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January/February 2017

Conways' \$2 million Gift to Provide Scholarships

A gift of \$2 million from Bill and Joanne Conway, through their Bedford Falls Foundation, to the University of Maryland School of Nursing (UMSON) will be used to provide scholarships to students in advanced degree programs. This is the second seven-figure gift the Conways have given to UMSON. Their first commitment of \$5.24 million, announced in April 2015, was the largest in UMSON history. It is being used to fund more than 150 full scholarships for Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) students and to increase opportunities for registered nurses to obtain their BSN degrees through the School's RN-to-BSN program. In addition to funding scholarships, the \$2 million gift will also be used to assist with the expansion of UMSON's Family Nurse Practitioner program at the Universities at Shady Grove in Rockville. [Read more.](#)

Dean Emerita Allan Named to AHC Board

Dean Emerita Janet D. Allan, PhD, RN, FAAN, is serving on the American Health Council Education Board, an advisory council comprising nationally respected educators and health care industry leaders. As a member of the board, she helps promote ideas that contribute to the health care industry's growth and that foster relationship-building through networking. [Read more.](#)



Resnick Assumes GSA Presidency

Barbara Resnick, PhD '96, RN, CRNP, FAAN, FAANP, professor and Sonia Ziporkin Gershowitz Chair in Gerontology, is serving a one-year term as president of the Gerontological Society of America. Resnick, who served as president-elect in 2016, has been a member of GSA since 1995. [Read](#)



[more.](#)



Nahm Named GSA Fellow

Eun-Shim Nahm, PhD '03, RN, FAAN, professor and specialty director, Nursing Informatics, is a newly named fellow of the Gerontological Society of America. Nahm is among 94 fellows inducted into the 2016 class. The status of fellow, the highest class of membership within the society, is an acknowledgment of Nahm's continued outstanding work in gerontology. [Read more](#).



Wiegand Takes Part in Dissertation Committee in Brazil

Debra Wiegand, PhD, RN, CCRN, CHPN, FAHA, FPCN, FAAN, associate professor, traveled to Brazil to take part in the dissertation committee for University of São Paulo School of Nursing student Maiara Rodrigues in December. While in Brazil, Wiegand and her colleague Regina Szylit taught a weeklong course that focused on conceptual and methodological issues conducting end-of-life research. [Read more](#).



Nohe Wins First Prize in UMB Photo Contest

For the second year in a row, an UMSON staff member won first place in the University of Maryland, Baltimore's annual photography contest.

Congratulations to **Larry Nohe**, information systems engineer, for his big win! Other award winners include third-place finishers Laurette

Hankins, associate dean for development and alumni relations, and Kathleen Martin, assistant professor, and honorable mention Tara Byrd, assistant director of scholarships and grants. [Read more](#).



School 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.](#)



Welcome New Faculty and Staff

Debra Bingham, DrPH, RN, FAAN, joins the School's Department of Partnerships, Professional Education, and Practice as an associate professor. She comes to UMSON from the Institute for Perinatal Quality Improvement, where she continues to consult clinicians and public health leaders on their perinatal quality improvement initiatives. Bingham earned a doctoral degree in public health from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; master's degree in perinatal nursing from Columbia University; and Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University at Albany, SUNY.

Ashley Brown joins the School's Clinical Simulation Laboratory as a simulation training specialist. She comes to UMSON from Georgetown University Hospital, where she served as a clinical nurse. Brown earned a master's degree in health services leadership and management, with a focus on education, from UMSON, and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from University of North Carolina, Greensboro.

Joseph Haymore, DNP '16, joins the School's Department of Organizational Systems and Adult Health as an assistant professor. He comes to UMSON from the University of Maryland Medical Center, where he currently serves as a nurse practitioner in both neurology and neurosurgery. Haymore earned a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree from UMSON and a master's degree in acute care nursing and Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Georgetown University.

Denesha Stamps joins the School's Institute for Educators as an academic program specialist. She comes to UMSON from the Community College of Baltimore County, where she served as an academic advisor of international students and an ESOL instructor. Stamps earned her bachelor's degree in linguistics from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Libby Zay joins the School's Office of Communications as a senior marketing and digital media specialist. She comes to UMSON from the University of Baltimore, where she served as a communications manager. Zay earned her bachelor's degree in popular culture and women's studies from The Ohio State University. She is currently working on her Master of Fine Arts degree at the University of Baltimore.

EVENTS

UMMC/ UMSON Tour & Reception

Wednesday, March 29

4:30-6:30 p.m.

UMMC and UMSON

Do you plan to attend the American Organization of Nurse Executives conference in Baltimore, March 29-April 1? If so, join us for a tour of the University of Maryland Medical Center followed by a reception at the School of Nursing. [Email](#) Cynthia Sikorski or call 410-706-0674 for more information.

The Ann Ottney Cain Lecture

Thursday, March 30

4-6 p.m.

UMSON Room 130 and Main Lobby

Ann Ottney Cain, PhD, RN, CNS-PMH, FAAN, professor emerita, was a leader in psychiatric mental health nursing, specifically in family systems therapy. Following her retirement from the School of Nursing in 1994 after serving for 30 years on the faculty, her colleagues and students came together to create the Ann Ottney Cain Endowed Lecture. This year, **Diane E. Snow, PhD, APRN, PMHNP-BC, CARN, FAANP, FAAN**, is speaking on *Opioid Use Disorders: Implications for Advanced Practice Nurses*. [Learn more](#).

Lecture and Networking Event

Tuesday, April 4

4-6 p.m.

