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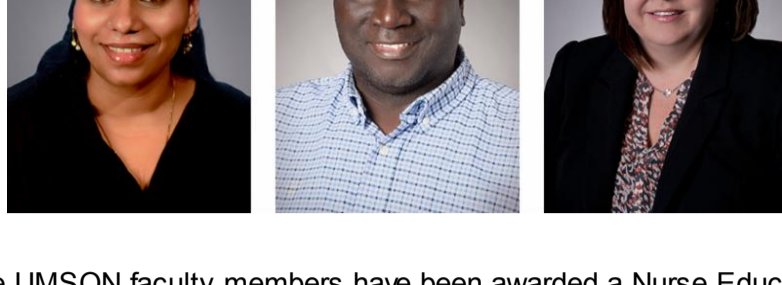
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March 2017

School of Nursing and Cecil College Sign Dual-Admission Partnership Agreement

The University of Maryland School of Nursing (UMSON) and Cecil College in North East, Maryland, recently signed an agreement of dual admission that will ensure students' seamless transition from Cecil's Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) program to UMSON's Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree. The program will be available to nursing students this fall. Through the agreement, students will be simultaneously admitted into Cecil's ADN program and UMSON's BSN program while satisfying the requirements of both schools. [Read more](#).

Three Awarded Nurse Educator Doctoral Grants



Three UMSON faculty members have been awarded a Nurse Educator Doctoral Grant for Practice and Dissertation Research. Clinical instructors **Ameera Chakravarthy, MS, BSN '02, CRNP**, interim specialty director, Adult-Gerontology Clinical Acute Care Nurse Practitioner/Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist; **Ernest Opoku-Agyemang, MA, MS, RN**; and **Mary Pat Ulicny, MS '11, MHA, RN, CNE**, clinical simulation lab director for UMSON's Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at the Universities at Shady Grove, all received the maximum award amount of \$30,000. [Read more](#).

Retired Professor Johnson Awarded Emeritus Status

Jeffrey Johnson, PhD, has been appointed professor emeritus by University of Maryland, Baltimore President Jay A. Perman, MD. Johnson served as a professor at UMSON for 12 years and was the founding director of its Office of Global Health while also holding joint appointments as a professor at the University of Maryland School of Medicine and at the University of Maryland School of Public Health. He retired in July 2015. [Read more](#).



UMSON Awarded Jonas Center Grant to Endow Curley Scholarship

UMSON has been awarded \$25,000 from the Jonas Center for Nursing and Veterans Healthcare to endow the Darlene J. Curley Scholarship, honoring **Curley, MS '82, BSN '80, RN, FAAN**, the center's executive director. This latest grant contributes to the \$255,000 that UMSON has received from the center since 2012 to support UMSON nursing students financially. The scholarship will support doctoral students who have demonstrated a focus on and commitment to community/public health and/or leadership and administration; it will be awarded annually and will be based on academic achievement. [Read more](#).



UMSON to Offer Coverdell Fellows Program Through Peace Corps

UMSON has been approved to launch a Paul D. Coverdell Fellows expansion program through the Peace Corps. After serving in countries around the world, two Returned Peace Corps Volunteers each year will be offered an opportunity to bring their expertise to communities and neighborhoods in Baltimore while pursuing their studies at UMSON with the help of a \$10,000 scholarship that can be applied to tuition and fees. [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](#).



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 on Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing

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 UMSON 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, PMHP-BC, CARN, FAANP, FAAN**, is speaking on "Opioid Use Disorders: Implications for Advanced Practice Nurses." [Learn more](#).

Sigma Theta Tau International Pi Chapter Induction Ceremony - UMSON

Monday, April 3**5:30-7 p.m.****UMSON, Room 130**

Join us as we welcome the newest members to the Pi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, the Honor Society of Nursing, at our spring induction ceremony at UMSON in Baltimore. A light reception will follow the ceremony. [Learn more](#).

Sigma Theta Tau International Pi Chapter Induction Ceremony - USG

Tuesday, April 4**4-6 p.m.****Universities at Shady Grove**

Join us as we welcome the newest members to the Pi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, the Honor Society of Nursing, at our spring induction ceremony at the Universities at Shady Grove. A light reception will follow the ceremony. [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.

