Koutrelakos, Registered Nurse and Ellicott City Resident, Dies," in the [Baltimore Sun](#) on April 19.

### Health Care Decision Day: Planning For End-Of-Life Care

**Marian Grant** of the School of Nursing was featured in the [WYPR](#) story, "Health Care Decision Day: Planning For End-Of-Life Care," on April 15.

### In-State Tuition at Maryland Public Universities Might Rise 2 Percent Next Year

The **School of Nursing** was mentioned in the story, "In-State Tuition at Maryland Public Universities Might Rise 2 Percent Next Year," in the [Baltimore Sun](#) on April 14.

### UMB Highlights Cybersecurity Efforts

**Kathryn Montgomery** of the School of Nursing was quoted in the article, "UMB Highlights Cybersecurity Efforts," in [UMB News](#) on April 11.

### Anita Margaret Kedas

The **School of Nursing** was mentioned in the obituary, "Anita Margaret Kedas," in the [Champaign News-Gazette](#) on April 11.

### Which Campus is CSM's 'Star?'

The article, "Which Campus is CSM's 'Star?'" referred to the **School of Nursing** in [TheBayNet.com](#) on April 10.

### Every Week, the University of Maryland, Baltimore President Sees Patients in a Special Clinic

President Jay A. Perman of the University of Maryland, Baltimore was featured and Elsie Stines was quoted in the article, "Every Week, the University of Maryland, Baltimore President Sees Patients in a Special Clinic." [The Baltimore Sun](#) article also mentioned the schools of **Nursing**, Law, and Dentistry on April 7.

### Students Raise Concerns about Partnership of UMD Campuses

Geoffrey Heinzl of the School of Pharmacy, Fernando Kirkman of the School of Law, and **Sawyer Spurry** of the School of Nursing all were quoted in the [Baltimore City Paper](#) story, "Students raise concerns about partnership of UMD campuses," on April 4.

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