National Library of Medicine, Lister Hill Center Auditorium

Join fellow alumni and guests for a lecture by **Dean Jane Kirschling, PhD, RN, FAAN**, followed by a networking reception. [Email](#) Cynthia Sikorski or call 410-706-0674.

Reunion 2017

Saturday, April 29

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

UMSON

Undergraduate classes ending in "2" or "7" and graduates who earned a master's degree in 2007 or 2012 through the Clinical Nurse Leader program are being celebrated. Reunite with classmates and renew your pride in your alma mater. [Learn more](#). [Register now](#). [Update your contact information now](#).

ALUMNI NEWS & UPDATES

UMSON Alumna Saves Lives of Two Children While on Vacation

Health care workers often perform heroic acts when they are off duty. While on vacation in Omaha, Nebraska, this past summer, **Patti Jones, MS '11, ACNP-BC, CCRN**, helped save the lives of two children who were floating face down and lifeless in a pool. [Read more](#) (page 11).



UMSON Alum Haspert Named Nurse Practitioner of the Year

Kurt Haspert, MS '11, BSN '09, CRNP, received the 2016 Nurse Practitioner of the Year award from the Baltimore Washington Medical Center, where he has worked for more than four years as an addiction medicine nurse practitioner.



Harden Appointed to National Advisory Council on Aging

J. Taylor Harden, PhD, RN, FGSA, FAAN, has been appointed by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia Burwell to serve on the National Advisory Council on Aging. The council makes recommendations concerning grant applications to support biomedical research and research training activities. Harden is executive director of the National Hartford Center of Gerontological Nursing Excellence. She also serves on the American Academy of Nursing's Expert Panel on Aging.



Jastremski Appointed to Health Care Board of Trustees

Connie A. Jastremski, MS '82, BSN '80, CNRN, CNAA, CHPN, NP, RN, has been appointed to the Southern Vermont Health Care Board of Trustees. [Read more](#).



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, [email](#) Lorrie Voytek or call 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](#).



Docents Needed for Living History Museum

The UMSON Living History Museum is seeking alumni volunteers to serve as docents. The museum is open 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, [email](#) Cynthia Sikorski or call 410-706-0674. [Learn more about the museum](#).





KUDOS

Ann Felauer, MSN, RN, CPNP-AC/PC, clinical instructor and specialty director, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner-Acute and Primary Care, and **Lori Mooney, MS '09, BSN '05, PMHNP-BC**, clinical instructor, are participating in the Center for Medical Simulation and the MGH Institute of Health Professions' comprehensive instructor workshops. Felauer and Mooney received scholarships to support their participation; the scholarships were awarded to five teams of two nursing educators from health care organizations or education programs using or seeking to use simulation in their nurse training curricula.

Norbert Myslinski, PhD, professor, was recently awarded the prestigious 2016 Science Educator of the Year Award, presented by the Society for Neuroscience, the largest neuroscience organization in the world. Myslinski was recognized at the society's convention in San Diego, California, in November, as an outstanding neuroscientist who has greatly contributed to neuroscience education around the world.

IN THE NEWS

Well Educated RNs Are Critical to Country's Future

Dean Jane M. Kirschling, PhD, RN, FAAN, discusses the importance of having a well-educated nursing workforce for the future of health care in an op-ed she submitted to [The Baltimore Sun](#). Jan. 7.

Brain scans predict placebo responses in chronic pain patients

Luana Colloca, MD, PhD, associate professor, is quoted in an article in [Pharmaceutical Journal](#). Nov. 4.

Talking the Science of Placebo Analgesia With Award-Winning Young Pain Researcher Luana Colloca

Luana Colloca, MD, PhD, associate professor, participates in a question-and-answer session about placebo analgesia in [Pain Research Forum](#). Dec. 6.

Consensus Statement on Surgical Site Infections Released

Joseph E. Pellegrini, PhD, CRNA, director of the Doctor of Nursing Practice Nurse Anesthesia specialty, discusses the importance of the relationship and communication between a surgeon and anesthesia provider in an article in [Medscape](#). Dec. 8.

UMMC opens urgent care center in Baltimore

The collaborative partnership between the University of Maryland schools of Nursing and Medicine and the University of Maryland Medical Center is discussed in an article about the Medical Center opening a new urgent care center on [WBALTV.com](#). Dec. 19.

Nursing Instructors Deserve to be Paid More

UMSON alumna **Mary Lohmann Edwards, BSN '82, RN, CCRN**, pens a response to the dean's op-ed, "Well Educated RNs Are Critical to Country's Future," that ran in [The Baltimore Sun](#) on Jan. 7. Jan. 10

UMd. nursing school receives \$2 million from Carlyle Group co-founder

The University of Maryland School of Nursing received a gift of \$2 million from Bill and Joanne Conway, through their Bedford Falls Foundation, that will provide scholarships to students in advanced degree programs. [Washington Business Journal](#). Jan. 26.

Environmentalists eye bills on septic pollution, antibiotics

Pat McLaine, DrPH, MPH, RN, assistant professor, is mentioned as a speaker at the 23rd annual Maryland Environmental Legislative Summit in an article in the [Capital Gazette](#). Jan. 26.

University of Maryland School of Nursing gets \$2 million gift

The University of Maryland School of Nursing received another gift from Bill and Joanne Conway through their Bedford Falls Foundation, this time for \$2 million. This new award provides scholarships to students in advanced degree programs. [The Baltimore Sun](#). Jan. 27.

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