The Global Refugee and Immigrant Crisis: The Search for Fertile Soil

Wednesday, April 19**1-6 p.m.****SMC Campus Center, Ballroom B**

UMSON's Office of Global Health is co-hosting the 10th Annual Nurses for Global Health conference. [Learn more](#).

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

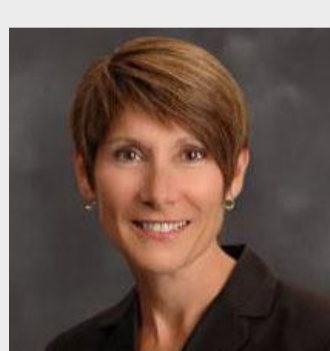
Allen Appointed to Statewide Environmental Health Council

Laura Allen, MS '15, BSN '06, RN, program manager, Community and Public Health Environmental Initiative, UMSON, has been appointed to the statewide Children's Environmental Health Protection and Advisory Council. [Read more](#).



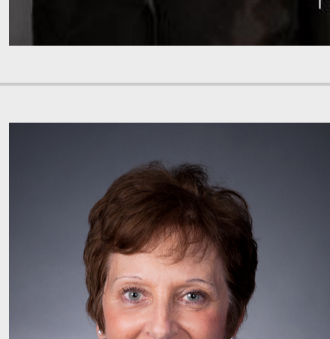
Franckhauser Named CEO of Next50 Initiative

Margaret Franckhauser, MS '82, has been named CEO of the Next50 Initiative, a grant-making foundation in Denver, Colorado, focused on aging issues and healthy aging located. [Read more](#).



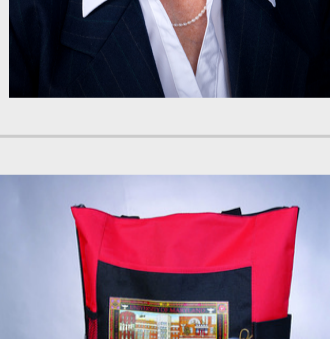
Newhouse Named Distinguished Professor at Indiana University

Robin Newhouse, PhD '00, MS '99, BSN '87, NEA-BC, FAAN, dean, Indiana University School of Nursing, has been named distinguished professor, which is the highest academic rank the university bestows upon its faculty. [Read more](#).



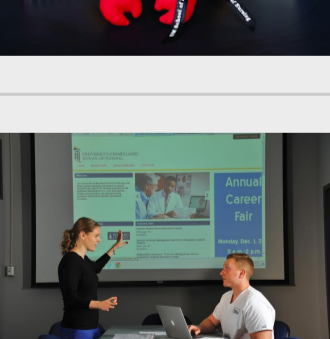
UMSON Spirit Merchandise Available Online

[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. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays 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

Luana Colloca, MD, PhD, associate professor, co-authored an article on neuropathic pain that appeared in *Nature Reviews Disease Primers*. The article examines the challenges of understanding the pathophysiology neuropathic pain and the progress that has been made. [Learn more](#).

IN THE NEWS

3 Reasons to Celebrate Love Your Pet Day

Erika Friedmann, PhD, discusses the benefits of pet ownership in an article in [Consumer Report](#). Feb. 20

Cecil College, UMD sign nursing dual admission agreement

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UMSON's Barbara Resnick Awarded Gerontological Society of America Ziporkin Barbara Resnick, PhD '96, RN, CRNP, FAAN, FAANP, professor and Sonia Ziporkin Gershowitz Chair in Gerontology, UMSON, recently began a one-year term as president of the Gerontological Society of America. [citybizlist](#). Jan. 30

University of Maryland School of Nursing gets \$2 million gift from Bill and Joanne Conway UMSON received another gift from **Bill and Joanne Conway** through their Bedford Falls Foundation, this time for \$2 million. Their donation was the third largest philanthropic gift the school has ever received. [Daily Nurse](#). Feb. 9.

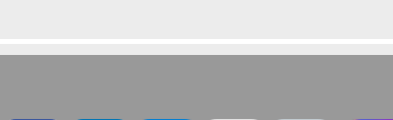
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